

ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series

2007 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

THE INTENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES WILL BE THE DECISION OF THE ARCA WEST LATE MODEL CHALLENGE SERIES (LMCS) OFFICIALS IN CHARGE. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ANYONE HAVING QUESTIONS OR DOUBT ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION OR INTENT OF THE RULES CHECK WITH LMCS OFFICIALS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

INSPECTION

Inspection or weighing of participant's vehicles will be accomplished at the sole discretion of LMCS officials: before, during and/or after race events. LMCS officials reserve the right to limit admittance into the inspection area. Any participant (including drivers, pit crew members, and car owners) may be disqualified for failure to observe and adhere to the rules as interpreted by LMCS officials, resulting in forfeiture of points and prize money. All cars will run under the approval of the tech inspectors. All cars must pass tech inspection prior to hot lapping. Decisions on the interpretation of rules and specifications by tech inspectors will be final.

RACE PROCEDURE

In order to compete in a ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series event, each driver must register and pay a fee on each scheduled event. Registration will be held near the official's trailer on each event. Back gate fees will be collected separately by each track. All drivers, crew members, car owners, and other participants agree that by entering a LMCS race event, they shall abide by the rules and regulations as set forth herein.

Drivers will assume responsibility for the actions of his crewmembers and car owner(s). The driver and/or car owner shall be the sole spokesman(s) for the team in any and all matters pertaining to race events.

Transponders will be used in conjunction with tower officials for scoring. The series will provide transponders to teams without personal units for a nominal rental fee at each event. Series will collect a damage/loss deposit on rented units. It is the responsibility of the driver to return the transponder unit to the series official trailer before leaving the racetrack. There is a **\$50 PENALTY** (minimum) for failure to turn in your operable transponder on night of event. Loss deposit will be collected after 3rd day post race event.

Qualifying will be at a designated time. Drivers will draw for qualifying position at the registration table when signing in. If car and driver are not in the designated qualifying position at the time of qualifications, the driver will get only one lap to qualify unless the driver has notified the tech official in charge of a problem. If a car does not pass inspection or weight requirement at qualifying tech in the designated qualifying order, the driver will get only one lap to qualify. Driver and crewmembers will be given ample time to adjust and/or verify car's weight prior to qualifying tech. It will be the responsibility of the driver to be sure their car is ready to pass qualifying tech at the designated time and in correct position. A driver may qualify only one car and a car may only qualify one time. Any driver change following qualifying will result in the loss of that position, and movement to the rear of the field. If more than one car is involved, position will be determined by relative qualifying position.

Drivers or crewmembers will position cars in assigned positions by the designated times. It is the responsibility of the driver to check his or her starting position and be ready when called for pre-event inspection, weighing and/or line-up. Cars not ready may be placed at the rear of the starting lineup or disqualified from the event. When race line-up has been determined via qualifying, inversion, draw, etc; and a car drops out or loses its position for whatever reason before the cars are moved onto the track, the line-up may be redone in the pit staging area by the officials. When the cars have already moved onto the racing surface and a car drops out, that row of cars will move straight ahead. No position change or passing will be allowed on the final parade lap. No car may enter a race once the initial green flag has been displayed, if they did not take that green flag. Failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of starting position.

GREEN FLAG - All races will be started by the Official Starter and the green flag. On all starts, the race is started for all drivers when the green flag is displayed to the lead car. Pole sitters (on initial start) and the race leader (on re-starts) will remain at caution (pace car) speed until the green flag is displayed. Cars jumping the start will be assessed a black flag stop and go penalty. Trailing cars will not advance their position except for an outside (right-hand) pass before crossing the start-finish line and taking the green flag.

Completion of the first lap shall be when the field crosses the start-finish line for the first time after the original green flag is displayed. If the race is stopped or caution occurs before the first lap is completed, there will be a complete re-start with cars in original positions. Cars going to the pits will start at rear of the field. If a yellow or red flag is displayed on a second attempt at starting the race there will be no additional complete re-starts. The 'Yellow Flag Rule' will then apply.

YELLOW FLAG and lights signify caution and will be displayed by the starter and/or race director when a cause for such action exists. Two (2) laps will be scored under caution.

