



# Badlands Mini Sprint Association

## 600 CC Winged Mini Sprints

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Badlands Mini Sprint Association was organized promote, sanction and administer professional mini sprint car racing in the best interests of drivers, car owners, track owners and the general public.

The purpose of the rules is to provide for the safety of the drivers, pit persons, spectators, and to provide each participant a fair decision when disputes arise. This book was written to improve the caliber of BMSA events.

The purpose of the organization is to improve and promote BMSA racing, and anyone is encouraged to join our club.

### **ELECTION OF BMSA OFFICERS**

BMSA will consist of a board of directors. The board will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three board members. The officers are to be elected annually.

### **OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

- 1) Elected officers must hold membership in the BMSA (full or associate) for the year they are to preside.
- 2) The president only votes to break a tie vote. Other elected officers will have one vote each.
- 3) The board will take care of all club business and over see the committees. If a problem arises that cannot be easily solved by the committee, a board meeting will be called to help resolve the issue.
- 4) The secretary/treasurer will handle tax information, special events and prepare information for the website.
- 5) BMSA may appoint an official to liaison with local track officials at BMSA sanctioned events.
- 6) All disputes will be decided by the BMSA board of directors, or if directed by an appointed official.

## **ESTABLISHING CAR RULES**

- 1) Only BMSA members, or persons chosen by the registered voter will vote on BMSA rules.
- 2) Only one vote per registered car number.
- 3) Must have paid club dues and be in good standing to vote.
- 4) Any motion brought to the floor for a vote must be recorded and held till the next meeting before it can be voted in as a rule.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1) This booklet contains the official rules and car specifications for all sanctioned events of the BMSA. Any point not covered shall be resolved by the BMSA board of directors or their appointed representative.
- 2) All cars must display decals of BMSA sponsors to qualify for BMSA point fund money. Any member possessing a signed letter of authority from the registered car number may accept awards for that registered car number.
- 3) Cars must display sponsor decals to qualify for any awards. Decals should be provided free of charge by BMSA.
- 4) Membership fees for a car and number registration is \$35.00. Membership includes one vote on respective car rules. Must be current member of BMSA to be eligible for any BMSA benefits. Membership is \$25.00 per person. Members are eligible to be officers and vote on the general business.
- 5) All drivers must have a current membership.
- 6) There will be special event shows during the year that do not follow these formats. You will be informed of specific procedures at drivers meetings. All racing programs are subject to change.
- 7) BMSA points shall be awarded to the registered car number in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>'A' Feature</b>		<b>Heats</b>	
1) 150	10) 130	1) 20	6) 10
2) 146	11) 128	2) 18	7) 10
3) 144	12) 126	3) 16	8) 10
4) 142	13) 124	4) 14	9) 10
5) 140	14) 122	5) 12	10) 10
6) 138	15) 120		
7) 136	16) 118		
8) 134	17) 116		
9) 132	18) 114		

### **'B' Feature**

75 points will be awarded to all registered car numbers that run in the 'B' feature but do not have transfer to the 'A' feature.

8) All cars taking any green flag will receive 75 show up points.

9) To be eligible for any points fund awards, the registered car number must take a green flag in a minimum of 75% of BMSA sanctioned events in this class. (When points fund money is available).

10) Rookie eligibility: Any driver that has not previously qualified in more than 3 races in respective class, is eligible for rookie of the year points. Driver must start in rear of each race for the first 3 nights of racing. Highest finishing rookie in points will be awarded rookie of the year.

11) Rain outs: All cars with drivers at the track by race time when a rain out is announced will be awarded 60 show up points for that event. A rain out will not be made up unless a specific date is listed on the schedule.

12) Purse and payout will be paid according to track payouts. Schedules will be available upon request.

