

# **SPORTSMAN OFF-ROAD RACING SERIES GENERAL RULES**

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- Effective Date: These Sportsman Series rules become effective January 1, 2017 and supersede all previous rules, amendments, bulletins or supplementary regulations.
- Amendment: Rules may only be amended by the publication of a bulletin issued by Sportsman Series pursuant to the authority of Series principals. An amendment is effective upon the date the bulletin is released by Series Officials.
- Applicability: Sportsman Series Rule Book is applicable to all Sportsman Series sanctioned events.
- Interpretation and Application: Sportsman Series Official's interpretation, clarification or application will prevail upon disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of the Sportsman Series rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision in the Sportsman Series Rule Book, Sportsman Series may review an interpretation, clarification or application of the rules where the Sportsman Series Officials deems such review to be necessary.
- Finality of Interpretation and Application: All Sportsman Series members agree that determinations by Sportsman Series Officials as to the applicability, clarification and interpretation of the Sportsman Series rules are not subject to litigation and not subject to appeal and agree that all Sportsman Series decisions are final. Member further agrees that they will not initiate or pursue litigation or any kind against Sportsman Series, or anyone acting on behalf of Sportsman Series to reverse or modify such determinations or to recover damages or to seek any other kind of relief allegedly incurred or required as a result of such determination unless Sportsman Series Officials made such determinations for no purpose other than a bad faith intent to harm or cause economic loss to the member or Official. If a member, competitor or Official initiates or maintains litigation in violation of this covenant, that same person agrees to reimburse Sportsman Series and/or for the costs of such litigation including attorney's fees. Member, competitor or Official further agrees that if any litigation brought against Sportsman Series for any reason, the matter will be tried before a judge of competent jurisdiction in the State of Wisconsin, in Forest County, and hereby waives any right to trial by jury in such action.
- Principal Rule of Interpretation, Clarification or Application: Sportsman Series Rules are intended to ensure that Sportsman Series sanctioned events are conducted in a manner that is fair to all competitors, consistent with prompt finality in competition results. Circumstances may be presented that are unusual, in which strict application of the Sportsman Series rules may not achieve this goal. In such rare circumstances, Sportsman Series, may make a determination regarding the operation of the race, the eligibility of a competitor, or similar circumstance that are NOT consistent with Sportsman Series rules, in order to achieve this goal. Such determinations are reviewable by Sportsman Series as contemplated above. All such determinations are subject to the finality rules stated above.
- Special Rules: Extraordinary circumstances or conditions regarding an event, member or competitor will necessitate the application of special rules as determined and applied by Sportsman Series. Such special rules must apply to the event and be properly published or announced prior to the event.

## **MEMBERSHIP and LICENSES**

- Eligibility: Sportsman Series will accept as a Sportsman Series member, any individual or business entity interested in off-road racing, so long as the individual or business entity has properly and truthfully completed and filed a membership application, agrees to abide by the Sportsman Series Rules and paid the required fees for membership. Participation or involvement of a member or applicant in activities or actions detrimental to off-road racing or Sportsman Series, whether in the course of racing or not, and whether the applicant was a member or applicant at the time of such conduct, may result in rejection of membership. Sportsman Series may review the qualifications of any license holder at any time. Sportsman Series may request retesting or evaluation of a license holder to verify the qualifications of the license holder. Sportsman Series reserves the right to reject the application of an otherwise qualified applicant in the interest of off-road racing or Sportsman Series.
- Application Process: Membership applications for Entrants, Drivers, Crew Members, Sponsors and Officials may be completed on-line at [www.usacracing.com](http://www.usacracing.com) . Submitting an on-line Sportsman/ Series membership

application form and fee does not constitute the approval by Sportsman Series. Sportsman Series Headquarters will advise applicants in writing whether their application for membership has been approved. Late applications may be made at the Sportsman Official Registration Trailer at each event. Additional fees may be in place for late applications.

•**License Required-** Every Sportsman Series member who desires to participate in a Sportsman Series sanctioned event as a driver, owner, crew member, Sportsman Series Official, sponsor, or sponsor representative must apply for, receive and possess a valid current Sportsman Series license authorizing participation in that capacity. All Sportsman Series members who are participating in a Sportsman Series event must display their license at all times.

•**Independent Contractor Status:** All Sportsman Series members acting in their own capacity are and shall be independent contractors and not agents, servants, or employees of Sportsman Series. Sportsman Series members shall use their own methods in performing their duties in accordance with the Sportsman Series Rules, as they may be amended from time to time. It shall be the member's obligation to furnish any tools, supplies or materials, which they deem necessary to perform their duties. The member shall be responsible for compensating and shall be responsible for all action of their employees or agents. The member assumes and takes full responsibility for reporting and paying to the appropriate authorities all charges, premiums and taxes, if any, due or payable on any funds the member may receive as a result of their duties and/or activities as a Sportsman Series member, including but not limited to, social security taxes, unemployment insurance taxes, compensation insurance, income taxes, withholding taxes and the like.

•**Minors:** If the Sportsman Series membership applicant is a minor under the laws of his or her state of residence, the applicant must also submit with their application a fully executed and signed Minor's Release. The Minor's Release must be signed by the applicant's natural father AND mother or by a court appointed legal guardian. Sportsman Series has the right but not the obligation to approve the application of any applicant less than 18 years of age.

•**License Non-Transferable:** A Sportsman Series license is non-transferable and non-assignable. Only the Member to whom it is issued may use it. If a licensee intentionally or unintentionally transfers, assigns or otherwise permits another person or entity to use or attempt to use the licensee's license, then the licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action, including membership expulsion, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Sportsman Series from any loss or expense incurred by member or Sportsman Series as a result.

•**Membership Benefits:** The following indicates privileges accompanying Sportsman Series membership. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive but highlights and is subject to improvement and modification by Sportsman Series.

1. Coverage by Sportsman Series liability insurance.
2. Access to Staging.
3. Access to Start Line.
4. Access to Hot Pits.
5. Access to Drivers meetings.
6. Access to Vehicle inspection upon request by Sportsman Series.
7. Access to Tech tear down when requested by Sportsman Series.
8. Access to Impound.
9. Access to competition review procedures.
10. Access to podium or winner's circle ceremonies (as approved by Sportsman Series).
11. Access to Spotter's tower.
12. Access to any Special "driver relations" type meetings.
13. Preferential Sportsman Series email press releases & news.

**License Requirements for Driver:** To secure and maintain a Sportsman Series license you must:

1. Be at least 16 years of age.

Buggy Classes: Be at least 14 (fourteen) years of age with prior experience and approved by Sportsman/ Chief Steward

2. If requested, must submit to and pass a driving ability tests conducted by and at the discretion of Sportsman Series Officials, whose decision as to the applicant's driving ability is final and binding.
3. Be physically and mentally fit. Sportsman Series Officials may require the applicant to submit to and pass a physical examination by a qualified physician at the applicant's expense.
4. Must execute and deliver to Sportsman Series such authorizations, releases, applications, consents, waivers and other documents as may be required by the Sportsman Series.
5. Rookie status starts after your first race event in a given race season and that is the only season that you will be eligible for rookie status.
6. To secure a License as a rookie, the competitor must have been issued official credentials from Sportsman Series Headquarters or have the written consent of the Sportsman Series Race Steward at least 24 hours prior to his or her first event.

