

# 2018 Midwest Compacts General Rules

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of Midwest Compact Touring Series (MCTS) racing events and to establish the minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all MCTS events. By participating in these events, all drivers and crew members are required to comply with these rules. By participating in an event, all drivers, crew members, and officials do give voluntary consent to MCTS, and do pledge complete compliance with MCTS and its officials, in regard to the application and enforcement of all rules, regulations, and procedures. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of, or compliance with, these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in NO WAY A GUARANTEE against loss, injury or death to participants, spectators or others. Participation in any MCTS event is considered as voluntary acknowledgement that MCTS and its officials are to be held non-labile and blameless in all legal matters related to the event.

**NOTICE TO ALL COMPETITORS:** The management and staff of MCTS reserve the right to adjust, alter or delete any rule in the interest of maintaining equity in competition. Continuous developments in racing may necessitate rules or rule enforcement changes that cannot be anticipated at the time the original rules are formulated. It will be the decision of the Competition Director and/or the Technical Director on race day how to apply and enforce all rules and procedures, and the Competition Director's determination in all rule and procedure matters will be final. The Management and staff of MCTS reserve the right to suspend and/or fine any driver, team member, or car owner for any violation of track rules, policies, or procedures.

**TRACK/SPEEDWAY RULES:** All MCTS competitors are required to review and understand the track rules of the facilities we visit. Track rules may supersede, or result in a temporary modification of, MCTS rules if necessary to facilitate the racing event.

**PARTICIPATION RULES:** Car or team owners will be held responsible for the behavior of their driver, crew members and any other personnel connected with their team. Penalties may be enforced against the entire team for conduct infractions committed by any one member. PROPER BEHAVIOR IS REQUIRED AT, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RACE TRACK, GROUNDS OR ANY AREA DETERMINED BY MCTS OFFICIALS.

Unsportsmanlike conduct such as hand gestures, foul language, throwing of objects, on-track retaliations or visual display of bad temper by drivers or their crew will result in appropriate penalties, up to and including expulsion, at the discretion of the Competition Director and MCTS officials. Fighting is strictly prohibited. An owner, driver or crew member initiating or participating in a fight may cause the team(s) loss of points; purse/point money accumulated by team(s) and may result in disqualification, suspension, or permanent expulsion of team(s) or individual(s) at the discretion of MCTS officials.

Verbal abuse, hostile behavior, or physical threats made to MCTS officials, track employees, fans, fellow competitors, etc. by any owner, driver or crew member, will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate penalties, up to and/or including expulsion from the event or racing series.

Deliberate reckless behavior by owners, drivers, crew members or other team members, on or off track, endangering the safety of officials, track crews, fellow competitors or fans, will result in penalties, up to

and/or including expulsion from the event or racing series, at the discretion of MCTS officials. Rough driving, deliberate contact or collision with another competitor's vehicle, "jumping" a restart, or failure to maintain appropriate pit area or caution lap speed will result in on-track penalties and/or expulsion from the racing event or racing series as deemed appropriate by the Competition Director or other MCTS officials.

The consumption or use of intoxicating or mind-altering substances, including illegal drugs and/or alcohol, prior to and during MCTS events is strictly prohibited. Alcohol consumption in the pit/paddock area by officials, drivers, crew members or car owners is prohibited at any time during the racing event. Any driver or crew member that MCTS officials suspect (based upon behavior, physical appearance, speech, or other indicative conduct) as under the influence of any intoxicating substance, including but not limited to alcohol, legal drugs, or illegal drugs, during a racing event will be immediately expelled from the event and permanently banned from participating in all future MCTS events.

Drivers must be a minimum of 12 years of age and be able to demonstrate their racing ability to the Competition Director. It is the sole judgment of the Competition Director to determine if a competitor demonstrates an adequate enough racing ability to compete in a MCTS event. The Competition Director reserves the right to allow drivers younger than 12 to participate if satisfactory racing ability is exhibited and track rules allow. The Competition Director reserves the right to not allow the participation of any driver that does not exhibit satisfactory racing ability.

Drivers must be registered with MCTS to participate in point funds and sanctioned purses. Unregistered drivers are not eligible for point funds, and event purses are paid at 50% published purse.

Each competitor is solely responsible for the effectiveness of personal safety equipment used during an event. MCTS, MCTS officials and volunteers, tracks, track officials, promoters or safety crews ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Each Competitor is expected to investigate and educate himself/herself fully with respect to the availability and effectiveness of personal safety equipment available. All entrants are recommended to have in their pit area, as part of their equipment at all times, a fully charged minimum 10 pound dry chemical or its equivalent fire extinguisher with a visible, operating pressure gauge. Drivers are required to wear at all times on the race track a helmet, with a performance rating no less than Snell SA 2005. Drivers are required to wear flame retardant driving suits (one piece or two piece), racing gloves, a head restraint or neck support, and shoes that cover the entire foot. Seat belts must be used and engaged for all events, and at any time vehicle is on racing surface.

**PROMOTIONAL RELEASE:** Any competitor or crew member who enters the pit area of a sanctioned MCTS event, or competes in or participates in a MCTS event, consents to the use of his/her name, pictures of himself/herself and his/her car for publicity, advertising and endorsements both before and after the events, and relinquishes any rights to photos taken in connection with events, and consents to the publication or sale of such photos.