



## 2017 New London-Waterford Speedbowl General Track Rules

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All items marked in **RED** are new and/or are wording changes to the General Rules for 2017.

### Contingencies

Contingency Sponsors and their decals are a valuable part of NASCAR, INEX, and New London Waterford Speedbowl's programs. Each division will be notified as to which stickers must be used and their required locations. Failure to apply the required decals may remove one's eligibility for points awarded at a given event and/or monetary awards at a given event.

**Contingency decals ARE REQUIRED at all events unless dictated otherwise, at a MINIMUM these include the stickers included within the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Decal/Sticker Package for all NWAAS Divisions. Other contingency Decals/Stickers may be required per at the NLWS request. The NLWS reserves the right to withhold Purse Checks and/or Points until your race car is in compliance.**



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## **Members**

Car Owners, Car Drivers, Crew Members, Fans, New London-Waterford Speedbowl Employees and Vendors: Upon entry into the New London-Waterford Speedbowl facility, you agree to be knowledgeable and bound by the contents found in these General Rules and any Divisional Rules which may apply to you. These rules supersede and replace any contrary rules as posted by NASCAR or INEX.

It is the member's sole responsibility to have knowledge of any and all New London-Waterford Speedbowl rules and directives at all times, when participating in or attending any New London Waterford Speedbowl events.

## **1.0 Preface**

The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of stock car racing and entertainment events and to reduce the always-present risk of injury to both participants and spectators during such events. A New London-Waterford Speedbowl Event is a competitive sports or entertainment event, which is intended to be conducted and officiated in accordance with the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules. It is ultimately the obligation of each participant to insure that their conduct and equipment comply with all applicable New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules, as they may be amended from time to time. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of, or compliance with, these Rules. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of said Events, and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or all others.

### **1.1.1 New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules**

These rules supersede any similar rules and are in effect for all events unless otherwise posted and/or announced.

### **1.1.2 Higher Authority**

The rules found herein are intended to be the only regulations governing Events at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl. However, should a governmental agency, such as the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department or any other local, state or federal body, currently have or issue in the future any lawfully instituted standards which are contrary to those found herein, then those standards will prevail. If the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules are found to be in part illegal in the eyes of such a governmental body, only that area(s) of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules found substandard will be void and the rest of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules will remain in full force and be applicable.



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### 1.1.3 Effective Date

The New London-Waterford Speedbowl rules are effective upon the date of publication by New London-Waterford Speedbowl, regardless of when a Competitor receives actual notice. "Date of Publication" is the earliest posting on New London-Waterford Speedbowl Website.

### 1.1.4 Amendment

The New London-Waterford Speedbowl rules may only be amended by an authorized officer **or official** of New London-Waterford Speedbowl. This amendment will be posted on the New London-Waterford Speedbowl website, [www.speedbowl.com](http://www.speedbowl.com). An amendment is effective upon the date of **posting** by New London-Waterford Speedbowl **on the NLWS website ( [www.Speedbowl.com](http://www.Speedbowl.com) )** .

### 1.1.5 Applicability

The New London-Waterford Speedbowl rules are applicable to all events run at the "New London-Waterford Speedbowl", 1080 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford, CT. 06385, that are under the supervision or promotion of New London-Waterford Speedbowl Management and Officials. Any events not under New London-Waterford Speedbowl supervision will be clearly stated as such and subject to the rules of whatever non-New London-Waterford Speedbowl entity is managing that event.

### 1.1.6 Private Property

The New London-Waterford Speedbowl is private property. Any person on the property without the permission of New London-Waterford Speedbowl owners or management is guilty of trespass and subject to the penalties prescribed by law. Through your license and registration, you have been given the permission to be on this property, only in conjunction with racing activities. However, the Administration of The New London-Waterford Speedbowl reserves the right to revoke and cancel this **permission** at any time it is felt that your presence or conduct is not in the best interests of the sport of auto racing, your fellow competitors, the fans, the management and the employees of The New London-Waterford Speedbowl.

## 1.2 Injury Reports

Any Competitor involved in an accident while on the premises must report all known injuries to a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official before leaving the premises (if such Member is able to make such a report). If the competitor is unable to report, a crew member or parent/guardian shall make such report. The appropriate injury report form must be filled out and returned to the New London-Waterford Speedbowl **prior to leaving the facility on the day the injury occurred.**



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## **1.3 Ownership of Media Rights**

All persons agree that all commercial rights to any and all photographs, video tapes, motion pictures, sound recordings, etc. made of any event at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl are owned solely by The New London-Waterford Speedbowl, regardless of what party created such properties. Any sale of such images or recordings, on or off the New London-Waterford Speedbowl premises, is strictly prohibited except by the New London-Waterford Speedbowl, or its officially approved agents. Any such images or recordings created by non-approved agents will be solely for their individual and noncommercial use.

## **1.4 Inspections**

### **1.4.1 Inspection Area**

Only those persons authorized by New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may be admitted to the inspection area. Refusal of orders from a Race Official may result in disqualification, suspension, and fine. Only one (1) team member will be authorized in the Tech Office, when instructed by a Race Official. That limit may change based on the directive of a Race Official. Any unauthorized entry of said area, at any time, may result in disqualification, suspension, and/or fine.

### **1.4.2 Car Sealing or Impounding**

Refusal of sealing or impounding the car, it's tires, it's engine and /or any part on it **will** result in disqualification, suspension, fines, **or any combination of**. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl assumes no responsibility for impounded cars, tires, or parts.

### **1.4.3 Technical Inspection**

Your car and all of its parts are subject to a technical or safety inspection at any time. Failure to comply with the inspection request(s) **will** result in disciplinary action.