**License Requirements for Crew Member:** To secure and maintain a Sportsman Series license you must:

1. Be at least 14 (fourteen) years of age.
2. Be physically and mentally fit. Sportsman Series Officials may require the applicant to submit to and pass a physical examination by a qualified physician at the applicant's expense.

**Sportsman Series Staff License Requirements:** To obtain Sportsman Series Staff credentials and engaged as part of the Sportsman Series sanctioning and/or event staff, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a minimum of sixteen years of age.
2. Have the necessary minimum experience, and qualifications as determined solely by a Sportsman Series Official via verbal interview or resume, to function in the required capacity.
3. Be physically fit and mentally alert to perform the duties of a Sportsman Series Official. Sportsman Series may request a copy of a recent physical examination performed by a qualified medical doctor or request applicant to pass a physical exam.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of residence.
5. Must be presentable in appearance and demeanor.

Sportsman Series reserves the right to refuse staff credentials to any person on any grounds without limitation:

- Use of Sportsman Series License: All Sportsman Series license holders must keep their credential identification card in full view at all times.
- Suspension: Sportsman Series may suspend a membership for a definite or indefinite period of time in the interest of off-road racing or the Sportsman Series. The license of a competitor, suspended at any time for any reason, must be promptly forwarded to Sportsman Series Headquarters. The license shall be invalid until the lifting of the suspension. Sportsman Series Headquarters will return the license upon completion of the suspension. The affected member may appeal such suspension.
- Voluntary Termination: A Member may discontinue their membership at any time by surrendering their membership, accompanied by a letter of resignation, to Sportsman Series Headquarters.
- Involuntary Termination: Sportsman Series may terminate a membership at any time in the interest of off-road racing or the Sportsman Series. The affected member may appeal such termination.
- Ejection: The Sportsman Series Race Director may eject a licensed competitor from an event or from the racing premises to promote the orderly conduct of the event. An ejection is final and not subject to appeal or review.
- Expiration: All memberships are annual and expire automatically on November 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year in which the membership was issued. Membership fees are non-refundable.

## **SANCTIONED EVENTS**

- A Sportsman Series event is a racing venue that Sportsman Series has agreed to sanction in accordance with a fully executed Sanction Agreement with the events Promoter. The Sanction Agreement in effect, at the time of the event, cannot be canceled or rescinded by Sportsman Series or the Promoter except as provided in the Sanction Agreement.
- Only individuals holding a current and valid Sportsman Series license are eligible or authorized to participate

in Sportsman Series sanctioned events.

- Any changes or additions to the event schedule relating to a race program including time trials, hot laps, press runs, practice and pre-race off-road racing contests must be approved by Sportsman Series Officials.
- The use of any stimulants, depressants or tranquilizers, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and other controlled substances during an event is strictly prohibited. It is the sole responsibility of the promoter to provide sufficient security personnel at all time during an event to enforce this provision. Failure of the promoter to provide sufficient security personnel may result in the termination by Sportsman Series of the sanction and the refusal by Sportsman Series to approve future sanction applications.

## **SAFETY**

• Off-road racing is an inherently dangerous sport. Each competitor assumes that risk when he or she participates in an event. While everyone involved (off-road racing team owners, drivers, crew members, officials, promoters, promoter personnel and Sportsman Series) take and have taken measures to reduce the risk of serious injury, the risk cannot be eliminated and, in fact, will always be present at a high level. Members are required to advise their spouses, guardian and next of kin, if any, of this fact. Although safety is everyone's concern, by virtue of its limited role in the conduct of any event, Sportsman Series cannot be, and is not responsible for all or even most aspects of the safety effort. That responsibility instead rests with the various participants in the Event(s) as follows:

A. Promoter - The Promoter is directly and finally responsible to ensure that the racing facilities are adequate for the event; that adequate safety personnel and equipment are provided for each event, both for the purpose of preventing injury where reasonably possible and responding to injury when it occurs; and that the conditions at the racing facility are maintained in a reasonable manner to reduce the risk of injury.

• Sportsman Series - Employees and representatives of Sportsman Series, when they are present at an event, will inform the promoter of any inadequacies in the facilities, safety personnel, and equipment, or other conditions at the track that they observe and consider, in their best judgment, to be inconsistent with the interest of safety. Sportsman Series employees and representatives do not make any representations or warranties of safety to any competitor or other person. As a result, Sportsman Series, cannot and does not take responsibility to ensure the adequacy, for purposes of safety, of the racing facility, safety personnel or equipment, or conditions at the track. The promoter (see above) and the competitors (see below) are solely and ultimately responsible for such matters at Sportsman Series off-road racing events.

• Competitors - All Competitors are obligated to inspect the racing facilities, safety personnel and equipment and conditions at the track on a continuing basis before, during and after the event. Since the competitors are closer to the racing facilities, safety personnel and equipment, and conditions at the track on a continuous basis throughout the event than Sportsman Series Officials or the promoter, it is their obligation to inspect, observe and report to the promoter promptly any inadequacy in the facilities, personnel, equipment or conditions at the track. Competitors also are solely and directly responsible for the safety necessary to perform their duties as a driver, owner, or crew member. This includes activities involving all race equipment, race vehicle, and support equipment to ensure minimum amount of risk or injury to themselves and others.

• **NEITHER Sportsman Series NOR THE PROMOTER CAN OR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADEQUACY OF A COMPETITOR'S OFF-ROAD RACE VEHICLE, RACING EQUIPMENT OR RACING ACTIVITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE.**

• Sportsman Series Officials - In the Sportsman Series, Sportsman Series Officials are sometimes independent contractors, often employed by the promoter in other capacities. Those Officials, in the exercise of their independent judgment, should report promptly to the promoter any observed safety inadequacies in the racing facilities, safety personnel and equipment, and conditions at the track. In addition, if a Sportsman Series Official observes any safety inadequacies in a competitor's racing equipment, or conduct, the official may take whatever action is deemed reasonable and appropriate in order to correct such inadequacy. Such action may include, but is not limited to, physical examinations, medical determinations, and driver ability or experience tests. The competitor is obligated to follow the official's directives. Since some Sportsman Series Officials may be

independent contractors and because some Sportsman Series Officials are not always present at events, Sportsman Series IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF ANY Sportsman Series OFFICIAL AS IT PERTAINS TO SAFETY.

## **ENTRIES**

- In order to compete in a Sportsman Series sanctioned event, a licensed competitor must submit, and have accepted, an Entry, in the form required by Sportsman Series, for the scheduled event. Telephone Entries and handwritten forms will not be accepted. Sportsman Series publishes the sole Official Entry form for all sanctioned racing events. For purposes of this Rule Book, "Entry Form" refers to the official entry form required by Sportsman Series for licensed members in good standing to officially enter a Sportsman Series sanctioned event.

- It is the sole responsibility of the Member (Entrant) to obtain the appropriate entry form, and to ascertain and abide by all applicable fees, deadlines and instructions.

