

2019 BIRCH RUN SPEEDWAY

RULES & PROCEDURES

I - General Rules

Basic Rules

Upon admittance to BIRCH RUN SPEEDWAY & EVENT CENTER (BRSEC) all participants must conduct themselves in a manner not detrimental to auto racing. Profanity in front of fans, officials, employees/management, profane signs or writing on cars, etc. will be tolerated and may subject the offending party to penalties. Conduct in Social Media deemed detrimental to BRSEC or it's sponsors may subject the driver or team to sanctions. UN-SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT OF AUTO RACING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

General appearance of drivers and crew members must be neat and clean looking.

A competitor that stops his or her car on the track to argue or discuss an incident with the starter or other officials may be subject to penalties. All drivers must have a working raceceiver on whenever on the track or line up chute.

Verbal or physical abuse of BRSEC officials, including improper language or actions will result in sanctions from BRSEC.

FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED CAR OWNER/DRIVER WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCT OF ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THEIR CAR! FIRST OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN FORFIT OF WINNING & POINTS, SUSPENSION OF YOUR NEXT EVENT/RACE. SECOND OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN FORFIT OF WINNING & POINTS PLUS ONE (1) YEAR SUSPENSION THERE WILL NOT BE A THIRD OFFENSE YOU WILL BE BARRED FOREVER! Any person from a crew including driver/owner, wife, girlfriend etc. going to another pit area where any altercation erupts, will be considered at fault and will be subject to penalties!

Any driver who, in the judgement of BRSEC officials, engages in rough driving, deliberately running into, blocking or swerving in front of another car, may be subject to penalties. Any car intentionally blocking the track will subject the driver and owner to immediate and indefinite suspension from the track.

Any driver who intentionally causes a caution condition, without safety being an issue, by stopping, spinning, or any other action will be subject to a two (2) lap penalty

PENALTIES CAN INCLUDE LOSS OF POINTS, POSTING A BOND, FINES, SUSPENSION MAY BE FOR A DETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME FROM A NUMBER OF EVENTS OR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON!

B. Racing Rules

1. When supplied, teams are required to use uniform patches and car stickers in their designated and mandated position. Failure to do so may result in a minimum penalty of 25% of their purse for that event and/or lose of contingency prizes or awards.
2. Normal BRSEC programs will consist of practice, qualifications, qualifier heat races, last chance races and feature races. Final practice times may be used for qualification purposes should any unforeseen circumstances dictate the necessity during the event. Final session practice times may be scheduled in advance to replace traditional qualifying
1. Individual track promoters will have the option to add additional starters to the feature race. These will be added to the feature line-up according to the qualifying times, series points or last chance race. These may be done at a reduced pay amount.
2. In the event that all cars qualifying for the event will make the event. The entire feature line-up will be by qualifications with the announced invert.
3. Fast qualifier will draw a chip/pill for the invert of the feature, the numbers on the chip/pill will be determined by the car count and the number of laps for that event.
4. If the determination is made to start all cars (per division), above the previously announced number of starters, the field will be set on time with the appropriate inversion. For payoff purposes, additional starters (at the reduced amount) will be the 2 slowest cars that aren't the 2 highest pinpoints in qualifying positions 21 and slower.
5. A driver may qualify only one (1) car, and a car may be qualified only one (1) time for a race program. If a car is scratched following a successful qualifying attempt, a driver may qualify another car, provided that car has not yet qualified.
6. A driver, with his car, must either practice or qualify , to be eligible to start the feature. The only exception is with prior approval.
7. All driver changes must be reported to a BRSEC official prior to the race involved being Calle to the track. Any driver within the top 20 prior to the start will result in that car starting 20th.

8. No teams may use a points-based starting position if they do not have a car in the pit area that is capable of competing.
9. Line-ups for races will be posted in a conspicuous location. It is the drivers responsibility to check his or her starting position and be ready when called for an event. Cars not ready to race may be placed at the rear of the starting line-up or disqualified from the event. No cars will be allowed to enter the racing surface after the parade lap has started or while the track is green.
10. The starter may start any event whether all cars called are ready or not, you will have ten (10) minutes to get your car to the line-up area after the air horn is blasted.
11. Any car that loses a wheel, has a hood or trunk lid come off or open, or is observed dragging any dangerous parts, or dropping any fluid, is subject to the black flag and/or disqualification at the discretion of BRSEC officials.
12. Drivers must remain in any disabled car unless it is on fire or until the safety crew tell you to get out and you must remain with your car to help with removal from the track unless you are injured and are with medical crew.
13. BRSEC officials may alter the rules or procedures at any time in the interest of fairness and/or safety.

