

# UNITED STATES MODIFIED TOURING SERIES 2012 RULES & REGULATIONS



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Significant and/or material changes from the published 2011 USMTS rules are highlighted in red. Updates to calendar dates, and changes made for grammatical purposes or to improve clarity are not highlighted.

References are made throughout these regulations requiring and/or recommending that particular products meet certain specifications (i.e. SFI, Snell, etc.). These products are manufactured to meet or exceed certain criteria and are labeled as such upon satisfying those criteria. Any change to these products voids that certification. Under no circumstances may any certified product be altered from the "as manufactured" condition or such certification is voided.

The United States Modified Touring Series shall hereafter be simply referred to as USMTS throughout the rules description. USMTS official(s) shall include all personnel employed as an official by participating racetrack.

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## ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Racecar:** An automobile designed solely for competition on oval race tracks, controlled from within by a driver.
- 1.2 **Automobile:** A vehicle which carries its own motor and operates on four non-aligned complete wheels, of which two are used for steering and two for propulsion.

- 1.3 **Vehicle:** A man-made locomotive device propelled by constantly taking real support on the earth's surface whereas the propulsion and steering are under the control of a driver aboard the vehicle.
- 1.4 **Driver:** The person controlling the operation of the racecar. The driver is expected to understand how to operate the mechanisms which control the speed, direction and braking of the racecar.
- 1.5 **Participant:** A person directly involved in the mechanical operation and/or management of a racecar, including, but not limited to, drivers, crew members, racecar owners, sponsors and their family members.
- 1.6 **Event:** A USMITS-sanctioned competition between two or more competitors and their racecars. An event shall consist of practice (hot laps) and actual racing contests.
- 1.7 **Official:** An official shall be any person participating in the exercise of authority for enforcing or interpreting these rules. The official may also make judgments concerning the conduct of participants and declare penalties for breaches of these rules, as well as perform technical inspections on any USMITS racecar. The combination of officials may vary from week to week and from one racetrack to another.
- 1.8 **Promoter:** An entrepreneur who oversees the operations of the racetrack, either as a tenant or owner of the facility. Furthermore, the promoter is the person responsible for the implementation of rules, hiring staff and financial compensation to participants.
- 1.9 **Cockpit:** The volume of the racecar which accommodates the driver.
- 1.10 **EIRI:** Except in rare instances (to be determined by an official).

## **ARTICLE 2: GENERAL RULES**

- 2.1 USMITS rules shall apply at all events. All participants are subject to the rules of the USMITS and are expected to know the rules. An expressed ignorance of USMITS rules by any participant will not be recognized as a valid argument for failure to comply with USMITS rules.
- 2.2 Approval of any racecar by an official shall mean that the racecar is approved for participation in the event and shall not be construed in any way to mean that the inspected vehicle is guaranteed to be mechanically sound or safe. Be it further declared that officials and/or the USMITS shall not be liable for any mechanical failure, nor for any losses, injuries or death resulting from the same.
- 2.3 Conduct:**
  - 2.3.1 Participants will conduct themselves as professionals. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a participant shall be grounds for disqualification and/or punitive action by the USMITS. This will be strictly enforced.
  - 2.3.2 Drivers are responsible for the conduct and actions of their car owners, crew members, sponsors and family members.
  - 2.3.3 Absolutely no alcoholic beverage or other illegal chemical substance may be consumed by a driver prior to, or during, an event. The duration of the event shall also include all support class events run as a part of the overall program. The use, sale or distribution of illegal drugs at any time shall be cause for immediate and indefinite suspension.
  - 2.3.4 Any participant who defies or violates the intent or spirit of the USMITS rules shall be considered to have engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be dealt with accordingly and swiftly by the USMITS. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but is not limited to, participant entering another driver's pit area; threatening or touching an official; throwing a tantrum or acting outrageous due to an official decision; removing helmet during race conditions; use of profanity or obscene language directed at officials or other participants; intentionally making contact with another racecar following the finish of race or during a race under non-racing conditions (i.e. caution periods); fighting; and/or publicly criticizing USMITS officials, rules, decisions or sponsors.
- 2.4 All drivers must be at least fourteen (14) years of age (proof of age required). Drivers under eighteen (18) years of age are required to have a signed and notarized Parental Consent Form. The Parental Consent Form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian, and must be received by USMITS headquarters prior to participation of the driver in any event.
- 2.5 The USMITS may require any driver to undergo a physical examination by a licensed health care provider prior to being allowed to participate in any event.
- 2.6 Drivers must properly display approved USMITS sponsor decals in order to participate in any cash or contingency award program related to that sponsor. Decals must be displayed on both sides of the racecar – not on deck or trunk lid - and must be of the original size and design distributed by the USMITS. At each event, drivers must properly display the approved USMITS logo decal in order to receive any points, prize money or contingency awards for that event.
- 2.7 No equipment or racecar will be considered as having been approved by reason of having passed through inspection unobserved.

- 2.8 All racecars must be able to join the race lineup on demand and unassisted, or must go to the rear of the lineup for the start of the race.
- 2.9 The USMETS reserves the right to add to, delete, supersede or modify any rule, exhibit or drawing that the USMETS deems necessary for the conduct of events and/or safety of participants. All amendments are effective on the date of publication by the USMETS regardless of when a person subject to the rules receives actual notice of the amendment.
- 2.10 Every driver must inspect the racing surface and the track area to learn of any obstructions or other defects which, in the driver's opinion, presents an unsafe condition for competition. The driver shall report any unsafe condition in writing to an official. Any driver that competes in an event is considered to have inspected the track surface and surrounding perimeter to determine that all conditions are satisfactory. If the driver does not feel that the conditions are satisfactory, the driver should not compete in the event. The driver further acknowledges that he or she is aware that auto racing involves risk, and that by competing in an event, the driver assumes these risks with full awareness and responsibility.
- 2.11 All drivers are responsible for registering their racecar for each event in order to ensure their respective starting position in each event.
- 2.12 The USMETS and/or promoter reserve the right to refuse to accept the entry of any racecar or participant. Furthermore, the USMETS and/or promoter reserves the right to revoke or cancel any entry, or any participant's claimed right to be on the racetrack's premises, if it is determined that a participant's presence or conduct is not in the best interest of the sport of auto racing, other participants, spectators, track management and/or employees of the USMETS.
- 2.13 Lighted signaling devices, hand signals or any other equipment or methods used for communication during an event between a non-competing participant and a driver is not allowed.
- 2.14 Radios and any other devices used for transmitting or listening are not allowed on the racecar. Exception: Officials may require drivers to utilize a one-way radio to enable audio communication from officials to drivers. Furthermore, racecars may be fitted with a timing transponder as supplied by officials.
- 2.15 No computers allowed on the racecar, including, but not limited to, electronic traction control devices. Any driver found to be using traction control will be subject to a minimum fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and up to a lifetime suspension from all events.
- 2.16 Technical Inspections:**
- 2.16.1 No fewer than the top three (3) finishers in the "A" Main will be required to report to a designated tech area following the "A" Main, where mandatory and varied post-race technical inspections will be performed.
- 2.16.2 At the discretion of the official(s) overseeing an event, any participant may be disqualified by the official(s) for violation of any USMETS rule(s) and/or equipment and/or action(s) deemed to be hazardous to other participants or officials.
- 2.16.3 All racecars are subject to inspection by an official at any time. Any driver whom refuses to allow any inspection by an official, or terminates an inspection in progress, shall be subject to a fine of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000), suspension from all USMETS events for fourteen (14) days, loss of all points earned to-date for the current season and forfeiture of all cash and/or awards earned at the event.
- 2.16.4 Any illegal part discovered through inspection shall be confiscated by officials and forfeited by the driver. For first infraction, driver discovered to be using illegal parts of any kind shall be subject to a fine of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000), suspension from all USMETS events for fourteen (14) days, loss of all points earned to-date for the current season and forfeiture of all cash and/or awards earned at the event. For second infraction, driver discovered to be using illegal parts of any kind shall be subject to a fine of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000), suspension from all USMETS events for one (1) year, loss of all points earned to-date for the current season and forfeiture of all cash and/or awards earned at the event. Confiscated parts will be sent to manufacturer for inspection. Failure by the driver to surrender any illegal part for confiscation shall result in a separate penalty, in addition to other applicable penalties under this rule. A "part" shall be defined as any piece of the racecar and/or competitor's apparel, including, but not limited to, tires, wheels, engine components, chassis components and fuel.
- 2.16.5 The overall weight of the racecar shall be measured at the conclusion of an event with the driver in the cockpit, wearing complete racing apparel.
- 2.16.6 All measurements must be made while the racecar is stationary on a flat horizontal surface.
- 2.17 Decals and Contingency Awards:**
- 2.17.1 Drivers must properly display approved USMETS sponsor decals in approved locations on the racecar in order to participate in any prize money, points funds and/or contingency awards which require specific

