



2010 NDR RULE BOOK

National Derby Rallies, Inc.

National Derby Rallies, Incorporated (NDR) offers a family oriented racing program based upon rules and procedures designed to provide maximum flexibility and involvement of all family participants while maintaining the order necessary to assure fairness for everyone. Order, consistency and fair treatment of all participants have been the policy of National Derby Rallies, Inc. from the beginning. This Official NDR Rule Book provides the basis for order and uniform conduct for all officials and participants in NDR sanctioned races.

As with any rule or procedure, these rules will be no more effective than the level of respect and the application of their intent, practiced by the users. The quality of NDR programs and its continuing growth is directly related to the consistent application of these rules between all participating organizations, regardless of where they are located. In order to maintain this established quality, it is necessary for everyone to study and follow these rules as intended.

Violation of any rule or procedure shall be considered as taking an unfair advantage and shall constitute grounds for disqualification.

The rules and procedures stated herein are applicable during the calendar year stated on the cover, including the fall races of the previous year.

However, all rules are subject to change at any time as deemed necessary to maintain the quality of the program and provide equity and fairness to all. Notification of rule changes is published in the NDR News and on the NDR Web site (www.ndr.org). New rules will be in effect seven days following the date of publication.

NDR PARTICIPATION RULES RULES AND AGES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

For 2010, the NDR recognizes four racing divisions:

Stock, Super Stock, Masters (AA Flat Bottom) and NDR Glass Wrap Masters

AGES OF ELIGIBILITY

Eligible individuals will be required to furnish a valid copy of their birth certificate, to be placed on file with the NDR Records Keeper, when applying for NDR membership. It will also be required for participation in NDR sanctioned races, if requested. The Race Director must effectively communicate in advance if copies of applicants' birth certificates are required.

The ages of eligibility to compete in these divisions at NDR sanctioned races are as follows:

- Stock Division-Individuals, who are age 7 to 17, are eligible to race in the Stock Division of NDR sanctioned races.
- Super Stock Division-Individuals, who are age 8 to 21, are eligible to race in the Super Stock Division of NDR sanctioned races.
- All Masters Division-Individuals, who are age 10 to 21 are eligible to race in the Masters Division of NDR sanctioned races.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NUMBER OF RACES

Eligible individuals may race in an unlimited number of NDR sanctioned races. At the discretion of the local rally race director, participants are allowed to race in the master division and one other recognized division, provided the participant meets all other requirements and there are fewer than 8 registered master cars. And points will be earned in both divisions. The National Race Committee will set participation requirements for Feature and Special Division races at the NDR Nationals.

DISPLAY OF NDR NUMBER & LOGOS

NDR sponsor logos and your assigned NDR number must be prominently displayed (in contrasting color to the car color) on both sides of all participating racecars. The assigned number must be at least 3 inches high and have ½ inch wide character lines. Entrant painted logos of NDR sponsors must be equivalent in size; format and color of issued stickers.

AWARDING OF POINTS

Points accumulated under the following formulas determine eligibility for the NDR National Championship Race. The top eight place point earners in each division will receive recognition at the annual NDR Nationals.

Qualification points will be awarded to eligible NDR family member drivers under the conditions described as follows:

NDR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR POINTS

NDR Membership prior to participation in an NDR sanctioned race is a prerequisite to establishing the four-race participation requirement toward National Championship qualification or points awards. To start earning points at a race, NDR family membership applications and dues must be received by NDR Records or the Race Director prior to the start of the first race in which an individual participates.

POINTS FOR PLACING

The top eight finishers in NDR sanctioned races will be awarded points according to the following chart, which is graduated for the number of participants and the place of finish:

Number of Participants							
Place	2-3	4-8	9-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65 plus
1st	10	16	18	21	24	28	33
2nd	8	14	16	19	22	26	31
3 rd	6	12	14	17	20	24	29
4th	--	10	12	15	18	22	27
5th	--	8	10	13	16	20	25
6th	--	6	8	11	14	18	23
7th	--	4	6	9	12	16	21
8th	--	2	4	7	10	14	19

POINTS FOR HEAT WINS BY NON-PLACERS

Each member participant in an NDR sanctioned race who fails to place in the top 8 will be awarded two points for each heat won. Heat advancements during the course of a race by virtue of byes or forfeits will count as heat wins for the purpose of point awards.

POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Five points will be awarded to each member who enters and races in an NDR sanctioned race in addition to all other points earned.

Examples of point awards:

Individual A places 3rd in a 28 car field and receives 17 place points, plus 5 participation points for a total of 22 points.

Individual B does not place, but wins two heats and receives 4 heat win points, plus 5 participation points for a total of 9 points.

Individual C does not win any heats, but still receives 5 participation points for a total of 5 points.