YELLOW FLAG RULE: When the yellow flag and lights are displayed, all cars must hold position and slow to caution speed. Racing back to the line and/or gaining positions under caution will not be tolerated. All cars must get single file and bunch up quickly. Any disputes in track position will be resolved by officials in the tower, or if necessary, revert to the last completed green flag lap as recorded by the transponder system. If you are directly involved in, and/or are the reason for the caution, you may blend back into traffic when safe to do so. Rough driving will not be tolerated. If contact with a car causes a yellow flag and is not deemed a 'racing incident', that car will be subject to a stop and go black flag penalty.

TEN LAP RULE: Any re-start in the last 10 laps will be single file with the lead lap cars in front, and all other cars in the order they were on the track, behind them.

Any driver who chooses to pit under caution must remain behind the pace car prior to entering the pits. All cars that leave the lineup and enter the pits under a caution will re-enter the race at the back of the field. Pit crews may not service a disabled or damaged car on the racing surface during a caution flag period.

RED FLAG and lights signify a situation exists that requires the race to be stopped immediately regardless of position of the cars on the track. Pit crews may not service a disabled or damaged car on the racing surface during a red flag period. Cars that enter the pits during the red flag period must return to the tail of the field.

No working on cars under a red flag condition. If a car that is already in the pits, or a car that enters the pits under a red flag, is worked on during the red flag period; a one-lap penalty will be assessed.

BLACK FLAG is a consultation flag, and when displayed to any car by the Official Starter, the car will immediately exit the track and report to the re-entry official for consultation. The car will no longer be scored in the race if the driver ignores the black flag for three consecutive laps and must go to the pits as requested.

An Official has the right to consult a driver without loss of position to the driver. Consultation with an official is allowed, however, **any driver who stops on the track to argue an official decision will be subject to being placed at the rear of the field and/or being scored as losing a lap or laps to the leader.** Furthermore, any driver who refuses to remove the race car from the track upon request of an official, may be fined not less than \$100.00, disqualified for the night's event, and face possible suspension.

LMCS officials acknowledge that bumping and rubbing will occur on the racetrack. HOWEVER, in the judgment of series officials, any driver who engages in rough driving; or deliberately spins, runs into, blocks, or swerves in front of another car; or intentionally causes a caution by spinning or stopping during the race or caution is subject to a stop and go black flag penalty, disqualification, fine and/or suspension.

****DECISION AND JUDGEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL STARTER AND RACE OFFICIALS ARE FINAL. NO EXCEPTIONS****

BLUE FLAG with DIAGONAL STRIPE signifies that faster traffic is overtaking the car(s) being displayed the flag. Cars being shown this flag must hold their racing groove, and yield to the overtaking car(s).

Main events will not end under caution. If the caution flag comes out before the leader has received the white flag, the race will finish with green, white, checker. If the white flag has already been displayed to the leader and a yellow is then displayed, you will be scored as you cross the finish line at the checkered.

At each race the top four (4) finishers will bring their cars to the tech area immediately upon returning to the pits. If teardown is requested, cost of said teardown will be at the participant's expense. Officials will have the option to pick one additional car by random choice for inspection or teardown. It shall be the responsibility of the driver to move his car to the tear down area immediately following the race. Failure to comply with inspection requests will result in loss of points/winnings for the night. This inspection will include anything on the car deemed necessary by the officials or promoters.

Cars are not released from pit area until 20 minutes after the completion of the feature race.

All scoreboard displays are for information only and are not considered official. All decisions will be finalized before purse is paid out. Race results will become **official ten (10) minutes** after being posted. **DECISION OF THE RACE OFFICIALS SHALL BE FINAL.**

POINTS DISTRIBUTION: (New for 2007)

Show-up Points: 25 points will be awarded to each eligible driver at each of the scheduled races as they show-up and attempt to compete in the feature. (In the case of a rainout or cancellation, show-up points will still be awarded to those drivers that arrived at the track in an attempt to compete on that date. Drivers must sign in prior to posted qualifying time to be eligible for show-up points.)

Qualifying Points: The top five (5) drivers from qualifying will receive the following bonus points: 5-4-3-2-1

Point Schedule: 1st-200, 2nd-195, 3rd-190... decreasing by 5 points each finish position. Points for non-transferring B-Main event participants will be awarded as a continuation of the A-main point scale. All race starters receive a minimum of 5 points. (ex: 39th-10, 40th-5, 41st-5, 42nd-5...)