II - Competition Rules

A. Finishing Positions

1. Finishing positions will be determined according to the most laps completed in the least amount of time, whether the car is running or not. The winning car will be the first one to cross the plane of the start/finish line whether it is the front, rear or another part of the car.

B. Finishing Positions Protest

1. Protests to finishing positions in any race must be made within fifteen (15) minutes after the unofficial results are posted. Such protests must be in writing and must be given to the BRSEC race director.
2. Scoring re-check decisions are final, and cannot be appealed or litigated.

C. Inspection, Mechanical Protest

1. BRSEC officials may require an inspection of any vehicle at any time. Vehicles placing in the first five (5) positions (unless told otherwise) must present themselves at the tech barn after the conclusion of the feature race for such inspection and must not work on the car in any fashion until told to do so by a BRSEC technical official. NO AIR PRESSURE, STAGGER AND NO JACKING THE CAR UP!
3. A competitor must take whatever steps are required, including a complete tear down of the car, as requested by the BRSEC tech official to facilitate the inspection of the car.
4. During tech, only the driver and one crew member will be allowed in the tech area unless ok'ed by the tech official, anyone not obeying this will be removed from BRSEC property.
5. Failure to present a car for inspection when requested to do so, or refusal to take the steps request by BRSEC official, will be considered an admission of guilt and will be grounds for disqualification.

D. Common Technical Rules

1. Pump gas/racing fuel only, no nitrous oxide or the type of pressurized fuel, alcohol cars MUST HAVE A SIX (A) INCH TALL (A) ON THE REAR PANEL OF THE CAR!
2. Bleeders are not allowed. Use of tire softening or altering agents is not permitted on BRSEC property. Use and/or possession of such substances will result in immediate disqualification.
6. No traction control devices, electronic or otherwise permitted. No data acquisition electronics allowed on race days. Use of traction control or data acquisition will be cause for immediate disqualification and suspension from BRSEC events. No driver adjustments other than brake allowed in drivers cockpit area.
3. No tungsten or similar weight allowed! Must be lead or steel and painted white with the car number on

E. Penalties

1. Penalties for violations the rules are determined by the gravity of the violation and/or its effect on fairness of competition. They may be weighted at discourage future infractions of a similar nature. Penalties may include, but not limited to, lap penalties, position penalties, disqualification, suspension of competitor.

F. Eligible Owners & Point Standings

1. Separate owner and points standings will be kept for the sole purpose of determining a different driver's champion in necessary.

2. 2019 contingency awards will be paid based on final owner points standings. Driver's standings will be kept for media and statistical purposes only.
3. Only legitimately earned points will be kept for car owners. Efforts to circumvent the rule of car ownership will not be rewarded or tolerated. A legitimate effort is defined as being represented by the normal driver of that team or a different driver with a car previously ran by that team. (A team will NOT be able to put their number on another car without utilizing their regular driver) Once teams enter the pit gate of an event, an owner may use another team's car in the starting field and earn points only if his normal driver drives the car.
4. All teams who enter a car and present it for competition, but fault make a qualifying attempt will receive 25 points for participation.
5. Points for qualifying results and heat race results will only go to the top ten (10) in each event. 1st-10, 2nd-9, 3rd-8, 4th-7, 5th-6, 6th-5, 7th-4, 8th-3, 9th-2 and 10th-1.
6. Points for feature race results will be awarded in the following manner, 1st-200, 2nd-195, 3rd-190, 4th-185, 5th-180, with a five (5) point drop per position to 20th, where any finisher beyond 20th will receive 100 points. The first car to not make the feature based on last chance race results will receive 95 points and each car beyond that five (5) less points for each position.
7. Any tie in the final points standings of any award will be broke by the highest amount of wins and if still tied by the highest amount of second (2nd) place finishes and so on until the tie is broken.
8. Select points-earning events may be run for "Participation Points Only."
9. In the event of a ran out or any unforeseen circumstances, 25 "Show-Up" points will be awarded to all teams on the grounds for their participation for those who have not qualified for the division.

