

**CHAPTER 62**

**MOTOR VEHICLE RACE TRACK RULES**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS****13:62-1.1 Words and phrases defined**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Acceleration and performance tests” means a straightaway race against time or another vehicle, including acceleration and deceleration.

“Ambulance” means a motor vehicle certified to provide emergency medical services pursuant to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Act of 1987, N.J.S.A. 27:5F-18 et seq., and the New Jersey Medical Assistance Health Services Act, N.J.S.A. 30:4D-6.2 et seq.

“Enduro event” means an oval race in which the winner is determined by the leading car at the expiration of a determined time or number of laps.

“Go-cart” means a small four-wheel vehicle consisting of a frame, seat, one or more engines mounted to the rear of the driver’s seat, steering mechanism and a braking system, and having no spring suspension system.

“Go-cart racing event” means a race involving vehicles commonly known as go-carts as defined in this chapter, either on a circular or oval track or on a road course involving curves, chicanes or other track characteristics designed to simulate varied road conditions.

“Junior dragster” means a competition vehicle that is scaled down to half the size and is a near replica of a professional dragster utilizing a lawn mower engine. The competitor will utilize  $\frac{1}{8}$  of the track surface and driven by children between the ages of 8-17.

“Motorcycle special events” means motorcrosses, scrambles and other events utilizing open road courses.

“Mud hops” means an event exhibiting driving skill in which the winner is determined by distance or time on a mud obstacle course.

“Pit area” means that portion of a racing location where vehicles are serviced, repaired, or refueled during a racing event.

“Quarter midgets” means a competition vehicle scaled down to one-fourth the size of midget racers powered by a lawn mower engine and driven by children ages 5-16.

“Racing event” means a motor vehicle race or exhibition of driving skill, including that time period prior to the actual race or exhibition, as well as the time period during the race or exhibition and until the conclusion of the race or exhibition wherein all competing vehicles have been removed from the racing surface.

“Reaction powered vehicles” means vehicles powered by jet or rocket engines.

“Snowmobile” means an engine driven motor vehicle designed primarily to travel over ice or snow of a type that uses sled type runners, skis, continuous belt tread, cleats or any combination of these similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated.

“Snowmobile racing event” means a race involving vehicles commonly known as snowmobiles as defined in this chapter on a circular or oval track, a road course involving curves, chicanes, or a straightaway race against time or other snowmobiles.

“Staging area” means that portion of a racing location where vehicles are lined up in preparation for entering the acceleration and performance test area.

“Street legal car” means a car intended for the use on public roadways and highways of this State and able to pass all of the requirements for motor vehicle inspection as described under Title 39 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws.

“Superintendent” means the Superintendent of the Division of State Police.

“Thrill shows” means events specifically designed to demonstrate driving skill including, but not limited to, ramp jumps and events requiring the intentional crashing or crushing of participating vehicles.

“Trained first aid attendant” means a person certified as an emergency medical technician to provide emergency medical services pursuant to the New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Act of 1987, N.J.S.A. 27:5F-18 et seq. and the New Jersey Medical Assistance Health Services Act, N.J.S.A. 30:4D-6.2 et seq.

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**SUBCHAPTER 2. MOTOR VEHICLE RACE  
TRACK LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND  
LICENSEE RESPONSIBILITIES: ALL  
RACING EVENTS**

**13:62-2.1 License application procedure**

(a) A license shall be required for any operation or conduct of motor vehicle races and exhibitions of motor vehicle driving and the tracks or places at which the same are operated and conducted. The application for a motor vehicle race track license must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the first day of racing or exhibition. An application for renewal of a license shall be submitted within 60 days of the expiration date of the license and is to be accompanied by:

1. An insurance certificate;

i. N.J.S.A. 5:7-13 states that no license shall be issued for the holding of any motor vehicle race or exhibition of motor vehicle driving skill until the person applying for the license shall have filed with the Department evidence satisfactory to it of the issuance of an insurance policy approved by the department and conditioned, in the case of a race or exhibition at a track or other place accommodating less than one thousand people, for the payment of less than \$25,000 to any one person obtaining judgment, and not less than \$50,000 on all judgments recovered, and for the payment of not less than \$50,000 to any one person obtaining judgment, and not less than \$100,000 on all judgments recovered, in the case of all other races or exhibitions, upon a claim or claims arising out of the same transaction, connected with the same subject of action (to be apportioned ratably among judgment creditors according to the amount of their respective judgments) for damages because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, caused to any person or persons, other than the driver, and all pit area personnel as the result of an accident occurring as a result of the conduct of any motor vehicle race or exhibition of motor vehicle driving skill, for which the license is granted, under which policy the liability of the company shall become absolute when loss or damage covered by the policy occurs, and satisfaction by the insured of a final judgment for the loss or damage shall not be a condition precedent to the right or duty of said company to make payment on account of the loss or damage and which policy shall not be cancelable or annulled as to any loss or damage by an agreement

between the carrier and the insured after the insured has become responsible for the loss or damage or in any other event, except on 10 days prior notice to the Department;

2. A duplicate of the insurance policy;

i. The policy shall be issued by a company approved by the Superintendent;

ii. The policy and the certificate are to contain a statement to the effect that they are noncancellable except upon 30 days prior written notice to the Superintendent;

3. A certified check or postal money order in the amount prescribed by law as the license fee;

4. A certification from the building inspector of the municipality where the track is located to the effect that he has inspected the spectator seats and found them safe for use. Where the municipality does not have a building inspector, or a building code, a certification from a New Jersey State licensed structural engineer may be accepted; and

5. A sketch or sketches of the track and associated areas, as near to scale as practicable, indicating the location of required safety features such as hub rails, fences, light or flagman positions, spectator seating, entrances and exits, pit facility locations and other physical factors affecting the safety of spectators and participants. This requirement shall not apply to locations licensed prior to January 1, 1963, unless alterations are made to the track and associated areas on or after January 1, 1963.

Amended by R.1995 d.206, effective April 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 445(a), 27 N.J.R. 1622(a).

**13:62-2.2 Licensee's responsibility**

The licensee is responsible for any violations of N.J.S.A. 5:7-8 et seq. or any of the provisions of this chapter.

**13:62-2.3 Restrictions upon licensee**

(a) The Superintendent may impose reasonable restrictions upon any licensee.

(b) The restrictions may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Requirements for special protective devices for the participants in, or spectators attending, any race or exhibition; and/or

2. Limitations concerning spectator areas; and/or

3. Limitations concerning types of events and classes of vehicles; and/or

4. Requirements for the protection of participants and spectators.

(c) The licensee will comply with any special restriction imposed by the Superintendent after receiving written notice thereof from the Superintendent.

**13:62-2.4 Procedures for approval of unspecified events**

(a) When a licensee requests for approval to conduct a racing event as defined herein which is not specifically addressed by these rules, the licensee shall apply to the Superintendent for approval for the conduct of said event. Approval shall not be granted unless the Superintendent is satisfied that:

1. The request for an approval was made in writing to the Superintendent at least 20 days prior to the racing event;
2. The request contains a sufficient description of the event; and
3. The approval will not adversely affect the safety of the public or participants at a racing event.

**13:62-2.5 Infield pit areas; inspection**

(a) Tracks having the pit area in the infield of a substantially circular or oval track will be subject to special inspection to determine whether arrangements are sufficient to provide reasonable protection for pit area personnel.

(b) Such inspection will be made following application to the Superintendent which shall be filed in conjunction with the application for the race track license.

**13:62-2.6 Alcoholic beverages and drugs**

(a) No alcoholic beverages, nor narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs will be permitted on the race track proper, the pit area, or any other area having unrestricted access to the race track proper. No person who has partaken of any alcoholic beverage or narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drug in any amount whatsoever shall participate in any race or exhibition of driving skill, or perform any duties in the pit or pit area.

(b) Any vehicle containing alcoholic beverages or narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs, and any person found to have partaken of alcoholic beverages or narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs shall be removed from the pit area as soon as is practicable and shall be prohibited from returning to the pit area.

(c) No person who has been convicted of the use or possession of a controlled dangerous substance, as provided in the Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1986, N.J.S.A. 2C:35-1 et seq., shall be permitted to enter into a pit area for a period of one year from the date of conviction.