### **1.4.4 Technical Declaration**

If a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official determines prior to an event that the car does not meet the applicable specifications and rules, the car may or may not be allowed to compete. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials will use the following as guidelines for their discretionary decision: A) Will it affect safety? B) Can it be corrected in time for the event? C) Will it provide an advantage over other competitors? D) Is it so insubstantial so as to not warrant disqualification? Technical sanctions may be imposed to any car at any time, at the discretion of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials. The decision of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials is final and non-appealable.





## 1.5 RACE PROCEDURES

A. Burn-outs and/or donuts are not allowed at any time on the Waterford Speedbowl property. A fine may result if it is deemed to have endangered any persons or property either on or off the race track.

B. Yellow Flag Courtesy Laps: When the caution flag is waved, the tower / flag man will begin counting laps after the completion of the first yellow pace lap, by the Pace Car. Track Officials will go a minimum of 4 laps for South pit divisions, and 5 laps for North pit divisions before the race event is resumed. Track officials will only go these minimum laps if there are car(s) **that are considered part of the reason for the yellow flag that** have pitted for repairs. The Yellow Flag Courtesy Laps do not apply to qualifying races.

C. Any competitor may not drive in the wrong direction on the race track for any reason unless directed to do so by a Race Official.

### 1.5.1 Finality of Race Procedure Decisions

A. All decisions made by New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials involving pre-race, race, or post-race procedures are final and non-appealable.

B. Courtesy/**Hot Laps** may be granted at the discretion of the Race Director and **only if time allows**.

C. Track officials will determine whether damage is sufficient to cause the car to be towed versus pushed from the racing surface. No repair assistance will be given by track personnel.

D. In the event of any postponement of race, any car which took the initial green flag may reenter the race when re-scheduled regardless of whether it was running at the time of the postponement.

E. Any driver who, in the opinion of the Race Director, cannot perform safely at the front of any line-up will be placed in an appropriate starting spot in the line-up by order of the Race Director.

F. Under no circumstances is any car to be pushed onto the race track from the pit area. No car may receive any assistance to keep moving on the race track after the white flag has been displayed.





- G. New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials reserve the right to request any car to return to its pit area for inspection before continuing in the event.
- H. No changes of driver at any time will be made without advance notification and approval by the Race Director or an appointed agent. When the race is in progress, changes must be made in the pit area only. A driver is ineligible to receive points for a race in which he or she has secured a relief driver for the purpose of enabling the driver to compete in a second race while the first race is still in progress.
- I. Car numbers may not be transferred to another car once qualifying has been completed. Drivers wishing to change cars must move to a qualified car. Multiple entries (back-up cars with the same car number) by the same driver or owner are allowed to enter the pit area, but may not be used unless they qualify that car.
- J. Alternates will be chosen from consolation races and/or at the discretion of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials.
- K. A race may be considered complete only when we have reached the halfway point in laps completed in that event. **Except in rare instances when it is not possible to reschedule an event due to extraordinary reasons.**

## 1.5.2 Starting Position Determination

- A. **All Drivers for all Divisions must sign in with the Race Handicapper 1 Hour prior to the posted scheduled start time of qualifying. Drivers who are not signed in on time will be placed to the rear of their qualifying race. Drivers who do not participate in at least one practice round may be placed to the rear of their qualifying and/or feature event.**
- B. **Drivers will be handicapped based upon the total of championship points received during the three previous race events held.**
- C. **Any driver that misses an event will be credited with one and one half wins (48 points) for handicapping purposes for that event. Disqualified cars (received no money and no points) will be given two wins (64 Points) for handicapping purposes for that event. Cars that have been placed to the rear of the finishing order for a race rules infraction will be given a win for handicapping purposes for that event (32 points).**
- D. **Regardless of Handicapped position established by the Points System above, NO driver that has won a feature in the current racing season will be posted to start any further forward than sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) position in the Feature Event. In the event more than one prior feature winner needs to be**





moved back due to winning a feature(s) earlier in the season, preference will be given to the driver that won his feature earliest in the season. The most recent feature winner(s) will be placed in the inverted order of their most recent feature finish starting with position 6 and moving back as needed.

**E. When applicable and in lieu of a draw system when a three race handicap system cannot be utilized such as Opening Day the heat or feature lineups will be set based on a competitors fastest posted lap in either of the first 2 practice sessions held, or in a group qualifying session. Heat and Feature line-ups will be straight up according to the posted times unless otherwise stated prior to the event. If no time is registered due to a problem with your transponder you will start behind all cars that registered a time.**

**F. When inspections, qualifying races or time trials are held on days prior to the date of the race, The New London-Waterford Speedbowl reserves the right to seal all motors, impound all race tires and/or impound cars.**

**G. For some events, a predetermined amount of cars (based upon the current order of point standings) may be considered as prequalified. The car must be signed in with the handicapper within one hour of the posted Pit Gate opening time for your division in order to take advantage of being pre-qualified. Any exception to this must be pre-approved by the Race Director.**

**H. If a car drops out of the posted starting line-up before the cars are on the race track, all cars will cross over to their new position. If a car drops out of line, on the race track while the field is doubled up, the inside or outside row will move up into position based on where the dropped car was aligned in the field.**

**I. All drivers must use their discretion concerning where they restart an event after they have been lapped or are experiencing mechanical issues.**

**J. The Race Director reserves the right to move any & all lapped cars to the rear of the lead-lap cars during all restarts.**

**K. A Lucky Dog/Free Pass rule may be applied in extra distance events, allowing the first car in order that is one or more laps down, to regain one of those laps during each caution period, providing that car is not involved the cause for caution, and is not in the pit area. This will be announced during the Drivers Meeting on the day of the event.**

