



# *Rule Book*

2020 Edition

Governing the second annual  
*Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race*



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OPEN-WHEELS SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES  
RULE BOOK

Presenting the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race

Preface

Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning (OWMS) is the sanctioning body of the Open-Wheels Special Events Series (OWSES), serving a purpose to promote open-wheel racing and sim racing (eSports) as a whole. It is a not-for-profit entity, designed to provide competitors and spectators alike with an enjoyable, respectful and entertaining sim racing experience.

OWMS has set forth rules and regulations in this book to uphold the previously-mentioned standards and apply them to the Open-Wheels Special Events Series.

All OWSES Members, as well as every other person participating in or involved in any way with the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, shall be bound by these Rules, as amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time, and shall be responsible for compliance. It is highly recommended that you read this Rule Book and understand its concepts to assure your familiarity with the rules and regulations contained herein.

Further information may be obtained by contacting OWMS at [RaceControl@Open-Wheels.com](mailto:RaceControl@Open-Wheels.com). All updates to previous versions of the Rules will be made in red. Content that is highlighted is still under review of Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning and may be altered at a later date.



## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1. Governance

#### 1.1.1. General

- 1.1.1.1. The Rules set forth by Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning (OWMS) govern the Open-Wheels Special Events Series (OWSES) and supersede all previous Rules, bulletins and supplementary Rules and regulations, unless otherwise indicated. Capitalized terms used in the Rules have the meanings set forth in Rule 11, Glossary.
- 1.1.1.2. If the Rules do not expressly permit a variation, then the Member shall presume that such variation is not permitted. If a Member is uncertain if an act violates a Rule, the burden is on the Member to receive pre-approval in writing from OWMS. For this purpose, e-mails are accepted as written approval unless otherwise specified by OWMS by bulletin. The Member assumes the risk of noncompliance. It is not necessary for a competitive advantage to be gained to constitute a violation of these Rules.

#### 1.1.2. OWMS Authority

- 1.1.2.1. The Rules shall be applied, constructed, and interpreted by OWMS, and OWMS's application, construction, and interpretation shall be final and binding.
- 1.1.2.2. OWMS reserves the right to create and/or revise the Rules at any time, including, without limitation, prior to or during an Event. Notices, bulletins, supplementary Rules, regulations, and penalties are effective on the date and time issued, regardless of the date and time when a Member receives actual notice.
- 1.1.2.3. OWMS shall have the right to enforce the Rules, including the rights to impose and/or remove penalties for any violation of the Rules. OWMS may penalize any Member and/or exclude any Member from any Event if OWMS deems any act, any omission, any condition to be hazardous and/or not meeting the specifications, requirements, spirit, illustrations, and/or intent of, the Rules.
- 1.1.2.4. OWMS shall have the right to determine whether or not to make public a notice stating that OWMS has penalized any Member and/or rendered a judgment on a review and/or appeal. If published, the notice may include without limitation a description of the penalty or judgment and names of the affected Member(s).
- 1.1.2.5. OWMS shall also have the following rights: (i) to authorize and supervise Events of any kind; (ii) to render decisions concerning the Rules and Events; (iii) to grant, approve, refuse, enforce or withdraw Licenses, memberships, and sanctions; (iv) to assign and cancel dates for Events; (v) to appoint and rescind the appointment of Officials; (vi) to establish, interpret and enforce standards of eligibility for participation in Events; and (vii) to do any and all things which, in its judgment, are consistent with the enhancement, safety and/or integrity of the Events. OWMS also reserves the right to take whatever action and/or impose whatever penalty it deems necessary to maintain the integrity of OWMS, iRacing, Open-Wheels.com and/or its Events.

#### 1.1.3. Officiating

- 1.1.3.1. OWMS will (i) utilize iRacing Motorsports Simulations timing and scoring software to record lap times and standing during practice, Qualifications, and race sessions; (ii) record all timing and scoring information and technical information, including the standings of an Event; (iii) command final timing and scoring information and standings of all sessions; (iv) provide competition information to the Competitors and the press; (v) and facilitate the award distributions. OWMS shall be the final authority on the content of all official postings.
- 1.1.3.2. OWMS may without limitation order the completion, postponement, or cancellation of any Event or any portion thereof for any reason. OWMS may terminate a Race before its scheduled number of laps or allotted time and in such case, determine the Race results and disposition of the awards and may terminate a Race after one or more Cars have finished. OWMS may increase or reduce the scheduled number of laps or allotted time, and/or may declare an Event completed, postponed, terminated or abandoned.
- 1.1.3.3. As soon as practical after the conclusion of an Event, OWMS shall prepare a report giving the results of the Event and may identify reviews lodged and any penalty issued.

#### 1.1.4. Acceptance of Rules

- 1.1.4.1. Every Member who is involved in and/or participates in any way in any Event shall be deemed to have a full awareness and understanding of and to have accepted, the Rules.
- 1.1.4.2. Every Member agrees to follow the direction of OWMS with respect to the enforcement and interpretation of these Rules or be subjected to penalties for failure to comply with such directions.
- 1.1.4.3. If an individual/entity is involved in and/or participates in any Event without having properly submitted fully-executed membership/licensing application materials, the individual/entity, by such involvement and/or participation, nevertheless agrees that the individual/entity is subject to all Rules, limitations of liability, indemnification and all statements, releases and obligations appearing in the membership/licensing application materials as if the individual/entity had properly submitted a fully-executed membership/licensing application materials and to the same extent as if such individual/entity were a Member.



1.1.4.4. The Rules shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, without regard to its choice of law principles. All actions relating to the Rules shall be brought in state or federal court in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. Each Member consents to venue in and jurisdiction of the state or federal courts in Vanderburgh County, Indiana and waives any rights to contest such venue and jurisdiction.

## 1.2. Security

- 1.2.1. Only authorized individuals are permitted on the Track and in other restricted locations designated by OWMS or an Event Promoter including without limitation session servers, Discord communications server, broadcast compound, or other restricted area.
- 1.2.2. OWMS may but is not required to penalize any Entrant, Associate, or other Member whose representative or equipment enters a restricted area at any Race Location at any time without prior approval from OWMS.

