

United Late Model Association

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“General Rules & Regulations”

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The following rules and/or regulations will apply at all United Late Model Association (ULMA)-sanctioned events. ULMA reserves the right to alter or amend rules and/or regulations in the interest of fair competition. Changes to previous additions of General Rules & Regulations are shown in **bold red font**.

General Rules:

1. All participants are subject to the rules of ULMA and are expected to comply by those rules. **No driver shall purposely interpret these rules and regulations for his/her benefit or gain over the association or a fellow competitor!**
2. Participants will conduct themselves as professionals. Any un-sportsman like conduct by a participant shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by ULMA. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Drivers are responsible for the conduct and actions of their car owners, crewmembers, sponsors and family.
4. No driver or crewmember(s) can consume alcoholic beverages or illegal substances during or before an event.
5. All cars subject to be inspected by ULMA Official and/or designated Technical Inspector(s) at any time. **ULMA is a sanctioning body therefore designated ULMA officials may make a technical inspection call at any track when attending sanctioned races in an official role. On a weekly basis, all technical inspection is the responsibility of the affiliated track. ULMA officials may and will act in an advisory role and may be called upon by track technical inspection officials for advice. The final judgment call for ULMA special events is made by designated ULMA officials. If a track does not have a designated official, ULMA reserves the right to assume this role by appointing an official to fulfill this duty on an as-needed basis.**
6. Approval of any racecar by an official shall mean that the racecar is approved for participation in the event and shall not be construed in any way to mean that the inspected vehicle is guaranteed to be mechanically sound or safe. Be it further declared that officials and/or ULMA shall not be **held** liable for any mechanical failure, nor for any loss, injuries or death resulting from the same.
7. Every driver must inspect the racing surface and the track area to learn of any obstructions or other defects, which in the driver's opinion presents an unsafe condition for competition. The driver shall report any unsafe condition to an official. Any driver that competes in an event is considered to have inspected the track surface and surrounding perimeter to determine that all conditions are satisfactory **and by doing so releases ULMA and ULMA officials from liability as a result of loss, injuries, or death.** If the driver does not feel that the conditions are satisfactory, the driver should not compete in the event. The driver further acknowledges that he or she is aware that auto racing involves risk, and that by competing in an event, the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and responsibility.
8. Disqualifications: Drivers first disqualification will result in loss of **all types of** ULMA points for that night and any earnings if it is a ULMA Special Event. Second Disqualification will result in loss of **all types of** ULMA points earned up to that night and a two-week suspension from earning **all types of** ULMA Points, plus loss of earnings if it is a ULMA Special Event. Third Disqualification will result in driver being banned from ULMA competition for the remainder of the points-earning season and loss of earnings if the event is a ULMA Special Event, and Loss of **all types of** point's earnings for the season.

Membership Participation:

1. Any entrant of a ULMA event is eligible to become a member of the ULMA. Such an entrant shall pay a designated membership fee and be eligible for rights and privileges afforded all ULMA members.

2. To be eligible for the ULMA championship point fund, contingencies and other designated prizes, drivers must be a member of ULMA in good standing.
3. All members will be required to compete at tracks designated by ULMA to be eligible for ULMA championship points. Drivers can race as many nights as they wish; however, at the end of season only the top 15 “BEST” finishes of each driver will determine the point’s championship. The ULMA Championship Season will be determined by the ULMA members prior to starting the competition year. Member drivers will begin accumulating points immediately upon paying their ULMA membership dues and will earn points from that time onward. After 15 official race finishes are recorded, member drivers will begin replacing their poorest finishes with improved finishes as they occur throughout the season. **Drivers will also earn “car count” points to accumulate towards the ULMA championship.**
4. **Drivers must earn points from at least 15 sanctioned events to be eligible for contingency and point fund awards. One (1) single point will be awarded for every feature race start during the points-earning season. Example: if a driver has 19 feature race starts for the year, he/she will earn 19 participation points for their efforts. Points will be awarded each night and will be factored into the weekly update of the official ULMA point standings.**
5. To become eligible to receive contingency awards each ULMA member shall be required to display the association logo decal and the decals of the participating contingency sponsors prominently on the race car.
6. At the discretion of the official(s) overseeing an event, any participant may be disqualified by the official(s) for violation of any ULMA rule and/or equipment or action(s) deemed to be hazardous to other participants or officials.
7. All racecars are subject to inspection by an official at any time. A driver who refuses to allow any inspection(s) by an official, or terminates an inspection in progress shall be subject to disqualification and/or membership revoked and or banned from any ULMA event.

