

Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park
2017 Novice Sportsman Exclusive to Can Am Rules
Policies & Procedures
Special Rules
Tech Inspection & Tech Area

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2017 DIRTcar Sportsman Rules apply with anything other than listed below.

Can Am maintains the authority to adjust any section of these rules.

If competing in DIRTcar series events, car/driver must conform 100% to DIRTcar rules.

This Novice Division is offered for Can Am Sportsman Division type car beginning drivers only. To qualify to compete in this division the driver only must conform to the following requirements.

14 years old by July 1st of the affected racing season. With parent or legal guardian signature if under 21 years old.

Driver has taken the green in NO more than a total of five race events, including special events, in traditional Sportsman, 358, Big Block, Late Model, or any other division(s) Can Am Officials consider to gain an unfair advantage in this Novice Sportsman Division.

Any competitor that wins the feature event on any given night in this Novice Sportsman Division has the opportunity to compete in the immediate next scheduled traditional Sportsman Division feature event and still maintain the driver's eligibility to compete in this Novice Sportsman Division. These move ups to the traditional Sportsman Division feature event will NOT count in the taken the green in more than a total of five race events rule.

Upon completion of the third season, consecutive or nonconsecutive, competing in this Novice Sportsman Division, driver will no longer be eligible to compete in this division.

Clarification of completion of third season: taking the green in a minimum of half the season scheduled Novice Sportsman Division weekly events at Can Am or any other track with a comparable division-did not finish will still count as a scheduled event.

Car will remain eligible as long as it conforms to the rules.

We at Can Am want you to have fun in this division, we have no intentions of penalizing any driver or crew members for being good at what they do, please understand any driver that may become what Can Am officials feel is over qualified for this division, further action may become necessary. Therefore, Can Am maintains the authority to disallow any driver/car/crew they consider unsuitable or over qualified to compete in this Novice Sportsman Division.

Interpretation of rules, if these rules do not say you can do it then DON'T do it! All interpretations by the track officials are final. As a driver, crew member or owner you are responsible to know the track's position on all rules. Not knowing is no excuse! Can Am Speedway tech will be strictly enforcing these rules.

No penalizing, if a car conforms to the rules that all are going by, passes any inspection by tech, I do not believe that any driver should be penalized for winning races. Therefore, there will be NO penalizing, such as, but not limited to, adding weight, to any rule legal car and or driver that gets around the track better than fellow competitors. But a bounty may be imposed on the driver.

Policies and Procedures Info:

Car stops on track, at any time a car stops on the track or anywhere that may establish a dangerous condition (as determined by track officials) during any race event, whether involve in an accident, incident, breakdown, or any other reason. The driver must remain in the vehicle, with all safety equipment remaining in use until safety crew or track cleanup crew arrives on the scene. This of course unless there is a life threatening issue such as fire. Failure to adhere to this procedure rule may result in disqualification of the affected event along with denied racing privileges for the remainder of the effected event(s). Additional penalties may also be implied.

Procedure Info:

Disallow a competitor, Can Am maintains the authority to disallow any driver/crew/car they consider unsuitable or over qualified to compete in this division. If an issue arises that is not addressed within these rules the Officials will render the deciding factor.

Measurement tolerance, any and all measurements may have up to ½ inch tolerance. This will be decided by tech.

Added or removed material, the legality of any material added or removed from car in the interest of safety will be decided by the Officials to be legal or not.

Puffer tool, any race team that may have an issue with the “puffer tool” results, be prepared to remove head to verify cubic inch!

LICENSE: No DIRT license is required.

SHOCKS: The DIRTcar shock sticker is *not* required. DIRTcar spec shocks are mandatory.

TIRES: Hoosier only. Along with the current DIRTcar *Sportsman* tire rule, as in the past, the current DIRTcar *Modified* tire rule will be allowed in the Sportsman Division. No mixing.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS NOTE: 25 lb. weight break with Hans, Hutchens, and/or fact similarity safety restraint in use when in competition. Must be in place when crossing scales.

CONFISCATE ENGINE-Caprara’s Can Am Speedway and Motorsports Park reserves the right to confiscate for the purpose of an inspection any engine at any time track officials deem it necessary. No replacement engine will be offered. No assurance the engine would be returned in time for any future race(s).

ROLL CAGE: DIRTcar has added tubing to the roll cage specs. This update is mandatory at Can Am. The kit must be installed.

A kit is available from Bicknell Racing Products.
bicknellracingproducts.com 905-685-RACE (7223)
Below is the rule section from DIRTcar bulletin.

15.9 Roll Cage F.) MANDATORY Frame/Roll Cage: A piece of tubing, a minimum of 1-1/4" in outside diameter and .095"-inches in thickness, must be installed vertically and must extend through the car into the bottom frame rail or extend back to the union at the top of the door and rear main hoop joint. The tubing must be installed in a manner that does not impede the driver exiting the cockpit. The tubing must be mounted a minimum of 9"-inches and a maximum of 12"-inches on the roof bar from the existing rear roll cage hoop. This must be installed symmetrically on both sides of the roll cage. Existing cars must be retrofitted with this piece of tubing.

TECH INSPECTION & TECH AREA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Track implemented tech inspections are for the purpose of satisfying Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park Officials only, and are in no way performed to prove anything to anyone else, including fellow competitors. If a competing team is suspicious of a fellow competitor, this is what the protest procedure is intended for.

