

2026 New London Waterford Speedbowl Spectator Drag Rules

VEHICLES:

- Vehicles must be currently registered with the DMV, display valid permanent license plates and have a current inspection sticker if required by state law. Temporary, dealer, or repair plates are not permitted.
- High-performance SUVs and pickup trucks up to and including ¾-ton rating are permitted at track management's discretion.
- Vehicles must retain a factory production chassis and be street-legal in appearance.
- Electric vehicles (EVs), hybrid vehicles, convertibles, kit cars, tube-chassis vehicles, or purpose-built race cars are prohibited.
- Vehicle interiors must be complete and intact. All factory seats and interior panels must be installed. Headliners and carpeting may be removed.
- Vehicles must be clean, presentable, and free of loose or non-essential items.
- Cars must have front windshields, rear glass, and side door windows in place.
- No computers or laptops.
- No ballast or similar objects.
- Vehicles may not be configured for circle track racing. Any suspension setup deemed unsafe or inappropriate by track officials will not be permitted.

TIRES:

Treadwear rating must be clearly molded into the tire by the manufacturer. Tires without visible treadwear markings will not be permitted. FWD/RWD: 100 treadwear minimum. AWD: 300 treadwear minimum.

- All tires must have minimum 2/32nds or better tread depth across face of tire.
- No race slicks or racing recaps.
- No tire stagger permitted (meaning different size tires Left to Right).
- No tire softeners or treatments permitted.
- Tire extension is limited to no more than one (1) inch beyond the factory fender on one axle.

SAFETY:

- DOT-certified, full-face helmets are required and subject to inspection. Eye protection is required.
- Seat belts must be worn. Racing seat belts are recommended.
- Nitrous oxide systems are strictly prohibited, even if disconnected. Nitrous bottles are not permitted anywhere on the vehicle.

NOTE: Track management reserves the right to remove or prohibit any equipment deemed unsafe or to provide an unfair competitive advantage.

GENERAL:

All drivers must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.

All vehicles are subject to technical inspection before each event. Proof of current vehicle registration is required at pit booth check-in.

Day-of-event registration closes one (1) hour before event start time.

Participants must check in no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the event. Late arrivals will not be permitted to compete.

DRIVERS MUST ATTEND DRIVERS' MEETING OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.

The rules and regulations set forth herein are adopted for the purpose of ensuring the orderly, safe, and consistent conduct of racing events and of establishing mandatory minimum standards applicable to all such events.

These rules shall govern and control all aspects, conditions, and operations of all New London Waterford Speedbowl events.

Participation in any NLWS event constitutes an express acknowledgment, acceptance, and agreement by all participants to be bound by and to strictly comply with these rules and regulations, as a condition of participation.

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of, or compliance with, these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or others