

## **SASKATCHEWAN INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY (SIR) AUXILIARY PIT VEHICLE RULES 2009**

As NHRA Drag Racing events have grown, pit areas have become increasingly congested, and as a result, the risk of operating auxiliary pit vehicles within certain areas populated by spectators & competitors has increased. NHRA and NHRA Member Tracks have experienced a significant increase of incidents involving pit vehicles resulting in injuries and/or property damage. NHRA also is receiving a growing number of complaints from spectators regarding pit auxiliary vehicles.

NHRA believes this risk and subsequent potential for accidents are such that it is necessary to implement additional policies regarding auxiliary pit vehicles. It is in the best interest of the sport, racers, sponsors, fans, and vendors to provide a safer venue for pedestrians. Therefore SIR is implementing the following rules and regulations which are **effective immediately**.

- 1) SIR reserves the right to reject any motorized pit vehicle depending upon its design, condition, appearance, or construction.
- 2) Non-motorized vehicles such as skateboards, roller skates, scooters, go-peds, etc. may not be ridden in the pit area. Bicycles are permitted but rider must be 16 years of age or older.
- 3) Auxiliary pit vehicles may be used for necessary transportation or as a tow vehicle only. Joyriding, cruising, or recreational riding is prohibited. Vehicles are only allowed in the pit/race track/return-road areas, and only when the owner/racer is actually competing in the event. Spectators, guests, and non-participants are not allowed to bring pit vehicles onto the property.
- 4) The driver and passengers must be seated in a proper seat anytime the vehicle is operated. In addition, the number of riders/passengers may not exceed the maximum number permitted by the vehicle manufacturer. Standing, kneeling, sitting on fenders, etc. are not permitted.
- 5) All vehicles, whenever possible, are to use perimeter roadways and are to avoid high traffic areas.
- 6) The maximum speed limit is 15 km/h (9 ½ mph).
- 7) ALL operators must be at least 16 years of age, have a valid State / Provincial driver's license, and must be covered by adequate general liability insurance. All operators shall provide proof of such insurance, a driver's license, and any other applicable credentials upon the request of the SIR Track Manager.
  - a) SIR encourages owners/racers to contact your personal insurance agent to research the best option for you to meet the new insurance requirements for auxiliary vehicles. Your coverage options may vary depending upon your existing insurance coverage, your particular State / Province of residence and whether the auxiliary vehicle is licensed for street use. But, as general guidance, coverage may be obtained through purchase of an endorsement on your personal auto or homeowner's policy. Professional race teams may be able to secure coverage under their Commercial General Liability and/or Commercial auto policy.
- 8) ALL auxiliary pit vehicles MUST be registered with the SIR Track Manager prior to being used and display the SIR pit vehicle sticker issued upon registration. Owners/Racers are permitted one (1) sticker per race vehicle entry. Additional stickers will not be issued. Current year NHRA National Event pit vehicle stickers are acceptable in lieu of an SIR sticker however pit vehicle must be registered with the SIR Track Manager. Pit vehicle registration sticker must be located in an area that is clearly visible to event staff.
  - a) People with Special Needs, Event Sponsors, SDRA Committees, etc. may be granted "temporary" auxiliary pit vehicle use as required at the discretion of the Track Manager. A "Temporary Only" pass shall be used in these instances, which must be returned to the Track Manager at the end of the event.
- 9) All auxiliary pit vehicles must display their applicable race vehicle competition number in a clear and legible manner.
- 10) Pit vehicles may not be operated after the last race vehicle has made its final run of the event, except for those racers using a pit vehicle to tow their race vehicle to their pit; to collect a payout or trophy; or to have official SIR photographs taken, after which those pit vehicles must also be parked.
- 11) Under no circumstances may pit vehicles be operated by anyone staying at SIR overnight, during the hours when there is no qualifying or racing being conducted.
- 12) Pit vehicles operated after dusk/sunset (i.e. night race events) must have a working headlight. Taillights may also be required on an individual basis depending upon vehicle design.
- 13) Official SIR pit vehicles may be operated by event staff as necessary to conduct their tasks and until such time as those tasks are completed. Staff must operate SIR pit vehicles in a safe and responsible manner and observe posted speed limits.
- 14) **ONLY** "Current Race Season" Pit Auxiliary Stickers are to be affixed to your pit auxiliary vehicle. Any stickers from previous seasons must be removed.

**NOTE: Unsafe or improper operation of any vehicle and/or any violation of these rules may, at the sole discretion of SIR, result in penalties against the owner and/or operator, including, but not limited to, revocation of pit vehicle sticker, immediate impoundment of the vehicle, loss of racing privileges, and/or expulsion from SIR. The SIR Track Manager shall have the authority to impose any and/or all of these penalties for a one race event period as he/she sees fit; the SDRA Executive may impose additional penalties as they feel may be warranted.**