

2024 GENERAL PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES



Technical Inspection Process & Guidelines

Pre-Tech – Maximum four crew members plus the driver allowed in tech area.

1. Refers to any scheduled tech inspection prior to Qualifying Tech.
2. Teams must identify their crew chief for the purposes of discussion of any tech issues.
3. All cars must go through Pre-Tech inspection by appointments at designated events.

Qualifying Tech – Maximum four crew members plus the driver allowed in tech area.

1. Once Qualifying Tech officially opens, all cars are required to be on the ground ready to roll to the tech line – no more working or cleaning on the car, hood on ready to roll. Remain in your pit, until an official directs you into tech.
2. All cars must go through Qualifying Tech in the posted Qualifying order. If you miss your qualifying attempt by more than three positions, you will receive the slower of two laps. If you have a mechanical issue, notify an official – you are still required to qualify within three positions or there will be a penalty.
3. Once cars enter the tech station, cars may not be lifted, tugged, or adjusted in any manner unless instructed to do so by an SRL official.
4. No jacks will be allowed past designated point.
5. Air pressures for Tech: 25- 30lbs of air on the right side and 15-20lbs on left side tires for tech inspection.
6. More than two attempts to pass through Qualifying Tech will result in “Tech Line Probation”.
7. Air pressure and tape are the only change that can be made to the car after Qualifying Tech.

Tech Line Probation

1. Any team that has to make more than two attempts to pass through Qualifying Tech inspection will be put on “Tech Line Probation” and will immediately be penalized by your fastest lap of your qualifying run being removed
2. More than three attempts to pass through pre-qualifying – no qualifying attempt will be allowed.
3. Once on “Tech Line Probation” a team must pass through tech inspection in one attempt at future events or be penalized by receiving the slower of two qualifying laps.
4. The team will remain on “Tech Line Probation” until further notice.
5. A team may also be put on “Tech Line Probation” if their car exceeds the maximum sound limit on more than one occasion.
6. Repeat infractions of any tech specification or policy may also result in “Tech Line Probation”.

Post-Qualifying Impound

1. After qualifying, all cars will go to a designated impound area and remain untouched (tape and tire readings allowed) until 15 minutes prior to going to the grid or as directed.
2. Team members should stay near their car to push it into the starting position, if directed.
3. If a car has a safety/mechanical issue, not related to set up or handling, the team may be granted permission to work only on the mechanical issue described and start at the rear of the field.
4. If anything safety related happens during qualifying officials reserve the right to let teams fix that item.
5. Driver must exit the car with whatever they need from the car (radios, water bottle, etc.) and leave impound area and no crew members are allowed in impound until 15 minutes prior to going to the grid or as directed.
6. The only changes allowed are air pressure, tape on the nose and driver aids, which will be done 15 minutes prior to going to the grid. No jacking of the car will be permitted.
7. If a team desires to make handling adjustments after qualifying, prior to the green flag, they may do so by having the driver bring the car to pit road after the field is rolling behind the pace car. The car will forfeit its starting position and take up the tail end of the field.

Post-Race Tech

1. The Top 5 cars must stop on the front-stretch – unless otherwise directed. Cars will be held there until further direction from officials. Each of the Top 5 cars are to proceed directly to post race tech inspection as directed. Driver must stay with car at all times; the driver must drive the car to the scales and remain with the car until cleared by officials to leave.
2. Failure to go directly to the tech area may result in a penalty of 5 positions at posted finish and a \$500.00 fine.
3. Under no circumstances is there anything to be done to the top five cars prior to post race tech inspection. Tire readings while the car is on the ground are allowed, never jack the car up, remove the hood or anything else, unless directed by an SRL official.
4. Teams must take any and all measures to comply with officials’ requests. Failure to do so will be deemed as an admission of guilt and result in a technical disqualification.

Illegal Parts:

1. Any part found illegal will be confiscated and become the property of the SRL.
2. Any competitor found to have an illegal part will not be allowed to compete in any SRL event until that part is surrendered to SRL series officials.

APPROVED FLAT TIRE CHANGES:

1. Unapproved tire change is a two (2) lap penalty – For a tire to be changed during a race without penalty, the tire must **first** be inspected by an SRL Official and must be deemed as flat (10 lbs. or less Left Side / 18 lbs. or less Right Side) or has severe wheel damage.