- decals and/or decal placement for eligibility. Decals shall be distributed by the USMTS, along with a description of each sponsor's program, decal placement requirements and contact information.
- 2.17.2 Each racecar must properly display the approved USMTS logo decal in order to compete in any USMTS event and/or participate in any points funds. Decal must be positioned on both sides of the racecar at the front of the door below the window opening.
- 2.18 Decisions of the USMTS are final and binding without exception.
- 2.19 These rules have been set by the USMTS and are subject to change without notice. All promoters will be informed of any changes to these rules after the date of publication, and those changes should be made available to drivers at their racetrack and/or announced at drivers meeting. The USMTS will also publish any amendments to these rules on the USMTS website at [www.usmts.com](http://www.usmts.com).

## **ARTICLE 3: POINTS, PROVISIONALS, AWARDS & PROCEDURES**

### **3.1 Licenses:**

- 3.1.2 **The cost of a USMTS license shall be \$300 for the USMTS National Championship Series, \$150 for USMTS Casey's Cup Qualifiers and \$150 for the Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup.** There is no requirement that a driver purchase a USMTS license to compete in any event. Benefits enjoyed by licensed drivers include \$100,000 of excess medical coverage, higher event purses and bonus payouts, increased tow money, discounted entry fees, contingency awards, points funds, increased media recognition, a personalized driver profile page on the USMTS website and more.
- 3.1.3 Driver must possess a valid USMTS license for the series for which an event is being held in order to be eligible for points, points funds, provisionals and/or the licensed pay scale for that event.
- 3.1.3 **A USMTS license enables a driver to receive up to three (3) provisionals in the series for which the driver has purchased a license (see Rule 3.4).**
- 3.1.4 Drivers must be licensed prior to the start of an event in order to earn points for that event. Points will not be awarded retroactively.
- 3.1.5 Drivers must possess a valid USMTS license in order to be eligible for points funds and/or licensed-scale event purses.
- 3.1.6 The USMTS license application may be downloaded at [www.usmts.com/documents/usmts-license-application-2012.pdf](http://www.usmts.com/documents/usmts-license-application-2012.pdf).

### **3.2 Points:**

- 3.2.1 In addition to possessing a valid USMTS license, drivers must also meet other eligibility requirements in order to earn points in an event, including, but not limited to, utilizing American Racer KK704 tires on all four wheels and displaying required USMTS and sponsor decals.
- 3.2.2 **USMTS Points System:** Points will be awarded to each eligible driver in the "A" Main as follows: 1st - 100 points, 2nd - 95 points, 3rd - 91 points, 4th - 87 points, 5th - 84 points, 6th - 81 points, 7th - 78 points, 8th - 76 points, 9th - 74 points, 10th - 72 points, 11th - 70 points, 12th - 68 points, 13th - 66 points, 14th - 64 points, 15th - 62 points, 16th - 60 points, 17th - 58 points, 18th - 56 points, 19th - 55 points, 20th - 54 points, 21st - 53 points, 22nd - 52 points, 23rd - 51 points. All other drivers that start the "A" Main and finish below 23rd are awarded 50 points. All eligible drivers that fail to qualify for the "A" Main are awarded 45 points. Each driver that leads at least one (1) lap in the "A" Main will earn one (1) bonus point. The driver that leads the most laps in the "A" Main will earn two (2) bonus points (tie goes to the highest-finishing driver).
- 3.2.3 **USMTS National Championship Series:** Points will be awarded using the USMTS Points System. Points will be awarded to each driver for his/her best twenty (20) events (based on points earned). In addition, there will be one bonus point awarded per event for each driver with perfect attendance during the USMTS National Championship Series.
- 3.2.4 **USMTS Casey's Cup Qualifiers:** Points will be awarded to each eligible driver in the "A" Main as follows: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, 3rd - 8 points, 4th - 7 points, 5th - 6 points, 6th - 5 points, 7th - 4 points, 8th - 3 points. All other drivers that start the "A" Main and finish below 8th are awarded 2 points. All eligible drivers that fail to qualify for the "A" Main are awarded 1 point. All drivers will also receive 0n (1) show-up point per event. The maximum that a driver may begin the Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup shall be 100 points plus an attendance bonus of 1 point per consecutive race(s) attended (example: make 10 races in a row, get 10 bonus points). In the Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup, points will be awarded using the USMTS Points System.
- 3.2.5 In order to earn points in an event, driver must be in full uniform and must participate (racecar on the racetrack) during hot laps. If mechanical or other unforeseen circumstances prevent that driver from

participating in hot laps, that driver will be credited for a start toward their attendance totals, but will be awarded no points for that event (EIRI).

### **3.3 Qualifying Procedures:**

- 3.3.1 The following qualifying procedures are typical, but may be altered on a per-event basis when USMTS officials deem necessary due to car count, track or weather conditions, attrition, etc.
- 3.3.2 Drivers must draw for starting positions in heat races. Cut-off for draw is typically 15 minutes prior to start of hot laps. Drivers failing to draw before cut-off time shall be lined up at the rear of the earliest heat race with the smallest starting field.
- 3.3.3 Drivers failing to start their scheduled heat race shall be scored in last place for that heat race. Drivers shall not be allowed to start at the rear of another heat race if they fail to start their scheduled heat race.
- 3.3.4 Heat races will award 59 points to the winner, then descending by 4 points for each finishing position thereafter (59-55-51-47-43-39, etc.). Each driver will earn an additional 1.5 points for each racecar passed in the heat race, based on actual starting position versus actual finishing position. The sum of these points shall be the driver's total Passing Points. Typically (depending on car count), the top-12 drivers in Passing Points qualify for the first 12 starting positions in the "A" Main. Of those, the top-8 drivers in Passing Points will redraw for starting positions 1 through 8, with the remaining four drivers starting "heads up" by Passing Points in positions 9 through 12. Officials may elect to stage a "dash" race among the top 8 qualifiers to determine the starting line-up (this is not typical). Heat race passing points are not factored into the actual points earned for an event.
- 3.3.5 One or more "B" Mains will be staged with non-qualified drivers starting "heads-up" by Passing Points. The top-12 "B" Main finishers (typical) shall start the "A" Main heads-up by "B" Main finish in positions 13 through 24. If a "B" Main driver qualifies for the "A" Main but is unable to start the "A" Main, the next highest finisher behind that driver in the same "B" Main may advance to the "A" Main.
- 3.3.6 When the total number of entries for an event is 40 or less, 24 drivers shall start the "A" Main. When the total number of entries for an event is 41 or more, 26 drivers shall start the "A" Main.

