



Official Rulebook

2026 Mini Stocks Rules

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2026 General Rules

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Social Media Conduct Policy

Riverhead Raceway recognizes that social media plays a major role in how our sport is viewed by fans, sponsors, and media outlets. Public posts can have a direct and damaging impact on the reputation of the Raceway, its competitors, and its partners.

Any public social media posts, comments, or shared content that are misleading, inflammatory, defamatory, or intentionally negative toward Riverhead Raceway, its officials, staff, sponsors, competitors, fans, or media partners will not be tolerated.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Spreading inaccurate or incomplete information
- Publicly attacking track decisions or officials
- Posting content that harms sponsor relationships
- Encouraging negativity toward fans or media coverage
- Repeated public complaints instead of using proper communication channels

All concerns or disagreements must be addressed directly with Raceway management through appropriate channels. Social media is not the place to resolve internal matters.

Violations of this policy may result in the individual no longer being welcome on the premises at Riverhead Raceway. This determination will be made at the sole discretion of Raceway management based on the nature and impact of the content.



Riverhead Raceway is committed to protecting its fans, sponsors, and media partners while continuing to grow the sport in a positive and respectful manner. All participants are expected to uphold this standard.

Race Control, Race Procedures & Tap-Out Rule

Any questions or concerns regarding Race Control, officiating, or race procedures must be addressed prior to your event or at the conclusion of the night's events, and only at the Raceway Rear Office or the Raceway NASCAR Office.

Competitors may approach Raceway officials at those times to ask questions. All interactions must be conducted calmly, respectfully, and with dignity. Disrespectful or confrontational behavior toward Raceway officials will not be tolerated. Raceway staff will make every effort to answer questions and provide clarification.

Tap-Out Rule (On-Track Responsibility Option)

Riverhead Raceway will institute a Tap-Out Rule to promote accountability, sportsmanship, and clean racing.

If a driver makes contact with another car resulting in a caution, and believes they were the cause of the incident, the driver may tap the roof of their car in the designated area located at the start-finish line to indicate acceptance of responsibility.

By tapping out:

- The affected car may be returned to the position it held prior to the incident
- The driver who taps out will restart at the rear of the field
- This option must be clearly indicated in the designated area immediately following the event



This rule allows drivers to take responsibility, reduce disputes, and maintain a respectful and professional racing environment. Race Control and Raceway management retain full discretion regarding the interpretation, application, and enforcement of this rule.

General Rules

All rules are subject to change to ensure fair competition, safety, or any other reason deemed appropriate.

No equipment shall be considered approved by reason of having passed through inspection unobserved.

The promoter or Race Director has the right to reject the entry of any car or driver.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the racing premises or prior to entering the pits is strictly forbidden until all racing events have been completed. Anyone caught violating this rule is subject to suspension.

No driver, owner, or mechanic shall participate in fights in the motor pits or on Raceway premises at any time. At all race events, the driver assumes full responsibility for the actions of their pit crew in every aspect.

The track and/or division inspectors reserve the right to subject any car to inspection at any time.



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Failure to submit to inspection will result in immediate disqualification, loss of money, and loss of all points for the night. The car will not be permitted to compete again until an inspection has been completed. Officials reserve the right to confiscate any unsafe or illegal equipment.

No driver may exit their race car or cross the racetrack while a race is in progress unless exceptional circumstances exist, such as fire or immediate danger.

Crew members are prohibited from entering the racetrack.

Anyone caught tampering with another competitor's car will be suspended indefinitely.

Anyone caught rough riding will be penalized at the discretion of the official in charge and may be subject to fines or further disciplinary action.

Fuel

Riverhead Raceway has maintained a long-standing partnership with **Sunoco Race Fuels**, which is the **official fuel of Riverhead Raceway**. In support of this partnership, all competitors are required to purchase a minimum amount of Sunoco fuel per event. Fuel purchases will be **tracked through the scan program**, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping us maintain this program.