13) Unsportsman-like conduct: Any physical, verbal, or written conduct which the track manager or race director determines distracts from the orderly, peaceful conduct of racing, at the speedway will not be tolerated. Such conduct includes but is not limited to;

A) Assault: Fighting or similar violence is prohibited at any BMSA function. The track manager, BMSA board of directors or race director shall impose a fine of not less than \$100.00 and an immediate bar from the speedway or function. If violation occurs on a race night at the track, all points and purse money will be forfeited for that event.

B) Verbal Disruption: No participant shall use loud, abusive or profane language in addressing the track manager, BMSA board of directors, race director, or other officials. Anyone found to have violated this rule shall be fined no less than \$50.00 and may be immediately barred from the track and or BMSA functions. If violation occurs at the track, all points and purse money will be forfeited for that event. The person responsible for the registered car number is responsible for the driver, crew, or people affiliated with the car number.

C) A participant is any person taking part in any event at the speedway and includes but is not restricted to drivers, car owners, mechanics, crew members, sponsors, speedway officials, or pit area observers. All such persons shall be considered public figures who have by their own choice become involved in auto racing events for BMSA, with full understanding that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations established, published or announced by the speedway.

D) Any unsportsman-like infraction will be reviewed by the BMSA officers. Appropriate sanctions will be administered. Their decision is final.

**All participants are considered to be responsible for their own personal conduct.**

### **Qualifying and race procedures (When track permits)**

- 1) Qualifying heat races will be held at all events. Maximum of 8 cars per heat race.
- 2) Maximum laps to be run per race. Heat race to be 5 to 10 laps. 'B' feature to be 12 laps. And the 'A' feature to be 15 to 20 laps. Actual number of laps to be announced at pit meeting before the start of the race.
- 3) Numbers will be drawn for heat race position. The lowest going to the pole for the first heat race and the second lowest to the pole for the second heat race and so on. Any car not represented at the drawing shall be placed at the back of a heat race.
- 4) A car and driver qualify as a team. Any car and or driver changes after taking a green flag in a qualifying heat race, must start at the back of the field in the main event. Points to stay with the registered car number.
- 5) BMSA or their representative will advise drivers of the make-up of the number of heat races, main events, field maximum size and other pertinent information at the drivers meeting.
- 6) The lineup posted on the pit bulletin board when cars enter the racing surface for any race shall be the final line-up. In the event a car drops of the line-up for mechanical reason, the balance of the field shall move straight forward.
- 7) The start will be official only upon the started signaling with the green flag. In the event a pace car is used, all cars shall take their proper position behind it. In the event a pace car is not used, the pole car will set the pace which shall be consistent with track conditions and as required to keep the field in formation. BMSA shall be empowered to disqualify or penalize any driver violating this rule.
- 8) A white line will be place in turn 4 for all double file starts. All cars must remain in proper order until the green flag is thrown as the front row crosses the white line. If in officials judgment the front row cars are out of position, the yellow flag will follow the green and a warning given to the offenders. Any further violation will result in offenders being placed a row back. And the cars

behind moving forward to replace them.

9) Any car requiring a second start at the beginning, or restart of any race will be placed at rear of the field.

10) Restarts after one completed lap by all cars will be single file and will start at a cone to be placed in turn 4. All cars must go outside of the cone in the proper order. Leader must be set a consistent pace. Any car going inside of the cone, hitting the cone or passing a car prior to reaching the cone will cause a yellow and flag and be placed at the rear of the pack.

11) Any car on or near the racing surface that delays the race shall be penalized on lap by officials. A work area will be designated at the pit meeting.

12) Any car not running at a reasonable racing speed may be subject to a mechanical flag for safety reasons.

13) All new drivers in BMSA will start at the back of the field in every race until BMSA board of directors approval. Minimum age of a driver is 14 years old or per speedway requirements.

### **Flag procedures:**

Yellow flag: each driver will slow down and maintain position. No passing is allowed. All cars stopping on a yellow will be placed at the rear on the restart unless stopped by a track official. An area will be designated for any work to be done during a yellow flag. (Usually the pit) Cars remaining on racing surface that are able to restart without service will be placed at the rear of the pack, in the order they were running prior to yellow flag. Cars going to work area will be placed at the rear in the order they return to the track. Any car causing two yellow flags will be disqualified.