### **3.4 Provisional Starters:**

- 3.4.1 Driver must possess a USMTS license for the particular series where an event is staged in order to be eligible for a provisional starting spot.
- 3.4.2 A maximum of four (4) drivers shall be added to the rear of the "A" Main field as provisional starters.
- 3.4.3 Two (2) provisionals will be awarded based on points and two (2) awarded by the order in which drivers purchased a USMTS license for that series. The ranking by USMTS license purchase date and number of provisionals used/available for each driver shall be posted at each event.
- 3.4.4 Each driver shall be eligible for up to three (3) provisionals in each series for which the driver possesses a USMTS license.
- 3.4.5 The provisional starter shall be awarded prize money for the difference of start (tow) money and their feature finish money but shall receive full points earned in the "A" Main.
- 3.4.6 If all drivers that possess a USMTS license for that series qualify for the "A" Main, no provisional starter shall be added.
- 3.4.7 Track operators and event promoters may elect to add provisional starters to the "A" Main at their discretion, but those drivers will not earn any additional points in the "A" Main.

### **3.5 Top Dog Bonus:**

- 3.5.1 The Top Dog Bonus shall be awarded to eligible drivers in the USMTS National Championship Series and Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup. There will be no Top Dog Bonus offered during the USMTS Casey's Cup Qualifiers.
- 3.5.2 Eligible drivers shall be guaranteed a minimum of \$400 in earnings at each event where that driver is ranked among the top ten (10) in points for that series.
- 3.5.3 To be eligible, driver must have perfect attendance in the series where the event is held. If a driver is absent from one (1) or more event(s) in a series, that driver is no longer eligible for the Top Dog Bonus in that particular series.
- 3.5.4 The Top Dog Bonus will take effect beginning with the third race in the USMTS National Championship Series and the first race in the Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup.

### **3.6 Points Funds:**

- 3.6.1 Points funds shall be paid out to no fewer than the top ten (10) finishers in each series' final points standings.

- 3.6.2 Points funds are based on a minimum of twenty-five (25) events for the USMTS National Championship Series and fifteen (15) events for the Hunt for the USMTS Casey's Cup. Points funds may be prorated by percentage of events completed if fewer races are completed in each series.
- 3.6.3 In the event of a tie in the final points standings of a series for any position where points funds are awarded, the higher-ranked driver shall be the driver with the most wins. Should a tie still exist, the next determining factor(s) shall be top-5 finishes, and then top-10 finishes, and then events started and then the highest finisher in the most recent event. Drivers that are tied in positions that do not award points funds shall remain tied.
- 3.7 Rookies:**
- 3.7.1 Cash, trophies and contingencies designated for USMTS rookie drivers shall be awarded to drivers who fulfill and meet all minimum requirements as a rookie.
- 3.7.2 Driver must possess a valid USMTS license and shall earn points in each series where that driver possesses a USMTS license.
- 3.7.3 Driver may not have participated in more than twenty-four (24) USMTS events prior to the current year.
- 3.7.4 Driver may not have won a USMTS "A" Main during a prior year.
- 3.7.5 Driver may not have previously won a Rookie of the Year award or championship title with any similar touring series or sanctioning body (as determined by USMTS officials).
- 3.7.6 Official decisions regarding rookie eligibility are final, binding and not subject to appeal.
- 3.7.7 Rookie points shall be awarded to each eligible driver based on the driver's best twenty-four (24) points-earning performances in all USMTS events during the year.

#### **ARTICLE 4: BODY**

- 4.1 1970 or newer American compact passenger car only. Panel vans or station wagons are not allowed.
- 4.2 An aluminum half-windshield may be used on driver's side of the front window opening only.
- 4.3 Stock appearing front window support units must be used (painted roll bars are not acceptable substitutes). Front window may have a support of no more than six (6) inches at bottom, going straight up to top for non-clear materials. Support may be up to ten (10) inches at bottom, going straight up to top, only if it is a clear Lexan material.
- 4.4 A minimum window opening of twelve (12) inches must be maintained on all four (front, back, left and right) window openings.
- 4.5 Streamlining at top of windshield is not allowed. Bodies must have standard appearing windshield opening and corner post must follow standard configuration.
- 4.6 Original roof line of vehicle must be maintained with a maximum of five (5) inches of slope from rear to front. No more than one-half (0.5) inch stiffener allowed at the rear of the roof and must turn down perpendicular to the ground. OEM Gremlin roofs are not allowed.
- 4.7 Sail panels must be of matching design with matching styles on both sides of racecar. Sail panels may have a maximum bow of four (4) inches top to bottom, maximum bow of three (3) inches front to back and may be no more than eight (8) inches above the back edge of deck.
- 4.8 Reverse hood rake is not allowed. Hood must be level or slope forward toward nose of racecar. Back of hood may be no more than two (2) inches above decking.
- 4.9 Belly pans are not allowed. A belly pan will be defined as any object or material that alters the airflow under the racecar.
- 4.10 Panel(s) (engine covers) in front of the door next to the engine compartment are permitted, but must maintain a six (6) inch gap from the door. One side must remain open for inspection of engine on the scales.
- 4.11 Bodies with excessive damage (as determined by an official) will not be allowed to compete.
- 4.12 Spoilers:**
- 4.12.1 If utilizing a Flat Tappet/Steel Head Engine (see Rule 16.16), BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head Engine (see Rule 16.17) or CT525 Crate Engine (see Rule 16.18), the maximum rear spoiler height shall be seven (7) inches. If utilizing any other steel or aluminum heads other than the BRODIX Aluminum Spec Heads, the maximum rear spoiler height shall be five (5) inches.
- 4.12.2 Rear spoiler may not exceed the width of the rear deck lid, must be flush to the deck and must extend from right edge of deck to left edge of deck.
- 4.12.3 Rear spoiler must remain separate from sail panels.
- 4.12.4 A maximum of two (2) center supports and a maximum of two (2) side supports may be attached to the front of the rear spoiler (see body diagram for dimensions).