- **NASCAR Weekly Series divisions:** Minimum purchase of **five (5) gallons per event**.
- **INEX divisions (Legends and Bandoleros):** Minimum purchase of **three (3) gallons per event**.

Fluids

1. All divisions must have containers and drain pans to contain all fluids in the vehicle.
2. No antifreeze permitted at any time.

In-Vehicle Radio Communications



All in-vehicle radios must be analog only and must not be capable of transmitting or receiving in a digitized, encrypted, or scrambled format, as determined by NASCAR.

Keypad-style and/or password-protected radios are not permitted.

Scanning and/or channel-hopping transmissions to or from the in-vehicle radio are prohibited.

All transmissions to and from the in-vehicle radio must operate within the 450.000–470.000 MHz range.

Only one NASCAR-approved two-way radio and one push-to-talk button are permitted in the vehicle. The radio may not contain the frequency of any other competitor at any time.

During all practice sessions, qualifying, and races, the spotter must maintain radio communication with the driver and must monitor the NASCAR frequency.

Spotters must remain in the designated spotter location (front stretch grandstands, left of the communications tower) during competition.

Driver-to-driver radio communication is prohibited.

Divisions permitted to use two-way communication:

- Modifieds
- Late Models
- Super Pro Trucks
- Riverhead Crate Modifieds
- Figure 8



The following divisions must always monitor the NASCAR frequency; however, two-way communication in any form is prohibited. Only a receiver locked to the NASCAR frequency is permitted:

- Blunderbust
- INEX Legends
- Bandoleros
- Street Stock
- Mini Stock

Licenses

All drivers must possess a valid NASCAR license. Anyone competing without a current license will be suspended indefinitely and may be subject to fines.

Riverhead Raceway and/or NASCAR reserve the right to approve or reject any license application. A license may only be used by the individual to whom it is issued. Any member who allows another person to use or attempt to use their license will be subject to disciplinary action.



2026 Weekly Handicap Tire Policy

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Tire Bank Eligibility

You MUST have a registered number to be eligible for a tire bank.

- All teams will be considered a "Tire Bank" division.
- All competitors will have the option to bring a maximum of (4) four tires from the previous completed year at Riverhead Raceway. Tires from previous year do not have to match the competitor who previously used/purchased them but must be "used" in the previous season.
- All barcodes must be legible and tires scanned, at which time they will become property of the current team, who assumes responsibility for any and all penalties and or infractions. Used tires must be added to bank before opening day's main events. If a team joins after opening day their used tires must be added to their bank that day.
- Each team is responsible to make certain all tires have a scannable barcode. Unscannable tires will be considered illegal.

Support Teams

Riverhead Crate Modified and Late Models,

- **Due to change in tire size,** all competitors listed in the above classes are eligible to purchase up to eight (8) new tires to start the 2026 season. All 8 tires must be purchased prior to the opening day's main events. The car must be present and the driver's car number(s) must be registered with Riverhead Raceway. Any new team that joins us after the opening day of the 2026 season will be permitted to purchase only 6 tires.
- At the end of each completed feature event, you will be credited one (1) new tire.



Riverhead Super Pro Trucks, Figure 8, Blunderbust & Street Stocks:

- All competitors listed in the above classes are eligible to purchase up to four (4) new tires to start the 2026 season. All 4 tires must be purchased prior to the opening day's main events. The car must be present and the driver's car number(s) must be registered with Riverhead Raceway. Any new team that joins us after the opening day of the 2026 season will be permitted to purchase 4 tires.
- At the end of each completed feature event, you will be credited one (1) new tire .

NASCAR Modifieds

- **TIRE PURCHASE PROGRAM**

- All competitors listed in the above class are eligible to purchase up to four (4) new tires to start the 2026 season. The car must be present and the driver's car numbers must be registered with Riverhead Raceway. Any new team entering after opening day of the 2026 season will be permitted to purchase four (4) tires.
- At the end of each completed feature event, competitors will be credited with up to four (4) new tires.
- All tires purchased under this program will be placed into the competitor's **tire bank** and may be used at any time during the course of the season. Tire purchases will be added to the tire bank on a weekly basis and accumulated accordingly. Competitors must compete at all race events using tires from their tire bank. The purchase of four (4) tires at any event is not mandatory; four (4) tires represents the maximum number of tires permitted to be purchased per event.