ULMA Rookie Eligibility Rules:

1. Driver must register as a Rookie and possess a valid ULMA Licenses.
2. Driver may not have participated in more than six (6) ULMA events in a single season, or more than twelve (12) overall ULMA events.
3. Driver may not have won one (1) ULMA main event during a prior season.
4. Driver may not have participated in any Open Late Model Class in previous years.
5. Driver may not have won a Rookie of the Year award, monies or contingency awards from any similar Late Model class and or sanctioning body or touring series.
6. Driver may not be a previous champion in any similar Late Model Class, touring series or sanctioning body.
7. Driver may withdraw his/her Rookie registration by submitting a request in writing to ULMA.
8. Official decisions by ULMA Board of Directors regarding Rookie eligibility are final, binding and not subject to appeal.
9. Trophy and contingencies will be awarded to the top rookie driver who fulfills and meets all minimum Rookie requirements during the racing season.

Championship Point Fund and Contingency Awards:

1. All entrants in a ULMA event are eligible to receive advertised purses and certain advertised bonuses at the conclusion of a ULMA event. Only registered members of the ULMA that participated in the required number of events are eligible to receive point fund awards at the conclusion of the ULMA racing season.
2. **Drivers earn championship points based upon their 15 best finishes of the year. The driver earns points from natural finishes and car-count points; however, in case of a tie, only "natural" finishes will be used to determine a tie break, beginning with the most 1st place finishes, then the most 2nd place finishes, etc. and on down the line until the tie is broken. Drivers also earn points via participation and car count points. See the above Membership Participation section, sections 3 and 4 for complete details.**

Special Event Race Day Procedures:

1. Drivers will draw for starting positions in heat races using the participating track’s “in place” method of drawing

for position. If said track does not have such system, ULMA will conduct its own starting draw. Heat races will consist of 8 or 10 laps (depending on car counts).

- 2. In ULMA-designated special events, the top 4 finishers in each heat race will proceed directly to the designated and previously announced tech area; any driver caught stopping at their car hauler/trailer or failing to report to the tech area will be disqualified.**
- 3. Only driver and one (1) pit crew member will be allowed in the tech area at all times per car.**
- 4. In ULMA-designated special events, the top heat race finishers as determined by ULMA officials at the drivers' meeting prior to competition beginning, will redraw for their feature race starting positions before leaving the tech area (unless otherwise instructed by a ULMA official).**
- 5. In ULMA-designated special events, depending on car counts, the top two (2), three (3) or four (4) from each heat race will be locked in the "A" main event.**
- 6. In ULMA-designated special events, if more than 24 cars enter a ULMA special event, there will be one (1) or two (2) "B" main features consisting of 15 or 20 laps, depending on amount of cars that did not qualify thru heat races. Lap counts subject to change at ULMA or affiliated track's discretion.**
- 7. The same procedure as stated in items 2 and 3 will follow the "B" main features.**
- 8. In ULMA-designated special events, the number of heat races and car count will determine how many drivers will qualify for the "A" main event from the "B" main features.**
- 9. In ULMA-designated special events, twenty-two (22) cars will qualify for the "A" main event with two (2) additional "provisional" starters added to each "A" main event. One (1) provisional will be decided by track owner/promoter. The second provisional will be awarded to the highest in driver points "as of" the event date not to make the A-main event field. If a track does not wish to pick a provisional starter, then ULMA officials will utilize the second provisional by choosing the next highest in driver points who did not qualify for the A-main event. If no drivers are eligible via the ULMA "as of" points listing, provisional starters will be awarded based upon points earned on the night of the special event. ULMA "A" main events will be made up of a 24-car starting field. If a track's layout does not permit a 24-car starting field, ULMA officials will meet with the track's management staff prior to the event to determine the format for the starting field for all ULMA races to be completed.**
- 10. In ULMA-designated special events, "A" main events will consist of 25 or 30 laps, with the top 5 finishers reporting directly to the tech area upon completion of the "A" main. Any driver caught stopping at their hauler/trailer or not proceeding directly to the tech will be subject to disqualification. The "A" main event feature winner WILL report directly to the technical inspection area after any and all trophy presentations are complete. Only the driver and one (1) pit crewmember will be allowed in the technical inspection area during inspection. Lap counts subject to change at ULMA or affiliated track's discretion.**
- 11. In ULMA-designated special events, the association reserves the right to direct drivers to line up in a method to salute the fans (subject to time limits, curfews, and track discretion).**
- 12. In ULMA-designated special events, "A" main event restarts will be double file restarts (unless track layout or management prohibits this format).**

Penalties and Fine Schedules

- 1. Any and all fines may be collected by a ULMA official from prize money on the day of the infraction. If said driver has not been awarded prize monies, any and all fines must be paid prior to the car and/or driver participating in a future ULMA-sanctioned race.**
- 2. If a driver, or persons in which the driver is responsible for as mentioned in General Rules paragraph 3 above, attempts to, or causes bodily harm or physically or verbally abuses any event official, including pushing, punching, touching, grabbing and/or grabbing the official's equipment, etc. will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate by the ULMA and/or affiliated track.**
- 3. Any driver member that attempts to or uses an illegal motor will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by ULMA.**
- 4. Any member that attempts to use or is found to be using tires that are found to be illegal in any manner will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by ULMA.**
- 5. Fine amounts will be announced as deemed appropriate by ULMA officials.**