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GENERAL GUIDELINES

- G1 **There is only ONE class of competition; To enter competition you must be able to run an Elapsed Time of 14.99 or quicker(1/4mi).**
- G2 **Track entry fee (determined by hosting track) required at the gate (Tell them you are racing with the Pontiacs).**
- G3 **Track and sanctioning body safety rules apply first; OPDS officials and/or Track officials make any and all final decisions on questionable issues.**
- G4 **ALL Participants & crew (anyone going into the staging lanes or track area) must sign an Outlaw Pontiac Drag Series Release and Waiver of Liability before pulling into the lanes for the 1st time run, at the OPDS sign-up tent. You are responsible for your crew.**
- G5 **Everyone must register with OPDS at the sign-up tent PRIOR TO TIME TRIALS.**
- G6 **Drivers Meeting at sign-up tent 10 minutes after the last time run.**
- G7 **Guidelines are subject to change. OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions as to any rules and guidelines**
- G8 **Have fun and meet other Pontiac enthusiasts !!**



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ENTRY FEES & PAYOUTS

- E1 **Track** entry paid at the gate. Refer to G2. You must have a tech card from the track.
- E2 **OPDS event entry fee \$25.00** - Paid at the OPDS sign-up tent PRIOR to your 1st time run with us.
- E3 **OPDS Entry fee is non-refundable if you stage for qualifier round (usually the last time run)**
- E4 **** PAYOUTS BASED ON CAR COUNT **Payouts awarded back to 1/4's (if 9 or more cars), semi's, and Winner/Runner-up**
Note: OPDS does not charge a separate "membership" fee to race with us; it is included in the entry fee's that we charge. You are considered "part of OPDS" when you race with us. Other than the per race entry fee, the only other fee we charge is a separate fee if you want to be included in the season long points series. Refer to the "Points Series" section.

REFUNDS

Racers will be refunded the OPDS entry fee* if they are unable to compete due to breakage. This must be decided before the car is staged for time trials. Once the car is staged no refund will be honored from that point.

* Refund refers to the OPDS entry fee for that class and does not include the track entry fee taken at the gate.

There is no refunds of the fees paid toward OPDS Points entry.

In the event of Rainout or other purpose for cancellation of the race (by the host track)-racers will be given the option to receive a cash refund of the OPDS entry fee, or "credit" toward the next race. (Track entry fee or other class entry fee is not included but refunds for these would be determined by host track)



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COMPETITION RULES

- R1 All cars must pass standard sanctioning organization safe operating rules & tech inspections as managed and performed by hosting track officials, based on both the track rules and the sanctioning organization the track belongs to. It is the racer's responsibility to know which sanctioning organization a particular track belongs to.
- R2 All track policies must be adhered to. All directions by track officials must be followed.
- R3 Any traditionally Pontiac powered vehicle is legal. Any Pontiac bodied vehicle is legal. Any car in competition must run 14.99 or quicker(1/4mi).
- R4 Our races are considered "open competition", i.e., we allow open headers and slicks. No restrictions, except for any applicable sanctioning body & track safety rules, and anything else listed in this document.
- R5 Power adders permitted if within safety guidelines.
- R6 Only the driver may control the timing of the launch and must leave off of the bottom bulb. Specifically,
- A Delay boxes may not be used in competition and must be disabled if in the car and/or taped over. While we generally use the honor system, we reserve the right to check anyone's delay box at any time to make sure it is not being used. RPM at the starting line can be controlled but the launch is to be controlled by the driver, not by any means of automated control.
 - B Transbrake permitted. RPM at the starting line can be controlled but the launch is to be controlled by the driver, not by any means of electronic control.
 - C 2-step permitted. A 2nd stage for high side RPM limiting is allowed but not to be used for ET limiting down track. The 2nd stage can only be used for over-rev conditions as in equipment failure or driver error.
 - D 4-wheel line locks permitted but release is to be controlled by the driver, not by means of electronic control.
 - E OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions on questionable usage. As stated above, we reserve the right to check any car at any time.



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BYE RUNS

- R7 **All cars with a bye run must stage and leave. Shutting off early and/or pulling off the track early (if possible) is permitted.**
- A **Bye run eligibility is determined by best reaction time in the previous round, where first round is based on reaction time of the last time run, or the "Qualifying" time run designated by OPDS officials.**
- B **Driver who had the best RT will pull off to the side or stay at the back of the staging lanes until it is determined if there will be a bye run. If there is an even number of cars for complete pairings, the driver eligible for the bye run will get lane choice. The driver eligible MUST inform his opponent of his lane choice.**
- C **If a car breaks down in the lanes, the lanes will move forward to make pairs (unless you have been paired via draw- see R9 below.) The driver eligible for the bye run may, or may not, get the bye in this circumstance. If not, that driver has lane choice. Please make sure the car you will be lined up against is informed ahead of time as to your lane choice, as an OPDS official may not be available to enforce your lane choice.**
- D **If you are eligible to get the bye and do not get it during the round, you are not eligible for another bye until all the remaining cars in competition have had one, because you earned the lane choice instead of the bye.**
- R8 **Do not delay pulling into the lanes for the OPDS classes. If you run multiple classes at the track, and are caught-up in running the other classes, or late getting to our lanes, we will not ask the track to delay and you run the risk of not being able to compete in our class. No Exceptions, No Refunds**
- R9 **PAIRING- no pairing until the 4th round. Then participants will draw numbers to determine their opponent for 4th round. If a car breaks and can not run the round their opponent receives a Bye run for that round. This applies only to rounds that have been paired.**
- R10 **Any willful violation of these rules may result in an indefinite suspension from participating in OPDS events.**
- R11 **Rules are subject to change. OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions as to any rules and guidelines.**
- R12 **Lane Choice is the responsibility of the two drivers to discuss in a friendly manner, BUT if they cannot agree or do not discuss, the 1st car out of the lanes gets lane choice. If the track puts us in two lanes and pulls both at the same time, lane choice will be determined by which lane you are in. IF R7-C applies, it is up to the driver who has the bye to inform the other driver which lane he/she wants in the case of even cars. Refer to R7-C.**



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POINTS SERIES

- P1 **One time fee for points competition for the '23 season - \$45. Points entry is not required to race with us.**
- P3 **Points start to accrue based on the date you sign up. Any prior races are not counted towards points.**
- P4 **Points are awarded as follows:**
- A **10 points for passing tech**
 - B **10 points for staging each round of competition**
 - C **2 points for each semi-finalist not going on to the finals**
 - D **3 points to the runner up**
 - E **14 points to the winner**
 - F ***Buy Back Points: Points are awarded if you are a buy-back but only at 1/2 value; that is: 5 points for staging each round(after the 1st round, which is a full 10 points), 1 point for semi-final finish, 7 points for Winner. Runner-up receives 3 points as listed.***
- P5 ***Rainout/Cancellation:***
In the event of a rain-out or cancellation of the event(and before any rounds have been run) **IF the racer has signed-up** the racer will be awarded **5 points**
- IF, after one round of competition has been completed and the race is cancelled, points will be awarded as per normal procedure, that is, based on number of rounds staged and 5 additional points will be awarded to the racers who would have advanced to the next round.**
- P6 **Tally of total points for the season- Tie Breaker:**
In the event of a tie in points for the season the following procedure will apply to break the tie, in the order as listed:
Driver with the most rounds won without being a buy-back round win.
If still tied- Driver with the most rounds won buy-back or not
If still tied- Driver with the most appearances in the 1/4, Semis, and Final rounds