Modified Heat Race and Feature Tire Tech

- The 4 tires you use to qualify, will be the same tires used to start the feature event.
- These 4 qualifying tires must be placed together (not stacked but laid flat) in your pit area behind your car no later than the end of practice, where tech will check them in. We will not wait. If officials come by and they are not ready to be checked in, that team will start last in heat with no passing points.



Tire Credits

- You **MUST** complete 50% of the feature event to receive a tire credit for the following race. If you fail to complete 50% of the feature event, you must notify the tech official to identify why you were unable to complete 50% of the feature event.
- Officials reserve the right to approve or deny tire credits at any time.
- Tire credits will not be held. If you do not purchase your tire on your return visit, you lose it.

On Track Tire Incident

- A tire credit can be awarded to a driver that has an on-track incident which caused a flat. If you are requesting tire credit, the flat tire must be brought to the official tech area immediately following the conclusion of your feature event. No exceptions! Tires credits will not be held. If you do not purchase your tire on your return visit, you lose it.
- NASCAR Modified team are no longer eligible for tire credits



2026 Tire Infraction Policy

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Chemically treating or altering a tire is strictly **prohibited**. Tires may be inspected or sampled by track officials at any time during practice, qualifying, or feature events.

Blue Ridge Race Lab is the designated lab responsible for tire analysis.

- If tire samples fail to meet manufacturer benchmarks, the driver and car owner are responsible for **any fees associated with the analysis**, will be fined, and **disqualified from the event** with **0 points awarded**.
- Any purse money collected prior to official lab results must be **returned** if an infraction occurs.
- Failure to allow samples to be taken will result in the same penalties as a failed sample: **disqualification, 0 points**, and applicable fines.

Fines by Division:

- Tour Type Modified: \$3,500 + any purse money collected
- Riverhead Crate Modified / Late Model / Figure 8: \$2,000 + any purse money collected
- All other support classes: \$1,000 + any purse money collected



All **Blue Ridge Race Lab results are official and final**. All fines must be paid **prior to returning to competition**. Riverhead Raceway maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** for chemical treatment or tire alteration.

Post-Race Tire Sample Challenge

Any competitor or car owner from a team participating in the same division event on that date may verbally request to challenge a specific Driver / Team Owner.

The request must be made to Riverhead Raceway official staff prior to the start of the feature event, and the required fee must be paid in full, in cash, before the feature begins.

The requesting competitor must specify the number of tires to be sampled and the exact location of each tire at the time of the request. A per-tire fee will apply.

Riverhead Raceway reserves the right to limit the number of tires sampled per car.

A competitor or team may challenge the same Driver/ Team Owner no more than two (2) times per race season.

A fee of \$195 per tire must be paid in full in cash before samples are taken.

- **If a sampled car fails to meet Blue Ridge Lab benchmarks, the requesting competitor will be refunded the full fee.**
- **If a sampled car meets all benchmarks, the requesting competitor forfeits the fee.**

All post-race tire sample challenges are **subject to Riverhead Raceway and Blue Ridge Lab rules**, and **all lab results are final and binding**.



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PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

1. All drivers must have a full-face Snell 2015 rated or better helmet in good condition.
2. No M rated helmets.
3. Fire suit gloves and shoes SFI rated 3.2A-1 or better mandatory.
4. AMB 260x, MyLaps Flex or MyLaps X2 transponder mounted a minimum of 12" behind the rear axle on the passenger side.