**L. The Race Director may amend the Lapped Cars rule in this section solely at their discretion during the event. This basically means that in the judgement of the Race Director if the lapped car in question is capable of keeping up with the field and possibly advancing their position without being a menace to the other competitors they "may" be allowed to keep their position in the field. This is a judgement call on the part of the Race Director and is non-appealable.**





### 1.5.3 Race Start

- A. All qualified cars must be on the track during pace laps.
- B. All Cars must drive out onto the track under their own power to start the race.
- C. Cars that are not lined up for the start of pace laps may join the rear of the field if they are on the track before the final pace lap/clenched green flag lap.
- D. Under no circumstances is any car not in the starting line-up to go on the track or enter the race after the completion of the first green flag lap, except cars which have lined up and started the pace laps.
- E. If a car drops out of the race before the completion of the first green flag lap, their finishing position will be determined by their starting position in relation to other drivers that do not complete the first green flag lap.
- F. During the pace laps, if a car does not maintain its designated position in the starting field, New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may reposition the car at their discretion.
- G. The race begins at the commencement of pace laps, but scoring and official distance begins when the initial scored green flag is waved.
  - 1. Driver changes are permitted after the completion of the initial green flag lap only.
  - 2. The points and money will be awarded to the driver that completes the initial green flag lap.
- H. When the flagman gives the clenched green flag ("one lap to go" signal), cars will line up in columns of two (double file) for all restarts.
- I. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may amend this policy at their discretion.

### 1.5.4 Caution / Scoring

- A. All cars involved in causing a caution/yellow flag condition will be placed at the rear of the field on the restart line-up.
- B. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials shall place the cars at their discretion. Their judgment is final and non-appealable. Cars not moving to the rear of the field when directed to may be penalized.
- C. **Cars that, in the opinion of Race Control, have caused an intentional yellow will be assessed a one (1) lap penalty. Any car deemed to have caused an intentional yellow that choose to pit will NOT be granted any yellow flag courtesy laps. This is a judgement call by the Race Director and is non-appealable.**







**D. Any Race car that brings out the caution 3 times in the same event (heat or feature race) without the assistance of another race vehicle due to their car not handling well, driver error, or a mechanical issue(s) WILL be blacked flagged and not allowed to return to the event. This is not a disqualification, they impacted car will be scored and awarded points according to where they would have finished should they have dropped out of the race on their own free will due to accident or mechanical failure.**

### **1.5.5 Race Halt**

**A.** The Race Director will determine whether the racetrack is in race ready condition for any and all events.

**B.** A race may be stopped at the discretion of a higher authority at any time they determine, in the exercise of their judgment, that the track is not fit for racing.

### **1.5.6 Green Flag (Start of Race)**

**A.** At the beginning of each race, (initial start) when the green flag is waved by the flagman, cars must maintain their lane position as designated by the current line-up until they have crossed the start/finish line. Lane position may be changed if adverse conditions dictate (missed shifts, spun tires, etc.). All position movement before crossing the start/finish line due to adverse conditions is at the discretion of Race Control and may result in penalties if adverse conditions were not present in the opinion of Race Control.

**B.** On restarts, there is no passing until the green flag is waved.

**C.** New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may use their discretion to modify the restarts as required.

**D. On restarts** each car must remain in assigned lane position until the green flag is displayed.

**E.** If the Race Director deems the No.2 or No.3 position cars are trying to restart the race before the No. 1 car (the leader), penalties may result.

**F.** The lead car must maintain pace car speed and lane positioning all the way down the backstretch and through turns three and four prior to the green flag waving.

**G.** All cars must stay in their designated lanes (inside or outside) until the green flag is waved.

### **1.5.7 Blue Flag with Diagonal Yellow Stripe (Passing Flag)**

**A.** The blue flag with a diagonal yellow stripe signifies that faster traffic is overtaking the cars being signaled.



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B. Cars being given this flag must prepare to yield to overtaking traffic by moving to the bottom of the track. You must get your left side tires under the white line to allow faster cars to pass you when you are given this flag.

C. Any car not heeding the passing flag may be assessed a penalty.

D. **\*\* Bandolero Division Only\*\*** the passing flag means you must move up to the high groove when it is displayed for you.

### 1.5.8 Yellow Flag (Caution)

A. The yellow flag signifies caution, and this flag will be given to the first car passing under the flagman immediately following the occurrence of the cause for caution.

B. Under no circumstances will any car in any New London-Waterford Speedbowl racing division race back to the caution flag. In those events the lineup and restart procedure will revert back to the last completed green flag lap.

C. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials have complete discretion to determine the positions of the cars at the time the yellow flag was displayed and to reposition the cars in accordance with their determination.

D. Cars must immediately slow down to a cautious pace on all yellow flags and fall into single file order immediately. Failure to do so may result in being placed to the rear of the running order.

E. In the event a **caution/pace** car is used, no car may pass the **caution/pace** car unless directed to do so by a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official. Any cars illegally passing the **caution/pace** car or race leader may be assessed a penalty.

F. The flagman will give the clenched green flag, signifying one lap to go before the green flag will be displayed and the race will resume.

G. Cars returning to the race track from the pits while the yellow flag is out must wait for the rear of the field in the line behind the caution/pace caution car, **and always as** directed by the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials.

H. No pit crews may push, service, or repair any wrecked or damaged car on the racing surface. The car has to be in the pit area, having completely passed through the pit entrance gate, before any work may commence.