- 4.12.5 Fins, wings, lips or other air spoilers (except as noted above) are not allowed.
- 4.12.6 Fins, wings, lips or other air spoilers must match corresponding part on opposite side of racecar.
- 4.13 The rear deck lid and/or trunk area must be covered.
- 4.14 Aluminum roofs are permitted.
- 4.15 Doors and quarter panels may be mounted a maximum of one (1) inch above the deck, and must match side to side.
- 4.16 Excluding hood and nosepiece, the top of the body should extend no further forward than the back of the engine block. The bottom of the body may extend up to eight (8) inches forward of the back of the engine block.
- 4.17 Nose may not extend past front bumper and must be a minimum of five (5) inches above the ground. A two (2) inch lip on the nose is permitted, but may go no further than leading edge of hood. The Dominator Race Products molded plastic nose (Product #DMNK) is permitted.
- 4.18 Bumpers:**
- 4.18.1 Center of bumpers (front and rear) must be a minimum sixteen (16) inches and a maximum twenty (20) inches from ground.
- 4.18.2 Both front and rear bumpers must be used, and may not have any sharp edges. Any inappropriate bumper may be disallowed at the discretion of an official. Front bumper should be mounted from frame-end to frame-end with the bottom loop parallel to ground. Bumpers must be made of a minimum of one and one-quarter (1.25) inch tubing and must be able to support the racecar if lifted by a tow vehicle. Top bar must be directly above bottom bar.
- 4.18.3 Rear bumpers may be constructed of tubing or flat stock, and must protect the fuel cell. Rear bumpers may be no more than two (2) inches wider than the body on each side and may not be open-ended (must wrap around and be connected to side rail bars).
- 4.19 Appearance:**
- 4.19.1 All racecars must be numbered with large legible numbers on both sides, on top and on the nose and rear panels. Numbers on the sides of the racecar should be in contrasting color from the body and be at least four (4) inches thick and at least eighteen (18) inches high. Top numbers should be at least four (4) inches thick and twenty-four (24) inches high.
- 4.19.2 Officials reserve the right, in the public image of the sport and/or the USMTS, to assign, approve or disapprove any advertising, sponsorship or similar agreement in connection with any event. All cars must be neat appearing and are subject to approval of officials to compete. By competing in an event, all drivers agree to comply with the decisions of officials in this regard.
- 4.20 Overall width of the racecar may not exceed 78 inches. Width shall be measured from the widest points on each side of the racecar.

## **ARTICLE 5: ROLL CAGES**

- 5.1 Round steel tubing, seamless roll-over bars are required for the basic roll cage, and must be acceptable to officials. Acceptable tubing is as follows: one and three-quarters (1.75) inches by nine-tenths (0.9) of an inch or one and one-half (1.5) inches by ninety-five one-hundredths (0.95) of an inch for mild steel and DOM tubing (one and three-quarters (1.75) inches by eighty-three one-hundredths (0.83) of an inch for chrome-moly tubing). Aluminum and/or other soft metals are not allowed. Roll bar connections must be properly welded.
- 5.2 Roll bars within the driver's reach must be padded with an accepted material as determined by an official. Fire retardant material is highly recommended.
- 5.3 Installation and workmanship must be acceptable to officials.
- 5.4 Must be frame-mounted in at least six (6) places.
- 5.5 Must consist of a configuration of front and rear hoops connected by tubing on the sides or side hoops.
- 5.6 With helmet on and driver securely strapped into the racing seat, top of driver's head must not protrude above the roll cage.
- 5.7 Must have a protective screen or bars in front window opening in front of driver's face.
- 5.8 Protection of driver's feet utilizing a bar across the back of the engine with vertical bars and rub rails or similar protection is mandatory.
- 5.9 Brace bars forward of roll cage may not be higher than the stock hood height.
- 5.10 A minimum of three (3) driver side door bars must be parallel to ground and located perpendicular to the driver so as to provide maximum protection for the driver, but without causing undue difficulty in getting in or out of the racecar. Side bars must be welded to the front and the rear of the roll cage members.

Door bars with a thickness of less than nine-tenths (0.9) of an inch should have four (4) bars at least one and one-half (1.5) inches in diameter at a minimum of eighty-three one-thousandths (0.083) of an inch thickness and be gusseted in place. The door bars must have six (6) vertical studs per side of one and three-quarters (1.75) inches by eighty-three one-thousandths (0.083) of an inch minimum seamless round tubing equally spaced.

## **ARTICLE 6: FRAME**

- 6.1 Factory production complete full 1960 or newer parallel American passenger car frames only. Frames may be cut in rear only at a point not further than thirty-six (36) inches from center of rear end housing.
- 6.2 May only be altered for the installation of springs and shocks.
- 6.3 All components must be made of steel and be properly welded.
- 6.4 Must be full and complete on both sides, may not be widened or narrowed and must be able to support roll cage on both sides.
- 6.5 Minimum height from ground is four (4) inches. Exception: front cross member may be notched for radiator clearance only. Right front frame rail must be a maximum of seven and one-quarter (7.25) inches above the ground.
- 6.6 Jeep, Bronco or similar four-wheel drive frames are not allowed. Sports car frames are not allowed. Front-wheel-drives are not allowed.
- 6.7 Rear of frame may be altered to accept leaf or coil springs.
- 6.8 Hydraulic, ratchet or electric weight jacks are not allowed anywhere on the racecar. Aluminum jack bolts are not allowed.
- 6.9 Wheelbase must be a minimum of one-hundred eight (108) inches on both sides (no tolerance).
- 6.10 Tubular front clips are not allowed.
- 6.11 Maximum overall width of car (at front or rear) shall not exceed seventy-eight (78) inches from outside of tread to outside of tread (no tolerance).

## **ARTICLE 7: COCKPIT**

- 7.1 Loose objects and/or weights are not allowed.
- 7.2 Air bags are not allowed.
- 7.3 Rear view mirrors are not allowed.
- 7.4 Floor and firewall must be complete in the driver's compartment. No interior sheet metal can be higher than or enclose a standard window opening. Sheet metal in the driver's compartment must be horizontal from the top of the driver shaft tunnel to the right side door bars or angle from the top of the drive shaft tunnel upwards to the top of the right side door bars. Driver must be able to exit the racecar from both sides.
- 7.5 Steering:**
  - 7.5.1 Must be OEM and must remain within original bolt pattern for type of frame used
  - 7.5.2 Rack and pinion is not allowed.
  - 7.5.4 May be modified to suit driver, but must remain on left side of cockpit (no center steering).
  - 7.5.5 Quick-release metal coupling on steering wheel is mandatory. Plastic couplings are not allowed.
- 7.6 Seat:**
  - 7.6.1 Factory-manufactured racing seats are mandatory, and must be acceptable to officials.
  - 7.6.2 Homemade aluminum, plastic or fiberglass seats are not allowed.
  - 7.6.3 Must be properly installed and seat back cannot be moved back further than rear edge of quarter post.
  - 7.6.4 High-back aluminum seats only. Full containment racing seats are strongly recommended.

## **ARTICLE 8: SUSPENSION**

- 8.1 Must remain stock-type for the type of frame being used. Steel aftermarket parts may be used as stock components as long as they mount in the stock location and are the same size as the OEM parts. This includes lower tubular A-frames. If using lower tubular A-frames, must match factory specs. **All parts must meet OE specs and match side to side.**
- 8.2 Aluminum and/or titanium components are strictly forbidden. Magnet must stick to all components.
- 8.3 Steel tube-type upper A-frames are permitted and may be moved. Steel or aluminum cross shafts are permitted.
- 8.4 Coil-over springs are not allowed on the front.

