

RAMS

RACING ASSOCIATION FOR MODEL CARS

RAMS RACE RULES

2003

I. GENERAL

A. It is the intent of the club to conduct all races in a clean sportsman like manner. Any attempts to deliberately bump or ram another car or run it off the track will be grounds for disciplinary action. Continuous disregard for other cars on the track will be assumed to be deliberate ramming. Disciplinary action can range from lap penalties designated by the Race Director to dismissal from the club by vote of the club membership.

B. RACING SEASON

1. The race season will be from February 1st to November 30th.
2. Points will be determined and posted for club members.
3. Two throws out per race season.
4. 5th scale can implement a variation of the points system in order to maintain a safe racing environment.

C. RACE LOCATION AND TIME

1. All regular club races will be on the 2nd Sunday, 3rd Sunday, 4th Saturday, and 4th Sunday of each month, alternative dates can be scheduled due to holidays or other events being held at the race track.
2. Race program will start at 7:15am with track set up. Sign ups will close by 8:30am. Race program will start by 10:00 am. Late sign ups may be taken if time permitting and that person may miss his/her first qualifier. 5th scale may alter the race program.
3. The time and location of special events may change the above location and time. However, all club members must receive notice of the special event a minimum of two- (2) weeks prior to that special event.

D. TECH INSPECTION

1. Each club member should be prepared to have his or her car ready to be inspected at anytime.
2. Tech inspection will determine if the car conforms to the current requirements for R/C model cars published by RAMS and ROAR.
3. If the tech committee finds deviations from the rules, the committee must make a decision at that time. They must decide on a time limit beyond which the car cannot participate until the discrepancy is corrected. The length of time allowed for correcting any discrepancy must be reasonable and consistent with the complexity of the problem, the car owner's capabilities, and the purpose of the club as stated in the constitution. If the problem has not been corrected by the end of the prescribed time the car will not be allowed to race. Only the tech committee can approve rule deviations.

E. ROAR membership is required for all drivers (members and visitors.)

II. CAR RULES

A. The official club specifications for cars eligible to the race in official RAMS races will be the cars specifications published by R.O.A.R. with the exception that at club races tire diameter may be 2 1/2" dia. and 2 3/4" dia rear.

B. ENGINES

R.O.A.R. Rules

1/8th expert, 4wd, .21 open 9mm carb

1/10th 4wd, 235mm, .15 open

1/10th Outlaw 4wd, 200mm, .12 (turbo or standard)

1/5th 2WD

III. RACE PROCEDURE

A. The race program will normally consist of the following as a minimum. If the weather does not permit the entire race program to be run, ROAR rules for determining standings will apply.

1. Qualification

2. Main Events

B. The following flags can be used by the Race Director and designees to control the races.

1. GREEN = Go / Start of a race / Resume racing after yellow flag.

2. RED = All cars stop racing and return to start-finish line.

3. YELLOW = Caution - track is unsafe, slow down, do not pass any cars still in the race. Continue at a reduced pace until further notice.

4. WHITE = You have one (1) lap to go before the end of the race.

5. BLACK & WHITE = You have completed the race.

6. BLUE = You are being lapped by faster cars, give way and let them pass.

7. BLACK = Return to pit for consultation.

C. FREQUENCY CONTROL

1. During practice no clip on the channel/frequency control board means the channel is available for use. It will be the responsibility of the driver to place a clip with his or her name and the appropriate channel

number/frequency on the control board when he or she wishes to use that channel and promptly remove it when leaving the drivers stand. A driver can only turn on his or her transmitter when he or she has a clip on the control board.

2. During the qualification and main events all transmitters in the pits must be off. You may turn on your transmitter once all drivers from the previous race have left the drivers stand and shut down their car, and your race has been called.

3. In addition to the frequency clip, transmitter impound will be invoked whenever possible. When a transmitter impound is used one or two people will be assigned to handle the impound activities. They will have the following responsibilities.

A. Remain in control of the impound area and all transmitters until race program is completed and impound control is declared off by the Race Director.

B. Any racer who wishes to leave the race site before impound control is off must have permission of the Race Director before removing their transmitter from impound area. Failure to comply can result in loss of points and awards for that day.

4. The responsibilities assigned to the impound control personnel are in addition to and so not in any way relieve any race participant from the normal individual responsibilities of frequency control.

