



**HUNTLY SPEEDWAY
MINISTOCK CLASS**

**THE
“BLACK
&
WHITE”
BOOK**

2011-2012 SEASON

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the world of racing, to the Waikato Stock and Saloon Car Club Ministock class, and to the future of Speedway.

“The Black & White Book” has been introduced to eliminate any “grey” areas in Huntly Speedway Ministock class, and in association with the Speedway New Zealand Handbook will form the rules and regulations under which, once accepted in the disclaimer, you will race.

“The Black & White Book” is to be used as a constructive, positive and fair tool towards the running of the class.

You are encouraged to voice opinions, views, and constructive criticism in an appropriate manner, ie to your Rep and/or Class Mentors.

While everyone will not agree all of the time, the focus has to remain on the harmony of the Class, and in this regard your respect and acceptance of any decision made is appreciated.

The focus of the class is to educate youth in the skill of driving and the sportsmanship of racing while respecting safety, and having fun.

This is NOT a contact class, ie intentional hitting of other cars on the track. The Officials of Speedway New Zealand, the Club Committee and Rep will deal with ANY attempt at such. The outcome of such judicial procedure will not be negotiated, and such punishment will be given on a fair and consistent basis.

Huntly Speedway encourages you to read the following rules and regulations and upon acceptance of such, invites you to become a part of our Speedway family and join in the fun as we all go racing.

DRIVERS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CREW AND ASSOCIATES are asked to consider the impact of making negative Internet comments BEFORE posting, and the WSSCC reminds you that ANY text and/or internet bullying **ENSURES AN INSTANT STAND DOWN**. The decision to allow you to rejoin the class and race will be discussed with the Committee, and your license revoked/renewed following that meeting.

Huntly Speedway (WSSCC) reserves the right to accept or decline any request or renewal of Club Membership.

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL!

Huntly Speedway is run by volunteers, therefore you are encouraged to offer support and assistance and respect their efforts at all times.

For your information, support and contact, your class Rep is;

Sharyn Flintoft Home: 07 823 0037
Work: 07 827 4041
Mobile: 027 290 2029

**In every instance this is your first point of contact with
Huntly Speedway**

PIT RULES

- NO Alcohol
- NO children under the age of 12 after 6pm
- NO leaving the meeting before the meeting officially ends
(In the event of any emergency approach your Rep)
- NO physical or verbal abuse by a Driver – **INSTANT STAND DOWN** – at the Reps discretion. Length of Stand Down at the discretion of the Committee and Rep.
- NO physical or verbal abuse by a Crew Member or Associate – **INSTANT REMOVAL FROM THE PITS TO THE PUBLIC ARENA** – at the Reps discretion. Your crewmember will only be allowed to return at the end of the meeting to help trailer your car. Length of Stand Down at the discretion of the Committee and Rep.
- Huntly Speedway Officials or Representatives thereof reserve the right to actively REMOVE from the pits any persons deemed disruptive or interfering in the successful completion of a race meeting
- Complete covered footwear at all times
- Towing vehicle only in the pits
- Team shirts must be worn by every person in the pits
- Pit bands (to be worn on the wrist) must be obtained by the driver and worn by him/herself, and the crew at all times Max 5

Pit gates CLOSE at 6:00pm

REGISTERING TO RACE

It is the **responsibility of the Driver** to contact the Rep before 7pm Wednesday **prior** to the race meeting to confirm that they want to race.

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 Work: 07 8274041
 Mobile: 027 2902029
 Email: sflintoft@xtra.co.nz

You can do this by either a text, phone call or email, which will be confirmed.

REMEMBER – BEFORE 7PM WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO RACING

*Failure to contact the Rep will result in a note recorded that you **CHOSE** not to race.*

We have a fair arrangement with surrounding clubs regarding requests to participate, therefore in this regard, should you wish to race at another club, please contact your Rep.

Some Clubs offer “Social” memberships, which ensure you first option to race, and this is encouraged and supported. This will not impact on your request to race at alternative tracks.

Under no circumstances are you to contact the Rep from another club directly.