### **If your wheels stop turning you go to the rear unless stopped by a track official**

1) Red flag: Cars shall stop as soon as possible without passing the red or hazard. Cars that enter the pits and reenter the track will be placed at the rear in the order they return to the track.

2) All work on the car must be done in the designated pit area only. No removing of tires, gears, or body panels allowed.

3) A race is not considered finished until the checkered flag appears. If a yellow or red flag must be thrown after the checkered flag appears the race is officially over. Finish will be determined by last completed lap. If yellow or red appears during white flag lap, the restart will go green, white, checkered.

### **SAFETY**

1) Minimum requirements for all drivers are a **SNELL SA95** approved helmet, a fire retarding uniform, protective gloves, and arm restraints, to be worn at all times while on the track.

2) All cars must be equipped with adequate seat belts, shoulder harness and crotch strap. A five point hookup with a 3 inch lap and shoulder belts, no older than 3 years old, they are the minimum requirements.

3) Whenever a car is driven, a minimum of a helmet and seat belts must be worn and properly fastened.

4) No fueling will be allowed while the driver is in the car.

## **Drug Policy**

1) Illegal drugs by definition are those substances defined and prohibited by state and/or federal laws.

2) Possession of use of illegal drugs or drug substances, as defined above, is prohibited in any form, by a participant at the speedway, either on the speedway grounds or in any area considered to be used in the operation of the speedway, such as parking lots or leased property.

3) Any person found to be in possession of or under the influence of illegal drug or drug substances on the speedway property as defined above, or any person who is arrested by duly-constituted authorities and charged with possession and or use of drug or drug substances, or any person who is formally charged by a court of law with illegal drug violations, shall be subject to the following penalties by the speedway and or the BMSA.

4) Any person found under the influence of or consuming alcohol on any race night before or during the races will be subject to the following penalties by the speedway and or the BMSA.

A) Suspension from competition and eviction from the speedway property and denial of further entry to the speedway for a period to be determined by the speedway officials.

## **Protests**

1) Any protest will be taken only from a driver or car owner and then only if the protest is in writing and accompanied by the appropriate protest fee in cash to BMSA officials. In the event the protested car is found to be legal, the protest fee shall be given to the owner of the car protested minus a fee that shall be paid to the inspector.

2) All protests must be filed prior to the competition of the last race of the evening. All protest shall be decided upon by BMSA board of directors of the BMSA appointed representative. Any appeal of officials decision must be filed in writing within ten minutes of notification with BMSA and forwarded to the BMSA board of directors whose decision will be final.

3) No protests will be accepted on judgment decisions.

4) In the event a car is protested and found to be illegal by the inspector, the driver and car protested shall have all points and money forfeited that were won during the particular race program in question and may be suspended.

## **Protest Fees: (figures in parenthesis are filing fees)**

1) Motor tear down (heads off) and cylinder inspected: \$350.00

2) Complete tear down: \$650.00

3) Other specific technical protests: \$100.00

## **Rain outs:**

In the event a sanctioned race is rained out prior to the completing of all races, the race will be lost unless a rain date is on the schedule. If the race is rescheduled, all races shall be rerun and all drivers will redraw for starting positions. In the event a race is stopped due to bad weather, one lap over halfway through and 'A' feature event shall constitute a complete race. If a race stopped by use of the red flag and is ruled completed, the finishing positions will be paid according to the last officially scored lap by the leader previous to the red flag. Any car or cars involved in red flag will be put to the rear of the line-up of official finish.

### **General over site rule**

Any circumstances not covered by a specific rule or due to a lack of a rule, can be acted on by the BMSA board of directors. Their decision will be final simplicity and common sense shall prevail. The decision shall be decided that night at the race.