## 1.3. Data Sharing Policy

- 1.3.1. Any creative material created by OWMS or associated Participants for the Events, or portions thereof, including without limitation, all photographic, video, audio, films, still and/or motion picture images, sounds and data or other reproductions thereof (e.g., in-car audio, in-car video, in-car radio, other electronic transmissions between cars and crews and timing and scoring information) remain property of iRacing Motorsports Simulations. Photographic, video, audio, films, still and/or motion picture images, sounds and data or other reproductions thereof not created by OWMS remain the property of iRacing Motorsports Simulations.
- 1.3.2. If an individual desires to receive any such data created by OWMS, the individual shall submit a request in writing to the President of OWMS. The written request shall specify the date requested and the proposed use of the data.
  - 1.3.2.1. OWMS shall determine whether to provide the data, taking into account such factors as the nature of the data requested, the uses for which the individual requests the data and whether or not consent and/or approval of any other individual is required or appropriate in order to release the data.
  - 1.3.2.2. The individual requesting the data will be required to execute an agreement regarding approved uses for the data and the confidential treatment of any data that OWMS approves for use by the individual.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

### 2.1. General

- 2.1.1. The Open-Wheels Special Events Series (OWSES) is a voluntary membership organization. Each Member shall be deemed to be an independent contractor of OWSES and the relationship between OWSES and a Member shall not be deemed to be a partnership, joint venture, an employment or a franchise relationship by virtue of the membership. OWSES is governed by Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning (OWMS).
- 2.1.2. OWMS reserves the right to reject any membership application, and application decisions are not subject to Review.

### 2.2. Application

- 2.2.1. Each applicant is required to complete the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Entry Form in order to be considered for acceptance as a Member in OWSES. Listed in the Entry Form, each applicant must:
  - 2.2.1.1. Provide applicant name and name of the team that applicant is associated with, provide preferred competition number, designate a chassis type to use in competition, designate a manufacturer to represent, provide sponsorship affiliations (if any), and provide e-mail address for communication bulletins.
- 2.2.2. Membership criteria shall be determined by OWMS and may be periodically revised. Each applicant must be in Good Standing.
- 2.2.3. Applicants and Members agree OWMS may refuse a membership application or revoke a membership for any reason including, without limitation, those related to personal conduct, decency and whether or not any conduct of the applicant or Member creates adverse notoriety with respect to OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, or an Event.
- 2.2.4. OWMS shall determine whether to accept or reject any membership application materials, although the rejection of membership application materials may not be reviewed.

### 2.3. Physical and Psychological Fitness

- 2.3.1. Members must not use or be under the influence of illegal drugs, or alcohol, at any time during an Event governed by OWMS.
- 2.3.2. OWMS may disqualify, suspend or otherwise penalize any applicant or Member for failure to promptly cooperate with any request to cease use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol that violates Rule 2.3.1. set forth by OWMS.
- 2.3.3. Members acknowledge that OWMS has the authority to evaluate the condition of a Member and make a final determination to rule on a Member's ability to participate in an Event.

### 2.4. Violation of Laws

- 2.4.1. Being charged with a violation of the law, whether alcohol/substance abuse or any other laws, may be grounds for suspension or other penalty. Any Member charged with any violation of the law relating to alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, or charged with any felony, must notify the President of OWMS prior to the next scheduled Event or within 72 hours of being so charged, whichever is earlier, and cooperate with OWMS, including without limitation, providing additional information in order for OWMS to determine if a suspension or other penalty is appropriate.

### 2.5. Event Activities

- 2.5.1. Activities: OWMS may schedule mandatory meetings and/or activities for Members. OWMS may require a meeting with Member(s) at any time. Each Member must attend and actively participate in all official meetings and other activities designated by OWMS as mandatory for that Member at the times and locations designated by OWMS. These may include, but are not limited to the following:
  - 2.5.1.1. Competition Meetings - OWMS may conduct one or more meetings of Entrants, team managers, spotters and chief mechanics to discuss general application, construction and interpretation of the Rules and any specific Rules applying to a particular Event. OWMS has the right to determine attendees.

## 2.6. Membership

- 2.6.1. Prior to gaining access to restricted areas, each individual must be a registered Member of the Open-Wheels Special Event Series. Upon acceptance into the OWSES following completion of the Entry Form, the applicant will be sent a league invitation on the iRacing Member Site. The applicant is to accept the league invitation before being permitted in any OWSES event.
- 2.6.2. Members may only operate their iRacing account when registered for OWSES-sanctioned events. If any participant other than a registered Member is found to be operating a Member's account in an OWSES server, both participants are subject to OWMS penalty under league jurisdiction.
- 2.6.3. Membership to the Open-Wheels Special Event Series serves as a License for an Entrant to participate in an Event.
- 2.6.4. Membership is revocable by OWMS at any time and for any reason.
- 2.6.5. Eligibility for Membership shall be determined based on such factors:
  - 2.6.5.1. Applicant's ability to participate satisfactorily in an Event,
  - 2.6.5.2. Applicant's sporting reputation as a participant on iRacing,
  - 2.6.5.3. Applicant's record of participation on iRacing, and in particular, Indy car racing on iRacing,
  - 2.6.5.4. A minimum of a D 4.0 oval or road safety rating on iRacing, **or applicant must have recorded at least one (1) start in an Approved Racing Series:**
    - 2.6.5.4.1. Approved Racing Series: FIA Formula One World Championship, FIA Formula 2 Championship, FIA Formula 3 Championship, FIA Touring Car Cup, FIA World Endurance Championship, NTT INDYCAR SERIES, Indy Lights Championship, Indy Pro 2000 Championship, USF 2000 Championship, NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, and NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series.**
  - 2.6.5.5. And any other additional criteria or information OWMS finds relevant in application process.
- 2.6.6. Membership is **on a single-event basis** once an Entrant is accepted into the OWSES. Membership may be granted on a temporary basis as OWMS sees fit.
- 2.6.7. OWMS may continuously re-evaluate the eligibility and performance of an Entrant to determine if the Entrant shall retain Membership. As part of such evaluation, OWMS may consider input from any Official, any Entrant and others as OWMS determines appropriate and may require an Entrant to participate in Testing under the observation of Officials, additional Entrants, and/or others.