ELIGIBLE CARS

1. The Mini Stock division is open to any normally aspirated passenger car built from 1980 through 2012 with a maximum wheelbase of 110". Excluded are trucks, convertibles, four-wheel drives, T-top cars, mid-engine, aluminum bodied, and special production sports cars. No superchargers, turbo-chargers or hybrids allowed. All cars are subject to approval by track officials.
2. Any car deemed to be outside the intentions of the division will be disallowed at the discretion of the track officials. If you have any question as to the eligibility of your car, please ask officials to approve it before you waste valuable time and materials constructing a car which may be disallowed.
3. Any car deemed not structurally sound (i.e., excessive rust of the frame or unibody, etc.) will be ineligible to compete. The decision of Track Officials and raceway management will be FINAL.
4. Stock means for the year and make of the car being used.

ROLL CAGE

1. 6 Point Cage Required. No offsetting of cages.
2. Minimum 1 ½" X .120" or 1 ¾" X .095" round steel tubing. Unibody - Roll cage must be attached to unibody with no less than 1/8-inch steel plate. Plates must be a minimum of 6 inches x 6 inches.
3. All cars are required to have a rear vertical hoop behind and above the driver's head, connected to the left and right front roll bar legs by a roof hoop. A cross bar must connect the left and right of the rear vertical hoop at seat height and a second bar across the floor pan as low as possible.



4. The front roll bar legs must follow the contour of the windshield post and cowl. Maximum distance from the windshield to the rear of the roll bar should be no more than 4". An additional bar must be installed at dashboard level, extended from the left front roll bar leg to the right front roll bar leg.
5. A minimum of (4) door bars on the left side and (3) door bars on the right side must be used. Driver's side door bars must be bent to extend into the door panels. Plating of driver side door bars is mandatory with a minimum of .090 thick plating.
6. Front strut tower supports allowed and must attach from front strut towers to roll cage front uprights. No bars or bracing in front of strut towers allowed.
7. Rear down bars are required and may NOT go past the rear axle.
8. Newman Bar, Earnhardt Bar, and Brain Bar highly recommended.
9. High backed aluminum racing seat mandatory. It must be bolted to a steel frame and connected to the roll cage only. (Steel frame cannot be attached to car frame/body). Must use 6 - 3/8" grade 8 bolts with 2" washers, 1 bolt located in each corner of the seat 2" to 3" from the outer edge and 2 bolts in support brace at shoulder height. Shoulder height support brace must be attached to the crossbar of the roll cage.
10. Quick release NASCAR approved SFI 16.1 minimum 5-point harness required. All belts and harnesses must be securely fastened to the cage (harness must be attached below shoulder level). All belts must be un-frayed and in good appearance. (Date within 5 years of mfg.).
11. Roll bars in the drivers' area must be padded.
12. Drop-down style window net installed in an approved manner are mandatory. (Should be attached to the cage)
13. Rear hoop required to protect fuel cell if cell is located in trunk area which must not extend to the rear bumper.

BODY AND EXTERIOR

1. ARCA/K&N and Sportsman style aftermarket bodies are the only styles permitted (other than Stock). Steel parts only. No composite, plastic or any other non-metallic materials to be used except for the front and rear bumper covers.
2. No excessive gutting of stock body components (hood, trunk, roof etc ...) other than doors for door bar clearance.
3. All doors must be welded or bolted shut.



4. All glass must be removed except windshield. Windshield may be replaced with reinforced Lexan (3/16 thick minimum). A minimum of 2 straps of 1/8" x 1" steel must be installed inside and outside of the windshield for reinforcement of the Lexan.
5. Hood and trunk must be secured with pins or bolts and must be openable for inspection. No Chains.
6. If anything other than hood pins to secure and fasten the hood is used a 10-inch hole must be cut above the air cleaner. No flaps.
7. Trunks must be secured with pins or bolts and must be openable for inspection.
8. Pre-Registered Number is to be displayed on both doors and roof, at least 3" thick and 18" tall, additionally the vehicle number must be on the upper right corner of the windshield for easy visibility by track officials. Car base color and number color must be of high contrast to maximize readability of the number for scoring purposes.
9. All cars must be neat appearing. All cars must have complete bodies, hood, fenders, and bumpers in top quality condition.
10. Sunroofs must be covered by one sheet of 18-gauge (minimum) steel and riveted or welded.
11. No sharp edges on the exterior of the vehicle
12. Headlights, taillights, chrome trim and all other trim must be removed from the outside of the vehicle