- In the event that an entry form is not submitted within fourteen calendar days prior to the event, there will be an additional late fee of \$35. Date of submission will be determined by the U.S.P.S. post mark or shipping date if by other carrier

- Entry fees cannot be refunded once a vehicle enters the race course for competition. EXCEPTION: If damage occurs in the first round of practice and the vehicle is unable to compete in at least one round of competition, a refund will be allowed. All refunds must be requested within fourteen days after the conclusion of the scheduled event.

- Competitor Obligations - Agreements and Releases

1. A Sportsman Series sanctioned event is a competitive motor vehicle off-road racing event which is intended to be conducted and officiated in accordance with this rule book. BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY APPLICATION AND/OR TAKING PART IN ANY ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE EVENT, A COMPETITOR AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS OF Sportsman Series OFFICIALS AND PROMOTER OFFICIALS AS IT RELATE TO THE EVENT OR ANY MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE EVENT, AND AGREES THAT SUCH DECISIONS ARE FINAL, NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL NOR SUBJECT TO LITIGATION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED EXPRESSLY IN THIS RULE BOOK. SUCH COMPETITOR FURTHER AGREES TO INSPECT THE RACING AREA TO INSURE THAT IT IS IN SAFE, RACEABLE AND USABLE CONDITION, AND THAT THE COMPETITOR VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES THE RISK OF, AND HAS NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST Sportsman Series, PROMOTER, SPONSOR OR THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES BY REASON OF DAMAGE TO THE OFF-ROAD RACE VEHICLE, THE DRIVER, PIT CREW OR ANY OTHER PERSON. ALL COMPETITORS ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES SUSTAINED, INCLUDING DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, ANYTIME THEY ARE IN THE RACING AREAS OR EN-ROUTE THERETO OR THEREFROM. COMPETITOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT COMPETITOR UNDERSTANDS THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, WHICH MAY RESULT FROM RACING, AND THAT COMPETITOR SOLELY ASSUMES ALL SUCH RISKS.

2. When a competitor submits an entry form or informs a promoter or Sportsman Series that the competitor will attempt to compete in an event, and the entry is accepted, the competitor then becomes obligated to attempt to compete in the Event.

3. If a competitor participates in a Sportsman Series sanctioned event without having properly submitted a fully executed entry form, the competitor nevertheless is subject to all Sportsman Series rules, amendments and special rules, as well as all fees, fines, statements, releases and obligations appearing in the entry form, as if he or she had properly submitted a fully executed entry form.

4. Such competitor will have no claims for damages and/or compensation of any kind for any advertising exploiting his or her name, picture or the picture of his or her race vehicle, or exploiting the achievements of any product used by the competitor, relating to the competitor's participation in the event.

5. Only persons approved by Sportsman Series may enter the racing area. No competitor may enter the racing

areas, (pits, racing surface, paddock or other race related areas) unless he or she has personally signed all required entry forms, waivers and release of liability forms, and pit permits, applicable to the particular event. No person will sign at any time, for any reason, any entry form, waiver and release of liability form or pit permit for anyone other than themselves. Such behavior will be grounds for expulsion from Sportsman Series.

## **RACE VEHICLE INSPECTION**

- Time and Manner- All off-road race vehicles are subject to inspection by Sportsman Series Officials at any time in any manner. All decisions by Sportsman Series Officials regarding the timing and manner of inspection, as well as which race vehicles will be inspected, are final and not subject to appeal or review except as provided for in this Rule Book.
- Inspection Area- Only members in good standing and approved by Sportsman Series Officials will be admitted to the inspection area.
- Vehicle Eligibility- Sportsman Series Officials will determine whether an off-road racing vehicle meets the applicable specifications for an event as set forth in this Rule Book; or as rules may be amended by Bulletin including any special rules published by Sportsman Series for an event. Only racing vehicles determined to meet all the applicable Rules herein are eligible to compete in the event unless a specific exemption is allowed by Sportsman Series Officials.
- Competitor Obligations- A competitor must take whatever steps requested by Sportsman Series Officials, including tear down of the vehicle, to facilitate inspection of the vehicle.
- Inspection Pre Race- If a Sportsman Series Official determines prior to the race or practice that the vehicle does not meet the applicable specifications, the vehicle will not be allowed to compete unless in the sole discretion of the Official the deficiency (1) will not adversely affect the orderly conduct of the race; (2) will not provide the competitor with a significant competitive advantage over other competitors; (3) and is deemed insignificant to warrant a determination that the vehicle is ineligible to race. If the Official permits the vehicle to compete under these circumstances; the Official will notify the competitor in writing of the deficiency. Any documented deficiencies must be rectified before the vehicle will be allowed to compete in future events.
- Off-Road Race Vehicle Sealing or Impounding- Sportsman Series has the authority, for inspection purposes only, to seal or impound race vehicles, or vehicle parts, entered and competing in an event. Sportsman Series assumes no responsibility for impounded vehicles or vehicle parts.
- Inspection Post Race- At the conclusion of the race the top three (3) as well as all race vehicles that are still running must report to impound. If this is not done a minimum of a 5 point penalty will be assessed and all prize money will be forfeited. At an event where the Sportsman Series Rule Book, special rules, or Sportsman Series Officials mandate inspection after the event, any vehicle that has competed in the event may not be taken from the racing premises without permission of a Sportsman Series Official. If Sportsman Series Officials determine after the race that a vehicle does not meet applicable specifications but the deficiency is so insubstantial as to not provide the competitor with a significant competitive advantage over other competitors, the Officials in the exercise of their sole discretion, may or may not impose a penalty, but will notify the competitor in writing of the deficiency. The race vehicle will be prohibited from competing in any future event if the deficiency has not been corrected. Inspection decisions are final, not subject to appeal and non-reviewable except as provided for in this Rule Book.
- Equipment or Parts Failing Inspection- Sportsman Series has the right to confiscate any part and/or equipment which fails to meet applicable Sportsman Series specifications during an inspection.

## **RACE PROCEDURE**

- Race Procedure is the manner in which an event is conducted. It includes, but is not limited to, determinations regarding the eligibility of vehicles for competition, qualifying procedure, the line-up or starting grid of the vehicles, the start of the race, the control of vehicles throughout the race by flags, lights, or other direct communication between Sportsman Series Officials and competitors, the election to stop or delay a race, control of pit activity, flagging, the positioning of vehicles at any time, the assessment of lap and time penalties, and the completion of the race. Sportsman Series Officials are authorized to make such other determinations or take

such other action as they determine to be necessary to promote the best interest of off-road racing, including but not limited to, fairness and prompt finality of competition results.

- Finality of Race Procedure Decisions- All at track decisions by Sportsman Series Officials involving race procedures are final and may not be appealed. Such decisions are subject only to review by Sportsman Series Officials if one or more such officials determine that extraordinary circumstances exist that require such review. In making such a determination, the interest of finality in competition results will be a principal consideration. Actions could include, but are not limited to; revising the official race results, imposing penalties (disqualifications, suspensions, and fines) and awarding or subtracting points. The Sportsman Series Official may alternatively elect to take no remedial action. All such decisions are final. There is neither appeal, nor review possible.