## 3. ENTRANTS (DRIVERS)

### 3.1. General

- 3.1.1. Members participating in an Open-Wheels Special Events Series Event are titled Entrants.
- 3.1.2. Unless otherwise approved by OWMS, potential Entrants must possess Membership and remain in Good Standing at all times to be eligible for Event participation.
- 3.1.3. Entrant eligibility is at the sole Discretion of OWMS.

### 3.2. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Eligibility

- 3.2.1. An Entrant is only eligible for Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race participation if they are a registered Member of the Open-Wheels Special Events Series.
- 3.2.2. An Entrant is only eligible to be a Rookie Entrant in the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race if the Entrant has not participated in a prior Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race.
  - 3.2.2.1. Entrants participating in the 2020 Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race may only earn Rookie classification if they have not participated in a prior Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race.
  - 3.2.2.2. ROP or Relevant Experience – Rookie Entrants may be required to successfully complete the Rookie Orientation Program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway or another Race Location, OR, show prior experience racing Dallara Indy cars on the iRacing Motorsports Simulations platform.
    - 3.2.2.2.1. ROP Schedule – Except as otherwise approved by OWMS, ROP shall only be conducted during the times/dates designated by OWMS.

### 3.3. Entrant Substitution

- 3.3.1. Provided OWMS approves a substitution and the change takes place prior to the parade and pace laps, the original Entrant registered for the Race may be substituted by only another Entrant who has already participated in practice, or a special session approved by OWMS for the current Event.

## 4. ENTRIES

### 4.1. General

- 4.1.1. All Entry applications shall be completed on the proper Event Entry Form in the manner required by OWMS and shall be subject to the approval of OWMS. Entries are not transferable without the prior written approval of OWMS.

### 4.2. Entrant

- 4.2.1. An approved Entry serves as the authorization to compete in a specific Event or Events(s) on behalf of the specific Entrant to whom the Car number is assigned and acknowledgement of an agreement to the Rules. Oftentimes, Entrant and Driver are terms that can be used interchangeably.
- 4.2.2. An individual/entity may not participate in an Event and is not classified as an Entrant until all Entry materials, including but not limited to the Entry Form, are fully-submitted to OWMS.
- 4.2.3. If an individual/entity participates in any Event without having properly submitted fully executed Entry form materials, the individual/entity, by such participation, nevertheless agrees that the individual/entity is subject to all Rules and all statements, releases and obligations appearing in the Entry form materials for the Event, as if the individual/entity had properly submitted fully executed Entry form materials.
- 4.2.4. Failure to submit all required Entry materials as requested by OWMS leaves individual/entity subject to penalty/discipline at OWMS Discretion.
- 4.2.5. Entrant understands and agrees that OWMS has the right at any time to withdraw the privileges of participation or otherwise reject, exclude or disqualify any member of Entrant Group, including but not limited to any Car, Driver or other Entrant Participant, if OWMS in its Discretion determines that rejection, exclusion or disqualification is in the best interest or integrity of OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series or the promotion of Events. Entrant (Driver) and any third party they represent, including without limitation other Entrant Participants, shall have no claim for damages or injunctive relief against OWMS, any Event Promoter and/or their representatives by reason of such rejection, exclusion or disqualification.

### 4.3. Car

- 4.3.1. Participation of a Car in an Event – In order to participate in an Event, the Car must be properly entered and be designated and explicitly identified by Car number on only one Entry Form for that Event. Notwithstanding any prior OWMS approval, any Entrant participating in an Event while in noncompliance with the above requirements may be disqualified and/or otherwise penalized by OWMS.
- 4.3.2. Car Registration
- 4.3.2.1. Car Names – A Car must have a name that shall be identified on the Entry Form by submission of sponsor, team name and manufacturer designation. The Entrant represents to OWMS that it has the right to use listed sponsors for that particular Entry. The Car name is subject to the approval of OWMS and must not exceed 35 characters, including all spaces and punctuation.
- 4.3.2.2. A Car may compete only in the Events in which the Car is entered. OWMS will use a Car number to identify each Car entered in an Event.
- 4.3.2.3. Car Number – OWMS will assign to each Entrant a unique Car number. Entrants designate a preferred Car number upon completing an Entry Form, and OWMS will verify whether or not the number is available to use at that time. **Individuals who participated in the 2019 Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race will earn seniority on the Car Number affiliated with their 2019 Entry if they so choose to apply that Car Number to the 2020 Entry.**
- 4.3.2.3.1. The Car number may consist of a maximum of three digits.
- 4.3.2.3.2. Car number 1 will be reserved for the defending Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race winner. **The number is not required to be used by the defending Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race winner, and will not be used by any other driver in the event that the defending Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race winner decides to use a number other than number 1.**
- 4.3.2.3.3. All Car numbers are owned by OWMS. An Entrant must be granted the use of a Car number.
- 4.3.3. Car Appearance – OWMS has the right to control the appearance of Cars to distinguish one Car from another. This may include, without limitation, Car color. Cars are required to display significantly different colors. OWMS requires different color schemes on any four of the following seven parts:
- a) Mirror housing
  - b) Roll hoop cover and camera cover
  - c) Front and rear wing end fences
  - d) Leading edge of the front wing
  - e) Leading edge of the rear wing
  - f) Attenuator



#### 4.4. Deadline

- 4.4.1. The Entry deadline shall be stated on Open-Wheels.com. Unless otherwise specified on Open-Wheels.com, the hour of closing shall be 6pm E.T. on the day of the Entry deadline. OWMS may accept or refuse to accept late Entries. Late Entrants, if accepted, may be penalized by OWMS. **Entries for the 2020 Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race will be accepted between September 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM ET to October 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM ET.**

#### 4.5. Ways of Entering

- 4.5.1. Potential Entrants are strongly encouraged to complete the official Entry Form via the pre-prepared online survey format.
- 4.5.2. If a potential Entrant cannot access the online Entry Form, OWMS reserves the right to accept entries, at their Discretion, via e-mail, iRacing forum submission, or text communication. Potential Entrants are asked to contact Tanner Watkins for information on how to enter a race if they are unable to use the official online Entry Form.

#### 4.6. Reopening of Entries

- 4.6.1. OWMS reserves the right to authorize the reopening of Entries for an Event. Reopened Entries shall close not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the declared starting time of an Event.