- 8.5 Stock passenger car spindles only. Fabricated spindles are not allowed. Bottom A-frames may not be altered, lightened or moved and must match side to side.
- 8.6 Front sway bars may be used. Front sway bars must be made of steel and may be attached to the bottom A-frame using steel heim joints. Must be solid full-length OEM.
- 8.7 Rear panhard bars may be used. Must be made of steel and may be attached by using a minimum three-quarter (0.75) inch i.d. steel heim joint.
- 8.8 Steel coil-over eliminators or steel/aluminum coil-over kits are permitted on the rear only, but must conform to shock and spring rules.
- 8.9 Suspension and/or rear-end parts must be made of steel. Aluminum mounting brackets are permitted.
- 8.10 Shocks & Springs:**
  - 8.10.1 One shock only per wheel is permitted.
  - 8.10.2 Aluminum heims on shocks are not allowed (steel caps only).
  - 8.10.3 Air shocks are not allowed.
  - 8.10.4 All coil springs must be at least four and one-half (4.5) inches outside diameter. Springs must be made of steel. Torsion bars are not allowed in rear.
  - 8.10.5 Canister shocks are not allowed.
  - 8.10.6 External rubber bump stops are permitted (steel or plastic cup only).
  - 8.10.7 Shocks shall be subject to claim, as outlined in Claim Procedures (Article 19).
  - 8.10.8 Progressive springs are not allowed (except on pull bar or lift bar).
  - 8.10.9 Cockpit-adjustable shocks are not allowed.

## **ARTICLE 9: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

### **9.1 Battery:**

- 9.1.1 Must be securely mounted inside frame rails and covered.
- 9.1.2 One (1) 12-volt or 16-volt battery is permitted.
- 9.1.3 Voltage converters are not allowed.
- 9.1.4 All battery posts must be **securely** covered.

### **9.2 Ignition:**

- 9.2.1 Magnetos and/or crank-triggered ignitions are permitted only for racecars utilizing a Crate Engine (see Rule 16.9).
- 9.2.2 One (1) coil only is permitted.
- 9.2.3 Kill switch required within easy reach of the driver. The switch must be clearly marked "OFF" and "ON".
- 9.2.4 MSD ignition boxes shall be subject to claim, as outlined in Claim Procedures (Article 19).
- 9.2.5 **Engines 375 cubic inches or more must utilize an 8,400 RPM rev-limiting chip. Engines 374 cubic inches or less must utilize an 9,000 RPM rev-limiting chip.** Crate Engines must utilize a 7,300 RPM rev-limiting chip. Chip may not be within reach of the driver while in cockpit and must be accessible to officials at any time. Track will distribute chips to each driver each race night. Any driver caught altering the chip or ignition system in any way so as to defeat the chip rule shall **lose all points accumulated for the season, forfeiture of all prize money earned for the event, a \$5,000 fine and a one-year suspension from USMTS events. Driver will not be permitted to compete in any future USMTS events until fine is paid in full. Second offense shall result in the same penalties for first offense, but with a lifetime suspension from all future USMTS events.**

## **ARTICLE 10: FUEL SYSTEM**

### **10.1 Fuel:**

- 10.1.1 Must be automotive gasoline or alcohol only. Additives of any kind are not allowed. E85 ethanol or racing fuel is permitted. Penalty for illegal fuel is loss of points, cash and awards earned for that event.
- 10.1.2 May not be blended with ethers or other oxygenates, and may not be blended with aniline or its derivatives, nitro compounds or other nitro containing compounds. Oxygenated fuel is not allowed.
- 10.2 Electric fuel pumps are not allowed.

### **10.3 Carburetor:**

- 10.3.1 One (1) two-barrel, four-barrel or Predator carburetor properly installed will be permitted.
- 10.3.2 Must be naturally aspirated.
- 10.3.3 Fuel injection is not allowed.
- 10.3.4 An adapter with gasket is permitted. Adapter and gasket combined may be no more than two and one-quarter (2.25) inches.

#### **10.4 Fuel Cell:**

- 10.4.1 Must be commercially manufactured and must be mounted utilizing at least two (2) steel straps. Straps must be two (2) inches wide at all measuring points.
- 10.4.2 Must be enclosed in a steel container and must be protected in rear of axle by roll cage tubing mounted securely.
- 10.4.3 No part may be lower than protective tubing. Protective tubing must be no wider than six (6) inches on both sides. Fuel cell may be no lower than ten (10) inches from the ground.
- 10.4.4 Must have check valves.
- 10.4.5 Limited to a maximum capacity of thirty-two (32) gallons.
- 10.4.6 Must have check valves. A ball-type, flapper or spring or filler rollover valve is mandatory for fuel cells without a positive seal filler neck/cap system.

### **ARTICLE 11: TIRES & WHEELS**

#### **11.1 Wheels:**

- 11.1.1 Must be fifteen (15) inches in diameter and eight (8) inches in width.
- 11.1.2 Stickers are not required.
- 11.1.3 Must be reinforced steel only.
- 11.1.4 A steel or aluminum bead lock may be used on the right front and right rear wheels only, and may be mounted on the outside of the wheel so long as it does not add over three-quarters (3/4) of an inch to the overall width of the wheel.
- 11.1.5 Homemade mud caps are not allowed.
- 11.1.6 Wheel covers are allowed on right side wheels only. Inner mud plugs are permitted.
- 11.1.7 Wide five wheel adaptors are not allowed.
- 11.1.8 Steel or aluminum spacer between hub and wheel is allowed, but overall width of racecar cannot exceed seventy-eight (78) inches (see Rule 4.19).
- 11.1.9 Aluminum or steel lug nuts are permitted.

#### **11.2 Tires:**

- 11.2.1 American Racer G60 or KK704 stamped or non-stamped tires are permitted. All non-stamped tires must be asphalt (no dirt).
- 11.2.2 Softening is not allowed. Solvents of any kind are not allowed. Altering tires with any components or chemicals which alter the manufacturer's baseline-settings of the tire is not allowed.
- 11.2.3 Grooving and/or siping is permitted.
- 11.2.4 All sidewall markings must remain visible at all times. Buffing or removing of the compound designations is not allowed.

#### **11.3 Tire Testing Procedures:**

- 11.3.1 Random GC (gas chromatography) scans will be performed to identify illegal substances. A GC scan should always be a peak in 19-20 minutes. If there is no peak, the driver will be disqualified. Driver may protest the GC scan results and request a mass spec test at the cost to the driver (usually around \$300). The mass spec test will reveal exactly what substance was used. The main peak of the tire should never be in half.
- 11.3.2 Five (5) samples shall be retrieved from each tire in different spots and sent to a lab for testing. Samples will be sealed in a bag or glass jar and driver must sign the bag and or waiver sheet. All tire testing results shall be posted at the registration station with the car number on the test sheet.
- 11.3.3 **Traces of chemicals and/or excessive quantities of chemicals found to be outside the baseline on any test is automatic disqualification. First offense shall result in loss of all points accumulated for the season, forfeiture of all prize money earned for the event, a \$5,000 fine and a one-year suspension from USMTS events. Driver will not be permitted to compete in any future USMTS events until fine is paid in full. Second offense shall result in the same penalties for first offense, but with a lifetime suspension from all future USMTS events.**
- 11.3.4 It is strongly recommended that all drivers use only soap and water. Baking tires will not eliminate traces of illegal substances. The USMTS will aggressively test for illegal substances and will levy severe punishment for infractions.