- Race Director: The Race Director will be the chief representative of the Sportsman Series and all race officials will be under his/her supervision. The Race Director will be responsible for carrying out all Sportsman Series Rules as published.

- Official Starter: The Official Starter will be designated by Sportsman Series Officials and will display the proper flag signals during racing events.

- Driver, Crew Chief Responsibilities: The crew chief shall be the sole spokesperson for the driver, vehicle owner and pit crew in any and all matters pertaining to the event. This includes knowledge of this Rule Book, information conveyed at the driver's meeting, local track rules, and any /Sportsman Bulletins. At all events, the crew chief assumes responsibility for the actions of his or her driver and pit crew, and may be subject to disciplinary action as a result. Unpaid fines for the driver, crew chief, crew members and the vehicle owner may be collected by Sportsman Series by deducting the amount from the purse or point fund earnings of the driver.

1. All drivers must be on time to compete in the events for which they are scheduled. Any driver of a vehicle that is not ready to compete in an official Sportsman Series points event at the time called will be sent to the rear of the line for hot laps or race or left out of the racing activities, at the discretion of Sportsman Series Officials.

2. Changes of driver at any time will not be made without advance notification to Sportsman Series Officials. When the race is in progress, changes must be made in hot pits or pit area only. If a driver change is made during a red flag condition the race vehicle must relinquish its position and restart at the rear of the field.

3. An eligible driver may drive any qualified race vehicle in any event. A rookie driver must have hot lapped the race vehicle he or she intends to compete.

- Sportsman Classes Starting Position Determination- A driver may not attempt to enter more than one vehicle in hot laps or the race division event. Sportsman Series Officials will determine the starting positions at the first race of the year by a random draw. All drivers will be included in this draw. Each race event thereafter the drivers starting position will be determined by the total accumulation of points from all previous race events. Up to the first 12 (twelve) will be inverted. If a team goes to a backup car after practice or for the second round of an event, they will start in the rear. Any entrant who misses an event weekend will not be included in the inversion and placed at the back of the field. Said competitor will remain at the back of the field for as many races as is needed to equal the number of races missed. If there is a tie in total accumulated points, the starting position will be determined by the driver with the highest points in the previous event. Any driver may request to start in the rear at any time as long as no competitive advantage is obtained. Sportsman Series Officials have the option of starting any driver in the rear when safety is a concern (driver inexperience, etc.).

1. Race vehicles that fail to enter and/or register before the closing of registration will be placed at the back of the field by Sportsman Series Official.

2. All race vehicles awarded a starting position must pass Sportsman Series Technical Inspection. Failure to pass the inspection will be cause for a disqualification of the race vehicle from the Event. Prior to race time if the technical deficiencies can be corrected and pass technical inspection the race vehicle will be allowed to compete in the event.

- Race Start- Starting grid position with respect to spacing, both width and depth, will be established by Sportsman Series Official prior to each event. Drivers must wear a driver's wristband issued at registration. The Official Starter will check for the wristband on the start line

No wristband, no race, no exceptions.

1. Land rush starts will line up with the front row consisting of the top 12 (twelve) in points inverted. The second row will consist of 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> place in points in order. The third row will consist of all other vehicles in points order.
  2. Rolling start races will consist of a 12 (twelve) invert field lined up 2 by 2. The leader will start the race between the designated start cones. There will be no passing or pulling out till after the start line flag.
  3. All race vehicles must be in pre-race staging or when directed by a Sportsman Series Official. All vehicles that are on the staging grid must move to the starting line when directed. Any vehicle that is registered for said race but unable to make the call to staging or the starting line may start the race only after notifying a Sportsman Series Official. Once the green flag is given a Sportsman Series Official will release the vehicle from a Sportsman Series Official designated location when deemed safe and no competitive advantage has been gained. Drivers not following the direction of a Sportsman Series Official or abusing this rule in any way will be penalized.
  4. Once the field of race vehicles are lined up and the Official Starter signals the drivers to be ready the Official Starter will indicate the start of the race by waving the green starting flag. In the determination of the Official Starter, if a race vehicle does not maintain its designated start line position a Sportsman Series Starting Official may reposition the race vehicle at their discretion. If the vehicle continues to not maintain the assigned starting position, the Sportsman Series Starting Official, at his or her discretion, may move the race vehicle to the back of the line-up grid. Official scoring and timing begins when the green start flag is displayed.
  5. All points will be awarded to the driver who starts the race. All race vehicle driver changes must be reported to Sportsman Series Officials to insure proper scoring for the driver.
  6. Any vehicle which takes the green flag but drops out of the race before the completion of the first official lap will be awarded last place points.
- Competition Yellow- All races, in all classes, will have a yellow caution after approximately one-half of the race distance is completed. Two points will be awarded to the leader at this caution and one point to second place. The first vehicle that is one lap down to the leader will be allowed to resume a restart position at the rear of the lead lap vehicles. When possible a pace vehicle will be used during “Competition Yellows”.
  - Race Halt- A race may be stopped at the discretion of Sportsman Series Officials at any time they determine, in the exercise of their independent judgment, that the track is not ready or unsafe for racing. The Sportsman Series Officials will determine whether the racetrack is in race condition for that event. Under adverse circumstances a race may be called Official after 50% of the time and/or laps have been completed.
  - Race Halt/Restart Before One Lap Completed – When a race is stopped prior to the completion of one lap, there shall be a complete restart in the original starting positions with the exception that any race vehicle/s involved in an incident causing the red flag will be placed at the back/end of the restart order.
  - Race Halt/Restart After One Lap Completion- When a race is stopped after the completion of one or more laps, race vehicles will line up in the order in which they were scored in the last completed lap with the exception that any race vehicle/s involved in an incident causing the red flag will be placed at the back/end of the restart order. \_ If there is no restart, drivers will be scored and paid on the positions they would have held in a restart.
  - Race Halt/Adverse Circumstances- Except as otherwise provided in Sportsman Series Sanction Agreements or in entry forms published for the event, when an event is halted due to Force Majeure or Act of God and the promoter must refund money and or issue rain checks, prize money shall be paid only to those divisions due prize money for those events or races completed. Except as otherwise provided in Sportsman Series Sanction Agreements or in entry forms published for the event, when an event is halted due to Force Majeure or Act of God and the Promoter does not issue rain checks, the event may be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable date. Unless otherwise determined by Sportsman Series Official, the rescheduled event program shall start with the incomplete divisions of the previous race, and all original entries shall start in the position they held when the race or event was stopped.
  - Lap or Time Penalties- A lap or time penalty is the act, during a race, of detaining a driver in the penalty box for a certain amount of time, as determined by Sportsman Series Officials. A time penalty may be imposed

when the competitor has violated the Sportsman Series Official rules, a directive from a Sportsman Series Official, or a known race procedure. A competitor shall not receive a time penalty after the completion of the event, unless in the closing laps of the race competitor violates a Sportsman Series Official rule, a directive from a Sportsman Series Official or a known procedure, and there is not enough time or laps remaining in the race for the Sportsman Series Official to impose a penalty. If a post-race penalty is imposed, a scoring correction reflecting the penalty is permitted prior to the posting of the official race results at Sportsman Series' discretion.