5. Only FCC Authorized Frequencies will be allowed.

6. All racers must have a minimum of two frequencies/channels when signing up to race.

D. PASSING SLOWER CARS

During a race, where slower cars are being overtaken and passed by faster cars, the slower car should try to maintain a consistent path around the track. The faster car will be responsible for selecting and executing the proper passing option, except when the blue flag is used. When the blue flag is used the car to be passed should slow down and make a clean path for the faster car to go by.

E. STOP & GO RULE

Where all four (4) wheels of a car crosses the line marking the inside boundary of a turn so that an advantage is gained by traversing a shorter path around the course a stop and go can be issued by the race director. Failure to do so will result in a one-lap penalty for each infraction.

F. PIT CREW

It will be the responsibility of all club members present at a club race event to assist other drivers involved in a race as much as possible. The prime responsibilities will be with the pit person selected by each driver before the race. The pit man must be alert to any special requirements, assist with starting the car, start the race, retrieve the car from the track, keep the pit area clear and safe, and do his part to help the driver win the race. Being alert and quick to respond to the cars requirements. Any activity that requires people to go onto or across the track must be kept at an absolute minimum. Except in very unusual conditions only the assigned pit person should be the person to go on the track.

G. TURN MARSHALLING

It will be the responsibility of all drivers to take turn marshal. If the driver is not able to, then the driver needs to find an alternate and notify the Race Director of the substitution. Drivers with valid health issues will be excused from turn marshalling but will be expected to help in other ways.

IV. POINT SYSTEM

A. Each car participating in a regular club race program and that did race in a main event will be awarded points according to the cars finishing position in the highest main it race in and its relative standing in qualification.

B. POINTS PER RACE

Finished Position Points

1st 100

2nd 98

3rd 97

4th 96

5th 95

6th 94

7th 93

8th 92

9th 91

10th 90

C. To be awarded points for a race the car must complete at least one lap under it own power.

D. One point will be awarded for TQ for that day. The one additional point will only to be awarded if runs in the A main.

E. The total points awarded for a race program will consist of a total of points earned from qualifications and main events. The maximum points attainable from any race program is 101.

F. Points standing will be maintained for all club members, these points will be used for official RAMS point standing.

G. Separate points will also be maintained for different type cars, where specific type class races are held.

H. A driver starts earning points once he or she becomes a club member.

I. Members do not move up in points if a non-member finishes higher in the race.

V. LAP COUNTING

A. To receive credit for a completed lap, the car must run the complete lap under its own power. Each lap starts as the car crosses the start-finish line.

B. In the event of a mishap or engine failure on the course that would require that the car be returned to the pit by something other than its own power, the uncompleted lap will be restarted after the pit work is completed. The car must re-enter the race from the pit area.

C. The car must make the pit under its own power to receive credit for a completed lap.

VI. PIT AREA

A. All track configurations will have a protected pit area.

B. Any car entering the track during formal practice must enter the track from the pit area exit.

C. Any car leaving the track under its own power during a race or formal practice must leave the track, via the pit area entrance.

D. The area will only be used for:

1. Entering the track.
2. Leaving the track.
3. Re-fueling.

E. For major repair work the car must be removed from the pit area.

F. The pit crew may enter only to catch, fuel, stop or retrieve the car.

G. Entrance to and exit from the pit area must be at or below a speed that is safe and consistent with the conditions existing at the time. (KEEP IT SLOW.)

H. All personnel associated with the racing event will be responsible for keeping the pit area clear and uncluttered at all times.

I. It will be the responsibility of the driver to make a safe trip into, through, and out of the pit area.

J. When entering the track from the pit area, watch the on-coming traffic, pick a safe time to enter and keep to the outside of the first turn until you phase into the traffic.

K. All cars must be picked up and moved to clear the pit area when refueling.

M. All pit spaces must be at least 20' back from the outer barrier of the track.

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BY - LAWS

1-4-78,12-20-90,1-6-98,1-10-99, 6-11-03

I. MEMBERSHIP

A. Any member may be placed on suspension or dropped completely from the club for a cause as a result of a vote so cast by at least two-thirds of the active members of the club at any club meeting.

B. Any member dropped from the club membership for any reason will be treated as a new member and subject to all applicable rules when he or she desires to re-instatement.

C. All members shall be eligible to vote on all matters affecting this club and shall be entitled to all membership privileges therein.

D. All club members will be required to be a member of R.O.A.R.

E. Club membership is mandatory to be eligible for club point races.

F. Failure for any club member to participate in track installation, removal, maintenance, and lap counting at each and every he/she races can result in loss of points for the day, suspension to be dropped completely from club membership per sec. I para. A.