Huntly Speedway reserves the right to fill your space on race night if you are unable to race a particular meeting due to injury or car damage.

If your circumstances change and you are not able to complete a season, please advise your Rep. In this instance your position *may* be filled.

MENTOR PROGRAMME

For those new to racing, you will be placed under the Mentor programme until the Officials, Mentors and Rep deem that you are ready to race.

Parents of Mentor driver are asked to please be aware that your child is not the only driver on the track, and that their conduct and car control whilst racing could affect not only themselves but other competitors and race night officials. In this regard it is essential that all mentor drivers attend mentor training nights and practice sessions.

These meetings are scheduled and modelled to ensure Drivers are familiar with their car, the track and how their car handles and reacts to different situations and conditions while on the track. It is also used to highlight the roles of track officials, the lights, flags and other safety aspects associated with racing and to understand race night procedures.

As the safety of our drivers is our primary concern, if a driver does not attend mentor nights and practice sessions, display a reasonable amount of car control, and an understanding of racing rules and etiquette, we reserve the right to delay being permitted to race.

Mentor nights are designed to be fun, informative, and provide an opportunity to meet other drivers and parents, and experience racing conditions.

Please note, that while a Speedway License may be approved by SNZ, any concerns regarding safety may defer the issue of such, pending further discussion with Parents and/or Guardians.

The rules for the Mentor programme will be explained, however you will be required to run a Club issued indicator which shows other drivers that you are new and to avoid your placement on the track as you are learning. This will be removed at the Class and Mentor Reps discretion.

The Mentor Reps are available for guidance and encouragement prior to the start of the season and throughout the season for all Drivers.

Under the Mentor programme you are required to race as close to the inside line of the track until you master the handling of the car and get used to others travelling at speed past you. You will run from the back of the grid and will not be able to take part in the grid draw until you have completed the Mentor term, and/or deemed ready in skill and confidence to join the grid draw.

In addition you are not eligible to travel and race at other tracks until you have completed the programme and been issued your official race license.

Once you have completed the Mentor programme and obtained your racing license, you will have to complete a minimum of three race meetings at the Huntly track BEFORE you are eligible to race at other tracks.

We must take responsibility for the most part including safety, mentoring, and efficiency, and in this regard I would ask that we all offer constructive criticism and work together to achieve this, and ensure that our emphasis and focus be on...

S - Safety

S - Sportsmanship

F - Fun

RACE NIGHT

While we appreciate that Speedway is a summer sport, and the attire in the pits will suit the weather, in respect of the Scrutineers, Female drivers are to wear overalls during the scrutineering process.

Drive your car to Scrutineering where pre-race checks on behalf of Speedway New Zealand will be made. We encourage you to do this early in case there are changes requested. Ensure you have completed this by 5:30pm. On occasion, Speedway New Zealand and/or WSSCC will insist on spot checks. Should a situation arise threatening your ability to race without changes to meet requirements, discuss these with your Rep.

Return your car to the pits, and proceed to the bottom of the Official tower where a gear check will be undertaken, and pit bands signed for. You must ensure that you have sufficient bands for every member of your crew. There is a maximum issue of 5 bands per car. If you require more, talk to your Rep.

At 6:00pm a **DRIVER ONLY** meeting at a standard designated place (usually the Club rooms) will be called where any issues or advice on the race meeting will be given. A separate Ministock Drivers pre-race meeting may be held.

You are reminded that the Ministock Class is a REGIONAL CLASS and in this regard protocol followed for a race meeting may differ from that offered at other tracks. As a support class, the Ministocks are often the first class to take the track, and in this regard in order to ensure the track surface for the entire meeting, the track is likely to be wet and not necessarily suitable to speed. PLEASE make every effort to drive to the conditions.

You are expected to be on the dummy grid when requested, and be “race ready” ie in full attire ready to take the track. Any Driver not ready when called to take the dummy grid, and/or not considered “race ready” may lose their placement in that grid and be requested to run off the back.

The topic of reaction to the “red light” accidents and/or creeping to gain position is always a hot point. You are required to STOP within a reasonable timeframe and WITHOUT causing undue harm to others on the track. Do not “milk” this rule, you will be requested to backup on the track to a placement where the Officials consider you were able to stop and from where you have abused such. Continued breaking of the rule may result in stand down.

