

# ONCHAN RACEWAY

## *Stockcar Racing*

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### 2018 BANGER REGULATIONS

Any type of car, estate, car derived van or small pick-up may be used providing that they are of steel construction, with a minimum of 200 being produced. No Land Rover type vehicles, no large vans (transits etc). Four wheel drive cars can be used, but must be modified so only two wheels are driven.

**For the 2015 season and in future years no cars longer than 4850mm as manufactured are allowed.**

Longer cars cannot be cut or shortened in any way.

**Longer cars can be used in Demolition Derby events.**

#### ENGINES

**From May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 the maximum engine size limit of 2 litre has been removed. Engine size is unlimited.**

Turbos, superchargers or dry sump systems are not allowed. Engines must be compatible with body shells, ie a Focus body may be fitted with any Ford engine which was originally fitted to that type of body shell.

Diesel engines are allowed, the driver must demonstrate that the engine can be stopped when required, in the same manner as a petrol engine.

The original bulk head must not be cut away and remain intact. All exhaust systems must be securely fastened to the underside of the car and **MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO GOOD SILENCER BOXES.** The pipe should not protrude past the body work.

#### GEARBOX

Must remain standard.

#### DIFFERENTIALS

Standard, welded or limited slip differentials may be used.

#### RADIATORS

May be repositioned but flexible joints must be confined to radiator and engine connections. The driver must be in no danger of scalding if the system fails ie. Burst hose or radiator. Water tanks may not be used. All over flow pipes must terminate under the car.

#### SUSPENSION

Must remain standard, ie no camber, castor or lowering. Wheelbase must also remain standard. Strut braces are allowed.

#### BRAKES

Must work effectively.

#### WHEELS

Maximum width 8 inch. No wider permitted.

## **TYRES**

No competition tyres (slicks, intermediates etc). Standard factory fitted types only allowed.

No max sports, competition colways or avons. **If unsure ask – anyone caught using tyres deemed not to be legal will loose all points scored throughout the season.**

## **ELECTRICAL**

Batteries may be repositioned, they must be bolted or clamped securely and completely covered to prevent acid leaking in the event of a roll over. **Ratchet straps, rope or cable ties are not suitable and cars will fail scrutineering.** A battery isolator switch, switching the earth side of the circuit is recommended. **If an electrical fuel pump is being used, it must be wired through the ignition switch.**

**HOT WIRING IS NOT PERMITTED.** Car horns must be disconnected or removed.

## **STRENGTHENING**

No additional strengthening with any material may be carried out outside the drivers cab other than :-

1) For towing purposes, one bar front or rear, **within the width of the original chassis rails and not protruding further forward or backward than the original chassis rails.** Maximum size of this additional bar is 50mm x 50mm, hollow section 5mm thick.

2) Seam welding of body panels is not allowed. Doors can be tack welded shut using 2 x 75mm welds per door.

Please note :- chassis / chassis legs must not be strengthened and ends must be left open.

Tow bars must be removed.

## **BUMPERS**

Plastic bumpers and their fixing brackets fitted as standard must be removed whilst the car is being prepared. Bumpers and trim must not be left inside or outside the stadium.

## **BALLAST**

No additional ballast of any kind allowed.

## **TRIM**

All interior trim including door linings, head linings, floor coverings, all seats (other than the drivers), all exterior trim, windows, lights, glass, chrome strip, wheel trims and wheel weights must be removed before the car is brought to the stadium. No rubbish must be left inside or outside the stadium.

## **BONNET / BOOT**

The bonnet and boot may be chained or bolted down. If bolted, a maximum of four 12mm diameter bolts in both boot and bonnet may be used. In every case both the boot and bonnet must be able to be opened for scrutineering purposes. Bolts which protrude 50mm above the bonnet line will not be allowed.

Alternatively :-

**Two pieces of Rebar maximum diameter 12 mm and plates less than 150mm square can be used to secure the front of the car bonnet. Two triangular gusset plates can be fitted in front of the windscreen aperture to locate the back corners of the bonnet maximum size of these plates 200mm.**

Boot spoilers must also be removed.

