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**YOUTH MINISTOCK CLASS**

*The Youth Members*

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*2023-2024 SEASON*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the world of racing, to the Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc Youth Ministock class, and to the future of Speedway.

“The Black & White Book” has been introduced to eliminate any “grey” areas in Eastern States Speedway Youth Ministock class, and in association with the Speedway New Zealand Rulebook will form the rules and regulations under which, once accepted in the disclaimer, you will race.

**“The Black & White Book” is to be used as a constructive, positive and fair tool towards the running of the classes.**

You are encouraged to voice opinions, views, and constructive criticism in an appropriate manner, ie to your Rep and/or Class Mentors.

While everyone will not agree all of the time, the focus has to remain on the harmony of the Class, and in this regard your respect and acceptance of any decision made is appreciated.

The focus of the class is to educate youth in the skill of driving and the sportsmanship of racing while respecting safety and having fun.

**This is NOT a contact class, ie intentional hitting of other cars on the track. The Officials of Speedway New Zealand, the Club Committee and Rep will deal with ANY attempt at such. The outcome of such judicial procedure will not be negotiated, and such punishment will be given on a fair and consistent basis.**

Eastern States Speedway encourages you to read the following rules and regulations and upon acceptance of such, invites you to become a part of our Speedway family and join in the fun as we all go racing.

**DRIVERS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CREW AND ASSOCIATES** are asked to consider the impact of the following:

- Making negative Internet comments BEFORE posting
- ANY text and/or internet bullying
- ANY liking of negative posts or internet bullying
- ANY bullying in person
- ANY physical abuse, pushing, shoving or making any form of physical contact
- ANY offensive language or name calling
- ANY death threats

Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc reminds you that any of the above, by the driver, parents, guardians, crew and associates **ENSURES AN INSTANT STAND DOWN** for the driver. The decision to allow you to re-join the class and race will be discussed with the Committee, and your membership revoked/renewed following that meeting.

Eastern States Speedway Inc reserves the right to accept or decline any request or renewal of Club Membership.  
**THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL!**

Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc is run by volunteers, therefore you are encouraged to offer support and assistance and respect their efforts at all times.

For your information, support and contact, your class Rep is;

**Name: Liz Valk – 027 243 0356**  
**easternstatesspeedway@gmail.com**

**In every instance this is your first point of contact with Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc**

## **RACE MEETINGS**

While every attempt will be made to keep to the scheduled meetings, rain and occasional other factors may determine changes, therefore you will be notified of these changes by your Rep as they come to hand.

On the day where a meeting is scheduled, and bad weather occurs, the decision to cancel may not be made until as late as 4pm. Your Rep will contact you to advise of any such cancellation. In the event of cancellation, an attempt is made to reschedule these meetings and you will be contacted accordingly.

## **GEAR LIST**

Please refer to the Speedway New Zealand rulebook, which determines the grade of safety required for your helmet, overalls, neck brace, gloves etc. Officials will NOT check this gear prior to each race meeting at the track, it is your responsibility to ensure this is up to the SNZ race regulations.

*While SNZ has some control over enforcing correct gear be worn, and obviously the safety requirements of the vehicle, essentially it is up to the individual to ensure that once the decision to race speedway is made, that all safety precautions are taken.*

## **PIT RULES**

In addition, these rules are reiterated:

- NO physical or verbal abuse by a Driver – **INSTANT STAND DOWN** –at the Reps/Promotors discretion. Length of Stand Down for the future from our Venue at the discretion of the Committee and Rep.
- NO physical or verbal abuse by a Crew Member or Associate – **INSTANT REMOVAL FROM THE PITS TO THE PUBLIC ARENA & INSTANT STAND DOWN FOR THE DRIVER** – at the Reps/Promotors discretion. Your crewmember will only be allowed to return at the end of the meeting to help trailer your car. Length of Stand Down from our venue at the discretion of the Committee and Rep.
- Eastern States Speedway Officials or Representatives thereof reserve the right to actively REMOVE from the pits any persons deemed disruptive or interfering in the successful completion of a race meeting
- Towing vehicle only in the pits
- No Speeding in the pits
- No alcohol or smoking in the pit area
- Appropriate clothing is to be worn in the pits by drivers and associates – Appropriate clothing is a minimum of: Singlet, Mid- thigh length shorts and closed toed shoes. No Crop tops, Skirts, Short shorts, Jandals, or being shirtless. You cannot drive or pit crew in such clothing.

