

## DRIVER CONDUCT

Vintage race car drivers are expected to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants and spectators. This requires recognizing that vintage grids include cars of many ages with great disparities in speed, cornering, and braking capabilities. Drivers, as well, tend to possess widely varied experience and ability. Accordingly, drivers are expected to exercise great care, prudence, and courtesy in passing and in traffic. The slowest car and driver has as much right to be on the track as the fastest, and all drivers must conduct themselves accordingly and make room for each other. Drivers of slower cars are reminded to watch their mirrors and allow faster cars room to pass, both on the straights and in the corners.

Car to car contact is absolutely contrary to the spirit of vintage racing as is reckless or aggressive driving that causes damage to the driver's own car.

Drivers judged at fault may be penalized by exclusion from the meet and with the possibility of probation or suspension of driving privileges in which case the discipline will be reported to the Vintage Motorsport Council ("VMC")

## DRIVER DISCIPLINE

Any driver involved in any on-track incident (car to car contact or contact with an immovable object on course - tree, curb, wall, etc.) must report immediately to pit-in and to the Black Flag Steward (who will be identified to all participants). If a car must be towed in, the driver must return to pit in and see the Black Flag Steward once the car has been returned to the paddock area. Driver actions on track will be reviewed and will be governed by the provisions of "Action on Driver Discipline", outlined below.

## ACTION ON DRIVER DISCIPLINE

- 1) Corner workers need to report all infractions (*i.e.* flag violations, aggressive driving resulting in contact, loss of control, car contact of any kind, and the like) to the Black Flag Steward immediately, preferably during the session but in no case before the start of the next session.
- 2) In the case of an infraction, the Black Flag Steward shall notify the Driver Committee (comprised of three individuals appointed by the Competition Chair of the meet, all of whom must be active vintage car racers) to identify the infraction. The Driver Committee shall meet with the driver(s) involved and shall review all related evidence (driver(s) statement, witness statements, corner worker observations, video evidence) prior to making a determination as to the consequence of the infraction. Meetings and evidentiary reviews are to take place

prior to the next session available to the driver whose actions have been called into question if at all possible as a serious infraction may lead to the dismissal of the driver from the meet.

- 3) The failure by any driver to report to the Black Flag Steward or to meet with the Driver Committee after an incident shall be viewed in a negative light and any attempt by a driver to alter the condition of the race car (remove tire marks, etc.) prior to the conduct of an investigation shall result in exclusion from the meet.
- 4) Penalties assessed by the Driver Committee may involve exclusion from the remainder of the meet and probation/suspension as may be merited by the nature of the infraction. Driver discipline shall depend upon a variety of factors including:
  - mechanical failure or unforeseen track conditions (which may warrant no discipline at all).
  - poor driving/judgment which may run the gamut from posing a hazard to other drivers to causing damage as a result of contact with an immovable object or another car.
  - aggressive driving which results in the damage, serious or otherwise, to any car.
- 5) Penalties are meant to encourage changes in driver behavior. Penalties will range from a warning to probation/suspension for up to thirteen months depending upon the nature of the infraction. Exclusion from the remainder of the meet shall also be considered. All penalties shall be reported to the Vintage Motorsport Council (“VMC”) as required by PVGP membership in that Council.
- 6) The Driver Committee shall complete an incident form (a copy of which is attached hereto) as to each infraction and penalty imposed at the meet. All evidence considered shall be noted on the form as well as the outcome. All incident forms shall be provided to the Chair of the Competition Committee no later than one week after the meet is held.
- 7) Drivers wishing to appeal any penalty to be reported to the VMC must present their case with new evidence to the PVGP Competition Committee within thirty days of the meet. New evidence may include videos, pictures, or witness statements. The Competition Committee will appoint an appeals panel to consider the appeal and make a final judgment as to its merit or lack thereof.

**PVGP INCIDENT REPORT**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Event** \_\_\_\_\_

**Track Condition** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group/Race** \_\_\_\_\_

**Turn** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group/Race** \_\_\_\_\_

**Involved:**

**Drivers Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Car#** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Incident:** **Contact** \_\_\_ **Flag Violation** \_\_\_ **Driver Error** \_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Infraction and evidence considered (attach extra sheet if needed):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Outcome:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver Committee (print and sign names):**

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