Steps for an Approved Tire Change:

1. The team should notify the SRL Officials of a tire issue prior to entering Pit Lane.
2. SRL OFFICIAL PRIOR APPROVAL: No crewmember is allowed to touch or inspect a tire before the SRL Official. If a tire is low on pressure, or has severe wheel damage, it must be first inspected by an SRL Official to be changed without PENALTY. Once inspected, if the tire is low on pressure and considered flat or suffers from excessive wheel damage the tire may be changed by the team with no penalty. Again, stay clear of the tire until an SRL Official inspects it.
3. PENALTY: If a crewmember inspects or touches the tire or wheel before the SRL Official inspects it, or observes directly, it will not be an approved tire change, or if the tire has sufficient air pressure when inspected by the SRL Officials the tire is not approved to change and the team will suffer a (2) two-lap penalty for each unapproved tire change. Tires changed prior to inspection by an SRL Official will cause a (2) two-lap penalty per tire.
4. Once under PENALTY for an unapproved tire change, you will not be eligible for the “Free Pass” / “Lucky Dog” for the remainder of the race.
5. Excessive tire wear, blistering or other factors will not affect the determination of an approved tire change.
6. Any tire that is changed must be immediately presented to an SRL official, in which it will be impounded until after post-race tech inspection.

SEASON POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP:

1. Points will be awarded as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	180	28	79
2	170	29	76
3	165	30	73
4	160	31	70
5	155	32	67
6	150	33	64
7	146	34	61
8	142	35	58
9	138	36	55
10	134	37	52
11	130	38	49
12	127	39	46
13	124	40	43
14	121	41	40
15	118	42	37
16	115	43	34
17	112	44	31
18	109	45	28
19	106	46	25
20	103	47	22
21	100	48	19
22	97	49	16
23	94	50	13
24	91	51	10
25	88	52	7
26	85	53	4
27	82	54	1

- If at any time two (2) or more drivers or car owners have the same number of points (a "tie"), each driver or car owner will be ranked according to the greatest number of 1st place finishes in 2020 Events for each respective series as of that time. If a tie still exists, the greatest number of 2nd place finishes, 3rd place finishes etc. will be used in the same manner, until the tie is broken.

Advertising / Decals on Cars

- The SRL may refuse to permit a competitor to participate in an event if the SRL determines that any advertising, sponsorship or similar agreement to which the competitor (or a car owner, driver or crew member associated with the competitor) is or will be a party, is detrimental to the sport, to SRL, or to the Promoter for any reason, including without limitation the public image of the sport.
- Decals, advertising logos, text or identification of sponsors must not be placed on the front of each door and/or each front fender (between the front of the car and the front of the door number).
- Decals, advertising logos, text or identification of sponsors will not be permitted on the windshield, rear window, or rear spoiler.
- Decals, advertising logos, text or identification of sponsors, other than the 72 square inch identification for the automobile manufacturer, will not be permitted forward of the hood pins on the front of the car.
- Decals, advertising logos, text or identification of sponsors must not extend past the seam between the hood and front fenders and the seam between the rear of the hood and the cowl.
- Decals, advertising logos, text or identification of sponsors must not be on the roof panel.
- No 'For Sale' signs can be displayed during competition.
- A yellow stripe, a minimum of four (4) inches in height must be displayed on the vertical portion of the rear bumper cover of any car driven by a rookie driver as determined by the series director.
- Roof number must be 36" in height and three inches wide.
- Driver's name to be in minimum two-inch letters above driver's side door.
- The driver's last name is to be displayed on both sides along or just above the rocker panel below the car number in 4" readable letters.
- All the SRL contingency sponsors' decals must be placed on all cars to be eligible for any and all event prize money, points and/or awards. The location of these decals will be designated by the SRL. The contingency pack will be supplied by the SRL.

Electronic Scoring System

- All competitors must have timing transponders on their car for the entire program. **All Transponders must be mounted 160" inches (front of nose to the center of transponder) from front of the nose and on outside of right-side frame rail.** Transponders are mandatory for practice sessions.
- Photo Finish - If there is an exact time (per the scoring system) for two cars at the finish of a race, the tie will go to the car that was ahead on the previous lap.

Transponder Lease or Rental

- A competitor may rent a transponder from race to race for the cost of \$40.00 per race.
- The SRL will maintain possession of all transponders to insure maintenance and full charge for each event. Transponders will be obtained at the SRL trailer before each event and returned at the completion of the program. A valid driver's license will be taken to receive the transponder and be returned when the transponder is brought back.

General

- Tire Changing:** Tire changes are not allowed unless approved. An SRL Official must approve any tire change or a minimum two-lap penalty for each unapproved tire change will be assessed.
- Qualifying:** Warm up laps will be designated at each track before qualifying. Qualifying order will be determined after final practice. If a driver is more than 3 positions out of qualifying order, the fastest lap of the qualifying run will be removed. Ties in times will go to first car to establish that time. Competitors must run one practice session to be eligible to qualify, unless approved by series director.
- Drivers Meeting:** Mandatory attendance. Roll call will be taken. If you miss or are late to the drivers' meeting, a penalty will be assessed (Unless prior approval).