G. Rookie Eligibility (per division)

1. Drivers can apply for rookie status if they meet all necessary requirements as determined by BRSEC officials and based on each division.
7. A driver who has competed in a "higher level" touring series is not eligible for rookie status in any division.
8. All rookie drivers must register and be approved by BRSEC and display a six (6) tall (R) on the back of the car.

H. Practice & testing Guidelines

1. Practice will be allowed on race day of your division, if your division is not scheduled to race you may not practice, there will be scheduled test and tune dates that are available for anyone in any division to use. You may also "rent the race track" contact BRSEC for details, if you blow an engine, transmission, rear end and oil down the track you will be responsible to clean it up the track will provide the oil dry and brooms, if you do not clean it up you will be charged for the clean up.
9. On race day if something breaks on your car during practice and/or heat races, BRSEC officials will try their best to get you a couple of laps after you fix your car to make sure your repairs are ok, this is no guarantee but we will make every attempt to do so.

Number Distribution

1. All numbers will be secured on a first come basis with submission of the BRSEC registration form and fee. No duplicate numbers. After sending in your paid registration you must call the office (810-294-0456) to confirm your number. Number must be on race car day the day of race and be legible. Numbers must be at least (24) inches tall and (3) inches wide the doors. A minimum (6) in tall number must be on the upper corner of the roof on the passenger side.
10. After the first race, duplicate number issues will be resolved with the order of registration received. Letter designations will be allowed on a temporary basis only.

III - Flag Rules

Green Flag

1. At the beginning of each race, when the green flag is displayed, the track is "green all over" and all cars may commence racing at the time. On starts and restarts, a driver must stay in their lane until reaching the start/finish line.

B. Yellow Flag

1. The yellow flag and lights signify caution, and will be displayed immediately upon the decision by the starter and/or race director that a cause for such action exists.
11. After the yellow flag and lights are displayed, all cars must immediately slow to a reasonable speed and hold position until such time that race control tells you otherwise. Or the red flag and lights are displayed, racing back to the start/finish line will not be tolerated and may cause you to be black flagged.

12. A pace car will likely be used at the start of each event and during caution laps. No car may pass the pace car unless directed to by race control/BRSEC official.
13. Pit crew or officials may not service a disabled car on the racing surface during caution, BRSEC OFFICIALS WILL NOT PULL SHEET METAL.
14. Cars which leave the line-up and pit during the caution flag period and return during the caution period, will rejoin the line-up at the tail of the field.

C. Red Flag

1. The red flag and light means, in the opinion of officials, a situation exists requiring that the race must be stopped immediately regardless of position of cars on the track.
15. Pit crews may not service disabled and/or damaged cars on the racing surface during the red flag.
16. Cars that pit during the red flag period must return to the tail of the field.

D. Black Flag

1. The black flag is a consultation flag, and indicates that a driver must take his or her car to the pits immediately for consultation with a BRSEC official, scoring will stop on the car which is black flagged until the situation is rectified. Any driver who fails to heed the black flag after it has been displayed tech will lose two (2) laps or every lap run from that point on. Any driver repeatedly ignoring the black flag may face suspension.
17. The black flag may be displayed to you for something leaking for your car, excessive smoking, something dragging from your car that may be unsafe.

E. Layover Flag (blue with diagonal)

1. The layover/move over flag is a courtesy flag, and is displayed to indicate to drivers that the leaders are coming and that you are being lapped by faster cars. This flag will be used at the discretion of BRSEC official and/or starter.

F. Crossed Flags

1. When any two (2) flags are crossed and displayed by the starter, it signals drivers that the leader has completed half the distance of the race.

G. White Flag

1. When this flag is displayed, it signals drivers that the leader has begun his or her last lap. If a yellow or red flag is displayed after the leader has taken the white flag there will be a green, white, checker restart/finish.

H. Checkered Flag

1. When this flag is displayed, it signals drivers that the race has been completed. After the checkered flag is displayed to the leader, the balance of the field will receive the checkered flag in the same lap.