Individual D is registered and paid for a race and is present, but weather forces the Race Director to declare the race cancelled. Then he or she still receives 5 participation points.

CANCELLATION OF A RACE DUE TO RAIN

If a race is rained out on race day, you must be present, paid, and registered to receive the 5 participation points for that day. In such instances, the Race Director will declare a canceled race and notify NDR Records of those who should be awarded points.

QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A racer may qualify for the NDR National Championships in these manors.

Pre-Qualified:

- 1) Based on the size of the field as detailed in the NDR Rally Manual, a racer that finishes in the eligible qualifying places at an NDR Regional Race is considered a finalist at the NDR National Championships.**
- 2) For each division- the top point earner in each Region will be a finalist.**
- 3) For each division the top 8 national point earners will be finalists.**
- 4) The top three point earners in each division of the Keystone racing circuit will be finalists.**

Non Pre-Qualified

- 1) Racers that have participated in a minimum of 4 NDR races are assured the opportunity of qualifying races at the Nationals.**
- 2) All past NDR champions of recognized divisions are assured the opportunity of qualifying races at the Nationals.**
- 3) Racer that has never previously participated in the NDR Nationals are assured the opportunity of qualifying races at the Nationals.**
- 4) Any Racer that places in 1st or 2nd place in their AA local are assured the opportunity of qualifying races at the Nationals.**

The racing season runs from the day after the NDR Championships up to the start of the next year's NDR Championships.

The NDR recognizes that there may be extenuating circumstances that may prevent a racer from meeting the above qualifying standards. Exemptions may be given on a case-by-case basis. Requests for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Waivers Committee.

An individual who qualifies in more than one division must declare at registration for the Nationals as to which division he or she elects to participate at the NDR National Championships.

RACE PROCEDURES

GENERAL RACE RULES

All NDR sanctioned races will be timer swap double elimination races or other approved methods as described in the NDR Race Manual. The Race Director must effectively communicate in advance what method will be used to manage the race.

The NDR will now allow single elimination racing at the discretion of the rally race director and in all cases a single elimination race must be preceded by a double elimination race and the proper sanctioning fees must be paid to the NDR.

Official *Z-Glass* Soap Box Derby wheels must be used in NDR sanctioned races. For wheel pin and airfoil clearance, wheel washers may be used on the spindles. If used, they must be similar to All-American issued washers (1/2 ID and 3/4 OD). O-rings or snap rings are not permitted on axle spindles.

For all NDR divisions, racers are to run with a maximum tail-weight differential limit of 7 ½ pounds, with the driver in driving position. The gross weight of the racecar and driver must be checked prior to the first phase of each heat. The scale display shall be in full view of the car handler and the opponent's car handler or driver.

All NDR sanctioned races must be run using the 2-wheel, 4-wheel swap method as described in the NDR Race Manual.

Awards and recognition will be presented to at least the first through eighth place finishers in each division with 16 or more participants. If a division has fewer than 16 participants, then at least 50% of the participants will receive awards. These awards are the responsibility of the local race organization.

An entry fee must be paid to participate in an NDR sanctioned Race, when required by the local race organization. The fee will be determined by the local race organization; however, the maximum daily fees are \$35.00 for the first NDR family member and \$30.00 for any additional NDR family members. The maximum daily fee for non-NDR members is \$40.00.

The Race Director of an NDR sanctioned race must effectively communicate the following information in advance:

When participation limits are imposed, they shall not be less than 24 for one division, 16 each for two divisions, or 10 each for three or more divisions.

Entry deadlines.

Entry fee being charged.

Which divisions will run?

Will single elimination races be run?

Which wheel and timer method will be used to manage the race?

Stock and Super Stock Division: Drivers must wear an unaltered All-American or NDR issued bicycle helmet of the proper size when racing. The shell of the helmet may not be modified and the shape may not be altered. The interior hard foam core must be intact, non modified and functional. Foam rubber or other padding must be manufacturer issue. Nothing is allowed to be worn covering the head under the helmet.

Master Division: Drivers must wear an official Soap Box Derby helmet when racing. The shell of the helmet may not be cut and the shape may not be altered. The rivets must not be covered. The interior webbing must be intact and functional.

In all divisions, helmets may not be painted.

NDR sanctioned races are to be run using the approved heat charts. Heat drawings shall be done at the race, in public, prior to the start of competition.

SUSPENSION OF RACES

In the interest of safety, NDR sanctioned races are to be suspended or terminated one half-hour after official sunset unless proper nighttime lighting is available. For a two-day race or a two-race meet occurring on consecutive days, a suspended race may be continued on the following day or declared terminated at the discretion of the local Race Director. For terminated races, positions will be awarded as outlined in Appendix 2 of the NDR Race Manual.

