

# The Northwest Wingless Warriors Tour

## Midget Division *The Northwest Midget Dirt Series*

### Rules & Regulations 2010

#### PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

##### **Liability**

The NWWT was founded for the promotion and improvement of midget auto racing. All members of the NWWT hereby release the NWWT and any and all employees, corporate or series sponsors, and anyone else associated with the NWWT from any and all claims resulting from any injury or death while engaged in any activity involving the NWWT.

##### **Conduct**

All participants at NWWT events are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Any owner or driver of the NWWT that fails to conduct himself/herself in a professional and sportsmanlike will be disqualified for the remainder of the event, and forfeit all points and purse money for the event. The NWWT Board may impose additional suspension and/or fines after review of the infraction.

All owners and drivers will be responsible for the conduct of their pit crew and guests. Unacceptable behavior by any member of a racing team (i.e., owner, driver, pit crew, guests) will result in immediate disqualification of the car and driver.

The use of alcohol and drugs is prohibited at all NWWT events. In addition, the use of stimulants or prescription medications found to impair the ability of the driver to safely drive will be reviewed by the NWWT Board. Any driver, owner, pit crewmember or guest found to be drinking alcohol or taking illegal drugs during the competition portion of the race program will result in disqualification of the team from the racing event. The second offense will result in disqualification from competition with the NWWT for the remainder of the season.

The NWWT has been formed by owners, drivers, and midget racing enthusiasts who are committed to a sportsmanlike, professional, competitive, and enjoyable racing series. Our fans appreciate this perspective. Our sponsors and track promoters demand it. **For these reasons there is a zero tolerance for on-track altercations involving the cars, and verbal abuse or fighting in or outside of pit areas.**

Drivers, owners, and race teams will be expected to handle on- and off-track incidents in a civilized manner. In the case of a dispute team members are strictly prohibited from entering another team's pit area. If a race team feels that a serious infraction of the sportsmanlike and professional racing code of NWWT has occurred they should contact a NWWT official at the track. Penalties for violation of the NWWT Rules of Conduct will be decided upon by NWWT officials on a case by case basis, but will involve as a minimum the disqualification of the racing team at that event.

#### GENERAL RULES

## **Drivers**

- 5 Drivers must be a minimum of 16 years old unless they have substantial racing experience in a division viewed by the NWWT Board as contributing to skill at the midget level. This rule will be reviewed by the NWWT Board on a case by case basis for younger drivers who have (a) demonstrated racing skills in other divisions, AND (b) who will start at the back of each race until the driver has demonstrated to the board that he or she is competent (i.e. drives safely, in control, and respects the racing equipment of other competitors).
- 6 Rookie drivers will be started at the rear of their races until judged by NWWT officials to be capable of taking their scored position and racing in a competent manner.

## **Car Specifications**

- 7 Wheelbase - 66" to 76"
- 8 Unless previously approved, cars must be direct drive. No chain drive cars will be allowed.
- 9 All cars must have a quick-change rear end.
- 10 No clutch and transmissions without prior approval by the NWWT Board. This rule will be waived for competitors with cars racing in the Ford Focus or EcoTech series.
- 11 All wheels and tires will be of the "designed for racing only" type.
- 12 All cars must have fuel bladders.
- 13 All cars must have fuel shut-offs within easy reach of the driver.
- 14 All cars must have a clearly marked On/Off switch within easy reach of the driver.
- 15 All cars must have front and rear bumpers and side nerf bars.
- 16 A head restraint net on both sides is strongly recommended.
- 17 Roll cage padding is highly recommended
- 18 All cars must have a padded headrest or a high back seat.
- 19 All cars must have at least three wheel brakes in good working order.
- 20 All cars must have approved 3" 5 point quick release restraint harness that is not over two years old. 2" shoulder harness allowed with Hans restraint system.
- 21 No wings, airfoils or side panel sails of any kind will be allowed.
- 22 All cars must be well maintained. Heavily damaged body panels, badly bent nerf bars, or other damage that is deemed unsafe on the car will not be allowed.

## **Noise Restriction**

Track officials and promoters will determine the allowable noise level. All NWWT cars must adhere to noise restrictions at each track. A team that receives a warning from the track officials that they exceed the track noise limit must make an attempt to rectify the problem before their next race. The first warning may result in a black flag at the discretion of the track's flagman. The second warning will result in disqualification from the event by NWWT officials.