I. Cars that have pitted for repairs may rejoin the rear of the field at any time during the yellow flag period.





**J. When the yellow flag is displayed, the field will revert back to the last completed green flag lap where *the balance of the competitive cars on the lead lap* on the lead lap have crossed the stripe under green that were NOT involved in the caution. It is solely the judgement and discretion of the Race Director as to what car(s) are to be considered accident or caution related cars. This decision is final and not appealable under any circumstance.**

### **1.5.9 Red Flag (Race Stop)**

- A. The red flag will be shown when officials determine that the track is unsafe or if the deployment of safety vehicles to other areas causes a race delay.
- B. All cars will safely come to a stop immediately in an orderly fashion.
- C. Drivers may only exit their cars under red flag conditions when given permission by a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official.
- D. Cars that have stopped on the racing surface during a red flag may not be worked on or serviced by anyone.
- E. Cars that are in the pit area when the red flag is displayed may be serviced.
- F. Cars returning to the race track from the pit area while the red flag is out must wait in their pit stall until the yellow flag is displayed before moving toward the racing surface.
- G. Once the red flag is displayed, any cars on the racing surface that "move" without permission from a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official will be penalized.

### **1.5.10 Black Flag (Report to Infield Immediately)**

- A. The Black Flag means go to the infield immediately and report to a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official for consultation (it does not mean automatic disqualification).
- B. Since all cars are in direct communication from the Race Director and Chief Scorer, you should know immediately when you are given the Black Flag. Your scoring will stop at the completion of the 2nd lap after receiving the Black Flag. In the event a race needs to go to a yellow flag situation to remove any Black Flagged racecar from the track, the offending car will be done for the event and not allowed to return to the race.**
- C. You must obey the black flag immediately, or penalties will result.

### **1.5.11 White Flag (One Lap to Go)**

- A. When the white flag is displayed it means the leader has started their last lap.





B. If, on the white flag lap, the yellow flag is displayed, all cars, regardless of their location on the track, will slow down and maintain position with respect to other cars still racing on the race track and will revert back to the last completed green flag lap.

C. On the ensuing restart, there will be a green, white, and checker finish (2 complete laps) for feature events (see checkered flag rule).

D. Qualifying races may receive the "red-checkered" during this situation, and their race is declared complete, and the official finish will be the running order on the lap before the yellow was displayed, minus any caution involved cars.

E. No car may receive any assistance on the race track after the white flag has been displayed, or penalties may result.

### 1.5.12 Checkered Flag (End of Race)

A. When the checkered flag is displayed it means the race is completed.

B. When the required race distance has been completed by the lead car, the race will be declared "official" regardless of any other flag being displayed. However, the checkered flag may appear before the leader has officially completed the final required lap. The race is not complete until the leader crosses the start/finish line on the last lap.

C. All feature races will end with a green, white, checkered finish unless in the opinion of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials the track is no longer safe for racing.

D. When the checkered flag is displayed to the leader, the balance of the field receives the checkered flag in that same lap.

E. Finishing positions will be paid according to most laps traveled in the least time, whether the car is still running or not.

**F. The top 3 finishers are required to report to the Start/finish line after the feature race event. After the interview, the top 3 finishers are required to report to the scale/tech area. Failure to report for your front stretch interview or the scale area/tech area WILL result in a penalty with the exception of extraordinary circumstances. In addition to the Top 3 cars being scaled the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> cars will be scaled in case any one of the Top 3 do not pass the Scale Tech. Should one or more of the Top 3 cars not pass scale tech and therefore disqualified from the event then the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> cars as needed will be moved into the Tech area for post-race inspection. The NLWS reserves the right to inspect additional cars from any finishing position in the field at their discretion. A random draw may be utilized to add a car(s) to the inspection process.**





## 1.6 Violations and Disciplinary Action

### 1.6.1 General Scope of Penalties

**A.** Penalties for violation of rules are determined by the gravity of the violation, its effects on fairness of competition, the orderly conduct of the event, and the interests of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl. Penalties for rules and conduct violations may include, but are not limited to:

1. being placed to the rear of the finishing order
2. Disqualification
3. Suspension
4. Expulsion
5. Monetary fines
6. Loss of points for the event
7. Loss of points for the season
8. Loss of point fund money

**B.** The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials will use their discretion to impose penalties they think are fair and prudent concerning each infraction or penalty. The following are guidelines of conduct infractions but are not limited to:

1. Verbal or physical abuse of a race official.
2. Speeding or reckless driving on the (Race track, infield, pit area, parking lot, etc.)
3. Rough riding/contact (willful or negligent).
4. Contact under caution or after race completion (willful or negligent).
5. Exiting your race car on the track without permission from a New London-Waterford Speedbowl Official.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct
7. Endangering the safety of others, on or off-track.
8. Intentional stopping of a race event (Intentional Yellow).
9. Threatening or physical confrontations.
10. Approaching an official's tower by driver and or car owner or crew member.
11. The transfer or forging of any pit permit, license, or documents.
12. Competing in a race event without proper authorization and licensing.
13. Any verbal assaults or threats to do bodily harm.
14. The use of alcohol, drugs, or any prescription drugs that alter your awareness.
15. Participating in or inciting a fight.
16. The confrontation and/or blocking of another teams race car.
17. Missing a roll-call or missing a drivers meeting.





C. All Car owners, drivers, pit crew members, fans, employees and vendors are subject to disciplinary action for the violation of any New London-Waterford Speedbowl Rules.

D. Any driver and/or crew member that has been suspended from competition at another race facility during the 2017 calendar year may be subject to the same discipline at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl prior to competition.

## 1.7 Championship Points

### 1.7.1 Points Earned

A. A driver will be credited only with points earned in the car in which he or she started the feature event, and the driver will be credited with all points earned by that car in that event.