### **ARTICLE 12: BRAKING SYSTEM**

- 12.1 Must be operating on all four wheels and must lock up all four wheels during inspection.
- 12.2 Must have caliper and rotor on all four wheels. Vented rotors are required on front wheels.

- 12.3 Electronic brake actuators are not allowed.
- 12.4 Calipers may not be lightened and must be OEM
- 12.5 Steel or aluminum single-piston OEM-type calipers are permitted.
- 12.6 Rotors must be steel and may not be lightened or drilled. Rotors may be re-drilled for different bolt patterns or larger studs.
- 12.7 Front-to-rear brake bias is permitted (no left to right).
- 12.8 Brake shut-offs are not allowed.
- 12.9 Brake lines must be visible.
- 12.10 Must maintain minimum OEM dimensions for hubs, rotors and calipers.

### **ARTICLE 13: DRIVE SHAFT**

- 13.1 A loop is required and must be constructed of at least one-quarter (0.25) inch by two (2) inch solid steel. Loop must be mounted no more than six (6) inches from the front of the drive shaft tube. Alternatively, two (2) loops of one-quarter (0.25) inch by one (1) inch solid steel fastened to cross member are permitted.
- 13.2 Must be painted white and made of steel.

### **ARTICLE 14: TRANSMISSION**

- 14.1 OEM three-, four- and five-speed and automatic production-types allowed.
- 14.2 "In and out" boxes are not allowed.
- 14.3 Must all be clutch-operated.
- 14.4 Bert and Brinn transmissions are permitted. With motor running and racecar in stationary position, driver must be able to engage racecar in gear and move forward, then backward, at time of inspection.
- 14.5 Clutch must be inside of bell housing for OEM production-types.
- 14.6 One (1) forward gear and one (1) reverse gear must be in working order, plus a neutral position, and must be able to be shifted by driver.
- 14.7 Clutch-type transmissions must be equipped with an explosion-proof steel bell housing. Aluminum must be SFI-approved (GM bell housing is not SFI approved).
- 14.8 Automatic, Bert or Brinn transmissions must have a guard two-hundred seventy (270) degrees around flex plate or flywheel, and must be constructed of at least one-quarter (0.25) inch steel. Alternatively, automatic transmissions may utilize an SFI-approved aftermarket guard.
- 14.9 All racecars must have the capability of starting without being pushed or pulled.

### **ARTICLE 15: REAR-END**

- 15.1 Any passenger car or truck type is permitted. Aluminum is not allowed except lowering blocks, axle cap and drive plate.
- 15.2 Quick change rear-ends are permitted: Steel tubes only; ten (10) inch ring gear only; pinion and carrier bearings must be tapered; titanium is not allowed; wide-five wheel patterns are not allowed; aluminum spools are permitted. Magnesium will be permitted until such date that the cost increases, at which time only magnesium rear-ends purchased prior to that date will be permitted and must have original serial number.
- 15.3 Cambered rear-ends are not allowed. One-piece drive flange only.
- 15.4 Traction devices are not allowed (includes Gold Track, True Track or similar type components).

### **ARTICLE 16: ENGINE**

- 16.1 Must be able to be used in conventional passenger car without alteration. Motor mounts may not be removed or altered. Castings (includes block, heads and intake) and fittings may not be changed. Machine work on outside of engine, or on front or rear of camshaft, is not allowed. If utilizing lightened blocks (removal of material from inside and/or outside), an additional twenty-five (25) pounds of weight must be added in front of the mid-plate.
- 16.2 Total "dry sump" systems are not allowed. "Wet" system must be in stock operating order, except oil coolers and remote filters are permitted.
- 16.3 Modification of cooling system is permitted. Radiators and oil coolers may not protrude above interior.
- 16.4 Any American make may be used. Rear of engine (bell housing flange) must be mounted at least seventy-two (72) inches forward from the center line of the rear axle – NO TOLERANCE.

- 16.5 Offset must be within two (2) inches of centerline of front cross member.
- 16.6 Must be a minimum of eleven (11) inches from ground to front center of crankshaft.
- 16.7 Steel blocks only – aluminum and/or titanium are not allowed.
- 16.8 Overflow tubes must be directed toward the ground and inside the frame rails.
- 16.9 Radiator must be mounted in front of engine.
- 16.10 Wiring elements must be accessible for technical inspection. Any racecar advancing spots and missing will be subject to disqualification.
- 16.11 Tri-Y headers are permitted, but cannot contain stainless steel.
- 16.12 Exhaust system and/or mufflers must be mounted in such a way as to direct spent gases away from the cockpit and away from areas of possible fuel spillage. Mufflers may be required at track's discretion.
- 16.13 Roller cams are permitted, unless otherwise noted.
- 16.14 Engine type shall determine the overall weight of the racecar (see Rule 17.3), spoiler height (see Rule 4.12.1) and RPM limits of the rev-limiting chip (see Rule 9.2.5). **Engines 375 cubic inches or more must utilize an 8,400 RPM rev-limiting chip. Engines 374 cubic inches or less must utilize an 9,000 RPM rev-limiting chip.**
- 16.15 **Intake manifolds must be made of cast iron or cast aluminum.**
- 16.16 Flat Tappet/Steel Head Engine:**
  - 16.16.1 If valve angle is 23 degrees, the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand four-hundred (2,400) pounds. If valve angle is less than 23 degrees, the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand five-hundred (2,500) pounds (see Rule 17.3.1). The maximum rear spoiler height shall be **seven (7)** inches (see Rule 4.12.1).
  - 16.16.2 Stock diameter lifters only. Mushroom lifters are not allowed.
  - 16.16.3 Stud girdles and shaft rockers are permitted.
  - 16.16.4 Engine components must be of matching manufacturers (i.e. Chevy for Chevy).
- 16.17 Flat Tappet/BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head Engine:**
  - 16.17.1 **The overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand three-hundred fifty (2,350) pounds (see Rule 17.3.2).** The maximum rear spoiler height shall be **seven (7)** inches (see Rule 4.12.1).
  - 16.17.2 Approved product numbers for the BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head are SPCH (Chevrolet), SPFO (Ford) and SPMO (Mopar) for USMTS. For more information call BRODIX at 479-394-1075 or visit [www.brodix.com](http://www.brodix.com) for more information.
  - 16.17.3 Removing, relocating, grinding, polishing or defacing of any cast letters and/or numbers is strictly forbidden.
  - 16.17.4 May be angle milled, but valve angle must remain within one (1) degree of original manufactured specification.
  - 16.17.5 Valve guides must retain original angle and spacing as manufactured. Valve guides may not be tapered, thinned or shortened whatsoever. Minimum valve stem diameter must be five-sixteenths (.310) inch.
  - 16.17.6 Absolutely no welding or adding material of any kind.
  - 16.17.7 Removal of material is not allowed, except for pushrod clearance. Factory CNC chamber may not be altered in any way.
  - 16.17.8 Absolutely no enlarging, relocating or other altering of any bolt hole, dowel hole or threaded hole, except to spot face bolt holes after angle milling.
  - 16.17.9 Heli coils may be used for repairs.
  - 16.17.10 Absolutely no grinding or polishing of any kind anywhere on the casting, except for pushrod clearance.
  - 16.17.11 Internally-repaired BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head must be recertified by BRODIX.
  - 16.17.12 BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head checking fixtures will be used to check specifications and dimensions.
  - 16.17.13 Stock diameter lifters only. Mushroom lifters are not allowed.
  - 16.17.14 Stud girdles and shaft rockers are permitted.
  - 16.17.15 Engine components must be of matching manufacturers (i.e. Chevy for Chevy).
  - 16.17.16 **Oil drain back and cooling lines are permitted.**
- 16.18 BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head Engine:**
  - 16.18.1 The overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand four-hundred (2,400) pounds (see Rule 17.3.1). The maximum rear spoiler height shall be **seven (7)** inches (see Rule 4.12.1).
  - 16.18.2 Approved product numbers for the BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head are SPCH (Chevrolet), SPFO (Ford) and SPMO (Mopar) for USMTS. For more information call BRODIX at 479-394-1075 or visit [www.brodix.com](http://www.brodix.com) for more information.
  - 16.18.3 Removing, relocating, grinding, polishing or defacing of any cast letters or numbers is strictly forbidden.