- Cease Competition- Sportsman Series Official may direct a competitor to cease competition, to leave the racing premises, or to bring the race vehicle to the pit area for a specified time penalty or for the balance of the race, if it is necessary to do so in order to promote the orderly conduct of the event. Such a directive will be given only in extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Sportsman Series Officials.

- Race Start/Finish Line- The race start/finish line is unique to each Sportsman Series sanctioned event and not necessarily in a traditional position. The start line may be at a different location different from the finish line. Vehicles may be started from a grid area that they may or may not return to during the race. Therefore, it is necessary to indicate the start/finish line at each event. The indication of the Official start/finish line will be discussed at the pre-race drivers meetings.

- Race Course Procedure- If at any time the race vehicle gets off the designated race track, the vehicle speed must be reduced significantly and while under control, the vehicle must merge back into the race line safely without a gain of time or position.

1. Vehicles must race under their own power and exclusively in forward gears only, reverse gear permitted only to correct a spin or incident.

2. If at any time a Sportsman Series Official feels a competitor is a hazard to other competitors, the vehicle may be pulled from competition.

- Official Competition- All races at each event will run until the leader has completed the advertised time or distance. In timed races, the leader will be given the white flag by the Official Finish Line Flagman when Sportsman Series Officials have informed him or her that less time is left than required to complete one lap. In lap events the Official Finish Flagman will give the white flag when advised by Sportsman Series Officials that one lap remains.

- Race length will be approximately 15 minutes

- Lap count will be determined by multiplying the average qualifying time to reach a number as close to 15 minutes as possible.

If qualifying cannot be held, the chief steward will, to the best of his ability, establish a lap count to agree with the established time limits.

**Pit Procedures During The Race** Hot Pit Access is granted to licensed members, only.

- Race vehicles may not be pushed past the flagman at the end of the hot pit road. After the race has started vehicles may be started by hand pushing only in the hot pit area. After the white flag has been displayed, no race vehicle may receive any type of assistance, except those race vehicles making regular pit stops.

- All equipment used to service the race vehicle must be in its assigned pit area. Any vehicle leaving the pit area with equipment or tools attached will be assessed a penalty. After the race vehicle has re-entered the race, all equipment used to service the race vehicle must be returned to the equipment side of the pit wall.

- When pit stops are made for tire changes, all lug nuts must be fully tightened before the race vehicle leaves the assigned pit area. When a Sportsman Series Official detects a violation, the race vehicle must return to its assigned pit area for inspection.

- Only authorized team crew personnel are allowed over the pit wall at any time during the running of a race. No sponsors, OEMs, suppliers are permitted beyond the pit wall.

- All major race vehicle repairs must be done behind the pit wall.

- Only one jack may be used for pit stops involving tire changes. This single jack must be used when changing tires on the left and right side during the same pit stop. In the event the race vehicle falls off the jack a second jack may be used on the same side to gain use of the first jack.

- Air supply tanks and pressure regulators for all air guns and other air equipment must remain on the equipment side of the pit wall at all times. Pressure regulators must be protected by a suitable guard attached to the air supply tank.
- During a pit stop one designated crew member must stand at front of vehicle in driver's direct view, the truck may not be released from pit until all work is completed and crew member signals it is safe to proceed.
- A maximum of five crew members may be in the hot pits during their division race. All crew members must be in long pants and must have team identifying shirts
- No race vehicle will be allowed to leave the race track area (other than to go to the hot pit) and return to competition.
- A race vehicle exiting the hot pits during or after a red or full course yellow flag on the race course shall take a position at the rear of the restarting order.
- Use of Team Spotters- All team spotters must use the Sportsman Series designated spotters section at each race venue as provided by Sportsman Series event promoter and be a licensed crew member.

## **FLAG RULES**

- Sportsman Series Officials will use flags and/or lights as set forth in this section for the purpose of providing drivers with information. The procedure for use of flags and or lights by Sportsman Series Officials may vary from individual events.
- Green Flag /Start of Race/Restarts- At the beginning of the race, all race vehicles must maintain position until the Official Starter displays the green flag. On restarts, the race will resume when the green flag is displayed. If the restart is precipitated by a red flag, Sportsman Series Officials will reposition all race vehicles in the proper starting order. All restarts shall be made at a designated location on the track. Drivers will be made aware of this location at the pre-race meeting.
- Blue Flag with Diagonal Yellow Stripe/Passing Flag- This flag signifies a lapping vehicle is attempting to pass. Race vehicles given this flag must hold a consistent line and give passing vehicle consideration.
- Yellow Flag/Caution- The yellow flag signifies caution. This flag will be given to the first race vehicle approaching the caution area. All race vehicles receiving the yellow flag shall slow down to thirty miles per hour (30 MPH) and maintain vehicle spacing, or a speed indicated by the Race Steward prior to the event. Timing or lap counting will cease when there is a full course yellow, at the discretion of Sportsman Series Officials. Only Official Safety Personnel will attend to the race vehicles and drivers involved in the cause of the caution flag. Sportsman Series Officials, at their discretion, may request assistance from trained crew members for track assistance.
  1. All corner workers showing a yellow flag will indicate full course yellow.
  2. "Local Yellow" is a yellow situation affecting only the immediate area of the corner worker. All race vehicles approaching a local yellow shall slow down to thirty miles per hour (30 MPH) or speed indicated by the Race Steward during driver meetings. Caution speed will be maintained until safely past the local yellow area.
  3. Any race vehicle passing or not abiding the caution flag and/or pace truck, or the proper caution speed will be assessed a penalty.
  4. Reasonable speed is a judgment call and will be made by the Race Steward. The Race Steward will also determine the length of the penalty. Corner workers will report to the Race Steward, and have input in making the penalty call and determining reasonable speed and penalty for the condition and infraction.
  5. Race vehicles violating the caution flag will be notified by being black-flagged at the finish line. When the race vehicle is black flagged, the race vehicle must report to the penalty box for penalty of the infraction. Continued participation in the race after the black flag will result in disqualification from the event. Upon disqualification, the race vehicle crew chief will be notified of the disqualification. No money or points will be awarded to a disqualified vehicle.
  6. Crew members shall not go on the track for any reason while the race vehicles are racing or while they are running under the yellow flag. The only time drivers or race vehicles may receive service from the crew members is when they are at a complete stop in the hot pit or pit area.
  7. No crew member may enter the racetrack if their driver and/or race vehicle is involved in the cause of the

caution flag.

- Red Flag/Race Stop- The red flag means that the race must stop immediately, regardless of position of the race vehicle on the track. The red flag shall be used if, in the opinion of the Sportsman Series Officials, the track is unsafe to continue the race. Repairs, refueling or service of any nature will not be permitted when the race is halted due to a red flag. The Corner Workers will display the red flags throughout the track. Failure to obey a red flag will result in disqualification. All work must stop on race vehicles currently racing, in the hot pits or pitting area when the red flag is displayed, and work cannot resume until the red flag is withdrawn.