B. Points will be awarded for finishing position only, **in feature races.**

C. A driver is ineligible to receive points for a race in which he or she has secured a relief driver for the purpose of enabling the driver to compete in a second race while the first is still in progress.

D. **To be eligible for points, driver and car must complete the first official lap of the Feature event, or in the case of double features the first official lap of the first feature run.**

E. No driver changes will be permitted until after the completion of the first green flag lap.

F. In case of ties, ties will be broken by using the greatest number of Feature Wins in events counting toward that position and if a tie still exists, 2nds, 3rds, etc. will be considered, until the tie is broken.

G. **Championship points will be awarded for all weekly divisions according to finishing position as follows:**

Feature Race Point Structure	
Position	Points Awarded
1 <sup>st</sup>	32 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	29 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	28 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	27 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	26 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	25 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	24 points





8 <sup>th</sup>	23 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	22 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	21 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	20 points
12 <sup>th</sup>	19 points
13 <sup>rd</sup>	18 points
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22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 points
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 points
24 <sup>th</sup>	7 points
25 <sup>th</sup>	6 points
26 <sup>th</sup>	5 points
27 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
28 <sup>th</sup>	3 points
29 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
30 <sup>th</sup>	1 point

H. Thirty (30) points will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher in all feature events. An additional two (2) bonus points will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher as a “winner” bonus, for a total of 32 points.

I. Any cars that finish 30<sup>th</sup> or lower if applicable, will all receive one (1) point for each position.

J. **In the event of Double Features, any driver who is unable to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> feature event held on the same day/night due to a mechanical failure will be awarded last place championship points only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> feature of the days event. No purse will be paid for the second feature in which the driver did not start.**



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### 1.7.1.1 Electronic Scoring

**A. All NLWS Divisions must have a scoring transponder assigned and attached to your racecar during every practice, qualifying and feature event. The only exception to this is Enduro and Family Fun Event participants.**

B. Transponder information and mounting details are available in each divisional rule book.

C. If your transponder stops working during an event, you may be asked to pit to try to correct the problem.

D. It is your responsibility to keep the transponder working correctly. You may not compete in a race event without a scoring transponder unless adverse conditions dictate otherwise.

E. Transponder rental information: \$25 fee, \$400 deposit, \$10 for clips.

### 1.7.2 Point Funds

A. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl reserves the right to establish, maintain, compile, and publish award points and point fund money and trophies.

B. All competitors agree to abide by decisions of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl in establishing and administering the award points, point fund money, and trophies.

C. Dollar amounts and distributions may be posted during the season at the discretion of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials.

### 1.7.3 Eligibility

A. To be eligible for points and point fund money, the driver must complete a driver registration form, and submit themselves to a "headshot" photo prior to competition.

B. You will not receive points and purse for any events until this information is received. It is the sole responsibility of the driver to make sure they have completed this process prior to competing in any event.

C. All cars must have the designated series decals on their race car at all times to be eligible.

D. All drivers earning point fund money are required to attend the season awards banquet to receive their funds. Funds not collected by the drivers at the awards banquet will be forfeited.

**E. Beginning with the 2017 race season, all drivers earning trophies/plaques for their season merits are required to attend the season awards banquet to receive their trophies/plaques. Trophies/plaques not collected by the driver or a team representative at the awards banquet will be forfeited. In the event the driver is not available to attend the banquet, the car's owner or another team member will need to attend the banquet to pick up the drivers award.**



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F. Eligibility to participate or receive awards through the point fund may be forfeited by any competitor or their team members violating rules and/or regulations prior to the presentation of the awards at the Annual Awards Banquet.

## 1.8 Safety

A. Competitors are solely and directly responsible for the safety of their race cars and all associated equipment, and are obligated to perform their duties (whether as a car owner, driver, or pit crew member) in a manner designed to minimize to the degree possible the risk of injury to themselves and to others. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may use their discretion relating to the useable condition of all competitors' safety equipment.

B. The SK Modified, Late Models, Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, SK-Light, Trucks, Super X Cars, and X Cars are required to have the following door bar anti-intrusion plates installed.

**A magnetic steel anti-intrusion plate made from a minimum thickness of .080 MUST be securely welded to the outside of the left side door bars. The anti-intrusion plate(s) must fill the area between the horizontal centerlines of the top and bottom door bars, and vertical centerlines of main roll bar, and the left front roll bar leg. The plate(s) must be formed to match the curvature of the door bars. Individual plates, if used, should be made as large as possible. All plate(s) must have the corners fastened / welded. To facilitate emergency removal of the left side door bars, the anti-intrusion plate(s) must have six (6), 2-1/8 inch diameter holes cut in the anti-intrusion plate, with three (3) holes forward of the front vertical supports and three (3) holes rearward of the rear vertical supports in the following locations: The upper two (2) holes must be centered vertically between the left side door bars, at an on-center distance of three (3) inches from the center of the front vertical support and the rear vertical support. The middle two (2) holes must be centered vertically between the left side door bars, at an on-center distance of three (3) inches from the center of the front vertical support and the rear vertical support. The lower two (2) holes must be centered vertically between the left side door bars, at an on-center distance of three (3) inches from the center of the front vertical support and the rear vertical support. All cars must have a foot protection bar acceptable to New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials installed on the left side of the roll cage. The foot protection bar must be located at or in front of the pedal assembly, when viewed from the side and above. The foot protection bar must be completely welded to the left front roll bar leg**



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and extend forward and be completely welded to the main frame rail or front subframe.