INTERIOR AND DRIVERS COMPARTMENT

1. No holes in the driver's compartment All holes must be covered by sheet metal.
2. All interior trim must be removed. Dashboard may remain and may be covered by sheet metal. All air bags must be removed.
3. No sharp edges in the driver's compartment.
4. Removal of lock plate from OEM column mandatory.
5. Quick release, metal to metal steering hubs are mandatory. Aftermarket racing steering wheels allowed. The center of all steering wheels must be padded.

BATTERY

1. Battery may be relocated to the driver's compartment, must be enclosed in a spill proof container and be secure. Container must have a cover.



2. If the battery is relocated, it must have a battery disconnect switch mounted in plain view and clearly marked On-Off. The switch lever itself must be painted bright orange.
3. Only one standard 12 volt maximum automotive battery will be permitted.

ENGINE

1. 4 or 6 cylinder engines only.
2. Engine size and specifications must be stock for year, make and model and use stock location engine mounts. Urethane mounts permitted.
3. Absolutely NO Aftermarket or high-performance parts allowed with the exception of K & N style aftermarket air filter kit. All air filter elements must remain in the engine compartment.
4. Engine computers must be OEM for year, make and model.

EXHAUST

1. Stock Exhaust manifold only, must match year make and model.
2. Stock exhaust system or cherry bomb glass pack muffler part numbers #87502CB, 87505CB, 87529CB, 87518CB are approved for competition.
3. Single exhaust only. Must exit behind the driver on either side of the car.
4. Maximum Pipe diameter 3"

FUEL SYSTEM

1. Fuel cell is mandatory if the stock tank is mounted behind the rear axle. The fuel cell must be in a minimum of 18-gauge steel case and have foam inside the cell. Steel firewall installed between driver and cell/tank.
2. Cells must be mounted on top of the trunk floor, as far forward as possible and be centered in the car.
3. Fuel cell must be secured with (4) one inch x 1/8-inch steel straps, 2 going from front to rear and 2 going left to right. Large washers or 1/8 steel plates on underside and a minimum of 3/8 inch bolts securing the straps.
4. No fuel line is inside the driver's compartment.
5. Electric fuel pumps must match OEM specs for fuel pressure.



6. Electric fuel pump cutoff switch mandatory. Must be accessible and painted a bright orange. Must be clearly marked FUEL On/Off.

RADIATOR

1. Must be in stock location.
2. No auxiliary cooling units allowed

RUB RAILS

1. Single rub rails allowed between the wheelbase only.
2. 1 3/4" OD round tube or 1" x 2" rectangular tube maximum, no lower than the center of the hub and no higher than the top of the tire.
3. Rub rails may not extend out more than tires. Must be mounted flush to the body.
4. Nerf bars must be securely attached to roll cages.
5. No sharp ends and all ends must be capped.

SUSPENSION

1. Minimum ride height of 4"
2. + or - 4 degrees maximum camber on any wheel.
3. Camber may be obtained by slotting or by shimming. The use of aftermarket parts that are solely intended for camber adjustments is allowed in the front suspension only. Cutting and welding of control arms is eligible with the exception of cast and forged control arms.
4. Heavy duty stock mount non-adjustable shocks or struts permitted. Springs may be altered but must mount in factory mounts.
5. Spring spacers are allowed but must be wired to the vehicle to prevent loss on the racing surface.
6. No cutting, heating, welding, altering or modifying of any suspension parts allowed with the exception outlined in rule #3 suspension.
7. Stock rear axles must remain in the stock location for the year, make and model.
8. Modifications of the locating arms and/or locating arm mounts is strictly prohibited.