**13:62-2.7 Pit credentials**

(a) The track management shall be responsible for the issuance of pit credentials and only those credentials issued by the track management shall be recognized as valid.

(b) Only persons holding pit credentials shall be admitted to the pit area or racing area.

(c) Reporters and photographers of the working press in possession of valid pit credentials shall be limited to safe areas.

(d) The issuance of pit credentials shall be limited to:

1. Mechanics assigned to race cars with a maximum of four to each car;
2. Drivers having cars entered in one of the events in the race;
3. Members of the track staff having business in the pit area;
4. Race officials; and
5. Accredited photographers and reporters of the working press.

(e) The track management shall be responsible for the checking of credentials of persons entering the pit area to determine that no person shall enter the pit area or engage in a race or exhibition unless such person shall produce credentials showing age which satisfies the age requirement for a particular event.

(f) The licensee or the Superintendent may require a person to produce satisfactory evidence attesting to said person's physical and mental well-being as a prerequisite to obtaining permission to enter the pit area. Such evidence shall be on a form signed by a New Jersey licensed physician.

(g) No one under the age of 18 is to be permitted in the pit area, staging lanes or track surface.

(h) Flagmen and starters at all racing events shall be at least 18 years of age.

(i) Mechanics must wear pants while working on their respective vehicles.

(j) Drivers are not permitted to wear shorts while competing.

(k) Track staff will wear pants, at all times, while working in a race event.

Amended by R.1995 d.206, effective April 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 445(a), 27 N.J.R. 1622(a).

**13:62-2.8 Announcements**

(a) The licensee shall be responsible to make a suitable announcement over the public address system in the pit area, advising the public and pit personnel of the following:

1. The minimum age of persons permitted in the pit area;
2. The prohibition against smoking in the area where fuel is stored or refueling of vehicles takes place;

3. The prohibition against the use of alcoholic beverages in the pit area; and

4. The prohibition against the use of narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs in the pit area.

(b) The announcement is to be made approximately 15 minutes before the start of the day's program and twice during the program.

(c) The licensee shall post a sign at all entrances to the pit area advising authorized persons in the pit area of the following:

1. The minimum age of persons permitted in the pit area;

2. The prohibition against the possession or use of alcoholic beverages or narcotic, hallucinogenic or habit producing drugs in the pit area; and

3. The prohibition against smoking in areas where fuel is stored or refueling of vehicles takes place.

#### **13:62-2.9 Monthly reports**

The licensee shall file with the Superintendent a monthly report on the form approved and provided by the Superintendent. This report shall include the date of racing events held in the reported month, the type of event, the attendance, the number of vehicles as well as an account of any other unusual incidents occurring at the track during the reporting period. The report shall further include the monthly schedule of events.

#### **13:62-2.10 Accident reports and impounding of certain vehicles**

(a) Accidents involving injury or death must be reported to the office of the Superintendent, by telephone, no later than the first business day following the accident.

(b) Such a report must be followed within 48 hours by a complete written report of the accident.

(c) Any vehicle which is involved in a crash resulting in serious or fatal injuries to a driver or spectators thereof shall be impounded by the licensee and detained until such time as an inspection of the vehicle may be made by a representative of the Superintendent.

#### **13:62-2.11 Report of deaths to local police**

In addition to the reports to the Superintendent, the licensee shall report any accident resulting in a fatality to the police agency having jurisdiction by the quickest means available.

#### **13:62-2.12 Inspection of vehicles**

(a) The licensee shall arrange for the inspection of each participating vehicle prior to the event, to determine that it meets the requirements of this chapter. Vehicles not meeting the requirements set forth for the specified event shall be barred by the licensee from participation or practice.

(b) Vehicles which are to be used in automobile races or exhibitions of driving skill are subject to unannounced inspection and approval at any time by the Superintendent or designee.

#### **13:62-2.13 Braking system and pedal reserve**

(a) The licensee will be required to test and approve each race car for pedal reserve before the car leaves the pit area to enter the track.

(b) The licensee shall not permit any vehicle to participate in any race or exhibition if the braking system includes the direct application of pressure to any of the tires or with any apparent deficiency.