### 1.8.1 Helmets

- A. SA2005, SA2010 or SA2015 rated full-face helmets are mandatory for all motor vehicle events.
- B. The helmet and a face shield or other acceptable eye protection must be worn at all times during any event.
- C. **Effective in 2018, ALL NWAAS, INEX, and Truck Divisions will be required to have an approved SFI Rated Head and Neck Restraint System.**

### 1.8.2 Seatbelts

- A. Each car must be equipped with an SFI rated and approved 5 or 6 point seat belt system.
- B. The belt latching mechanism must provide a common connection and release for the lap belts, shoulder belts, and the anti-submarine (crotch) belt(s).
- C. The seat belts must be installed in accordance with the directions provided by the belt supplier and/or manufacturer.
- D. The belts must be bolted to the roll cage/frame using the appropriate **minimum** diameter Grade 8 bolts, washers, and locknuts.
- E. Where the shoulder harness lays across your shoulders, it must pass over a bar located at shoulder height, and the belts must pass through the cut-out in the seat without contacting the seat cutout.
- F. Date stamps must be visible and must indicate that all belts are no more than 3 years old.
- G. Please refer to the manufacturer information regarding seat belt installation.

### 1.8.3 Seats

- A. Each car must be equipped with a commercially manufactured oval track racing seat. **No Homemade or Fiberglass Seats allowed.**
- B. The seat must be securely and professionally mounted to the roll cage, utilizing a **minimum** 3/8" diameter Grade 8 bolts, washers, and locknuts.





- C. The installation of the seat must be acceptable to track officials.
- D. All seats are required to have commercially manufactured and padded head supports, shoulder supports, and leg supports (2 of each). The 6 supports must be installed in accordance with the directions provided by the supplier and/or manufacturer.
- E. Please refer to the following information regarding seat installation:  
[http://www.stockcarracing.com/howto/134\\_0406\\_seat\\_mounting/index2.html](http://www.stockcarracing.com/howto/134_0406_seat_mounting/index2.html)

### 1.8.4 Window Nets

- A. An SFI rated nylon window net must be installed in the left side door window opening. It must be positioned to cover the driver.
- B. The window net must be rib type, made from 3/4" or 1" wide nylon material with a minimum 1" and a maximum of 2-1/4" square opening between the ribs.
- C. The minimum window net size is approximately 22" wide by 16" high.
- D. All window net mounts must be a minimum 1/2" diameter solid steel rod on the bottom and a minimum 1" wide by 3/16" thick flat steel bar, or a minimum 1/2" diameter solid steel round bar on the top, with mounts welded to the roll cage.
- E. The window net, when in the closed position, must fit tight and be secured with a lever-type quick release latch acceptable to Track Officials.
- F. The lever must be secured by a detent ball in the lever and may be supplemented by a Velcro® fastener only, pins or clips will not be permitted.
- G. The latch must mount at the top in the front to roof bar (#3) and release from the inside.
- H. Date stamps must be visible and must indicate that the net is no more than 3 years old.

### 1.8.5 Fire Safety

- A. Each car must have an approved fire extinguisher or FireBottle type suppression system installed for the driver's safety.
- B. All extinguishers and systems must be securely and mechanically fastened, and be fully functional and operational.
- C. The fire extinguisher or system must be of an approved class of 1301 Halon or equivalent.

### 1.8.6 Fire Suits

- A. Each driver must wear an SFI rated and approved fire suit, and SFI approved undergarments,



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including top, bottom, and socks.

### 1.8.7 Gloves and Shoes

A. SFI approved fire retardant racing gloves and shoes are mandatory.

### 1.8.8 Roll Cage

A. 1-3/4" diameter x .095 wall HREW or DOM steel tubing is mandatory for all roll cage bars described herein. The following bars are the minimum required bars for the basic roll cage. All roll cage joints must be suitably and appropriately welded by competent craftsmen, and all roll cages must be approved by the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials.

B. All cars are required to have the basic roll cage configured as shown in diagram #5. The main roll bar hoop (#1 in diagram #5) must be welded on the top of both right and left frame rails, then come upward above the driver's head and across the inside roof panel. The main roll bar hoop (#1) must also be braced with one diagonal bar (#5) and two horizontal bars (#6) and (#7). The diagonal bar must begin at the upper left behind the driver's head and end at the lower right of the main roll bar hoop. The horizontal bars (#6 and #7) must be welded inside the main roll bar (#1) with the upper bar (#7) at the seat shoulder height (typically 21" off the top of the frame) and the lower bar (#6) just above the drive shaft tunnel. Extending forward at the outer edges of the roof panel, from the main cage is the roof halo bar (#3). The roof halo bar must follow the contour of the windshield across the front and be within four inches of the top of the windshield. The roof halo bar must also have a bar (#4) welded from the main roll bar hoop to the roof halo bar on the car's centerline. The front roll bar legs (#2 A & B) must be welded to the roof halo bar near the upper corners of the windshield, then extend down along the "A" posts to the cowl, then straight down to the top of the frame side rails. An additional dash bar (#8) must be welded (at the same height as bar #7) beneath the dash, across the two front roll bar legs (#2 A & B). Rear support bars (#13 A & B) must be welded to the main roll bar hoop (#1) at the top and extend to the rear of the frame in the trunk compartment. The rear support bars (#13 A & B) must be connected with a bar (#14) that adds extra protection to the trunk area in addition to being welded to the rear support bars (#13 A & B). Bar (#14) must have a minimum of three vertical supports (#15 in diagram #5) connecting it to the rear frame cross member. The main roll cage bar (#1) and the front roll bar legs (#2 A & B) must be connected with four horizontal door bars (#9 A & B) on both left and right sides. The top door bar on each side must have a vertical vent window bar (#10 A & B) welded upward and connecting to the front roll bar legs (#2 A & B). An optional vertical bar may extend from the roof hoop bar radius outward and turn down to the top horizontal door bar on driver's side. This bar should be located in line with the driver. The door bars must be convex in shape and spaced evenly from top to bottom. The top door bar must be welded in at the same height as bar #7 and bar #8. The



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door bars must be the same length and have an equal amount of convex in both the right and left sides. The door bars must have six vertical studs per side (not numbered but shown in the left side view diagram #3) equally spaced. Two angular studs (#11 A & B) must be attached from next to the bottom door bar to the frame rail. Right side door bars must be similar to the right side bars in construction and spacing. A roof support bar (#12) must also extend from the right front corner of the roof halo bar down to the transmission cross member or back to the center of the shoulder bar (#7). All joints must be gusseted.