- Black Flag/Report to the Penalty Box Immediately-The black flag means go to the penalty box immediately and report to a Sportsman Series Official at the penalty box. The Sportsman Series Official Flagman will only show the black flag for penalty at the finish line. Sportsman Series Corner Safety Worker will only show the black flag for driver safety reasons. If the race vehicle is given the black flag by a Sportsman Series Corner Safety Worker, driver should stop immediately by that corner worker, or the next corner worker as his safety is in danger.

1. After a black flag is displayed to the driver for 3 consecutive laps and the driver fails to acknowledge and serve this penalty, scoring of this vehicle will be discontinued for the remainder of the race.

2. A black flag does not mean disqualification.

3. At the discretion of the Sportsman Series Official, if the driver does not obey the flag directive, scoring of his or her race vehicle will be discontinued. If a driver receives a black flag during the final two laps and does not obey the flag directive, the Sportsman Series Race Steward may drop the finish position of the vehicle or deduct championship points, or both.

4. In lieu of a black flag, the Sportsman Series Official may use a blackboard in full view of the Competitor on which the number of the race vehicle being black-flagged will be shown.

5. Black flag decisions cannot be protested or appealed.

### **Black Flag | Rough Driving Rules**

1. Any driver receiving one rough driving black flag in a race will receive a minimum of a 5-second stop-and-go penalty, unless Race Steward determines, prior to the event, that an adjustment in this time is needed. A furling black flag, shown to a driver, is a warning and notification that he/she is being observed by race officials.

2. Any driver receiving two rough driving black flags in a single race will receive a minimum of a 30-second stop-and-go penalty, plus a minimum of five (5) points deducted from the final points standing.

3. The Sportsman Series Race Steward will reserve the right to assess further penalties, probation, etc., depending on the nature of any rough driving black flag incident. Recurring incidents will receive severe penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification from that race.

4. A last lap black flag will have a minimum two (2) point and/or position penalty imposed.

- White Flag/One Lap To Go- When the white flag is displayed, it means the leader has started his or her last lap. The white flag will only be shown at the finish line by the Sportsman Series Official flagman. No white flag will be shown by any corner worker. When the finish line flagman displays the yellow flag, race vehicles will be scored based on the position in which they crossed the caution area on the track.

1. Race vehicles may not receive any assistance after the white flag has been displayed except race vehicles on a regular pit stop. Violation will result in the race vehicle not being scored on that lap.

- Checkered Flag/End Of Race- When a checkered flag is displayed, it means the race is completed. When the lead race vehicle has completed the required race distance or time, the race will be declared “Official” regardless of any flag being displayed.

1. When the checkered flag is displayed to the leader, the balance of the field receives the checkered flag in the same lap. Finishing position will be paid according to most laps traveled in the allocated amount of time, whether the race vehicle is still running or not.

2. All drivers receiving the checkered flag must bring their race vehicle to the designated finish area and remain there until released by a Sportsman Series Official.

3. The race will be declared “Official” when the last vehicle moving under its own power crosses the finish line.

- Special Flags- Special flags may be used at the discretion of the Sportsman Series Officials; any special flags must be explained to all drivers before the race starts.

## **TIMING & SCORING**

- Official Scoring- The person designated by Sportsman Series to be the “Official Scorer” for an event is responsible for timing and scoring of the event. The decisions of the Official scorer with respect to timing and scoring are final unless the Official scorer elects to request a re-check by Sportsman Series or when the Official scorer is asked by a driver and/or crew chief, that have competed in the event, to submit a request for such re-check to Sportsman Series Headquarters.

- Scoring Re-check Procedures- A driver and/or crew chief asking the Official scorer to submit a request for a re-check to Sportsman Series Headquarters must do so in person within twenty (20) minutes after the declaration of finishing positions has been made by Sportsman Series Officials. The finishing positions of an event including any individual races, time trials, or qualifying race, shall not be considered Official if a re-check is requested as provided herein, in which case the results of the event shall be considered Official upon the announcement of the re-check decision by Sportsman Series Headquarters. If the Official scorer elects to request a re-check of the timing or scoring of an event, the Official scorer shall promptly forward to Sportsman Series Headquarters the request and score sheets for the event. Any scoring re-check request must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit. If a scoring error is found the deposit will be refunded; if no error is found the deposit is forfeited.

- Scoring Transponders- It is the entrants’ sole responsibility to insure their transponders are installed and functioning properly. Sportsman Series will not be responsible for qualifying times and/or race finishing positions of vehicles with inoperative or malfunctioning scoring transponders. SEE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR PROPER MOUNTING

## **VIOLATIONS & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- General Procedure- If a Sportsman Series Official observes, or is made aware of, an act or omission by a Sportsman Series member that constitutes a violation of the Sportsman Series Rules or that is detrimental to off-road racing or Sportsman Series, or Sportsman Series in regards to representing its sponsors, and if the Sportsman Series Official determines that the act or omission is sufficiently serious to warrant the imposition of a penalty, the Official shall report the violation in written detail to the Sportsman Series Race Steward as soon as practical and shall recommend an appropriate penalty. The Race Steward shall consider the report and shall conduct whatever additional inquiry deemed appropriate under the circumstances, which may include an oral or written explanation from the member. After conducting the inquiry, the Race Steward shall determine whether disciplinary action is appropriate and if so what disciplinary action should be taken. The member shall be informed of the determination and if disciplinary action is imposed the Race Steward shall issue a penalty. Notice will be given to the member specifying the violation, a brief statement of the circumstances of the violation and the penalty imposed. If the member wishes to appeal the decision of the Race Steward, they shall make a written request for a hearing to Sportsman Series Headquarters postmarked within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Penalty Notice. The request must be accompanied by a \$200.00 hearing fee.

- Emergency Action- If the act or omission of a member is determined by a Sportsman Series Official to constitute a threat to the orderly conduct of the race, that official may take temporary emergency action against the member. Such emergency action may include ejection from the racing premises, suspension of membership and license, or any other action designed to remove the threat created by the member. The consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of drugs or illegal drugs or a controlled substance before or during an event, fighting, inappropriate driving or failure to obey the black flag or any other directive of a Sportsman Series Official are examples of conduct warranting Emergency Action. The Official shall report the member’s conduct, and Emergency Action taken to the Race Steward as soon as practical and thereafter the procedure set forth above shall apply. The emergency action shall remain in effect until the decision of the Race Steward is made, except that an ejection is final, cannot be appealed and is not subject to review.

- Payment of Fines- Fines shall be paid to Sportsman Series Headquarters promptly after receipt of a Penalty

Notice. Failure to pay promptly (with ten (10) business days and before the next event, if any) may result in suspension. All unpaid fines of a member may be collected by Sportsman Series by deducting the amount from the purse or point fund earnings of the member, or if the member is not a driver, from the purse or point fund earnings of the driver with whom the member was associated at the time of the conduct that gave rise to the penalty notice. Any fines left unpaid at the end of the race season shall be considered grounds for refusal to approve the License application, for the next year of the Competitor, against whom the unpaid fine has been assessed.