#### **13:62-2.14 Refueling**

(a) In all instances where refueling is permitted with the engine running, the licensee shall insure that a member of the pit crew equipped with an approved type fire extinguisher be in close proximity to the fill pipe of the fuel tank.

(b) The licensee shall not permit smoking in any area where fuel is being transferred or stored.

(c) The licensee shall not permit the use of welding and acetylene torches in any area where fuel is being transferred or stored unless a fully charged fire extinguisher is in close proximity.

#### **13:62-2.15 Water overflow tanks**

The licensee shall not permit water overflow tanks or reservoirs to be installed inside the driver compartment. Tanks or reservoirs mounted in the roll cage must be fully shielded to protect the driver.

#### **13:62-2.16 Security personnel**

(a) The licensee shall furnish sufficient security protection to maintain peace and good order.

(b) Guard personnel will be furnished by the licensee at each unlocked gateway between the spectator areas and the track and/or pit areas.

(c) Guard personnel will be furnished by the licensee at each unlocked gateway between the pit area and the track area.

**13:62-2.17 Ambulances; first aid attendant**

(a) The licensee shall not permit any race or exhibition of driving skill unless there is available for immediate use at the licensed location at least one vehicle suitable for ambulance purposes, together with two trained first aid attendants.

(b) The licensee shall ensure that a driver of any racing event involved in an accident which results in considerable damage to the vehicle or any noticeable injury to the driver is checked by the first aid attendant(s) on duty and cleared to participate before he/she returns to the racing event.

1. If the driver refuses medical attention, he or she must sign a waiver stating so.

2. The licensee shall not allow the driver to re-enter the race event if the driver refuses to sign the medical waiver or medical attention is recommended.

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See: 27 N.J.R. 445(a), 27 N.J.R. 1622(a).

**13:62-2.18 Fire fighting equipment**

(a) The licensee shall not permit any race or exhibition of driving skill to be conducted unless there is available at suitable locations around the track Class B Underwriter labeled approved fire extinguishers.

(b) All extinguishers shall be fully charged at the beginning of each day's activities.

(c) The licensee shall check all extinguishers at least once a year and carry a label to show the date of inspection.

(d) In addition there shall be a reserve consisting of a recognized paid or voluntary fire company with their equipment or at least 350 pounds of dry chemical available to move to the scene of any major fire.

**13:62-2.19 Wreckers**

(a) The licensee shall permit only authorized personnel to ride on any wrecker.

(b) No person shall be permitted to ride outside the cab of any wrecker.

(c) Wreckers shall be operated with due care and circumspection.

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**SUBCHAPTER 3. (RESERVED)**

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**SUBCHAPTER 4. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL: OVAL RACING**

**13:62-4.1 Construction requirements**

(a) Hubrail construction shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this chapter.

(b) The licensee shall provide and maintain hubrails on the outer circumference of the track and around the entire circumference thereof. Where spectators are allowed in the infield or within the inner circumference of the track, the licensee shall provide and ensure a hubrail, as described in this section, around the inner circumference of the track.

(c) The hubrail shall consist of at least two planks of hard wood or other suitable materials, at least 10 inches in width by three inches in thickness.

(d) The hubrail shall be supported by posts of similar material of at least six inches in width and six inches in thickness or round posts not less than seven inches in diameter, which are set in the ground at least four feet and shall extend above the ground at least two feet. The post shall be no higher than the hubrail planking and shall be spaced no more than six feet apart.

(e) Two planks of hardwood or other suitable material shall be mounted on the side of the post facing the track and running horizontally and parallel to each other.

(f) On the opposite side of the posts, not more than eight inches from the top thereof, there shall be a 3/4 inch steel cable running around the circumference of the track and securely fastened to the post with eye bolts.

(g) The hubrail entrance and exit gates to the pit area shall be closed while vehicles are in motion on the track, unless alternate arrangements have been made by the installation of barriers of a type which will prevent cars out of control from leaving the track and entering the immediate pit working area.

(h) Where the licensee wishes to use methods other than gates, an inspection of such installations by a representative of the Superintendent is required.

(i) The hubrail opening for vehicles shall be so located that a vehicle leaving the track must turn 90 degrees before entering the pit area.

