

## **PRE-RACE DRIVERS MEETING**

-Welcome! I hope all of you are as excited as I am to get this weekend going. To start with I'd like to emphasize a couple of points:

1) Please read and follow the NASA guidelines concerning the health and safety. We are happy you are here, but won't hesitate enforce the guidelines as written.

2) As this is our first race weekend of 2020 (at least it is for most of us), please take a minute to review the latest CCR. Also, for those of you lucky enough to be SIM racing this spring please remember that both damage and injuries are no longer 'virtual'. I'm sure your 'time on boards' will pay off this weekend.....just please don't go for that payoff in lap 1, turn 1.

3) For any and all body contact in any session report to impound (you and your car!). Period. More to follow....

4) Video is required.

5) Course Configurations: Saturday-Pro Straight course, Sunday-Club Chicane Course.

6) These written meeting notes take the place of the morning meeting to reduce congestion and close proximity to each other. The meeting will take place at Driver info in the Lower paddock by concessions. Attendance is not required if you read this note. Attendance is required if you are new to the Mid-Ohio Race Track or new to NASA Great Lakes.

That said, here's what you need to know for the weekend:

### **GRID/TECH**

-All cars require a 2020 inspection sticker. If you don't have one, you will not be allowed on track. If you need one this weekend that can be done by Chuck in Tech. Fee is \$100

-Tech stickers are changed this year to a simple Barcode sticker. This goes on your Driver's side door just below the side mirror. Please cover with clear, protective tape (available at driver info). This is the only tech sticker you will get all year. These barcode stickers will be available from your series leader or at Driver info.

-Grid for warm up sessions are first come, first serve. For qualifying and races you will have a grid spot. Grids will be posted online prior to each Q or race session.

-Grid closes 1 minute before release. Grid and paddock speed limit is.....slow the hell down! If our grid marshals think you're going too fast, you are, and you will be held and not released until we feel like it. Get to grid early. NASA will run per the schedule, unless one of you dictates otherwise (read "I've just bugged up my last lap and now I need a tow, so the track is essentially closed until the awesome safety crew comes and rescues me")

### **WARM UP**

-Please use this session to familiarize yourself with the blend line (easy at Mid-O), yellow flag stations (there's some stinkers here), and when to turn left. And right. Along with your normal routine also note the back-straight flag stand, as all rolling/flying starts are on the back straight. Flag conditions, as always, rule. I expect for Saturday morning lap 1 in warm up will be yellow....but.....

-Scales should be open post warm-up.

## QUALIFYING

-For Q, NASA typically starts under green. So, please expect a hot track right from the get-go. If you know you need a lap to warm up, you may want to grid at the back regardless of your grid spot. Might be worth reviewing CCR 25.11.

-Tire temps will be allowed in the hot pit post qualifying.

-All cars report to impound after Q. There will be a white-board with class and car number noted. If your car number is not on the board, you are released from impound and may go back-paddock. If you are on the board, continue to the scales. Once weighed, you will either be released by chief of tech, or will be directed to park for further compliance checks.

-If you are unsure on whether you need to go to tech for impound, GO TO TECH!. We don't necessarily want the whole race group at the scales, but if you missed the board or are otherwise not sure, go ahead and proceed to the scales where it can get sorted without you forfeiting your qualifying time.

## RACE

-Grids will be posted online. They will NOT be posted at Driver info

-All rolling/flying starts will be on the back straight. All standing starts will be on the front straight prior to T1.

-Each wave will get its own green flag. Waves will be noted on the grid sheets. If you are on pole for a wave and have NOT executed a NASA wave start at Mid-O please see me or one of the other race directors for clarification (it's easy...just a matter of getting the proper spacing between waves 1 and 2). Classes within a wave may gap themselves 5-6 car lengths....use your common sense.

-In the event of a full course yellow please remember that double yellow typically means "catch up". Safely. In full control.

-On restarts please remember that local flag conditions rule. If you're radio is blaring "GREEN, GREEN, GREEN" and you're staring at a yellow flag....you are under yellow. We'll do our best to get it right from the tower, but will make no exceptions from "the flags in front of you rule" if there is a discrepancy.

-Hot pits are closed post-race. No tire temps. No work on the car.

-All drivers report to impound post-race. Same rules as qualifying. If you're on the board, go to the scales. If not, you are released. If you're unsure....go to impound.

-ALL BODY CONTACT REPORT TO IMPOUND. NO EXCEPTIONS. Fill out a body contact form. Tech will take a video of your car. Do not leave impound until released by tech or by a race director. Once released, you can return to your paddock, but you **must** report, with your video, to NASA central for review. We will make every attempt to get things sorted immediately post-race. If you report with the incident already cued on your laptop it's a huge help!

## **POST-RACE**

Typically, this is where I'd talk about awards, grub, and beer. But I guess our "temporary" normal (I refuse the 'new' part) means that awards are going to be 'pick up at your leisure' and grub and beer will be per individual taste. If you have any questions please let them know in NASA central and they can track me (or someone qualified (more qualified??)) down by radio. I am super excited to see everyone (and get out of this house!!!) and really look forward to a great weekend.

Go fast. Race hard. Be safe.....

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