## **DOORS**

All doors must be either **welded, bolted or chained shut**, - the strongest being bolted or welded immediately opposite the hinges, rope alone will not be permitted. (2 x 75mm welds per door allowed).

## **DOOR PLATE**

A steel door plate covering the driver's door skin is compulsory.

It must be a steel plate, minimum 6mm thick, maximum 18mm thick and between 150mm and 300mm deep, and be fitted **(using a minimum of 6 x 10mm bolts and large repair washers)** across the outside of the driver's door, extending **AT LEAST 75mm PAST on to THE FRONT WING and at least 75mm PAST on to THE REAR DOOR OR WING,** Channel or box section which could damage other cars is not permitted.

## **ROOF SUPPORT / ROLL CAGE**

**A H frame roof support is compulsory for the 2015 season and beyond,**

**H frames must be at least 50mm x 50mm steel box section 3mm thick, or 50mm steel tube 3mm thick. They will consist of two vertical bars each with steel plate minimum size 100mm x 100mm x 5mm thick welded to all four ends. The vertical bars will be joined by at least one horizontal bar, minimum size 50mm x 50mm x 3mm thick, or 50 mm steel tube 3mm thick.** They must be fitted behind and above the drivers head.

**Securely bolted using four 10mm bolts and large repair washers at each end of each vertical bar. Excess thread must be cut off, The H frame must be suitably padded in such a way to provide a head restraint for the driver.**

**Adjustable H frames must be fitted with high tensile steel bolts.**

**CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE BOLTS PASS THROUGH BOTH PARTS OF THE UPRIGHTS ( the outer and inner adjustable part of the H frame)**

**Alternatively :-**

A substantial steel roll cage of at least 50mm x 50mm box section 3mm thick may be constructed inside the driver's compartment only, bolted or welded as described above for H frames to solid bodywork, it must not be fastened to strut tops.

## **DRIVERS SEAT**

The driver's seat must be strong and secure and must be bolted or welded to the floor. Adjustable runners or sliders must be bolted or welded up.

## **FUEL TANK**

The standard fuel tank must be either removed or if retained must have the filler cap removed and a hole punched in the lowest part of the tank. A steel tank of two gallons maximum must be securely fastened inside the cab, preferable in the centre of the rear seat area. **Ratchet straps, rope, cable ties etc are not suitable and cars will fail scrutineering.**

The tank must have a breather which will not allow fuel to leak if the car is upside down, **which will include a non-return valve.**

An ON /OFF tap must also be fitted in a position so that the driver can turn off the fuel whilst sat in the car and wearing the safety harness. **The tap must be clearly marked to show ON / OFF position. All fuel tanks must have a metal top which is securely fastened, with both fuel outlet and breather from the top of the tank** Breathers must terminate under the car, and securely fastened, so that they cannot be pulled back into the car.

**FUEL PIPES TO AND FROM THE FUEL TANK MUST BE EITHER BRAZED, WELDED OR SUITABLE TANK FITTINGS USED.**

**GUNGE, CHEMICAL METAL, SILICON or such type products WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

## **SAFETY HARNESS**

A full four strap type harness must be fitted and be in good condition. The harness should feature two shoulder straps, lap straps and quick release buckle. The harness must be of minimum 3 point fixing.

The harness must be fixed to a strong point of the floor separate from the seat mountings and with a minimum of 10mm bolts. A fifth crutch strap is recommended.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

All cars must carry a fire extinguisher – minimum size 1kg – and be of dial type (with a gauge)- dry powder or CO2, which should be mounted not taped, within easy reach of the driver. A hole must be cut in the bonnet above the carb in case of a fire in the engine compartment.

## **CRASH HELMETS**

Helmets must be in good condition and fitted with a suitable visor or goggles. Helmets must be worn at all times during practice or racing.