#### 4.7. Failure to Participate

- 4.7.1. Any Entrant, or other Member who by Entry form or other means has agreed to participate in an Event may be penalized for failing to participate in any portion of such Event.

#### 4.8. Entry Change

- 4.8.1. All changes to an approved Entry form must be sent directly to the Race Director via e-mail, iRacing message, Discord message or text message and are subject to approval by OWMS prior to the Entrant's Car participating in any on-Track activities.

#### 4.9. Testing

- 4.9.1. Entries are allowed unlimited testing for all Open-Wheels Special Events Series Events, including both official and unofficial Event sessions.

## 5. AT-TRACK PROCEDURES

### 5.1. General

- 5.1.1. At-track procedures are governed by both Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning and iRacing Motorsports Simulations. Specific OWMS regulations will be mentioned in the rules below, and you can find more information on the iRacing “Sporting Code” that contains specific iRacing procedures by clicking [here](#).

### 5.2. On-Track Conditions

- 5.2.1. OWMS and iRacing Motorsports Simulations determine the Track Condition. Track Conditions include the following:

5.2.1.1. Green Condition – The Green Condition signifies racing conditions.

5.2.1.2. Yellow Condition – The Yellow Condition signifies caution.

5.2.1.2.1. Race

5.2.1.2.1.1. All Entrants shall reduce speed immediately, proceed with caution, maintain position and yield to safety vehicles.

5.2.1.2.1.2. On oval tracks, a yellow flag will signal a full-course caution. The pacing order will be frozen at the moment the full-course caution begins. Cars causing the caution or otherwise seen as out of control may, however, not be awarded a place in the pacing order until they are detected to be on course and under control.

5.2.1.2.1.3. Race Control will instruct the leader to follow the pace car. All other cars must fall in line in accordance with instructions from Race Control. To assist cars in preparation for a restart, up/down arrows will be shown to help with positioning. Failure to line up correctly by the time a car attempts a pit entry or the race restarts will result in the offending Entrant receiving a black flag penalty.

5.2.1.2.1.4. While pacing during a full-course caution, Race Control will signal one lap to go until the green flag restart.

5.2.1.2.1.5. When there is one lap of pacing to go until the green flag restart, Race Control will issue the Wave-By to all cars between the pace car and the leader of the race. Pit Lane is closed to cars receiving the Wave-By. Should a car pit during this point in the caution period, they will have to serve a green flag penalty stop.

5.2.1.2.1.6. OWMS has the authority to override any iRacing Motorsports Simulations decision during the caution and restart periods.

5.2.1.3. Red Condition – The Red Condition signifies suspension of on-Track activities. All cars are required to slow to caution speed, maintain position and yield to safety vehicles and personnel. All timing and scoring shall be suspended at the declaration of the Red Condition.

5.2.1.3.1. Practice and Qualifications – All cars are required to return to Pit Lane.

5.2.1.4. The decision as to whether to declare a Green, Yellow, Full Course Yellow Condition, or Red Condition may not be reviewed and/or appealed.

5.2.1.5. Decisions by OWMS are effective immediately, regardless of the time the declaration is received by the Competitors. OWMS uses multiple systems to notify Competitors of such decisions and will make a reasonable effort to declare Track Condition changes at the time they are determined. All Competitors shall react to the first notification they receive. The systems include the following:

5.2.1.5.1. Track Lights – Green and Yellow lights positioned around the Track above the retaining wall adjacent to the debris fence.

5.2.1.5.2. Pit Closed/Open Message – A message displayed on-screen for Entrants during caution periods to signal whether or not the Pit Lane is closed or open.

5.2.1.5.3. “Open Broadcast Frequency” – The radio frequency used by OWMS to provide direct communication to Entrants during Events, using the iRacing in-server voice chat function. Entrants failing to monitor the Open Broadcast Frequency shall be charged with knowledge of communication on such frequency and are subject to penalty. OWMS reserves the right to mute all drivers’ voice chat functions in order to relay messages via the Open Broadcast Frequency.

5.2.1.5.3.1. Entrants may send relevant messages to OWMS. Use of the Open Broadcast Frequency for any reason, including, without limitation, irrelevant, abusive, and/or unnecessarily repetitive messages, may result in penalties. Requests for review of any on-track activity should include specific information (location, approximate time or lap number, car numbers, etc.). Reports without specific details will receive lower priority.

5.2.1.5.4. Track Condition Radio (“TCR”) – An in-Car warning light system activated by iRacing Motorsports Simulations. The light will flash Yellow for a caution period on the car’s steering wheel.

5.2.1.5.5. Instant Messaging – A two-way messaging system within the iRacing server text chat used to provide direct text communication between Entrants and OWMS during Events. OWMS will send messages where applicable to the Entrant(s). This system may be used to communicate

Track conditions, send warnings, penalties, or other information to the Entrant(s). The system may send information to an individual Entrant or to all Entrants. All Entrants must have the Instant Messaging system enabled in their iRacing settings prior to Cars going on-Track. Failure to do so may result in penalty.

5.2.1.5.5.1. Entrants may send relevant messages to OWMS. Use of the Instant Messaging system for irrelevant, abusive, and/or unnecessarily repetitive messages, may result in penalties. Requests for review of any on-track activity should include specific information (location, approximate time or lap number, car numbers, etc.). Reports without specific details will receive lower priority.

### 5.3. Flag Codes and/or Track Condition Lights (collectively, “Flags”)

5.3.1. Green – Signifies a Green Condition.

5.3.1.1. Practice – A practice session has begun.

5.3.1.2. Qualifications – A Qualifications attempt or segment has begun.

5.3.1.3. Race – Unless otherwise instructed, a Race has started or re-started.

5.3.1.3.1. For the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race a special race start procedure will be utilized. Please visit the Race Start section (Rule 5.7) for further information.

5.3.2. Yellow – Signifies a Yellow Condition.

5.3.3. Black – The Entrant shall proceed to their Pit Box on the next lap and follow the instructions of OWMS.

5.3.3.1. iRacing Motorsport Simulations has the right to declare a Black condition. Please visit [this link](#) and find “Section 8. Penalties” for a detailed explanation of the penalties that iRacing may administer.