C. All roll bars within the driver's reach must be padded with SFI rated roll cage padding.

D. For the approved location of the roll cage assembly, please refer to the required specific divisional rules.

## **1.9 EQUIPMENT AND GENERAL ACCESSORIES**

A. An electric oil pan heater, or an engine block heater, are the only approved heating devices that may be used. The warming of the transmission, rear end assembly, tires, or any other car components is not allowed. Additionally, cooling or icing of any part of the fuel system is not allowed.

B. No body part of the driver may extend outside of the race car body during an event.

C. Race cars are not allowed on the track until the track has opened for official practice, unless requested/approved by the Race Director.

D. No person shall be permitted to ride on the outside of a racecar at any time. Passengers are not permitted in a race car at any time. Also, no persons shall be permitted to ride on the outside of a hauler (truck or trailer) at any time on New London-Waterford Speedbowl property.

E. No filming or timing devices shall be allowed to extend beyond the debris fence unless authorized by the Track Officials.

## **1.10 Appearance**

A. All competitors are expected to field a well maintained and professional appearing car at all times.

B. Car bodies must retain the stock OEM look, contour, lines and angles. Regular maintenance of the car's appearance is expected throughout the season.



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- C. At their discretion, the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may instruct competitors to change or maintain all appearance items during the season.
- D. Numbers (approved and registered by the track) must be a minimum of 18" in height and be placed on both front doors and on the roof, facing the grandstands and the scoring tower.
- E. The driver's name should be on the grandstand side of the roof in 3" tall letters.
- F. A 3" tall number must be placed on the top passenger side corner of the windshield and on the passenger side of the taillight panel.
- G. The car numbers must be paint or vinyl decals, and they must be in high contrast to the cars paint scheme. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials may use their discretion in requesting color changes due to poor visibility and scoring issues.
- H. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials reserve the right to assign, approve or disapprove of any advertising, sponsorship or similar agreement in connection with any competitor, car, or event.
- I. All lettering/decals/signs must meet the approval of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials.
- J. Any lettering/decals/signs that are not approved must be removed when directed to do so.

## 1.11 Owner / Driver / Car Number

### 1.11.1 Requirements

A. All car owners, drivers, and car numbers must be registered with the New London-Waterford Speedbowl.

### 1.11.2 Application

A. The deadline for the reserved renewal of your **2017** season car number is **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

B. If your registration form and \$35 fee are not at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl office by **2/20/2017**, your number will no longer be reserved for you and will become available for claim. Confirmation of your **2017** car number will be e-mailed to you.



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C. If you purchased a car number in **2016**, but did not attempt to qualify a car with that number, you **WILL NOT** have the renewal rights to that car number.

### 1.11.3 Number Assignment

A. Car number assignments are made on the availability of numbers at the time you apply. **Beginning with the 2017 season there will be no "new" duplicate numbers assigned. Any duplicates that were used in competition in 2016 will be "grandfathered-in" and will be allowed to be used for one final year (2017). Please refer to sub-section E. below as to how numbers will be assigned for 2018 season.**

B. Car numbers that were purchased and earned points in **2016** are made available to that same purchaser until **2/20/2017** before they are released and made available to others.

C. If you purchased a car number in **2016**, but did not attempt to qualify a car with that number, you **WILL NOT** have the renewal rights to that car number.

D. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl Management reserves the right to assign numbers at their discretion.

E. **Beginning in 2018, only single and two digit numbers 0-99 will be eligible for use in competition with the exception of Enduros and Family Fun Events. This means no "X's", "CT's", "MA's" etc. The sole reason for this is to avoid confusion in scoring and fan recognition since the NLWS scoreboard only has the ability to post two numbers per racecar. Any numbers (digits only) that are duplicated in 2017 will be assigned giving priority to the competitor requesting them in 2018 using the following criteria: 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost is Highest Number of Events attended in 2017. In the event two or more competitor(s) attended the same number of events then the driver with Highest Point Total would be assigned the number. Lastly if the competitor(s) have the same point totals then it would be determined by a coin toss or the drawing of straws should there be more three or more competitors tied.**

### 1.11.4 Car Owner

A. Car owners are **required** to have the proper licensing for competition in a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series sanctioned division. Entry to a NWAAS event without the proper licensing may result in loss of points and/or money. Adhering to all owner licensing rules are the sole responsibility of the car owner.

B. All car owners are subject to all applicable rules and agreements found in the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Divisional Rules and the General Rules.



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### 1.11.5 Race Car Driver

A. Race car drivers are **required** to have the proper licensing for competition in a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series sanctioned division. Entry to a NWAAS event without the proper licensing **WILL** result in loss of points and/or money. Adhering to all driver licensing rules are the sole responsibility of the driver.

B. All car drivers are subject to all applicable rules and agreements found in the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Divisional Rules and the General Rules.

C. Drivers are solely responsible for the actions of all their team owners, pit crew personnel, and associated team members at all times.