II. DUES

A. Dues are for one year from January to December and are \$30.00. Each additional member of a family can join for \$15.00. Proof of ROAR membership must be provided prior to racing.

III. RACE FEES

Fees will be collected for race participants according to the following schedule:

A. Club races

1. 1/8th and 1/10th club member's \$15.00 additional classes \$5.00
2. 1/5th Scale club member's \$20.00.
3. Visitors \$25.00, additional classes \$5.00.

B. Special races and events, to be determined by race organizers.

IV. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

1. The president is responsible for the overall direction and department of the club.
2. He/She will be responsible for conduction all club business meetings except for a meeting called for impeachment of the President.

3. He/She will set up, schedule and make work assignment for track and area maintenance meetings.
4. He/She will be responsible for the club in negotiations and meetings with other clubs.
5. The president will be responsible for the generations and maintenance of all administrative rule of the club.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. Assistant to the president in all of the duties assigned to the president.
2. Will assume all presidential responsibilities when the president is absent.
3. Responsible for establishing and maintaining membership campaign.

C. SECRETARY/TREASURE

1. Collect club dues
2. Maintain club treasury.
3. Provide up - to - date treasury reports when required at any regular business meeting.
4. Notify all club members of special business meeting, including election meetings.
5. Conduct all official club correspondence.
6. Maintain list and applicable description as requested of new business for future business meetings.
7. Keep the minutes of each and every meeting, said minutes to be an accurate record of all business transacted.

D. RACE DIRECTOR

1. The Race Director has absolute control during any race. If a club member wants to formally protest a decision or action of the Race Director, a written protest must be submitted to the club President. The Race Director and Protestant will present their sides of the argument to the club at a protest meeting called by the President. The final decision will be determined by a majority vote by secret ballot.

The Race Director and Protestant will not participate in the vote.

2. The Race Director shall have the unquestionable right to:
 - A. Black flag a car.
 - B. Red flag a car.
 - C. Blue flag a car.
 - D. Red flag a race.

E. Decide to restart.

F. Interpret good and bad starts.

G. Award changes in track position resulting from improper marshaling or poor sportsmanship on the part of other drivers.

H. Make final decisions of winners or need for match race run-off in case of photo finish.

I. Will have the final say, in any protest over lap counting.

3. When the Race Director is participating in a race, all responsibility normally assigned to the Race Director shall be fulfilled by Assistant Race Director.

4. The Race Director will be responsible for tech inspections of all cars to be raced.

5. The Race Director will be responsible for the generations and maintenance of all club rules pertaining to racing, track configuration and model car class description. This group of rules shall be called "Race Rules" and will use as a guide the rules published by R.O.A.R.

6. The Race Director will be responsible for the programming of each race program.

7. Maintain records of all race results, post race scores at the end of each race and post total at the end of each race meet.

8. Provide statistics of all race results.

9. Maintain records of all race track records.

E. SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN

1. The Special Events Chairman shall be responsible for making arrangements for any club events other than the normal race schedule and business meeting. Examples, but not limited to:

A. Special one -time class events.

B. Inter-club races.

C. Club participating in commercial track races and or exhibitions.

D. One-class specials.

2. The Special Events Chairman shall be responsible for determining the extent of club participation in upcoming events and for providing timely notice to all members.

V. COMMITTEES

A. Special committees shall be appointed by President as required.

B. The Technical Committee shall consist of three (3) members.

1. The Race Director (Chairman)

2. Two (2) Club members appointed by the President.

C. The Technical Committee will assist the Race Director in accomplishing the tech inspection before each race and as a unit will decide on the compliance of each car to the published rules and purpose of the club.

VI. QUORUM

A. Voting shall be by majority of members present or by written proxy, except the President, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and by-laws. President votes only to break a tie.

B. Proxies shall be in writing from an active member and shall be presented to the presiding officer of the meeting.

VII. EMBLEM

The club emblem will be maintained.

VIII. COLORS

The club colors shall be red, white and blue.

IX. UNIFORMS (optional)

The official club uniform shall be white shirts, light blue jacket and medium blue slacks.

X. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any club meeting, that has been called for club business, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided always that the proposed amendment has been submitted and discussed at a previous meeting. Minor changes for clarification that do not change the basic intent of the proposed amendment will be allowed at the time of the acceptance.