- 16.18.4 May be angle milled, but valve angle must remain within one (1) degree of original manufactured specification.
- 16.18.5 Valve guides must retain original angle and spacing as manufactured. Valve guides may not be tapered, thinned or shortened whatsoever. Minimum valve stem diameter must be five-sixteenths (.310) inch.
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- 16.18.10 Absolutely no grinding or polishing of any kind anywhere on the casting, except for pushrod clearance.
- 16.18.11 Internally-repaired BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head must be recertified by BRODIX.
- 16.18.12 BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head checking fixtures will be used to check specifications and dimensions.
- 16.18.13 Oil drain back and cooling lines are permitted.

#### **16.19 Crate Engine:**

- 16.19.1 The overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of **two-thousand three-hundred (2,300)** pounds (see Rule 17.3.5). The maximum rear spoiler height shall be **seven (7)** inches (see Rule 4.12.1).
- 16.19.2 GM Performance Parts (GPP) factory-sealed CT525 Chevy small block crate engine (Part No. 19171821): includes aluminum block and heads, hypereutectic aluminum pistons, nodular iron crank and hydraulic roller tappet camshaft.
- 16.19.3 Must have "Crate" sticker on racecar. Any driver running a sticker designating a different engine with a "Crate" sticker will be disqualified with loss of points and earnings for that event.
- 16.19.4 Must be unaltered and sealed from factory at appropriate points (intake, head, timing chain cover and oil pan) with approved GPP break-off bolts. Any altered, damaged or missing GPP break-off bolts will result in driver being disqualified from that event, loss of all track and national points accumulated up to, and including, the date of the offense, a \$5,000 fine and a one-year suspension from all USMTS events.
- 16.19.5 Official and/or promoter reserves the right to exchange a crate engine for a similar crate engine of the same model (provided by the USMTS) at any time with any driver utilizing a crate engine.
- 16.19.6 The diagnostic program and your portable tuning device (laptop computer) is considered to be a functioning part of the racecar and must be readily available during any and all inspections.

### **ARTICLE 17: WEIGHT**

- 17.1 The overall weight of the racecar shall be measured at the conclusion of an event with the driver in the cockpit, wearing complete racing apparel.
- 17.2 **All racecars must display weight at which it will compete on left side windshield post. Must be two (2) inches tall and in contrasting color to the racecar.**

#### **17.3 Overall Weight:**

- 17.3.1 If utilizing a Flat Tappet/Steel Head Engine with a 23-degree valve angle (see Rule 16.16) or BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head Engine (see Rule 16.18), the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand four-hundred (2,400) pounds.
- 17.3.2 **If utilizing Flat Tappet/BRODIX Aluminum Spec Head Engine (see rule 16.17), the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand three-hundred fifty (2,350) pounds.**
- 17.3.3 If utilizing steel or aluminum heads with a 23-degree valve angle, the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand four-hundred fifty (2,450) pounds.
- 17.3.4 If utilizing steel or aluminum raised runner heads, or less than a 23-degree valve angle, the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of two-thousand five-hundred (2,500) pounds.
- 17.3.5 If utilizing a Crate Engine (see Rule 16.19), the overall weight of the racecar must be a minimum of **two-thousand three-hundred (2,300)** pounds.
- 17.4 If utilizing aluminum heads other than the BRODIX Aluminum Spec Heads, racecar must have a minimum fifty (50) pounds of weight in front of mid-plate.
- 17.5 If utilizing lightened blocks (removal of material from inside and/or outside), an additional twenty-five (25) pounds of weight must be added in front of the mid-plate (see Rule 16.1).

#### **17.10 Ballast:**

- 17.10.1 May not be mounted in cockpit, or outside of body or hood area.
- 17.10.2 Must be securely mounted, painted white and clearly marked with the car number.
- 17.10.3 Must be attached with at least two (2) one-half (0.5) inch bolts.

17.10.4 May not be attached to rear bumper.

## **ARTICLE 18: SAFETY**

- 18.1 It is recommended that each racecar have built-in fire extinguishing equipment, but cannot be of the dry powder type (must be Halon 1211 or equivalent).
- 18.2 Drivers should have in their pit area as part of their equipment, at all times, a fully charged dry chemical, Halon (or its equivalent) fire extinguisher. Ten (10) or thirteen (13) pound fire extinguishers are highly recommended.
- 18.3 Driver must wear required helmet, fire suit and five-point safety harness whenever the racecar is on the racetrack. This includes during track packing, warm ups, hot laps and races.
- 18.4 Helmets are mandatory and must be certified Snell SA2000, SA2005 or SA2011 Standard or SFI Spec 31.1A, 31.1/2005 or 31.1/2011.
- 18.5 Helmet must accompany driver and racecar at time of inspection.
- 18.7 Complete one- or two-piece fire suits of a flame retardant nature are mandatory. A fire suit certified to SFI Spec 3.2A/5 is strongly recommended.
- 18.8 SFI-approved fire-resistant gloves and shoes are mandatory. Gloves and shoes certified to SFI Spec 3.3/5 is strongly recommended. Fire resistant socks are strongly recommended.
- 18.9 The use of a five- six- or seven-point driver restraint system (safety belts, sub-belt and shoulder harness) is required. Factory-type shoulder belts or straps are not allowed. The use of a seven-point driver restraint system certified to SFI Spec 16.1 or 16.5 is strongly recommended.
- 18.10 Metal to metal buckles are required on shoulder and seat belts.
- 18.11 Shoulder harness must be mounted securely to the roll cage.
- 18.12 Where the belt passes through the seat edges, a grommet must be installed, rolled and/or padded to prevent cutting of the belt.
- 18.13 Driver restraint system must be less than three (3) years of age past the date of manufacture. It is recommended that the driver restraint system be no more than two (2) years past the date of manufacture.
- 18.14 Full-size window net mounted in the left side driver's window opening is required. Window net mounts must be welded to the roll cage. All bars around the driver must have approved roll bar padding. Approved racing arm restraints are recommended. Must be certified to SFI Spec 27.1.
- 18.15 Fire-resistant safety neck collars are mandatory.

