



Official Rulebook

2026 INEX Bandolero 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.



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.



2026 INEX Bandoleros Rules

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THE RIVERHEAD INEX BANDOLEROS DIVISION WILL FOLLOW ALL RULES FOUND IN THE CURRENT INEX RULEBOOK EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING RULES:

INEX Bandoleros Age Requirement

1. Bandoleros are open to drivers 7 years of age or older with an age limit of 15 years of age.
2. Beginner drivers are required to go through the normal application process to apply for Bandolero Membership. These drivers must show the ability to control the Bandolero car and have an understanding of racetrack procedures (pit speed, flags, communication from race director etc. Riverhead Raceway will decide in its sole and absolute discretion whether an appropriate level of Bandolero car control and understanding of racetrack procedures has been demonstrated by the driver.
3. The age limit for drivers is based on the drivers age on December 31st.
4. Example: If the driver is 15 years of age on December 31st but turns 16 years of age after January 1st or during the current race season that driver is eligible to compete in the current race year.

Transponders

AMB 260x, MyLaps Flex or MyLaps X2 transponder mounted on the right side bar behind the rear wheel.

Mandatory Communication Equipment – INEX Bandoleros

1. Liteceiver In-Car Unit (Installed in Car)



- Each Bandolero car **must be equipped** with a Liteceiver in-car unit.
- The unit must be fully operational and **set to the correct race frequency** at all times during competition.

2. Racing Electronics RE2-XL Earpiece (Semi-Custom, Worn by Driver)

- The Racing Electronics RE2-XL earpiece is mandatory for all drivers during competition
- Semi-custom fit is recommended for proper function and comfort.
- The earpiece must be in good working condition.

Enforcement:

- Failure to have either the installed Liteceiver or the driver earpiece operational, or set to the correct frequency, **may result in ineligibility to compete** until the requirement is met.
- This rule applies to **all INEX Bandolero divisions**.

Supplier Note:

- Both the Liteceiver in-car unit and the RE2-XL earpiece are available from **Oval Speed Unlimited, Massapequa, NY**, and Dennis will provide the **correct race frequency** for the Liteceiver.