5.3.3.2. Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning has the right to declare a Black condition if it determines that:

7.3.3.2.1. iRacing Motorsports Simulations failed to recognize a breach of the iRacing Sporting Code **or the Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning Rule Book.**

7.3.3.2.2. Any condition exists which could cause an Entrant to become or create a hazard to other Entrants.

7.3.3.2.3. An Entrant has requested the Black flag.

5.3.3.3. OWMS reserves the right to increase a penalty administered by iRacing Motorsports Simulations as they see fit. Furthermore, OWMS decisions on Black flags are final and may not be reviewed and/or appealed.

5.3.4. White – Signifies the start of the final lap in a Practice, Qualifications attempt, or Race and will be displayed to the leader first, then to the remainder of the Entrants.

5.3.5. Checkered – Signifies the end of a Practice, Qualifications attempt, or Race.

5.3.6. Blue – Signifies that faster cars are approaching. This flag is informational only.

5.3.6.1. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the faster car to overtake the slower car **safely**. It is the responsibility of the slower car to maintain a consistent line. Failure to do so may result in penalty.

### 5.4. Timing and Scoring

5.4.1. General

5.4.1.1. Official lap time data will be scored by iRacing Motorsports Simulations. All Practice session data will be scored by iRacing Motorsports Simulations. All Race session data will be scored by iRacing Motorsports Simulations with parade and pace lap data eliminated afterwards by Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning to produce official race results.

5.4.1.2. For Qualifications, lap time data will be scored by iRacing Motorsports Simulations with official Entrant speeds and classifications being finalized by OWMS. Final results from Qualifications will be posted by OWMS following each day of Qualifications.

5.4.1.3. The start time, number of laps, and/or amount of time of each Race Event will be specified in a bulletin.

5.4.2. Race Distance and/or Time Limit

5.4.2.1. OWMS shall announce the scheduled number of laps and/or time limit prior to the start of a Race; provided, however, OWMS may determine that there are time limitations due to delays, broadcast windows or otherwise, and OWMS may move the start time of a Race, shorten the distance or time of a Race, set a maximum distance or time for a Race, or take such other actions as it deems appropriate.

5.4.2.2. A race is considered official once 50% of the scheduled distance is complete.

#### 5.4.3. Systems

- 5.4.3.1. iRacing Motorsports Simulations will provide the Primary record of all lap time data.
- 5.4.3.2. Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning will provide the Primary record of all Test, Practice, Qualifications, and Race session results and final reports.
- 5.4.3.3. OWMS may also consult with other Officials, review camera footage, and consider such other data as necessary or appropriate to decide the order of the Cars.

#### 5.4.4. Ties

- 5.4.4.1. In instances where iRacing Motorsports Simulations lists two Entrants with the same lap time at the finish of a Race lap, OWMS will honor the ranking of iRacing Motorsports Simulations for the Entrants in question.
- 5.4.4.2. In the event OWMS is unable to conclusively determine any difference in the physical sequence for two or more Cars at the end of a Race, Qualifications, Practice or Test session, OWMS shall determine the finishing positions based upon the Cars' positions at the start/finish line on the prior lap for a Race result or by the previous lap speed for the Entrants in question for a Practice session. In Qualifications attempt ties, the Cars shall be ranked in the order in which the completed Qualifications attempt occurred.
- 5.4.4.3. OWMS' decisions are not subject to review and/or appeal.

#### 5.4.5. Shortcuts

- 5.4.5.1. At least two (2) wheels of a Car must remain on the Track at all times, unless otherwise approved by OWMS.
- 5.4.5.2. Practice and Qualifications – Cars shortcutting the course will have the shortcut lap time invalidated.
- 5.4.5.3. Race – If evasive action results in the **unfair** advancement of position or time relative to Cars on-Track, OWMS reserves the right to reposition Cars if necessary to ensure fair racing procedure in accordance to the iRacing Sporting Code.

### 5.5. Communication

- 5.5.1. Entrants and teams are free to use any form of communication (Discord, TeamSpeak, private iRacing server channel) as long as they do not use the public iRacing server chat function as a Primary team communications device.
  - 5.5.1.1. Continued violation of iRacing server chat channel may result in penalty, which can include temporary voice and/or text chat disabling, permanent voice and/or text chat disabling, disqualification from the race, and/or any other penalty that OWMS sees fit.

### 5.6. Pit Boxes

- 5.6.1. Pit box locations for all sessions will be assigned by iRacing Motorsports Simulations, with the exception of Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Qualifications. Pit Box assignments for Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Qualifications and Race Day will be published by OWMS and posted via a bulletin.

### 5.7. Race Start

#### 5.7.1. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race

- 5.7.1.1. Entrants are required to register for the race with the chassis designation they selected on the Entry Form/used in Qualifications. Failure to select the correct chassis designation will result in disqualification from the Race and said Entrant will not start the race. All **remaining** Entrants will move up one position in the final grid line-up.
- 5.7.1.2. If an Entrant is unable to start the race, their place in the starting field will be replaced by one (1) of the three (3) alternate Entrants. If more than three (3) Entries are unable to start the race, the field will race with a size smaller than thirty-three (33) Entries.
- 5.7.1.3. The Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race will utilize a unique starting procedure to accommodate the traditional rows of three (3) Entrants per row.
- 5.7.1.4. Entrants will grid in the traditional iRacing double-wide format and commence the in-session race laps with a slow rolling "start" controlled by Race Control. The race server will be scheduled for 203 laps but only the final 200 laps will be scored by OWMS for all Entrants. The Pace Car will grid in the first position on the inside of the front row while the Pole Position Car will grid on the outside of the front row. The remainder of the field will grid in order behind them.
- 5.7.1.5. Entrants and the Pace Car will exit the frontstretch after gridding is complete and begin iRacing session's pace lap, but are ordered to remain in iRacing grid position until iRacing pace lap is complete.
- 5.7.1.6. The opening period will show a Green condition in the iRacing server **when the traditional iRacing pace lap has been completed**, but OWMS will declare a Red Flag period **verbally and in the session chat** while the field is assembled. There will be two (2) parade laps and one (1) pace lap utilized to prepare the field for the race start. The field will be paced by the **Open-Wheels Corvette C8.R** Pace Car at an initial speed of sixty (60) miles per hour.