Helmets must conform to either :- Snell SA -2005: SFI Foundation 31.1A; SFI Foundation 32.2A; E22 05 or ECE-R22.05 Fibreglass or Tri Composite form only. POLYCARBONATE HELMETS NOT ALLOWED.

## **OVERALLS**

Drivers are required to wear suitable overalls during practice or racing – minimum standard for all drivers is flame retardant Proban protected to BS 6249.

## **NECK COLLARS**

Neck collars are strongly recommended.

## **GLOVES**

Flame retardant Proban gloves must be worn at all times during practice or racing.

## **WINDOW NETS**

A window net must be fitted to the driver's door window area, avoid fixings that wrap around the screen pillars or on the outside of the car, that could be damaged if the car was to roll over. The window net must be easily removable if access is required by the rescue services.

## **NUMBERS**

Racing numbers must be painted on both sides of the car (as large as possible), and also on both sides of a roof mounted fin. Minimum size of numbers 230mm high with 25mm brush strokes. Black numbers on a White background. The drivers name should be able to be seen by the commentator and spectators.

**No obscenities as stockcar racing is a family sport.**

## **NOVICE DRIVERS**

A novice driver must paint the rear boot lid of their car with black and white vertical stripes. Experienced drivers must not treat aggressively novice drivers displaying stripes and likewise a novice driver must not treat aggressively any other driver. Novices displaying stripes must start each race behind the red / superstar grade drivers, enabling them to gain confidence.

Whilst displaying stripes any points scored will count towards individual meeting trophy awards, but not the season long point's championship. When a driver is confident the stripes can be removed, they will start each race from the white grade position and begin to score championship points

## **CONDUCT**

Drivers are required to wear clean overalls and attend the meetings with themselves and their cars looking as presentable as possible. Remember that apart from racing for your own enjoyment, you are entertaining the public and it is with their support that we continue to race. A driver is expected to comply with all requests of the stadium staff when at a meeting. Mechanics are the responsibility of the driver and irresponsible conduct by a mechanic or driver could lead to the driver being suspended.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Abuse, threats or defamatory comments will not be tolerated by Onchan Raceway. The internet and social network sites are regularly monitored, if any such comments are made by a driver or team member the offending Driver / Team will be banned from racing and the stadium for a minimum of 3 meetings.

## **SAFETY**

Safety is of the up most importance. These rules have been compiled with you, your fellow drivers, and spectator's safety in mind.

## **SCRUTINEERING**

Every car will be scrutineered before being allowed to practice or race. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that their car is scrutineered.

**Negative and positive camber will be checked on the wheel rims - a tolerance of + or - 25mm from vertical will be accepted , any car suffering damage to the suspension, or suspension mounting points will need repairing bringing the wheel back to vertical before it is presented for scrutineering at the cars next meeting.**

**Cars suffering damage during a meeting will be allowed to continue racing during the meeting at the scrutineers / clerk of the courses discretion.**

**Engineered camber will not be permitted.**

## **AIR BAGS**

Air bags must be removed.

## **ENGINE DISPUTES**

Any registered Banger driver may put in a written complaint about the legality of any engine this will cost £40 and is non-refundable, this fee must be accompanied by the relevant complaint fee as detailed below :-

Complaints requiring the removal of the cylinder head      £ 200

Complaints requiring the removal of the flywheel              £ 200

Complaints requiring an engine strip to inspect crank, conrods, pistons , gear box or diff £400

The engine concerned will be checked with Onchan Raceway staff in attendance and if it is found to be illegal the complainant will be refunded and the offender and car will be banned from racing for a maximum of 60 days.

If the suspected engine is legal, the complainant forfeits the complaint fee to the suspected driver.

**PLEASE NOTE all doorplates and H frames need to be bolted in position using 10 mm bolts (17mm Spanner size) fitted with LARGE REPAIR WASHERS so that the bolt heads will not pull through the thin body panel.**

**ENJOY YOUR RACING AND GO FOR IT !**

**These rules supersede all others previously issued.**

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