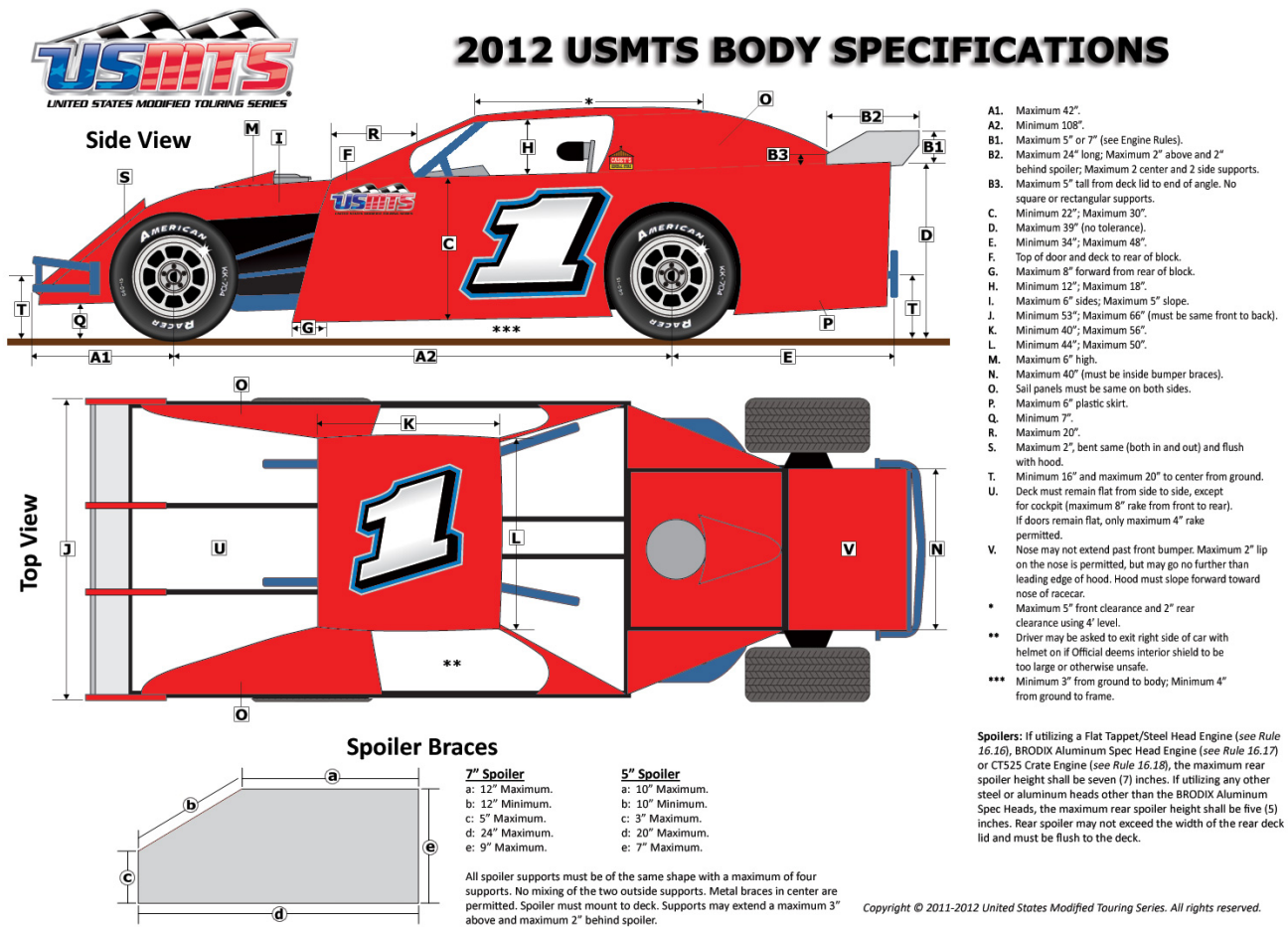
## **ARTICLE 19: CLAIMING PROCEDURES**

- 19.1 Any driver possessing a valid USMTS license may have the opportunity to execute a claim. All drivers, licensed or not, are subject to being claimed.
- 19.2 Any driver in the "A" Main is eligible to claim the shocks or MSD ignition box of another driver's racecar in the "A" Main.
- 19.3 Claims must be made within five (5) minutes of the completion of the "A" Main. Claimed items must be removed at the racetrack and within one (1) hour after claimed driver accepts the claim.
- 19.4 Immediately following the conclusion of the "A" Main, without returning to his/her pit location, driver making claim must drive racecar, under its own power, directly to the designated claim area. Claiming driver shall select from eligible racecars in the "A" Main, and must declare that choice to the official overseeing the claim area. If the claiming driver decides at that time that he/she does not wish to execute the claim, he/she will nonetheless be charged one claim on his/her claim card. If multiple drivers declare an intention to claim, the driver finishing farthest back in the "A" Main will select first.
- 19.5 Claiming driver must present cash to official overseeing the claim area at the time the driver declares intention to claim. The cash price of the claim shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100) each for shocks or two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for MSD ignition boxes. Drivers claiming shocks may claim one (1) or more shocks during a single claim.
- 19.6 Driver is permitted one (1) claim per event, regardless of the outcome of that claim.
- 19.7 Only drivers and officials are permitted in the designated claim area. Any other participants associated with that racecar that enter the claim area will be subject to disqualification, fine and/or suspension.
- 19.8 Only a driver may claim, and only the claimed driver may agree to accept or refuse the claim. The first statement of acceptance or rejection of the claim by the claimed driver is binding.
- 19.9 Any driver refusing to accept a claim will forfeit all cash winnings and contingency awards for that event. Any driver refusing to accept a claim will forfeit all USMTS points (national, regional or otherwise)

accumulated up to, and including, the event at which the claim was made. Furthermore, driver will forfeit the privilege to make a claim for a period of one (1) year from the date on which the claim was refused.

- 19.10 Sabotage of claimed parts will result in driver being suspended from all USMTS events for fourteen (14) days and until a \$1,000 fine is paid and received at USMTS headquarters. Driver will also forfeit all USMTS points (national, regional or otherwise) accumulated up to, and including, the event at which the sabotage occurred. Furthermore, driver will forfeit the privilege to make a claim for a period of one (1) year from the date on which the sabotage occurred.
- 19.11 Driver may claim a maximum of three (3) times during the calendar year.
- 19.12 The USMTS reserves the right to disallow any claim at their discretion.
- 19.13 At their discretion, officials reserve the option to claim the shocks or MSD ignition box of any racecar. Officials may exchange MSD ignition boxes at any time.
- 19.14 Disqualification shall not affect a legal claim. Claimed parts will be removed and transferred prior to any penalties being assessed.

**APPENDIX A: BODY DIAGRAM**



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**AMENDMENTS**

**Feb. 21, 2012**

Added Rule 4.17 – The Dominator Race Products molded plastic nose (Product #DMNK) is permitted.

**May 7, 2012**

Added Rules 16.17.16 and 16.18.13 – Oil drain back and cooling lines are permitted.

**May 11, 2012**

Added Rule 16.15 - Intake manifolds must be made of cast iron or cast aluminum.

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