



# UMTR MEMBER RULES HANDBOOK

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## **RACE CLASSES**

- **QUICK STICK:** 7.50 TO 11.99 ET (1/4 MILE); 4.70 TO 7.65 ET (1/8 MILE)
- **STREET STICK:** 11.50 TO 17.99 ET (1/4 MILE); 7.30 TO 11.50 ET (1/8 MILE)

## **CAR AND SAFETY RULES**

- 1) **Manual transmissions only.** Lencos permitted. Hand/arm shifted lever(s) only. No air or electronic shifters permitted. NO clutch activated automatics or Brunos permitted. Car may be subject to inspection and ruling by a UMTR official.
- 2) All cars must leave the starting line with a leg released clutch. Shifting without a clutch (clutchless) is permitted.
- 3) Electronic control devices are prohibited in all UMTR North (UMTR) classes, including but not limited to data processing devices that are capable of making any adjustments during a run are prohibited.
  - a. No delay boxes, pedal magnets, air release, or hydraulic clutch line lock systems.
  - b. No aftermarket traction control components or devices. No traction control components or devices except those that are the original factory equipment as mass produced by the licensed automobile manufacturer on that particular passenger vehicle being used in UMTR North competition.
  - c. These described components and devices are prohibited and must be removed from competition vehicles before competing at any UMTR event.
  - d. If a competitor is found to have any of these prohibited components or devices, Upon UMTR North review, UMTR event payout may be forfeited, UMTR membership may be revoked, UMTR season points may be revoked, and the competitor may be banned from competing in UMTR events for the remainder of the season.
- 4) Data acquisition, rev-limiters, 2 steps, and wheel line locks are permitted.

- 5) UMTR recognizes NHRA as being the industry standard for drag racing safety rules and suggests your following the NHRA safety rules that pertain to your Elapsed Time.
  - a. UMTR competition events are held at several Host Tracks whose safety rules, policies, procedures, and competition equipment requirements (rules) may not be identical.
  - b. In addition to understanding and adhering to UMTR's rules, policies, and procedures, YOU, and ALL UMTR event participants are INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE for understanding and adhering to the Host Tracks' specific rules, policies, procedures, and requirements for your being in attendance on their property, and for your operating your competition vehicle on their racetrack.
  - c. You and your vehicle(s) and equipment are also subject to inspection by the Host Tracks.
  - d. Some, but not all other examples of these rules may include specifications on required helmets, jackets, gloves, pants, neck braces, footwear, and/or other clothing or safety requirements.
  - e. Some, but not all other examples of these rules may include specifications on required roll cages, safety belts, oil containment devices, window nets, electrical cutoff switches, fire extinguishers, vehicle lights, catch cans, driveshaft loops, parachutes.
  - f. Some, but not all other examples of these rules may include specifications on alcohol, substances, individual behavior, fires, pit areas, and pit vehicles.
  - g. The Host Track Management's decision on whether you are following their track and safety rules, policies, procedures, and requirements and whether you may compete or attend at that event will be final.

## **PARTICIPATION RULES**

- 1) A driver may race the same car in both race classes providing he/she meets the rules for both classes and pays to enter both classes.
  - a. Street Stick competitors at UMTR North events who run quicker than 11.50 on a competition run are deemed to be the worst offense for disqualification over redlights and breakouts that are 11.50 or slower and are disqualified from advancing to the next round of competition.
  - b. When both Street Stick competitors run quicker than 11.50, the winner declared on the time slip advances to the next round of competition.
  - c. Any disqualifications that are determined by the track management for other reasons shall take precedence and control over this E.T. rule.
  - d. At UMTR North vs South events, the South's current Street Stick E.T. rule controls.
- 2) Once eliminations start, you must drive the same car in all rounds.
- 3) Participants will run on personal dial-in. Dial-in may be changed between rounds. Driver/crew is responsible to check the dial-in. Once staged, you must accept the dial-in.

- 4) Bracket style eliminations will be used at UMTR points events. In most cases, pairings for eliminations will be done on a chip draw at the driver's meeting and a ladder will be used from first round to the end of the event. When a ladder is used, lane choice will be decided between competitors either by mutual agreement or coin toss. At events which do not use the ladder, pairings, lane choice and bye runs will be decided by host track personnel in the staging lanes.
- 5) UMTR North urges courtesy staging. While not a rule, it is suggested that both competitors assure both have pre-staged before activating the bottom bulb (no double bulb).
- 6) A competition single, where your opponent has broken is not a bye run. Only one bye run per car and driver per event. Unless the final 3 remaining racers have each already had a bye run, then the bye run will be determined by host track personnel, chip, or card draw. Bye runs must self-stage on engine power and at least break beams and/or follow procedure from official starter at host track.
- 7) A driver/car registration form or tech card must be completed at each event and turned in prior to the first time run. Form/cards are to be turned in to a UMTR official unless otherwise stated.
- 8) All competitors, regardless of membership, MUST sign-in at the UMTR tent prior to making a time run. Immediately following the completion of time runs, a drivers meeting will be held at the UMTR tent. It is imperative that each competitor, or a representative, attend the meeting for the first-round pairing instructions and announcements. Failure to appear will result in a UMTR official representing you. In that case, all decisions will be final. Racer must notify UMTR staff member if they are unable to compete in competition in any round especially first round, due to breakage or emergency.
- 9) Any questions or complaints must first be brought to the attention of UMTR officials ONLY.
- 10) Participants will not argue with track personnel for any reason.
- 11) Any protest on a competition run must be made immediately following the run, track management will have the final say.

