

Cariboo Chilcotin Lawnmower Racing Association



Official Rules and Guidebook

General Rules:

The following rules cover all events held by the Cariboo Chilcotin Lawnmower Racing Association. The rules were created to be as fair as possible to all. This association has adopted a Code of Conduct for its members, crew personnel, officials and volunteers. All of the Rules should be read and understood before entering any sanctioned event. Failure to comply, or unsportsmanlike conduct will be considered by any Race Official to be reason to remove that person from the race and infield.

RULES WILL BE ENFORCED FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

Code of Conduct:

- 1) All drivers/teams must register for the event at least 1/2 hour prior to the posted Driver's Meeting.**
- 2) No one except drivers, officials, registered pit crews or safety crews may be on the track or in the infield; the exception being support crews/parents for the Junior Sprint. Also, mowers are not to be operated outside of the track or infield other than to drive directly to the track from your truck/trailer. ABSOLUTELY no mowers are to be operated in any public spaces.**
- 3) No drugs or alcohol will be allowed on the track or infield. Drivers suspected of impairment may be asked to withdraw and entry fees will be forfeit.**
- 4) A race may be stopped at any time, for any reason during a race and not resumed until the issue has been resolved.**
- 5) Race Official's word is FINAL. Disputes can be settled after the event, formal complaints can be filed at any time.**
- 6) It is the responsibility of each driver to understand the rules and obey ALL flag commands while on the track, racing or not. Please ensure you know and understand the rules.**
- 7) Hillbilly Behaviour is encouraged, as long as it's respectful and somewhat civilized. Let's look at a few examples. "Woot Woot" is an acceptable cheer of support. Raspberries are an acceptable display of complaint. Mullets, sleeves cut off plaid shirts and pants hitched up with baling twine will all be allowed in the infield. Indeed, this will all pay homage to the humble beginnings of this sport.**
- 8) No firearms, firecrackers, knives, fish bonkers, bull whips or other distractions will be allowed during the actual races.**
- 9) Taunting or tinkering with a Racer's Mower will be considered FEUDIN' material and should be avoided at all costs.**
- 10) NB: Any intentional "ramming" is an immediate disqualification.**
- 11) TRY TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN, OK ??**

Personal Safety Equipment:

- 1) **Helmets MUST be worn at all times while operating your mower. Full helmets are required. Half helmets are not acceptable. Full coverage with a face shield is best.**
- 2) **Goggles are recommended in the absence of a face shield for your helmet.**
- 3) **Boots (sturdy, leather is best) at least ankle high are to be worn while riding/racing. This is mandatory, no running shoes will be allowed. Motorcycle boots are safest.**
- 4) **Long sleeves, and preferably a sturdy jacket must be worn.**
- 5) **Body armour and neck support should be considered although not required, racing can be dangerous.**
- 6) **Gloves are mandatory, leather is safest, but composite motorcycle gloves are allowed.**
- 7) **Pants must be full length (for goodness sake, held up with a belt for repairs/inspections !! This IS a family event after all..)**

Rules for the DIVISIONS:

1. **We will run STOCK, MODIFIED/OPEN, and JUNIOR divisions.**
2. **ALL drivers in the STOCK and MODIFIED/OPEN Divisions must be at least 16 years of age on race day.**
3. **Depending on Entry Numbers there may be separate POWDER PUFF and SENIOR'S divisions.**

STOCK:

- 1) **Entry must be a commercially available Riding Lawnmower. Any manufacturer.**
- 2) **Mower deck and/or blades must be removed leaving at least 4" ground clearance under the mower.**
- 3) **Cosmetic and colour modifications are greatly encouraged, but must not present a hazard to driver or others (ie: no Ben Hur Spikes)**
- 4) **Division accepts up to a 20 HP mower motor, original and not modified from the stock mechanical specifications. Engine to be specifically made for that brand of Riding Lawnmower.**
- 5) **Fuel to be regular pump gasoline. (if there is sufficient interest a separate Diesel Division may be formed)**
- 6) **Kill switch/tether must be present and functional.**
- 7) **Tires/wheels must be turf rated. No mud lugs, ATV tires or tires not intended for lawn maintenance.**
- 8) **ALL belts and chains MUST be guarded.**
- 9) **Frames, axles, tie rods and steel wheels may all be reinforced for strength and safety.**
- 10) **N.B Glass should all be removed or covered with plastic film prior to racing.**
- 11) **Seats should all be firmly attached and as close to stock as possible if modified. No seatbelts are required, but the seat should contain the driver safely.**
Gas tanks should all be securely attached and protected with pump gas only on board.
Any electric fuel pumps must have a kill switch that is easily activated.
- 12) **Starters may be electric or pull type.**
- 13) **Throttle must function safely and have a return spring.**
- 14) **Only mowers with a steering wheel will be considered. Handlebars are not acceptable for safety reasons.**

MODIFIED/OPEN:

- 1) **Engines may be any stock up to 30HP.**
- 2) **Modifications may include replacing valve spring retainers, replacing muffler with a header, disconnecting the governor, replacing the air cleaner and modifying the crankcase ventilation. Any engine replacement or rebuild must conform to the mower's original specifications. No performance enhancing parts may be used. Stock timing only. *IF in doubt please contact the race organizers prior to registration* Some exceptions to these rules may be made ONLY with the organizer's prior consent.**
- 3) **Entry to this class may be made by anyone that has qualified for the "STOCK" Division on an available starting slots basis. Always register early.**

TRACK RULES

1. **Obey all track officials and flag persons and be safe.**
2. **Starts/restarts: We will have rolling NASCAR style starts with racers lined up two abreast. When the green flag drops the race has started or restarted but you must maintain your position until you cross the start/finish line.**
3. **Racers being lapped must stay on the outside of the track.**
4. **All tractors must have visible numbers on both sides of their tractor. Minimum 5" high.**

Flags:

GREEN: Begin the race. Often a signal to restart.

YELLOW: NO PASSING under yellow, this is a "Caution" flag, a warning of a problem ahead. When the flag is waving travel to shorten the distance to the front, maintaining your position in the pack. Proceed with caution slowly until directed otherwise. If you cause the yellow flag you must take the rear position for the restart.

RED: STOP !!!! Immediately. Period.

BLACK: Watch carefully. A rolled black flag is a warning and you will have one lap to correct your offending behavior. An open black flag means YOU are disqualified and are being asked to leave the track when safe to do so.

WHITE: Last lap! Almost there....

CHECKERED: We have a winner !! Continue

your run until you finish Congratulations !!!



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REGISTRATION**MOWDOWN SHOWDOWN August 11th, 2018****Registration opens at 10:00 am****DRIVER'S MEETING at 11:00****Name:** _____**Address/mailing:** _____
_____**Phone Number/Cell phone Number:** _____**Email:** _____**Stock** _____**Modified/Open** _____**Mower Make and Model:** _____**Horsepower** _____**Cariboo Chilcotin Lawnmower Racing Association****Payment, \$10.00** _____**Signature:** _____**Date:** _____

***I have read and understood all of the rules and regulations regarding this event, and will obey all official directions given while in the infield or on the track or face expulsion with no return of entry fees:**

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____**Cariboo Chilcotin Lawnmower Racing Association**