- 5.7.1.7. During the three (3) OWMS pace laps, the Race Director will organize the field into the traditional rows of three using the Open Broadcast Frequency as well as the Instant Messaging system. The Pace Car will lead the field while the Pole Position Car will assume the inside lane in Row 1. The second-place qualifier will be ordered to the middle lane in Row 1, with the third-place qualifier ordered to the outside lane in Row 1. This process will continue until the traditional eleven (11) rows of three (3) Entrants is filled, or all cars are arranged – whichever comes first.
- 5.7.1.8. Entrants are instructed to separate the rows by five (5) car lengths behind and in front of each row. Additionally, all Entrants must maintain their relative positions once arranged into proper starting position until the Green Condition is declared. Failure to adhere to proper spacing regulations and/or positional directives may result in penalty as determined by OWMS.
- 5.7.1.9. If the field is deemed organized by the Race Director, the Pace Car will remain on the track for the third and final pacing lap at an increased speed of one hundred (100) miles per hour while the field remains at the sixty (60) mile per hour pacing speed – mandated by the leader. The Pace Car will remain on track for the duration of the third pacing lap, pulling into the Pit Lane after exiting Turn 4.
- 5.7.1.10. Once the Pace Car has left the racing surface, the field will wait for the command to go to Green Condition as announced by the Race Director. The Race Director will make the final Green command to start the Race via the Open Broadcast Frequency and the Instant Messaging System and all Entrants will be temporarily muted in the moments before and after the anticipated Race Start.
- 5.7.1.11. During the Parade and Pace laps, Entrants may not add fuel to the car. Doing so will result in a one-lap penalty.

## 5.8. Race Restart

- 5.8.1. All race restarts will be handled by iRacing Motorsports Simulations.
  - 5.8.1.1. The leader may not halt or slow their progress after initial acceleration during restarts. The leader is expected to begin acceleration, and continue to accelerate until he/she reaches racing speed. Any deviation from this action will result in penalty, determined by OWMS.
  - 5.8.1.2. Entrants may not leave excessive space between fellow Entrants in an attempt to unsafely accelerate during a restart. Entrants who cause unsafe driving conditions for themselves and/or others during restarts will be subject to penalty, determined by OWMS.
- 5.8.2. OWMS reserves the right to delay a restart, administer penalties and restructure race order as necessary after penalties are administered.
- 5.8.3. All race restarts will be single file with lapped cars keeping their position. iRacing restart passing rules apply.

## 5.9. Performance Standards and Entrant Connection

- 5.9.1. OWMS may establish a performance standard which all Entries entered in an Event must achieve in order to participate in the Event. In general, Entries must perform within 105% of the Car posting the best time and demonstrate Car consistency, control/placement and interaction with other Cars on-Track to the satisfaction of OWMS.
- 5.9.2. Competitors must maintain a consistent and safe connection to the iRacing event server at all times to create the safest and most fair environment for all participants to race in. Any Competitor whose “Ping” rating in a session exceeds a value of 200 and/or “Quality” rating is below a value of 90 are subject to removal from the session.
- 5.9.3. Any Competitor who has an equipment and/or connection issue is to safely exit the racing surface until the issue is remedied. Failure to do so, with or without damage to other competitors’ races at OWMS discretion, is subject to penalty.

## 5.10. Pit Procedures and Tires

- 5.10.1. General
  - 5.10.1.1. A Car must only use its specified Pit Box unless otherwise approved by OWMS.
  - 5.10.1.2. Unless otherwise communicated by OWMS, a speed limit of 60 miles per hour at all Events will be enforced within the Pit Lane.
  - 5.10.1.3. An Entrant who passes the Car’s assigned Pit Box must continue around the Track. A Car is considered to be past its Pit Box if it is three pit stalls past their assigned Pit Box.
  - 5.10.1.4. The outside lane on Pit Lane is considered to be the Travelling Lane while the inside lane (closest to the Pit Boxes) is considered to be the Transition Lane.
  - 5.10.1.5. Entrants who violate any of the Pit Procedure rules are subject to penalty by OWMS.
- 5.10.2. Race
  - 5.10.2.1. While traveling down the Pit Lane, Entrants must remain in the Travelling Lane until they are within ten (10) Pit Boxes of their own Pit Box. At that point, the Entrant may use the Transition Lane before entering the Pit Box. Entrants will be allowed to pass ten (10) Pit Boxes after exiting their own Pit Box while driving in the Transition Lane before they are required to re-enter to the Travelling Lane.
  - 5.10.2.2. While entering and exiting a Pit Box, Entrants are allowed to travel through no more than three (3) Pit Boxes while approaching and exiting their own Pit Box. This is known as the “Three In, Three Out” rule.

5.10.2.2.1. Any contact with a Pit Box – which means a tire touching a lined-boundary of the Pit Box – counts as traveling through the box and will be counted towards the “Three In, Three Out” rule.

5.10.2.3. While entering and exiting a Pit Box, it is the Entrant’s responsibility to safely enter and exit their own Pit Boxes without causing harm to other Entrants.

5.10.2.4. If two Entrants enter the Pit Lane side-by-side, the Entrant on the Transition Lane must yield to the Entrant in the Travelling Lane and re-join the Travelling Lane as soon as realistically possible.

5.10.2.5. In the event that two or more Entrants make contact with one another on the Pit Lane, the incident will be reviewed and penalties may be assessed to the individual(s) who caused the incident.

5.10.2.5.1. It is the Entrant’s responsibility to safely and cleanly enter and/or exit their Pit Box. Failure to do so will subject that Entrant to penalty.

5.10.2.6. When exiting the Pit Lane, Entrants may **not** cross over the white boundary line between Turns 1 and 2 with all four tires with cars running at speed on-track. Any Entrant who crosses the white track boundary line between Turns 1 and 2 during the Race is subject to penalty.

**5.10.3. Tires**

5.10.3.1. Beginning with the 2020 Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race, a tire limit will be enforced for the Race session only. iRacing Motorsports Simulations will serve as the scorekeeper for tire usage throughout the Race.

5.10.3.2. Tires are assigned to a specific Entrant and may not be sold, traded, or otherwise reassigned, given or transferred to any other Entrant.