Bonus Points: Five (5) points will be awarded to any official lap leader. Five (5) additional points will be awarded to leader of most laps. 100 bonus points would be awarded to each driver who competes in each 5-race leg as scheduled and run. (Event #1-5 as run, Event #6-10 as run, etc.) In the event of postponement and rescheduling of a race, the event may be moved to an alternative race leg at discretion of ARCA West. Final leg need not be full 5 races to award bonus points.

RACE FORMAT:

The normal ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series program will consist of practice, qualifying, trophy dash(es), B-main event, and feature event. Standard feature event will be 24 cars @ ¼ mi., 26 cars @ 3/8 mi., 28 cars @ ½ mi.

The fastest cars (18 @ ¼ mi., 20 @ 3/8 mi., 22 @ ½ mi.) in qualifying will automatically transfer to the feature, and will be lined up in order of the inversion drawn by the fast qualifier. The six (6) or eight (8) car invert will be determined by coin toss. (In the event that all cars qualifying for the event will make the event, the entire feature line-up will be by qualifying order with the inversion.)

An additional four (4) cars will transfer up from the B-main event. Example at ¼ mi. track: 24-car feature event = 18 cars locked in by qualifying, 4 cars transfer from B-main, and the 2 provisional positions.

The final two (2) positions in the feature will be provisional starting positions for eligible drivers who have entered the race but failed to qualify for the A-main event through time trials. Eligible drivers for the provisional starting positions will be determined by current points standings. (On the first two scheduled races, the provisional positions will be determined by the prior seasons' final points standings.) The eligible drivers may elect to waive their provisional positions, and run for better positioning through the B-main.

The promoter and/or individual track promoters may have the option to add additional starters to the feature.

Officials and/or promoters reserve the right to have all cars use the same brand of fuel. **NO ALCOHOL** or any other type of blended mixture is allowed. Gas tank caps must be in the closed position at all times while the car is on the racing surface; otherwise the black flag will be displayed to that car.

All ballast weight and drive shafts must be painted white. Ballast weights must also have car # painted on it. If a competitor loses a piece of lead on the racing surface, that driver will be black-flagged and must replace the lead before returning to the track. The LMCS officials reserve the right to weigh the participating cars after the completion of the race event.

FIRESUITS AND WINDOW NETS are required anytime the car is on the racing surface.

Teams are asked to respect LMCS officials and remember that the decision of the **LMCS officials is final** and non-appealable. Any driver, crewmember, owner, or participant who chooses to make a mockery of the track, its officials, the race director, promoter, or owner, will be dealt with severely. The driver is responsible for the actions of his pit crew, owner and spectators. Failure to control the actions of these guests could result in loss of winnings and/or points. **The decision of LMCS officials will be final in matters of conduct. There will be no exceptions, please act accordingly. Abusive conduct, improper language, or physical assault by anyone WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** LMCS officials may assess penalties/fines for violation of this rule, ranging from a minimum of \$50.00 (amount to be determined by the severity of the incident), disqualification, loss of winnings, and/or suspension for one or more events for the offending participant. Drivers and crewmembers may also be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. Fines and/or penalties will be at the discretion of officials. The decision of the LMCS officials will be final. All fines will be added to overall point fund of the LMCS series. Fines are payable immediately. A period of suspension will exist until said fine is satisfied. Driver is responsible for any fines levied to his or her owner, pit crew or supporters.

PROTESTS: Protests regarding alleged mechanical infractions shall be accompanied by a \$400 cash bond. The written protest must be presented to the lead tech official prior to the start of the feature event. The protest must **specify exactly, in detail, a single part or rule that is in violation.** The mechanical inspection will be made following the feature event. If car is found legal, \$50 of the fee will be retained for administrative costs, with the remaining \$350 going to the car owner/driver. If the protested car fails inspection, the driver is disqualified and forfeits ALL purse money and race points, with all cars finishing below moved forward a position. The protester is returned his \$400, and the series retains the last place A-main payout for tech fund.

NO DRUGS. NO ALCOHOL. NO FIREARMS PERMITTED IN THE PIT AREA. NO EXCEPTIONS.

DISCLAIMER

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATIONS OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS.** They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. The race officials shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

In consideration of being granted permission to participate in the ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series events, each participant agrees to abide by the established rules, regulations, and officials decisions rendered during the 2007 season. The participant further agrees to release, remise and forever discharge ARCA West, Losch Motorsports LLC, the ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series, and its coordinators, promoters, officials, sponsors, and manufacturers of all racing equipment used by the series from all liabilities and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue from any loss, damage, and injury (including death) that may be sustained.