## 1.12 Provisional Starting Positions

### 1.12.1 Eligibility

A. Drivers in the SK Modified, SK Lite, Street Stock, Mini Stock, Late Model, and Truck divisions are qualified for one provisional feature race starting spot per season if they have finished 15th or higher in points the previous race season.

B. Past Champions in any of those divisions are also granted one additional provisional feature race starting spot per year provided they finished 15th or higher in the previous year's point standings, and they are actively competing in the division in which they are requesting the provisional spot.

C. If two or more drivers request a provisional starting position for the same feature race, the driver with the highest number of points from the current year will prevail.

D. At the beginning of a new season, the previous season's points will be used to break any ties in eligibility for the first three (3) events of **2017**. After the completion of the third event, **2017** point standings will be used.

E. Drivers awarded a provisional starting spot may enter the feature as an additional entrant regardless of whether or not they participated in the qualification events for that feature.

1. Provisional starters will be added to the rear of the field.

## 1.13 Promoters Option

A. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl reserves the right to add competitors **as a "Promoters Option"** to any starting lineup at their sole discretion with the following exceptions:

B. **The New London-Waterford Speedbowl WILL NOT add cars to the rear of the starting field of any rescheduled race once the starting line-up has been set when the rescheduled race creates a second feature in the same division being run on the same day.**



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**C. Any NWAAS division will have a maximum of 26 qualified starters. The field may also have 1 Provisional Starter and/or 1 Promoters Option for a maximum of 28 starters.**

## **1.14 Pit Area Rules**

- A.** No pets of any kind are allowed in the pit area or infield during any events.
- B.** Protection of the environment is the responsibility of each individual race team. Each team is responsible for the containment, collection and disposal of environmentally detrimental materials. All materials in the possession of the race team must be E.P.A. approved for the specific use and must meet the rule book specifications. Each race team is to have a method for containing and collecting any of these materials which are being purposely drained or accidentally spilled. Each race team must have a minimum of an oil drain pan that can be sealed, and a supply of Speedy-Dry or similar oil absorbent. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl will provide a collection facility for these materials, however it is the responsibility of the driver to monitor and ensure his race team deposits any such materials in the collection facility. Failure to properly contain and dispose of any spilled materials may result in penalties.
- C.** Fuel can only be transported to and from the track and from the Fuel Station to the pit area in D.O.T. approved containers.
- D.** Antifreeze or unapproved additives of any type are not permitted in the cooling systems of any car competing at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl. Water, distilled water, or "water wetter" brand additive only. Any competitor found to be using any unapproved coolant or additive will be penalized.
- E.** You may not bring any motorized or non-motorized personal transportation (scooters, bikes, etc) onto New London-Waterford Speedbowl property. The New London-Waterford Speedbowl may grant limited use of such vehicles for handicapped persons and/or other extenuating instances, and are subject to prior approval and limitations. **ALL approvals will be in writing from the Owner and/or designee of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl.**
- F. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or narcotics of any kind are allowed in the pit or paddock areas.** Any car owner, driver or team member, who is signed into the pit area that is found drinking or buying alcohol before the conclusion of their teams feature event **WILL** be penalized. **The only exception to this rule is when the team member has relinquished their Pit Wristband to the person operating the alcohol concession stand. Under NO circumstances will any person in a Drivers Suit be served alcohol even should they relinquish their pit wristband.**
- G.** Welding may only be done by the track authorized welder and/or his equipment, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Owner or designee of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl.
- H.** All trucks, trailers, and cars shall be moved and/or parked as directed by New London-Waterford Speedbowl Officials. Failure to comply may result in penalties.



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I. **Personal vehicles are not permitted in the pit area or infield during any events unless directed to do so by authorized personnel. This includes Employees/Volunteers. All permitted vehicles MUST display a valid parking pass for the event. Employees/Volunteers will have a designated parking area for all events starting in 2017.**

J. All competitors, car owners, crew members, sponsors, track officials, etc. Are required to conduct themselves in respectful and humane manner at all times when on the property that is the New London-Waterford Speedbowl. Violations of this directive may result in suspensions, loss of points, loss of money, etc.; the following, will be criteria in which this relates to but is not limited to:

1. Disparaging comments as it relates to a person's race, nationality, age, sex, religion, ect.
2. Aggressive behavior, destruction of personal property and/or physicality towards any track officials, members, sponsors and/or fans will not be tolerated at any time.
3. This includes, but is not limited to; at any New London-Waterford Speedbowl functions (race track, car shows, banquet, etc.) or in media, broadcasts or any like forms.
4. Each Owner and/or Driver will be liable for the actions of their team members on the property of the New London-Waterford Speedbowl and/or at the location of any New London-Waterford Speedbowl functions.

## 1.15 Rookie Status

### 1.15.1 Rookie Guidelines

- A. Drivers must apply for Rookie status to the Race Director to be officially listed and considered a rookie in their division.
- B. The **2017** Rookie of the Year form must be filled out completely and handed in to the Chief Handicapper and approved by the Race Director, **before July 1, 2017.**
- C. A rookie must not have competed in more than **Five (5)** feature events in their division or any higher division. A higher division distinction is of the discretion of the Race Director.
- D. Drivers with racing experience from other race tracks or touring divisions may not be approved.
- E. Eligibility as a rookie is at the sole discretion of the NLWS Officials.
- F. All cars driven by rookies must have a yellow stripe on the rear bumper. **Unless otherwise approved by the Race Director.**
- G. Rookie drivers may not have another driver qualify a car for them.



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New London-Waterford Speedbowl officials reserve the right to interpret any and all of the above the written rules in any way, under the guidelines of the published General Track Rules. These Rules may be amended at any time as deemed necessary by a NLWS official or management.



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