*S - Safety*

*S - Sportsmanship*

*F - Fun*

## **RACE NIGHT**

Scrutineering of your race car will be made as indicated by your Rep. Should a situation arise that threatens your ability to race if you don't make changes to your vehicle to meet safety requirements, discuss these with your Rep.

**Return your car to your pit park** and proceed to the gear checking shed where your gear check will be undertaken.

**Pitcrew** – All pitcrew must be members of the club. If they are not a member of the club you will be required to purchase an armband for \$10.00 each which needs to be applied for to the committee by 5pm Wednesday before the race meeting. You must ensure that you have a maximum of 5 crew per car. If you require more, talk to your Rep.

A **DRIVER/and/or Guardian** meeting will be called prior to racing. Remember if you do not attend drivers briefing you will not be permitted to race.

**You are reminded that the Ministock Class is a REGIONAL CLASS and a LEARNING CLASS in this regard protocol followed for a race meeting may differ from that offered at other tracks.**

You are expected to be on the dummy grid when requested, and be “race ready” ie in full attire ready to take the track. Any Driver not ready when called to take the dummy grid, and/or not considered “race ready” may lose their placement in that grid and be requested to run off the back.

A yellow light means caution incident ahead and you are expected to slow down to a circulating pace. You must follow all instructions that come through your race radio or via the on track officials. They will tell you where to go on the track in order to avoid any incidents ahead. There is no passing of other competitors under a yellow light. If necessary the referees will reorder you through your race radio based on your position in the last completed lap. You must close in any gaps then grid in Indian file (single file one behind the other) while circulating for the restart of the race.

The topic of reaction to the “red light” accidents and/or creeping to gain position is always a hot point. You are required to STOP within a reasonable timeframe and WITHOUT causing undue harm to others on the track. Do not “milk” this rule, you will be requested to back up on the track to a placement where the Officials consider you were able to stop and from where you have abused such. Continued breaking of the rule may result in stand down.

Should an incident occur either on the Track or in the pits your first point of contact to discuss such will be with your Rep.

Any parent/guardian wishing to make further comment/complaint may do so *in writing* (not via the Internet) C/- P.O Box 453 Blenheim

### ***THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION IS FINAL***

## **REGULAR CHECKS**

Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc reserves the right to undertake checks of either car or gear it considers necessary based on protocol and safety.

Please note, these checks will be undertaken either by the Rep or an assistant and, as they are based on safety, *will not be questioned, obstructed, or prohibited* by any Driver or crewmember.

While such checks are made in good faith it is hereby reiterated that racing Speedway is considered a dangerous sport, and in this regard Eastern States Speedway, or any representative thereof, WILL NOT be held accountable for any financial loss or physical injury as a result of participation, or attendance in the pit area.

**As a Club, and Regional Class, we must take responsibility to work together to pass on knowledge and experience to improve Driver skills and build confidence. This being done to ensure the safety of our Children and to encourage the provision of a positive, family friendly environment for all to enjoy.**

# MEMBERS

## DISCLAIMER 2023/2024 SEASON

Please complete the details below and tear out the page and return to your class rep. If you require a copy for your records, please let the rep know and one will be provided.

**THIS DISCALIMER IS TO BE SIGNED BY ALL DRIVERS AND PARENT(S) AND/OR GUARDIAN(S) PRIOR TO PERMISSION TO RACE BEING GRANTED.**

I ..... (Print name) being the Driver of..... (Car number)

**And** I (we)..... (Print name(s)) Being the Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Hereby sign in acceptance, acknowledge and agree;

- That I have read and understand the contents of “The Black & White Book” issued/managed by Eastern States Speedway (1995) Inc Youth Ministock class
- That I accept and agree to the terms, rules and regulations thereto;
- That I accept and agree that racing Speedway is considered a dangerous sport, and in this regard acknowledge, accept and agree that Eastern States Speedway, or any representative thereof, WILL NOT be held accountable for any financial loss or physical injury as a result of participation, or attendance in the pit area.
- That I accept that the rules and regulations will be STRICTLY enforced and failure to comply may result in my license being revoked.

### Signed in acceptance

..... (The Driver) Date:.....

..... (The Parent(s)/Guardian(s)) Date:.....

## CONTACT DETAILS

This information will be held in confidence and is to be used for Eastern States Speedway Race contact and correspondence only.

Race Car Number: .....

Name:.....

Date of Birth: .....

Mobile contact for texting: .....

Email for correspondence: .....

Home phone number:.....

Parent/Guardian contact name:.....

Parent/Guardian mobile: .....