IV -On Track Rules

Line-up

1. BRSEC will make every attempt to have you in your proper starting spot before you enter the track, when you are sent onto the track if you are not lined up behind the car that is supposed to be in front of you, make sure to leave room for that car to get in front of you unless a BRSEC official/race control tells you otherwise.
18. Once all cars are on the track the pace car will slowly pull ahead and bring you around the track, once the pace cars caution lights are turned off you must remain at pace speed and allow the pace car to pick up speed to clear the racing surface, at that point it is the responsibility of the pole sitter/control car to dictate the start.
19. Once the starter has displayed the green flag the entire track is green and all cars must stay in line until you cross the start/finish line, if the starter and/or race control feels the start was faulty the yellow flag and lights will be displayed in the back stretch, and all cars will maintain your position for a second start.the front row will have two (2) chances to get it right, if not the second row will swap with the front and try.
20. After one complete lap, if the caution is displayed the field will be lined up by positions of the last completed lap, the leader will be the control car and have choice of inside or outside lane and everyone else will line up in their position.

21. Race control will verify position with the scorer, if you are told by race control to move to a different position you will have one (1) complete lap to do so, if you do not go to that position you will be black flagged and will no longer be scored. DO NOT STOP ON THE TRACK AND ARGUE WITH ANY OFFICIAL.
22. Heat race winners should pull onto the X for your photograph and exit the track when cleared to do so.
23. After the checkered flag for the feature you will be allowed one (1) cool down lap the top 3-5 must report to the tech barn unless told otherwise by race control, the winner shall stop at the start/finish line for interview and checkered flag presentation and awards if any and then report to tech.

V - Official Decisions

1. Any situation not specifically covered in these rules will be acted upon by BRSEC at the time, whose decision will be final and binding on all participants.
24. Any disagreement over technical questions or operations will be resolved by BRSEC. When their decision is made, such decision is final and binding.
25. Continuous developments in racing may necessitate changes which cannot be anticipated at the time rules are formulated. If necessary, rules may be updated, changed, deleted or added to at the discretion of BRSEC.
26. Officials may use weight penalties for any infractions of these rules in an effort to make a car eligible to compete.
27. At certain events, to encourage participation of local competitors, BRSEC officials may alter the rules for those cars, to try and create a level playing field for cars that might fall outside of the normal rules. BRSEC decisions are final.
28. In the event of an excess number of caution laps BRSEC may alter the weight requirement for fuel burn off.

VI - Safety

1. Approved seat belts and double shoulder harness will be required, no older than five (5) years, a crotch strap will be required, sternum strap is highly recommended.
29. A capable form of head and neck restraint must be used. A strap-type neck restraint is mandatory. Drivers will not be allowed on the racetrack at any time without proper neck restraints in place.
30. Helmet must be 2005 Snell standard or better and have sticker visible for inspection. Full-face helmets required. NO MOTORCYCLE RATED HELMETS!
31. Approved, clean full driving suit and gloves for fire protection are mandatory.
32. Cars must have a working fire extinguisher, within reach of the driver, gauges for extinguishers must be easily visible for inspection. An on-board fire suppression system is highly recommended.
33. Driver's window net required must be equipped with quick release latch clearly marked, NO MESH window net allowed.

VII - TIRE SOAKING

Tire soaking is not permitted and will be checked!

1. BRSEC reserves the right to test any tire that is on the property at anytime, this includes anytime upon arrival to the track, before/after practice, before/after qualifying, after heat/last chance race and feature event.
10. It will be the decision to the BRSEC tech official on the method of sample collection to be used, whether it is the removal of a section of the tire or use a tire groover to remove samples from the tread area.
11. BRSEC officials will determine how many cars to sample and from which divisions, all samples will be taken from the same tech official in the exact same way with at least two (2) BRSEC officials and only two (2) representatives of each car.
12. The samples will be placed in an evidence container and placed in an evidence bag by one (1) representative of the sampled car, sealed and signed, the evidence bag ID number/code will be logged in a notebook and signed by one (1) representative of the sample and the BRSEC tech official.
13. Once the samples are sent off to the lab all results will be published, if your sample does not match the benchmark provided by the tire manufacturer you will be responsible for lab costs, refund of purse and/or trophy for the event, before you will be allowed to compete at BRSEC.
14. If the BRSEC tech official decides to remove a section of the tire BRSEC will replace the tire with one of equal or more tread.

15. In the event this is done for any event that pays out more than \$750.00, you will receive \$750.00 at the event and the remainder of the purse will be mailed to you once the sample passes the benchmark and the results are published, (usually within a week). If the sample fails you will be responsible for the lab fees and refund of \$750.00 and return of the trophy in the same condition you received it in.