

# FARA RACE RULES

## **1. ENDURANCE RACE SHORTER THAN 4 HOURS**

a. Teams must have a minimum of two (2) drivers. One driver may drive the entire race, but must enter as both drivers and pay the minimum entry fee of a 2-driver team. All drivers must be Licensed and FARA members and registered for the event. All crew members must be registered and display the required wristbands or issued credentials. Access to hazardous areas, such as pit lane, will be limited to registered crew members and drivers that have the required wristbands or issued credentials.

## **2. GRID**

a. Grid will close at the one (1) minute mark. Late cars must start in the back of the entire field, or may be held to start the pit lane at the discretion of the Grid Marshall or Race Director.

## **3. RACE LENGTH**

a. The actual race length may vary and will end at the pre-determined time of day or may run a specified length. The Race Director will determine the exact length and the time before the start of the race. However, the Race Director reserves the right to make adjustments in the race length should unforeseen circumstances present themselves. It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain the applicable information from the Race Director as to the duration of the race. The official clock will start when the pace car takes the course for the warm-up lap(s) unless otherwise noted per event.

## **4. RACE FINISH**

a. The overall leader will be shown the checkered flag at the finish line as soon as possible after the official race time has elapsed. There is normally a waving white flag indication given by the Starter for the last lap.

## **5. LEAVING HOT PITS**

a. Cars may be held leaving the hot pits when the pace car is on track. Stewards will hold cars leaving the hot pits so they are placed at the end of the pack during pace laps. The stewards may hold a car until the pack comes by, if they feel that the car cannot catch the end of the pack before reaching the incident.

## **6. FULL COURSE YELLOW**

a. The pits will be open during full course yellows. Unless a red flag is displayed at Pit Entrance

## **7. RED FLAG**

a. In case of a red flag situation, all work on cars in the pits, including refueling, must be stopped. Cars that choose to pit during a red flag situation, will lose their position, and will not be allowed to enter the paddock until the course is returned to green. Cars already in the paddock when a red flag condition is announced may not continue to work on their vehicles and cannot return to the hot pit lane or track until the race resumes under yellow, pace laps, or the green flag is displayed (whichever is applicable).

## **8. SAFETY**

- a. Any car that is too slow, as deemed by the Race Director to be a hazard, may be "black flagged".
- b. Fluid leaks that cause slick track conditions will not be tolerated. A car may be excluded from the remainder of the event if the leak persists.
- c. Team owners are reminded that use of ethylene glycol based coolant/antifreeze is illegal. Red Line Water Wetter-type additives are allowed.
- d. A jackstand(s) must be placed under the car whenever a person is under the car. Boards must be placed under all loaded jackstands.
- e. Reckless or negligent behavior by any driver or crewmember causing damage to themselves, equipment, pit surface, track, or other drivers' equipment or persons, can result in harsh penalties. If a crew member is injured during a pit stop the team is automatically disqualified and the entire team may be ejected from the event and may be permanently ejected from FARA. Teams are reminded to work very carefully.

## **9. REFUELING PIT STOPS**

- a. Refueling is a major concern during pit stops. Spills will not be tolerated. All cars must place a large pan to catch all accidental spills. All catch pan spills must be returned to closed containers. A gasoline spill will result in a five (5) lap penalty (or five (5) minutes, if using that system). If a "mat" or carpet remnant is used to catch fuel, it must be cleaned or discarded should a fuel spill occur.
- b. No work may be performed on the car while it is being fueled. The team may change drivers while refueling. Taking tire temperatures, measuring tire pressure, etc is considered to be working on the car. Work performed on the car while refueling at the request of, or ordered by a FARA official is permitted (such as repairing or replacing a transponder and/or transponder battery. Note: the intent of this rule is to ensure that drivers and crews over the wall at the time of refueling remain alert and vigilant for any flash fires resulting from fuel spills.
- c. During refueling, at least one crewmember must hold a fire extinguisher and be ready to put out a possible fire while other crewmember(s) refuel the car. Crew Members handling fuel must wear proper gear, helmet and mask. It is mandatory that the person holding the fire extinguisher be wearing the same safety equipment as the refueler. It is recommended that the person manning the fire bottle remain at least seven (7) feet away from the refueler(s) so as not to be engulfed in any flash fires that may occur. A 10 pound dry chemical agent capacity, minimum UL 60 BC or ABC rated fire extinguisher must be used.

## **10. MANDATORY PIT STOP**

- a. The speed limit in the pit lane is 45 mph. There shall be at least one (1) mandatory pit stop for any race up to two (2) hours. If the race exceeds the two (2) hour limit, a second pit stop will be mandatory.
- b. The MANDATORY PIT STOP must be performed between 10 minutes after the start of the race and finished 10 minutes before the end of the race.
- c. The minimum pit stop will consist of refueling the vehicle or a driver change. Minimum penalty -moved to last place in class Maximum penalty - can be disqualified
- f. Paddock speed limit is 5 mph (unless otherwise published). Failure to comply will result in harsh penalties. Standard penalty is one lap (or one minute time penalty, if using that system).
- g. Pets of any kind, for any reason, are not allowed in the pit lane during the race. The team responsible will be penalized. Seeing eye dogs for the blind are an exception.

### **13. PIT STOP TIMING**

- a. The only method to be used will be the timing charts of the race provided by Timing and Scoring.