In the interest of safety, NDR sanctioned races may be suspended or terminated at the discretion of the local Race Director due to rain or other hazardous weather conditions. For a two-day race or a two-race meet occurring on consecutive days, a suspended race may be continued on the following day or declared terminated at the discretion of the local Race director. For races terminated because of weather, positions will be awarded as outlined in Appendix 2 of the NDR Race Manual.

DISQUALIFICATION

AUTHORITY OF RACE DIRECTOR

Authority rests with the Race Director to make any and all decisions, including those relating to the Participation Rules on Conduct & Behavior as stated below, with respect to the conduct of the race and behavior of drivers, parents and/or guardians, race car handlers and spectators. This authority, without liability of any kind or nature, shall include the right to disqualify any racecar, driver or racing team.

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

- Vulgarity, verbal or physical abuse and/or bad sportsmanlike actions directed toward officials, spectators or other participants.
- Pit crew or members of driver's party failure or refusal to comply with participation rules.

- Unwillingness to abide by an official's decision.
- In an official's opinion, a car or driver that endangers the driver, other drivers or spectators, including if the driving of the racer interferes with other drivers.
- Any car that was not built in accordance with NDR rules.
- Any attempt to gain unfair advantage or concealment of any illegal material or parts in the racer.
- **The NDR does not allow any form of electronic device in or on a car during a race. Example, GPS, Ipad, walkie-talkies, cell phone, etc..**
- When the driver does not stay in proper racing position throughout his or her heat.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs, offensive language or physical abuse of anyone during an NDR sanctioned rally or National Championships by participants or anyone associated with the conduct of the race, is strictly prohibited. Such offenses will result in immediate disqualification and/or dismissal from the race site and possible later action from the NDR.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

RACE DAY DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Bad sportsmanship, behavior and conduct by any participant, spectator, or anyone associated with the conduct of the race, will be dealt with as follows:

- Minor first offense will result in a verbal warning.
- Major first offense or a repeat of a minor offense will result in disqualification from the race and possible later action by the NDR.
- Continued offenses will result in dismissal from the race site and possible later action by the NDR.

NDR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Further action may also be taken against any such offending party or parties by the NDR. The Race Director will report any and all such actions to the NDR Board of Directors, citing the name, address, NDR number and telephone number of the party or parties involved and the nature of the offense. The NDR Board of Directors will then discuss the

issue and follow-up within 14 days with the appropriate action. In such cases the NDR may act as follows:

- Reversal of the disqualification.
- No further action is necessary.
- Suspension of the offending party or parties for specific NDR sanctioned rallies for a specified period.
- Suspension of the offending party or parties from all NDR sanctioned rallies and/or the National Championships for a specified period.
- Expulsion of the offending party or parties from the NDR and all NDR events for a specified period.
- The NDR Board of Directors will notify the party or parties involved and the Race Director of the NDR decision.

OFFICIAL PROTEST PROCEDURE

Formal protests will be allowed by racing participants in NDR sanctioned races. When another racing participant observes infractions of NDR rules or procedures, the protest procedure requires that an Official Protest Procedure form be obtained from the Race Director or a Field Representative.

The form must be filled out clearly describing the nature of the protest and signed by a parent or guardian from a minimum of five other racing participants not associated with the participant under protest. The completed form must be presented to the local Race Director as soon as possible following the observed incident to allow a timely action by the Protest Committee.

The Protest Committee shall consist of the Race Director, the Inspection Chairperson and one Field Representative, unless any of these individuals are involved in the protest, on either side, or has a direct relationship to such parties. In that case, another Field Representative must replace the member in question if one is on site. Otherwise, the remaining protest committee members shall select an impartial replacement. The Protest Procedure requires that the Protest Committee shall immediately act upon a properly completed protest form and their decision shall be final and binding. The process and form for this action can be found in the NDR Race Manual

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENT DANGER

The NDR promotes the sport of youth racing and in doing so also promotes the number one concern of safety. There are inherent risks associated with these activities. As in areas as track set up, trailer loading and car transportation. The NDR provides no express or implied warranty of safety, shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules or the procedure outlined in the National Derby Rallies Race Manual. Rules and procedures are intended to provide order and assure uniform conduct of all participants in the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury to participants or spectators.

By becoming an NDR member and/or paying an entry fee to participate in any NDR sanctioned rally, the participant agrees to abide by these rules and other NDR procedures without liability of any nature to the NDR, its officials members or any local organization operating an NDR sanctioned race. All participants are required to place on file with the NDR a signed copy of the following waiver.

COPY OF WAIVER

A copy of the Waiver every racer must sign to race may be found in Appendix A of the NDR Race Manual, within the OFFICIAL RACE ENTRY APPLICATION.

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