## **FEES AND PAYOUTS**

- 1) Annual Membership Fees: \$50.00 per class (required for points and contingencies)
- 2) Race-day Entry Fees:
  - a) **QuickStick**- \$60.00; some tracks may require a separate gate fee.
  - b) **StreetStick**- \$35.00; some tracks may require a separate gate fee.
- 3) Refunds:
  - a) There will be no Race-day entry fee refunds once time trials have commenced.
  - b) Points race rainouts or cancelled events will not be rescheduled. Rainout re-admission/entry may be at the discretion of host track and/or UMTR officials.
  - c) As for the payout at a sponsored event:

- i) A gate fee rain check (if applicable) is up to the discretion of the track.
  - ii) If at least one round of competition for your UMTR class has NOT been completed prior to rainout, then, a raincheck will be given for your UMTR race entry amount.
  - iii) If at least one round of competition HAS been completed for your class, then the advertised payout will be calculated based on your member status and divided among the remaining competitors. UMTR Member payout amounts will be higher than non-member payouts.
- 4) Payouts:
- a) UMTR will determine all class payouts. Payouts are calculated based on car count and any contributions from race sponsors.
  - b) Payouts may include gift certificates and hardware from sponsors.
  - c) Sponsors will determine distribution of any awards beyond UMTR payouts. Must be a UMTR member to receive full payout on sponsored races, non-members purse will be determined by car count. Racer may be required to display sponsor decal at sponsored events.

## **UMTR POINTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- 1) Any stick shift car is welcome to participate in any UMTR event. However, to accumulate points or to receive end of year prizes and contingency awards, you must be a UMTR North member. To compete for points in both classes you must pay the membership fees for each class.
- 2) Each UMTR chapter will have its own points champions. Points towards the championship will only be earned in the chapter(s) to which you are a member. Any driver can belong to more than one UMTR chapter during the same season.
- 3) In order to receive points, you must run your UMTR member car number ONLY. If your UMTR member car number is not on the tracks run sheets, you forfeit your points for that race. If you run more than one car during the season, you must run the same UMTR member number to accumulate points.
- 4) Points schedule: (Note: ALL point rules are based upon a UMTR member having brought their race-ready car to the track, purchased a tech card, and turned their tech card in to the appropriate personnel.)
  - a) 2 points will be awarded to any member who broke BEFORE first round of eliminations.
  - b) Members will earn 5 points for competing in round one. Additionally, members will earn 5 points for every round win.
  - c) 1 point will be awarded to members for the best reaction time during first round of eliminations per class. (Clutch Artist Award) UMTR officials will NOT be getting run information from the tracks to determine who has the best reaction time. You are responsible for presenting your winning first round time slip to a UMTR Official if you believe you have the best reaction time. No reaction times will be accepted after the event is over.
  - d) In case of an event rainout or if racing is cancelled before all rounds of competition are completed;
    - i) if called before time runs and/or eliminations, 2 points will be awarded.

ii) if called during eliminations, points will be awarded for completed rounds only. 5 points will be awarded to the winners of the last completed round. No points will be awarded for future rounds (i.e., bye runs)

iii) In the event of a tie, final points positions will be determined by number event wins, followed by number of event runners-up and so on.

5) All rules are subject to change as circumstances may demand from time to time. UMTR will make every effort to give ample notice of any changes.

## **UMTR NORTH POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Effective immediately, UMTR North has implemented the following Policy:

### **UMTR North EVENT BEHAVIOR POLICY**

At all UMTR North Events, you will now be held responsible for displaying behavior that is unacceptable, and/or inappropriate for a family event.

Your event participation may be terminated and not refunded, and you may be disqualified, and eliminated from any further event competition, and you may lose any points you may have accumulated at the event, and your UMTR North membership may be revoked and not refunded if The UMTR North Director finds that you have violated the UMTR North EVENT BEHAVIOR POLICY.

UMTR North EVENT BEHAVIOR POLICY violations include:

The use of Foul, Abusive, Obscene, Profane, Intimidating, or Harassing Language, Actions, or Gestures, or Violent, or Dangerous Actions, or Disrespectful, or Uncivil Behavior toward others, or yelling at, arguing with, or fighting with others at UMTR North events.

**NOTE: No printed rule book or guidelines can replace common courtesy and common sense. Responsible and professional behavior is expected and appreciated.**