**5.10.3.3. Tire Allotments**

5.10.3.3.1. Each Entrant is allowed the following sets of tires for the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race:

Practice and Qualifications: Unlimited Sets

Race: Eleven (11) Sets (One set to begin the race, plus 10 sets for pit stops)

**5.11. Weather**

5.11.1. OWMS will determine the weather conditions for each OWSES session. These conditions will closely mirror default iRacing Motorsport Simulations weather settings.

**5.11.2. Practice**

5.11.2.1. Practice weather will be based loosely off Race conditions, pre-determined by OWMS. OWMS reserves the right to change weather for practice sessions at any time. The tentative practice conditions will meet the following criteria:

Temperature: 78 degrees Fahrenheit	Humidity: 55%
Wind Speed: North at 2 MPH	Cloud Cover: Partly Cloudy
Dynamic Sky: Off	Dynamic Weather: Off

**5.11.3. Qualifications**

5.11.3.1. Qualifications weather will be based loosely off Race conditions, pre-determined by OWMS. OWMS reserves the right to change weather for Qualifications sessions at any time. The tentative Qualifications conditions will meet the following criteria:

Temperature: 78 degrees Fahrenheit	Humidity: 55%
Wind Speed: North at 2 MPH	Cloud Cover: Partly Cloudy
Dynamic Sky: Off	Dynamic Weather: Off

**5.11.4. Race**

5.11.4.1. Race weather will be based off iRacing default conditions, pre-determined by OWMS. OWMS reserves the right to change weather for race sessions at any time. The tentative race conditions will meet the following criteria:

Temperature: 78 degrees Fahrenheit	Humidity: 55%
Wind Speed: North at 2 MPH	Cloud Cover: Partly Cloudy
Dynamic Sky: On	Dynamic Weather: Off





**5.14. Race Miscellaneous**

5.14.1. Fast Repairs – Entrants in the Race are not allowed any fast repairs.

## 6. QUALIFICATIONS

### 6.1. General

- 6.1.1. Meeting – OWMS may hold a specific meeting prior to the start of any Qualifications. OWMS may designate the meetings as mandatory for some or all Members.
- 6.1.2. Starting Time – OWMS shall determine the starting time for the Qualifications period.
- 6.1.3. Delays – OWMS may penalize any Member attempting to delay or delaying Qualifications.
- 6.1.4. Interruption – Qualifications may be interrupted by the commencement of a Red Condition. Qualifications is suspended at the moment that the decision to interrupt is made. The decision to interrupt a Qualifications attempt or Qualifications (and reasons therefore) may not be reviewed and/or appealed.
- 6.1.5. Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning will be the record keeper of all Qualifications attempts. Lap timing data will be retrieved from iRacing Motorsports Simulations and that data will be inputted into a spreadsheet to tabulate all Qualifications results during an Event.
- 6.1.6. All entries attempting a Qualifications attempt may only qualify in the car in which their name is registered to. Any Entrants attempting to qualify for another Entrant via login of another Member's account will be subject to disqualification and any further penalty that OWMS sees fit.
- 6.1.7. All Qualifications attempts will occur with only one car on-track during timed laps.
- 6.1.8. Any driver who experiences server or internet connection issues that results in an untimed lap will have their Qualifications attempt voided while losing that attempt.

### 6.2. Cars

- 6.2.1. The Car that is presented for Qualifications will be listed as the Primary Car for the Event.
- 6.2.2. The Car chassis used in Qualifications to successfully qualify for the Race must be used in the Race unless otherwise approved by OWMS.

### 6.3. Starting Lineup

- 6.3.1. OWMS shall determine the size and configuration of the Starting Lineup for each Race. The configuration of the Starting Lineup may include Qualified and non-Qualified Cars. The performance standard shall apply to all Cars at all times during an Event.
- 6.3.2. Except in the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race, the Starting Lineup shall be determined by best time rankings, from fastest to slowest, with the fastest Qualified Car occupying the Pole Position, followed by the second fastest Qualified Car, third fastest, and down through the slowest Qualified Car that has not been bumped from the Race.
- 6.3.3. In the event two or more Cars post identical official Qualifications times, Cars shall be ranked by **fastest single lap time between the two identical Qualifications attempts.**
- 6.3.4. An Entrant who has qualified a Car may not make an attempt to qualify a second Car unless the first Car has been withdrawn from the Event with permission of OWMS or if the first Car has been bumped from the Starting Lineup.
- 6.3.5. Starting positions shall include penalties issues during Qualifications and during any post-Qualifications time before the Race.

### 6.4. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race

- 6.4.1. The Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race shall be comprised of thirty-three (33) Cars, or such other number as OWMS shall determine.
- 6.4.2. OWMS shall not offer any Provisional Starting Cars at the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race.
- 6.4.3. Entries for the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race will not be considered after 6:00 PM Eastern (Indianapolis) time on **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- 6.4.4. A completed Qualifications attempt shall consist of four (4) consecutively-timed laps.
  - 6.4.4.1. Entrants are to complete one out lap on the exit from Pit Lane plus one full warm-up lap before beginning the four (4) consecutively-timed laps.
  - 6.4.4.2. On the out lap, the Entrant must use the access roads inside the racing surface in Turns 1 and 2 before merging onto the track on the backstretch. Drivers may use the South (between Turns 1 and 2) short chute for acceleration during the out lap but must return to the access road by Turn 2.
  - 6.4.4.3. Drivers entering the Pit Lane on the out-lap and/or warm-up lap will have their attempt invalidated and will lose the attempt.
  - 6.4.4.4. Drivers must be making a realistic effort to accelerate to racing speed on both the out lap and warm-up laps. Drivers **shall take no longer than sixty (60) seconds for a driver to leave pit lane to begin their out lap, to the moment that they cross the start/finish line to begin the warm-up lap.** The Race

**Director will be timing the duration of each driver's out lap.** OWMS reserves the right to invalidate any qualifications attempt where drivers are not bringing their Car up to speed in a satisfactory manner, and invalidated qualifications attempts will result in one lost attempt for the Driver in question.