### **14. REFUELING METHODS**

- a. Only Dry Break systems or standard approved 5-gallon plastic gasoline containers with a funnel or hose to refuel are allowed. \*\*

### **15. PIT LANE**

- a. The pit lane shall remain clear at all times. This means that crew members must stand either behind the pit wall or against the trackside wall until their car is in the hot pit lane. No one except officials will be allowed to stand in the lane unless their car is in the pit.
- b. Only crewmembers are allowed to be at the trackside pit wall. They will only be allowed to remain there for the purpose of signaling their driver. Watching from the trackside pit wall is not allowed. Additionally, no one is allowed to be in the hot pit lane or near the trackside wall until after the initial green flag has been displayed and all of the cars have made it past the first corner. The FARA officials reserve the right to clear the wall or ask individuals to vacate their positions when deemed necessary; with only so much notice to the crewmembers as time allows.
- c. Entry to the paddock from the pit lane during the Enduro may be controlled or restricted. For some Enduros, paddock entry from the pit lane will be made from the forward most entryway (nearest to the head of the pit lane). It is the competitor's responsibility to check with the Race Director for specific instruction at each event.

### **16. SCORING**

- a. The total number of laps completed determines the winner. The class winner MUST take the checkered flag on the track NOT PIT LANE. If two cars have the same number of laps completed, the one that crossed the line first will be scored ahead.

### **17. SAFETY**

- a. General safety violations not listed will result in a minimum of \$ 50.00 fine.
- b. Spilling fuel in the pit lane will result in a five (5) lap penalty.
- c. Working under a car without jack stands will result in a one (1) lap penalty.
- d. Use of Ethylene Glycol based products in the radiator will result in a \$50.00 fine.
- e. If a crew member is injured during a pit stop the team is automatically disqualified and the entire team may be ejected from the event and may be permanently barred from FARA events.
- f. Speeding in the paddock will result in at least a one (1) lap penalty.
- g. Slightly speeding in the pit lane may result in a warning for the first offense and a one (1) lap penalty for each repeat offense.
- h. Excessive speeding in the pit lane will result in at least a one (1) lap penalty.
- i. Refuelers failing to wear proper attire during refueling may result in penalties ranging from a warning to a one (1) lap penalty for each offense.
- j. Smoking, open flames, unapproved welding, grinding, etc. will result in at least a \$50.00 fine.
- k. Illegal helmets found in the pit lane will become the property of FARA in their entirety.
- l. Any drivers or refueler caught using an illegal helmet will be fined \$50.00 and the helmet will become the property of FARA in their entirety.
- m. Performing work on a car stopped on course in a hazardous area will result in a \$50.00 fine AND a

one (1) lap penalty minimum.

- n. Failing to properly man a fire bottle during a refueling stop will result in a one (1) lap penalty.
- o. Working in the car while refueling may carry a penalty of at least one (1) lap penalty.

## **18. CONDUCT**

- a. Pass under double standing yellow will result in a one lap per pass penalty, issued after the re-start of the green flag. NOTE: Competitors are encouraged to maintain their position during a full course yellow even if someone has passed them earlier during the start of the full course yellow. If the original infraction was seen by an On-Course Official, the offending party penalized. If the original offending party was not seen by an On-Course Official, but you have been seen regaining your position, you may be inadvertently penalized. If this happens, the driver will not be compensated, so therefore FARA recommends maintaining your position even if you were passed at the start of a full course yellow. The driver that was passed under the yellow has a duty to report it to the officials at the first available opportunity. If you have radios, this is a good way to communicate with officials through your crew members.
- b. Passing under single standing yellow will result one lap penalty per pass, issued during Green Flag conditions. The Race Director may lengthen the penalty if done in a dangerous manner.
- c. Passing under waving yellow: 2 lap penalty per pass. The Race Director may increase the penalty.
- d. Over-driving a waving yellow. (Too fast-without emergency personnel present) 2 lap penalty.
- e. Over-driving a waving yellow. (Too fast, losing control-reported by on- scene emergency personnel) Ranging from: a 5 lap penalty to Disqualification from the event, depending on the severity as judged by the emergency personnel on scene.
- f. Yellow flag violations with incident causing damage: Any incident, causing any injury to any person including the offender's car, in a section of the track under control of any yellow flag, will result in the immediate disqualification of the offender's team entry. The Race Director may add to, or modify, this penalty if warranted. Track surface conditions will be taken into account. NOTE: If there was also a surface condition flag being displayed for that section of track, then there may be no leniency given.

## **19. Supplementary**

- a. The Drivers should not leave their disabled car while it is on the race track unless safety concerns require it, such as an on-board fire, until directed to do so by onscene safety official. And if a driver does leave his or her car, thus creating an unsafe condition, the race will be immediately red-flagged. Only safety crews and wrecker crews will be allowed on the track in the event of any accident, at no time will any of the driver's crew be allowed on the track. If this rule is violated the driver will be disqualified for all races for that weekend.
- \*\* Fuel rig max height 6'7" (excluding the vent) as measured from the pit lane surface, and maximum capacity of 65 gallons. The fuel hose must be 2 inches maximum inner diameter and a minimum length of 10 feet. The hose must be fitted with an automatic shut off valve at the base of the fuel tank and must be manned during refueling. The shut off valve must immediately stop the flow of fuel into the hose when is manually released. Fuel must be transferred by approved air or manual pumps only. Open transfer is not permitted.