An inspection can be demanded anytime once entered pit gate and or after any race event, any position including DNF & DNS.

In a track tech inspection situation if an issue should occur with obtaining utilizable results, whether resulting from tool failure or any other non-intentional means, the inspection may be terminated.

Driver only can refuse a tech inspection and will forfeit the affected event money and points as well as ALL points accumulated at the affected track.

Not being the driver's regular car has no relationship to the procedure and or outcome regarding any tech inspection. As the driver you are responsible for the car you are driving to be conforming to the rules.

Only driver/car will be allowed in tech area, driver must remain with car until otherwise instructed by official(s), a designated number of crew members per car will be allowed by tech officials IF and WHEN needed.

Verbal and or physical action directed toward officials or other racers will not be tolerated. The driver is and will be held accountable for any and all actions of his crew/owner, whether or not associated with car will be determined by officials. Any such issues arise, driver/car will be subjected to losing Tech Area privileges. In the event of this the driver and car would be disqualified from the effected event, will lose all money and points earned in the effected event. Further discretionary action may be imposed.

Questions/input will be addressed as possible by the officials.

DYNO TECH INSPECTION POLICY

Any rule, policy or procedure that conflicts with anything in the tradition protest sections, this dyno policies and procedures will take priority over those.

Throughout the season race teams will be randomly selected for a dyno inspection. Try not to look at this as being harassed or singled out. If you conform to the rules you have no reason to be

concerned or get upset about. Something to always remember, the need to report to tech area suggests a high degree of accomplishment.

The team will be told to pull their finishing position engine. Engine pulling action must begin as soon team is notified, and engine must be in the possession of Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park within 1 hour.

Driver only can refuse the dyno test inspection. Refusing the dyno test inspection will result in the same penalties as found illegal, in the found illegal section below.

FOUND ILLEGAL, any engine found to be illegal, driver/car will be fined \$1000. This \$1000 is assessed to driver and car, therefore until the fine is paid, by anyone, both driver and car will not be allowed to compete at Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park. As aforementioned, not being the driver's regular car has no relationship to the procedure and or outcome regarding any tech inspection. As the driver you are responsible for the car you are driving to be conforming to the rules. The engine will be returned after the dyno test and immediately be classified as OPEN engine status, and from then on not be allowed Crate engine classification. Furthermore, engine must conform to all OPEN engine specific rules.

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CAN AM ENGINE DYNO *PROTEST* POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

GM 602 Crate engine dyno protest policy and procedure is as follows.

Protest allowed with feature event only.

Not being the driver's regular car has no relationship to the procedure and or outcome regarding any protest inspection. As the driver you are responsible for the car you are driving to be conforming to the rules.

Requirements of both drivers & cars:

Driver *entering* & driver *receiving* the protest, with the same car each was driving when taking the original green flag start of the first lap of the affected event must complete all laps as did the race leader. Additionally, driver *entering* the protest, along with the same car must have taken the green in the last three consecutive, on the schedule feature events at Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park. The protested feature must be the 3rd consecutive event. Any on the schedule multiple features on the same night will count. Furthermore, driver/car *entering* protest must finish within five positions of driver/car *receiving* protest.

Driver only can enter or refuse the protest. Refusing the dyno protest will immediately require driver/car *receiving/refusing* dyno protest to immediately submit engine for a track tech inspection dyno test. Refusing the track tech inspection dyno test will result in the same penalties as found illegal, in the found illegal penalties section below. Additionally, driver will forfeit the affected event money and points as well as ALL points accumulated at the affected track.

Once protest has been entered, it cannot be withdrawn, no money refunded. In the event of either teams causing additional problems, the offenders driver/car will be assessed the same as found illegal, in the found illegal penalties section below.

Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park Tech Officials reserve the authority to deny any protest they feel inappropriate or has not followed the procedural guidelines.

Only both drivers, both cars and ONE crew member each car will be allowed in tech or designated work area. Additional representatives may be allowed per tech officials IF and WHEN needed, as decided by officials, no explanation from officials will be offered.

Engine pulling action must begin with both cars as soon driver & car *GETTING* protested accepts the protest, and both engines must be in the possession of Caprara's Can Am Motorsports Park within 1 hour of accepting protest.

Protest must be LEGIBLY hand written IN DETAIL, with EXACT amount, \$1500 CASH only, US funds, submitted by driver only, to a tech official only, within 15 minutes of end of feature event. All this must be submitted in the tech area only.

Protest Amount and Engine Submission:

Amount, \$1500 in money, plus finishing position engine immediately from driver & car *ENTERING* protest for dyno test at same time of driver and car *GETTING* protested engine dyno test. Both engines will be return after dyno test. See Found Illegal Penalties section below.

Money is only put up for the engine *getting* protested. No amount is for the engine entering protest. (\$1500 in levies. With any and all results, \$1000 is forfeited, \$500 is dyno cost and \$500 goes to the track.)

Results:

Engine *GETTING* protested dyno test

Found LEGAL: Driver/car *GETTING* protested receives the \$1000.

Found ILLEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protest is refunded the \$1000. See found illegal penalties section below.

Engine *ENTERING* protest dyno test

Found LEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protested receives no money.

Found ILLEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protest receives no money. See found illegal penalties section below.

Engine *GETTING* protested receives no money with either results.

If BOTH are Found ILLEGAL: (See found illegal penalties section below)

Driver/car *ENTERING* protested receives NO money back.

Driver/car *GETTING* protested receives NO money.

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