BRAKES

1. No brake proportioning other than stock.
2. OEM Brakes only.

TOW HOOKS

1. One hook, loop or bar both front and rear, must mount between the frame rails above the bumper for towing. It must not protrude past the bumper and be no wider than 16".

TRANSMISSION

1. OEM Standard Shift transmission or OEM automatic transmission only.
2. No removal of gears.
3. No aluminum flywheels.
4. No multi disk clutches.
5. OEM diameter converter. No hollow converters.
6. No manual valve body.
7. Torque converter stall speed must match OEM specs.

TIRE RULE

1. The STOCK OEM wheels or equivalent aftermarket steel wheels may be used.
2. If steel wheels are used 1 inch lug nuts are mandatory and thread should be exposed on outside of lug nut
3. Wheels must be 13" or 14" diameter, and a maximum of 7" wide.
4. All four wheels must be the same width, offset, and backspace.
5. The tires cannot extend outward beyond the fenders and quarter panels. You may not alter the shape of the fenders and quarter panels to meet this rule. If your tires stick out beyond your fenders or quarter panels, you may be assessed a 100 lb weight penalty.
6. Any DOT street legal 60 series or numerically higher "H" rated (or less) tire with a UTOG wear rating of 200 or higher may be run.
7. Tires must match wheel diameter. Steel belted radials only.



8. All four tires must be the same size. Example: If you run 205/60-14's, then all four tires must be 205/60-14's.
9. No tire softening allowed by any means

WEIGHT RULES

1. Base weight of each vehicle will be calculated based on the following formula:
2. $(\text{CC displacement of the engine} \div 2.377) \times \text{Valve Factor} + 1400 \text{ lbs.} = \text{base weight}$
(push rod engines) $(\text{CC displacement of the engine} \div 2.377) \times \text{Valve Factor} + 1500 \text{ lbs.}$
 $= \text{base weight (non push Rod)}$

Valve Factors:

1. 8 valve engines will have a valve factor of 1.0
 2. 12 valve engines will have a valve factor of 1.1
 3. 16 valve engines will have a valve factor of 1.2
 4. 20 valve engines will have a valve factor of 1.3
 5. 24 valve engines will have a valve factor of 1.4
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1. DOHC engines will add 100 lbs. to the total
 2. Quad Cam engines will add 200 lbs. to the total
 3. V-tech or any VVT/VCT (variable valve/cam timing) engines will add 200 lbs. to the total
 - a. Example using a 2.4-liter Quad4 DOHC motor.
 - b. $2392.3 \text{ cc Displacement} \div 2.377 = 1006.44$
 - c. $1006.44 \times 1.2 \text{ valve factor} = 1207.73$
 - d. $1207.73 + 1500 \text{ lbs.} = 2707.73$
 - e. $2707.73 + 100 \text{ lbs. DOHC} = 2807.73 \text{ lbs. Rounded up to } 2808 \text{ lbs. base weight.}$
 4. Maximum Mini Stock base weight 3250 lbs.

THESE WEIGHTS MAY BE ADJUSTED AS NEEDED TO KEEP ALL OPTIONS EQUAL

5. Base Weight Includes Driver. Maximum 55% left side weight with driver.
6. A time trial/impound race will require all cars to weigh 30 lbs. more during pre-tech.



7. All lead ballast must be painted white with the car number on it and must be securely mounted with a minimum of 3/8" grade 8 bolts and a minimum of 2" diameter washers.
8. The displacement in CC's and base weight of the vehicle must be displayed on the right side of the hood in a contrasting color at least 2" tall.

ROLL CAGE REFERENCE

Roll cage plating (see #5 page 3) in **ORANGE**

Recommended extra roll cage bars (NOT REQUIRED):

Newman Bar illustration in **BLUE**

Earnhardt Bar illustration in **RED**

Brain Bar illustration in **YELLOW**