## **Engine Specifications**

NWWT is an open-competition racing association. The goal of the association is to encourage owners to bring safe and race ready cars for an enjoyable series. The engine rules will be kept minimal and as flexible as possible to allow for broad participation. NWWT will strive to keep the cost of racing affordable for the maximum number of competitors.

NWWT engine specs are simple and brief.

- 23 Maximum of 4 cylinders, opposed, in-line, or V.
- 24 In an effort to promote the "spirit" of racing, innovation, and a broad collection of motors

the NWWT Board will consider any other engine package on an individual basis.  
25 No turbo charging or supercharging will be allowed.  
26 Methanol fuel only. No gasoline and no fuel additives of any type.

### **Wheels Specifications**

Bead lock devices are recommended at all wheel positions

### **Tire specifications** (maximum allowable)

Tire specifications are currently open.

### **Tire Brand and Compound**

The selection of tire brands and compound is currently open.

### **Driver Safety**

- 27 All drivers must have Snell SA 2005 or better helmet. Nomex lining recommended.
- 28 All drivers not wearing at least a two layer quilted uniform must wear full Nomex underwear.
- 29 All drivers must wear Nomex gloves, socks, and head hood or helmet skirt.
- 30 Arm restraints are required.
- 31 A neck support or horse collar is required.
- 32 A cage net on both sides is recommended.

***All cars will be inspected prior to competing for the first time in a NWWT sanctioned event to ensure compliance with rules. The checklist is provided at the end of the Rules & Regulations.***

### **Numbers**

- 33 All cars will be assigned a registered number on a first come first served basis.
- 34 Car numbers 1, 2, and 3 are reserved for the point leaders from the previous season.
- 35 Other than car numbers 1, 2, and 3 any car registered the previous year may keep the number assigned.
- 36 New cars will have their choice of numbers on a first come basis.
- 37 Visiting cars with numbers already taken by a NWWT car will add a clearly visible letter to tail and hood numbers.
- 38 Numbers will be displayed on both sides of the tail and on the front of car.

### **Start of Racing and Restarts**

The pole car sets the pace on all race starts. This will be a safe and steady speed for a clean start. Any car getting out of line will be sent to the rear of the field.

All starts, and restarts, will be off of the number four corner. When the green flag and green lights are displayed the racing starts for all rows.

Single file restarts are handled the same way. We will use a cone starting system. No passing before the cone. The lead car will set a safe and steady speed for the restart. Any car that is not in single file will be sent to the rear of the field. Single file is defined as one car directly behind another.

A car causing two yellow flags (unassisted) will be disqualified from the race. This only applies to the car causing the yellow and not other cars involved in the incident.

Intentional and inappropriate contact with other cars during a start or re-start will result in transfer to the rear of the field, or black-flagged from the race for severe infractions.

During a red flag period drivers will be informed of their re-start position. Failure to quickly take your proper starting spot will result in transfer to the back of the field.

### **Yellow & Red Flag Policy**

- 39 Any car that stops after being pushed off for a race for any reason other than to avoid contact with a stopped car will be restarted at the rear of the field.
- 40 Any car involved in an incident that brings out a yellow or red flag will restart at the rear of the field.
- 41 Any driver that stops his car on the racetrack for any complaint will be black flagged from that race.
- 42 Any driver changing cars after the program has started will start at the rear of the driver's next race.
- 43 Red flags will be closed. If an open red is allowed by the hosting track, the following NWWT rules will apply to cars stopped on racing surface under red flag conditions: no refueling of car, hood shall not be removed from car, all four tires must remain on the track. Any repairs must be done in the pit area. Upon completion of those repairs car must tag the rear of the field. NWWT may impose a 5 minute time limit on this rule at a future time if deemed necessary by the board of directors.

### **Yellow Flag Restarts**

On a yellow flag restart, if you cannot remember where you were, an official will give you an indication. Failure to move your car to this position within 1 lap will result in your going to the rear of the field. NWWT officials will not delay the racing program to resolve perceived issues related to position on restart. Any team feeling that a restart position was incorrectly assigned can address the issue with a NWWT official after the race.

Any dispute that develops at the racetrack must be brought to a NWWT official. Concerns related to any aspect of the event, racing program, or competition will be handled by the NWWT only. Any member that approaches a racetrack official, promoter, or personnel other than a NWWT official will face possible disqualification from that event and forfeiture of points and purse.

**These rules may be subject to change or review at any time by the board and or members of NWWT**