You are reminded that this is a “learning” class and ultimately an introduction to speedway. *In this regard, while points will be collated, they will not be available to Drivers until the end of the season. The disclosure of such earlier than this will be at the discretion of the Rep.*

Should an incident occur either on the Track or in the pits your first point of contact to discuss such will be with your Rep. At your request your Rep will accompany you to the Tower should the Officials need to become involved. SNZ rules regarding protocol following races will be adhered to.

Any parent/guardian wishing to make further comment/complaint may do so *in writing* (not via the Internet) C/- P.O Box 858 Cambridge.

Such correspondence will be dealt firstly by an associated report by the Class Rep and forwarded for further comment by the Committee.

A response will be issued following that meeting.

THE COMMITTEE’S DECISION IS FINAL

REGULAR CHECKS

As you are aware, all cars require green sheeting prior to the season start or approval to race.

Competitors have expressed frustration and concern at changes being made by SNZ part way through the season regarding rules and technical requirements. This is largely caused by alterations to vehicles that are made in the off season and often not brought to the attention of SNZ until green sheeting.

If you are considering changes/modifications/alterations from those approved in the Speedway New Zealand Rule Book, you are encouraged to seek advice from SNZ, PRIOR to making those changes.

“Why do drivers think that because it does not say *not to* in the rule book, that means that they *can do* it”!!!

In addition to the green sheeting requirements of Speedway New Zealand, carried out prior to the season starting, and the meeting-by-meeting scrutineering prior to each race meeting, Huntly Speedway reserves the right to undertake checks of either car or gear it considers necessary based on protocol and safety.

These checks are in addition to Speedway New Zealand regulations and will include but are not limited to:

- Bumper heights - checked randomly;
- Seat belt checks - on the dummy grid;
- Lap belt checks - on the dummy grid;
- Firm Placement of the torso in the seat - on the dummy grid.

Please note, these checks will be undertaken either by the Rep or an assistant and, as they are based on safety, *will not be questioned, obstructed, or prohibited* by any Driver or crewmember.

While such checks are made in good faith it is hereby reiterated that racing Speedway is considered a dangerous sport, and in this regard Huntly Speedway, or any representative thereof, WILL NOT be held accountable for any financial loss or physical injury as a result of participation, or attendance in the pit area.

As a Club, and Regional Class, we must take responsibility to work together to pass on knowledge and experience to improve Driver skills and build confidence. This being done to ensure the safety of our Children and to encourage the provision of a positive, family friendly environment for all to enjoy.

DISCLAIMER

Please complete the details below and tear out the page and hand to your Rep. If you require a copy for your records, please advise your Rep.

THIS DISCALIMER IS TO BE SIGNED BY ALL DRIVERS AND PARENT(S) AND/OR GUARDIAN(S) PRIOR TO PERMISSION TO RACE BEING GRANTED.

I _____ (Print name) being the Driver of _____(Car number)

And I _____ (Print name(s)) Being the Parent/Guardian

Hereby sign in acceptance, acknowledge and agree;

- That I have read and understand the contents of “The Black & White Book” issued/managed by the Waikato Stock and Saloon Car Club Huntly Speedway Ministock class
- That I accept and agree to the terms, rules and regulations thereto;
- That I accept and agree that racing Speedway is considered a dangerous sport, and in this regard acknowledge, accept and agree that Huntly Speedway, or any representative thereof, WILL NOT be held accountable for any financial loss or physical injury as a result of participation, or attendance in the pit area.
- That I accept that the rules and regulations will be STRICTLY enforced and failure to comply may result in my license being revoked.

Signed in acceptance

_____ (The Driver) Date:

_____ (The Parent(s)/Guardian(s)) Date:

CONTACT DETAILS

This information will be held in confidence and is to be used for Huntly Speedway Race contact and correspondence only.

Race Car Number: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mobile contact for texting: _____

Email for correspondence: _____

Home phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian contact name: _____

Parent/Guardian mobile: _____