•General Scope of Penalties- Penalties for violation of Sportsman Series Rules are determined by the severity of the violations and its effects on fairness of competition, the orderly conduct of the event, and the interest of off-road racing, Sportsman Series sponsors, promoters and Sportsman Series. Such penalties may include but are not limited to disqualification, probation, and suspension of membership or license privileges, fines and or loss of points. Probation may be for a specified time period for review of the member's conduct to determine whether a more severe penalty is warranted. A suspension may be total or it may be limited to a suspension of membership or license privileges at a particular racetrack or tracks, or for a particular series of events, or for a specified or indefinite period of time. The Sportsman Series Race Steward will use the following as guidelines for the imposition of penalties in the situations described below but may assess a greater or lesser penalty depending upon the circumstances.

1. Any member who performs an act or participates in actions deemed by Sportsman Series Officials as detrimental to off-road racing or to Sportsman Series: fine of at least \$500.00 and the member may also be suspended and/or loss of championship points.
2. Any member who permits someone else to use his or her Sportsman Series license or competitor pit permit: a fine of at least \$500.00 and suspension. Any Member who uses a license other than his or her own is subject to fine and suspension.
3. Any member who signs the Sportsman Series release sheet or competitor pit permit for any one else: a fine of at least \$500.00 and suspension.
4. Any member who assaults or threatens to do bodily harm to any Sportsman Series Official or persons serving under his or her direction: a minimum fine of \$600.00, maximum \$1,200; suspension, potential lifetime suspension and/or loss of championship points.
5. Any member who, while participating in a Sportsman Series-sanctioned Event, partakes of any alcoholic beverage, mind altering drug, or is in any way under the influence of alcohol or drugs: disqualification, a minimum fine of \$1000.00, loss of championship points and suspension.
6. Any member, who participates in fights in the pits, track or on the race premises: a minimum fine of \$250.00, and may also be suspended.
7. Any member involved in an assault with a weapon in the pits, track or on the race premises: a minimum fine of \$5,000.00, life-time suspension and loss of championship points and report to local police authorities.
8. Any member, licensed as a driver or race vehicle owner, who violates Section 5 ENTRIES (failure to meet obligations of an accepted entry) may be subject to any one (1) or more of the following for each violation: (a) minimum fine of \$200.00, (b) loss of championship points for the year in which the failure to compete occurs, and/or suspension.
9. Any drivers, race vehicle owners or crew members who permits a race vehicle to be driven in any Sportsman Series sanctioned event by an un-licensed person, or who fails to notify Sportsman Series Officials of any changes of driver during, before, or after a race may be fined, suspended and lose championship points.
10. Any driver who is not present to answer roll call for meetings may be fined a minimum of \$150.00 and/or relinquish their starting position and start at the rear of the field.
11. In an event where the Sportsman Series Rulebook, special rules or Sportsman Series Officials mandate inspection after the event of a race vehicle that has competed in the event is taken from the racing premises without permission of a Sportsman Series Official: disqualification unless the competitor proves beyond any reasonable doubt that the violations were caused by circumstances which the competitor could not control.
12. Any member who fails to tear down a race vehicle for inspection when requested to do so by the Sportsman Series Official: a fine of at least \$500.00 and/or disqualification, loss of championship points and/or suspension

from Sportsman Series.

13. Any driver who does not obey the flag rules: a fine and/or lap or time penalty.

14. Any driver who intentionally causes or attempts to cause a caution (yellow flag) condition by stopping or blocking the track in any manner or fashion: a fine of \$200.00 and/or lap or time penalty.

15. Pushing a race vehicle past the flagman at the end of pit road/lane when the race is underway: a fine of \$100.00 and/or lap or time penalty.

16. Any determination by Sportsman Series Officials that bodies, parts and/or equipment used in the event does not conform to the Sportsman Series Rule Book, are not required for the normal functional operation of the race vehicle or safety items which have been altered to detract from or compromise their integrity of effectiveness: a minimum fine of \$200.00, maximum fine of \$2,000, loss of starting position in the event, loss of finishing position, and/or suspension from Sportsman Series and/or loss of points..

17. Any member failing to surrender to Sportsman Series any bodies, parts and/or equipment found during an inspection that does not meet applicable Sportsman Series Rules: a minimum fine of \$200.00, and/or loss of finishing position in the Event, and/or suspension from Sportsman Series.

18. Any concealed pressure type containers, feed lines or actuating mechanism when found in the race vehicle or on the person of a competitor, even if inoperable: a fine of not less than \$1000.00 and/or disqualification, and/or loss of championship points, and/or suspension.

19. Any violation of fuel cell or fuel cell container specifications: a \$600 minimum fine and/or loss of championship points, loss of finishing position, and/or suspension from Sportsman Series.

20. Any race vehicle removing weight from the race vehicle, after inspection and weigh in, improper attachment of weight: a minimum \$600 fine, maximum \$2,000 fine and/or loss of championship points, loss of finishing position, and/or suspension from Sportsman Series.

21. Any competitor found using, in his or her race vehicle, automated electronic recording devices, traction control devices, on board computers, and the like, that have not been approved by Sportsman Series prior to the Event: a fine of \$2,500.00, and/or loss of finishing position, loss of championship points, and/or definite or indefinite suspension from Sportsman Series.

22. DRIVER'S MEETINGS – Sportsman Series considers daily driver's meetings to be solemn occasions for serious discussions of safety, rules, track conditions and improvements, driving conditions, purse payments and the like. Uncontrolled outbursts at Sportsman Series Driver's Meetings are subject to monetary fines. Use of foul language is subject to fines. First offense \$200. This amount may be doubled to a maximum fine of \$1,600 per meeting. Television cameras are not permitted in Sportsman Series Driver Meeting's without prior approval of Sportsman Series.

## **PROTEST**

•General Procedure- If a Sportsman Series Member who is a Competitor believes that another Competitor has or will obtain a significant unfair competitive advantage by some action that the member believes is in violation of the Sportsman Series Rules, the member may protest such action to a Sportsman Series Official. The protest must be made in writing by the Competitor or his or her crew chief, or race vehicle owner if the Competitor is a driver and is on the race track, within twenty (20) minutes after the checkered flag is displayed signifying the completion of the race. Protest forms signed by more than one competitor will not be accepted. A protest fee shall accompany each separate protest. The Sportsman Series Official shall decide whether the matter is a viable protest, and if so, shall decide the protest as promptly as possible, and shall inform the parties to the protest of the decision. A decision that the matter is not a viable protest is final and cannot be appealed. In deciding the protest, the Sportsman Series Official may take whatever action deemed appropriate to further the interest of fairness and finality in competition results. Such action includes, but is not limited to, revising the Official race results, imposing penalties (disqualifications, suspensions or fines), awarding or subtracting points, or taking no action. In no case, except in section 11. C.& D., is video allowed as evidence in the protest process. If either of the parties does not accept the decision of the Sportsman Series Official, that Official, along with the race report, shall forward the written protest, all affected purse monies, and the protest fee to Sportsman Series Headquarters.

●Non-viable Protest Subjects or Matters- Protests will not be accepted that are directed at a decision of a Sportsman Series Official on any matter or subject unless specifically provided for in the Sportsman Series Rule Book.