4. **Driver Change:** Series director must approve all driver changes. If a driver change is made after qualifying, but before the start of the race, the car must relinquish its starting position and start at the rear of the field. Driver points and prize money will be awarded only to the starting driver.
5. **Spotters:** Each team must supply one spotter in the designated area for any event for communication with driver and SRL officials. Radios are mandatory whenever a car is on the track. Roll call will be taken before the "race" in the spotters stand and if spotter is not present that car will be removed from field until a spotter is present. If spotter leaves stand during race that car will be black-flagged from event. Two-way radio communication between the driver and minimum of one spotter for each team is required for all competitors at all times while on track. **Mandatory each spotter must have a dedicated stand-alone radio or scanner to monitor Race Control at all times frequency at 461.2000. Any spotter that does not have the mandatory stand-alone radio or scanner to monitor race control will receive a \$250 Fine and it will double on each occurrence and any spotter that is not monitoring race control will receive a \$500 Fine and it will double on each occurrence.**
6. **Contingency Decals:** All SRL contingency sponsors' decals must be placed on all cars to be eligible for event prize money, points and awards. The location of these decals will be designated by the SRL. The contingency pack will be supplied by the SRL.
7. **Driver Uniform Patches:** All SRL Contingency patches must be in place to receive and maintain SPEARS Frequent Flyer bonuses.
8. **Official Results:** Race results are not considered OFFICIAL until Tuesday following the race weekend.

More General Information

1. SRL officials reserve the right to make final decisions in the interpretation of any rules or race procedures at any time. No equipment will be considered as having been approved by reason of having passed through inspection unobserved.
2. Cars found illegal are subject to disqualification, confiscation, fines, suspension, expulsion from SRL and/or loss of points and money for that event.
3. All vehicles must undergo tech inspection prior to running at any event.
4. Rules clarification will be done by the SRL series director.
5. Driver assumes responsibility for the actions of their entire crew and associates.
6. Any abusive or improper language to or regarding an SRL or track official may be the cause for suspension, expulsion from SRL and/or fine.
7. No person shall participate in fights in motor pits or on race premises at any time. A violation could cause a fine of up to \$500 for each individual involved and immediate expulsion from the SRL until further notice. Persons involved will be asked to leave and/or will be taken to jail. Subsequent offense may result in disqualification.
8. All drivers must be a minimum of 14 years of age and must be approved for competition by an appointed panel of the SRL. All drivers must be approved for competition and will be under evaluation for their entire first year of SRL competition.
9. To be eligible for rookie status, the driver must declare his/her rookie status in writing and be approved by the series director. All rookie entries will be verified. Any driver who has raced in more than a total of five SRL races in a single season, or a series deemed similar in status will not be eligible. Any event where the rookie driver does not complete 50% of the laps will not count towards their five total races in one season.
10. All motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, fuel, gear oil, A.T.F. or petroleum product must be dumped at posted dumpsite. Any illegal dumping will result in a \$500 fine and loss of points and purse money, as well as possible legal action pursuant to Article 13, California Health and Safety Code.
11. All crews will be responsible for their pit area and can be ordered to clean the area by pit steward. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.
12. If it isn't in the rules, it is considered illegal. All officials' decisions will be final.
13. Any infraction of any rule or regulation may result in penalty, disqualification, fine, suspension or expulsion. Any illegal parts may be confiscated.
14. The consumption of alcohol during the period of competition is strictly prohibited. The use or possession of illegal drugs at any time is strictly prohibited. Both are grounds for expulsion from the SRL. Upon entering and/or participating in an SRL event, you may be subject to a drug and/or alcohol test at any time.
15. **No golf carts, scooters (manual or electric), quads, etc. allowed in the SPEARS Southwest Tour Series pit area on race weekends. Prior approval due to injury or other health related issues may be approved by the SRL Series Director.**
16. If teams need to park by someone at an event you must contact the Series no later than noon on Wednesday of that event. (Please don't assume)

Provisional Procedure

1. The top 20 in owner's points are eligible for a provisional, based on the current SRL cumulative points entering that day's event. The highest ranking owner in the top 20 whose car did not qualify for the A-Main can use a provisional, the first two events will utilize points ranking from previous year. All owners will have 2 Provisionals per season.

(All aspects of these procedures are subject to adjustments or changes as deemed necessary by the SRL officials)