(j) At locations using methods other than gates between the pit area and the track, the licensee shall provide a guard to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the track area.

(k) The use of baled hay or straw or any similar material as a protective device between participating vehicles and spectators is specifically prohibited.

**13:62-4.2 Fences**

All fences installed for the purpose of limiting spectator areas shall be constructed of welded wire fabric or chain link and shall be at least six feet in height and so constructed as not to be easily lifted, climbed over or moved aside, except at motocross events the fence shall be of the same construction but at least five feet in height.

**13:62-4.3 Red and amber lights**

(a) Each track used for automotive racing, except those used for acceleration and performance tests, shall be equipped with a system of at least four red lights and four amber lights so arranged that at least one light of each color will be visible to the drivers as they enter each turn.

(b) The lights shall be so arranged as to be controlled by a single switch. The licensee shall provide a responsible person to operate such switch during the entire time of each race.

(c) When the red lights are illuminated, all racing vehicles on the track shall stop as soon as possible and remain stopped until such time as the red lights are turned out.

(d) When the amber lights are illuminated, all racing vehicles on the track shall slow down and maintain their position, unless otherwise directed to change position by a track official.

**13:62-4.4 Flagmen**

(a) Tracks over one mile in length may use flagmen in lieu of the red and amber lights, provided the assistant flagman in the starter's stand is in constant two-way radio or telephone communication with all flagmen.

(b) On display of the red flag all racing vehicles shall stop as soon as possible and remain stopped until such time as the red flag is removed from display.

(c) On display of the amber flag all racing vehicles shall slow down and maintain their position, unless otherwise directed to change position by a track official.

**13:62-4.5 Starters**

(a) The licensee shall provide a starter(s) located within a starter's stand with an unobscured view of the entire racing surface from which to control the racing event.

(b) The licensee shall provide an assistant flagman in the starter's stand at all circular or oval tracks, road courses and other locations utilizing the services of flagmen to control the event. The assistant flagmen used to control or start a race shall be in the starter's stand when starting and during the race.

**13:62-4.6 Maximum protection**

(a) All hubrails, fences, stands and buildings must be constructed and maintained so as to afford maximum protection for spectators.

(b) Any spectator stand erected or relocated on or after April 1, 1960, must be located at least 25 feet from the hubrail.

**13:62-4.7 Safety belts, shoulder harness and crotch belt**

(a) A quick release type safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt in good condition shall be compulsory on all vehicles.

(b) Both ends of the safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt must be fastened to the frame of the vehicle.

(c) All fittings and connections of the safety belt, shoulder harness and crotch belt shall be metal.

(d) All safety belts and shoulder harnesses shall be worn properly the entire time the vehicle is being driven in a race.

(e) All safety belts and shoulder harnesses shall bear the date of manufacture and shall not be used for more than five years from the date.

(f) The shoulder harness shall be secured to the frame of the vehicle and come over a round bar at the driver's shoulder height.

(g) No alterations shall be allowed to any manufactured design of seat belts.

**13:62-4.8 Inspection of vehicles**

(a) The licensee shall arrange for the inspection of each participating vehicle prior to the event, to determine that it meets the requirements of this chapter. The licensee shall prohibit vehicles not meeting the requirements of this chapter from participation or practice.

(b) Vehicles which are to be used in automobile races or exhibitions of driving skill are subject to unannounced inspection and approval at any time by the Superintendent or designee.

**13:62-4.9 Number of persons in vehicle**

No vehicle shall carry more than one person at any time during a race or warm-up, except that during a bona fide training period an instructor may accompany the trainee.

**13:62-4.10 Seats**

(a) A molded metal or fiberglass seat with openings which allow a seat belt bolted to the frame to come through, shall be attached to the frame with at least four three line  $\frac{5}{16}$  inch bolts. Two bolts shall be installed at the bottom of the seat not more than three inches from the outside edge and two bolts shall be installed at the two most practical widely spaced points at the top of the seat back. A metal strap at least two inches in width and at least  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch thick shall connect each set of bolts.

(b) Vehicles equipped with a metal seat are not required to have a metal strap connected to each set of bolts. These vehicles are required to have a larger washer on each bolt.