●Official Competition Review- Sportsman Series Officials will utilize available resources as a means of controlling rough driving and other competition infractions. All Sportsman Series video will be used to reach a just and timely resolution to a disputed call as well as a call that may have been missed.

1. Incidents must have been seen by a Sportsman Series Official or track worker. A request from a competitor to initiate an Official review will not be accepted. This would fall under a Competition Review Protest; see below.

2. An Official review will include but not be limited to:

A. An incident that was not seen clearly enough at the time to make a call.

B. A call that was communicated incorrectly to race control.

C. A call that was made and later thought to be in error.

3. Sportsman Series Officials will make every attempt to resolve all issues on race day but reserves the right to do so at a later date.

●Competition Review Protest- Members will be able to protest a call or non-call by filing a written protest form available at Sportsman Series Tech accompanied by a \$300 Sportsman protest fee. The party losing the protest shall pay all cost incurred by Sportsman Series in connection with the protest. If the protest is sustained, the protest fee will be returned to the protesting member. If the protest is not sustained, the protest fee will be forfeited to Sportsman Series, and the other party to the protest shall be compensated for an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for any cost incurred in connection with the protest, such amount to be paid from the protest fee. Any available video can be used and witnesses will be heard in a private, closed session with competitors and Sportsman Series Officials only. No media. No sponsors. No third parties. All competitors involved will be given a chance to review all video and make a statement. If a call is proven to be made in error or was missed, an attempt will be made to adjust championship points as needed. Only in the most severe cases will a position, suspension, disqualification or fine take place. There will always be some incidental contact made during a race, only the most severe infractions should be reviewed. This system is not intended for and shall not be used to critique the entire race. There is no competitor review board or appeals board. Sportsman Series Officials will ultimately make the final decision and impose penalties. Sportsman Series decision is final, cannot be appealed, further contested or litigated.

1. Competition Review Items are:

A. Rough driving.

B. Passing under the yellow caution status

C. Course cutting

D. Driving too fast on or off the race course (under yellow, pits, hot pit lane, etc.)

E. Un-sportsman like conduct

Sportsman Series reserves the right to adjust these procedures as needed to guarantee a fair, consistent and timely outcome.

## **PRIZE & PURSE MONEY**

●Teams are required to display the current Sportsman Series uniform patch and vehicle decal. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of all awards and prize moneys. The driver who starts the race will be considered the driver of record for that race. Unless Sportsman Series Headquarters are otherwise notified in writing by the vehicle owner, all checks will be paid to the driver of record as indicated in Section I of the membership form. Unless otherwise authorized by Sportsman Series, the cash race purse will be established by Sportsman Series for all race divisions. The purse will be paid directly from Sportsman/ offices in Speedway, IN to the designated entity of the race vehicle within ten (10) business days after the conclusion of the event.

Establishment and Distribution of Prize Money is as follows:

●All events shall be contested for a guaranteed finishing position purse as set forth in the entry form or the pay off schedule, whichever is applicable.

- Sportsman Series Members agree to abide by decisions of Sportsman Series in establishing the amount of prize money for each Event.
- Sportsman Series competitors are entitled to see entry form, programs of events and prize money distribution before any race or contest.
- Sportsman Series members who compete in any race are entitled to inspect the completed copy of the Official pay back for the race in which they competed.
- In the event of a protest and/or subsequent appeal, filed in accordance with the current Sportsman Series Rule Book, prize money may be withheld. This might include only the parties involved in the protest or could include the entire class. After the protest and/or appeal is resolved, prize money will be distributed immediately.

## **POINTS & POINTS FUND**

- Sportsman Division series point's funds will be established by Sportsman Series. The Sportsman Series championship point season will begin with the first Sportsman Series sanctioned event and conclude with the last Sportsman Series sanctioned event, unless otherwise authorized or stated by Sportsman Series. Sportsman Series reserves the right to establish, maintain, compile, publish, and otherwise operate and award points, point funds, and trophies through the rules and regulations of Sportsman Series. All Sportsman Series license holders agree to abide by decisions of Sportsman Series Officials in establishing and administering the point's fund.
- The driver will be credited with only the points earned in the race vehicle in which they started the race and the starting driver will be credited with all points earned by that race vehicle in that particular race (points follow the driver). Points will be awarded for official finishing positions only. To be eligible to receive points the driver and race vehicle must take the green flag and start the race. A driver cannot receive points for more than one race vehicle in the race.
- Sportsman Division entrants may have ONE designated team driver. The team must consist of licensed Sportsman Series drivers and the team must be declared in writing to Sportsman Series before either driver has competed in their first event of the season.
- All drivers must officially register with Sportsman Series Administration during posted registration hours at each event. Sportsman Division team drivers must officially declare to Sportsman Series Administration which driver will be racing each event.
- All entrants who pass inspection but fail to take the green flag will not be awarded championship or event points.
- All racing events count toward the Sportsman championship points as there will be no "throw out" rounds. If an event is missed, competitor receives no points.  
An event is defined as two consecutive rounds of racing held at the same facility. The driver will receive credit for participation if their vehicle is damaged in the first round of the event weekend and is unable to compete in the second round of the event weekend however if a driver scratches both days it will score the same as a missed round.
- In case of a tie for first place in year-end points, the tie will be broken by using the greatest number of first place finishes. If a tie still exists, seconds, thirds, etc. will be considered until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists, the driver establishing the first victory of the season will prevail. Any ties for second place and lower there is no tiebreaker and those drivers affected will share equally the combined total of the tied positions.
- Points fund money will be awarded at the annual Sportsman Series "Night of Champions" Awards Banquet.
- Eligibility to participate in the points fund may be forfeited by any member violating Sportsman Series rules and regulations prior to the presentation of the awards at the Awards Banquet.
- Even though an unofficial points championship may be declared before the last race of the season the points championship is not declared official until after the last race. Points or other penalties could affect the final outcome.
- A Rookie of The Year for each division will be determined by the total number of championship points earned plus the average number of teams that raced in their respective class.
- Eligible truck manufacturers available to the general public through retail outlets in the U.S.A. Eligible tire

manufacturers available to the general public through retail outlets in the U.S.A. Points will be awarded as follows: (calculated the same as Driver Championship Points)

●Driver Championship Points: Sportsman Championship Points will be awarded for finishes in the following order:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>
#1	70	#9	46	#17	29
#2	67	#10	43	#18	27
#3	64	#11	41	#19	25
#4	61	#12	39	#20	23
#5	58	#13	37		
#6	55	#14	35		
#7	52	#15	33		
#8	49	#16	31		

Finishing position #21 through the end of the starting field will receive 23 (one) points

- A vehicle that leaves the starting line under power but does not complete a lap, or cross the starting line at some tracks, will be awarded last place points. If multiple vehicles fit these criteria, points will be awarded in accordance with starting positions. Last place points means last for the number of vehicles leaving the starting line. For example: If there are 12 vehicles that leave the starting under their own power, last place will be position 12.
- When races include Competition Yellow, 2 points will be awarded to the leader at this point and 1 point to second place.
- Sportsman Series reserves the right to amend the aforementioned procedural rules in the interest of fair competition, safety and the overall best interest of the sport of off-road racing.

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