- 6.4.5. Entrants are allowed a total of three (3) Qualifications attempts across the two (2) tentatively-scheduled days of Qualifications.
- 6.4.5.1. If an Entrant has already posted a completed Qualifications attempt and chooses to re-attempt a Qualifications run, the previous attempt will be withdrawn and the Entrant will not have an official time tied to their Entry until a newly-completed Qualifications attempt is finished. The previously-completed time will be officially withdrawn when the Entrant leaves Pit Lane for an additional Qualifications attempt.
- 6.4.6. In order to attempt a Qualifications run, a Car should be presented in the Pit Lane designated staging area preceding the "On-Deck" area when their spot in the Qualifications order has been presented. When signaled by OWMS, the Car should move directly into the On-Deck area as the next car scheduled to take the track. When signaled by OWMS, the Car will be allowed on track to begin a Qualifications attempt. Once a car leaves the On-Deck area and takes to the Track for a Qualifications run, the Entrant is charged with an attempt regardless of the run's completion status.
- 6.4.6.1. An Entrant is not required to be present on Pit Lane when called for the staging area but it is recommended by OWMS.
- 6.4.6.2. An Entrant is not required to be present on Pit Lane when called for the On-Deck area preceding their Qualifications attempt, but it is highly recommended by OWMS. Once the previous attempt has been completed, the timer will begin on the next driver to begin their own attempt.
- 6.4.6.3. When an Entrant is signaled by OWMS to begin a Qualifications attempt, the Entrant has thirty (30) seconds to leave Pit Lane and begin an out lap. If that time period has passed and the Entry has yet to begin the out lap, one final call for the Car will be made before OWMS makes the determination to skip that Entry's Guaranteed Attempt to qualify.
- 6.4.6.4. OWMS can only guarantee an attempt to qualify if an Entry is present for their designated spot in the Day One Qualifications Order. Following the Day One Qualifications Order there will be no guaranteed time for an additional Qualifications attempt.
- 6.4.7. OWMS or an Entrant may terminate a Qualifications attempt before completion at any time prior to the point where the Car crosses the start/finish line at the conclusion of the fourth (4th) consecutively timed lap if the sanctioning body believes that attempt is not competitive enough to qualify in the current field. The Car and Entrant will be charged with an attempt and must exit the track immediately.
- 6.4.8. After each Car completes a Qualifications attempt, each Car must safely exit the track by either returning to the Pit Lane under their own power or by safely exiting the racing surface without impeding the progress of the next Entrant attempting a Qualifications run. Violation of this rule is subject to penalty.
- 6.4.9. There are two tentatively-scheduled days of Qualifications: **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. OWMS reserves the right to alter the Qualifications schedule as necessary to accommodate the final entry list.
- 6.4.9.1. **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** (Day One) Rules are as follows:
- 6.4.9.1.1 OWMS shall conduct a random draw of all entered Cars at **approximately 8:10 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, to determine the order in which the Cars shall make their initial Qualifications attempts for **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- 6.4.9.1.1.1. Only Primary Cars will be included in the Day One Qualifications draw.
- 6.4.9.1.1.2. OWMS will post a bulletin on the evening of **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** that lists approximate start times and session designations for Qualifications Draw Guaranteed Attempts so that Entrants can plan the approximate time they will have the opportunity to post an initial Qualifications attempt. The final Qualifications schedule will be posted by **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**.
- 6.4.9.1.1.3. Approximate times are not final and should be used as a reference to anticipate the call to qualify. OWMS reserves the right to adjust the schedule as needed and Entrants are encouraged to enter the Qualifications session at least thirty (30) minutes before an anticipated Qualifications attempt. **Entrants qualify by the order that their car was selected for the initial qualifications draw – not by the approximate time indicated on the approximate run sheet. If an Entrant is not present when their Entry is called in the qualifications line, they will lose their guaranteed attempt to qualify in the original draw.**
- 6.4.9.1.1.4. If Entry List is larger than fifty-eight (58) Entries, the initial Day One Qualifications Guaranteed Attempt line will be separated into two separate servers. Drivers will designate which of the two Day One "morning" servers they would like for their initial guaranteed attempt to be drawn into. After the two morning Qualifications draw servers have ended, two servers will be created to end Day One of Qualifications where entry to the server is first come, first served.
- 6.4.9.1.1.5. Drivers are not to enter the incorrect initial draw Qualifications server from what they selected on the Entry Form. Registering for an incorrect Qualifications server may result in penalty for the driver in question, which includes loss of one (1) Qualifications attempt.
- 6.4.9.1.1.6. The final attempt during Day One of Qualifications may begin no later than 5:50 p.m. Eastern time on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Additionally, no attempt can be made with less than five (5) minutes remaining in any qualifications server session. This is to avoid the session ending and not counting a driver's final lap(s).
- 6.4.9.1.2. All Primary Cars listed on the initial Qualifications order are given one (1) Guaranteed Attempt to qualify, provided the Car is properly and timely presented in their designated initial draw server.

- 6.4.9.1.3. Once each Entrant has had an opportunity at its one Guaranteed Attempt, a break in the line occurs. If the break in the line occurs before the time allotted for Saturday Qualifications has expired, Entries may continue to make Qualifications attempts subject to these Rules until the time allotted for Saturday Qualifications has expired.
- 6.4.9.1.4. If no Entrants are prepared to make another Qualifications attempt once the break in the line occurs, then the Track will be open for Practice until another Entry is prepared in the Qualifications staging area. **The Race Director will announce track changes between Qualifications and Practice.**
- 6.4.9.1.5. Entries in the Qualifications line at the expiration of the time allotted for Day One Qualifications will not be permitted to complete a Qualifications run. The line order of Entries waiting to qualify at the end of Day One will not be carried over to Day Two Qualifications, and the line will reset for the start of Day Two Qualifications.
- 6.4.9.1.6. If an Entrant has had its Qualifications time voided or has been bumped from the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race, an Entrant may make a subsequent Qualifications attempt with the Car, provided the Entrant's representatives present the Car at the designated area in Pit Lane prior to making a Qualifications attempt and time allotted has not expired. The Entrant's previous time will be withdrawn and they will be charged with an attempt at the commencement of the Entrant's out lap.
- 6.4.9.1.7. To request an opportunity to re-qualify following the Day One Qualifications Guaranteed Attempt period, an Entrant must communicate to the Race Director the intent to re-qualify and withdraw any previously-qualified times. The Entrant will then be placed at the end of the list containing any previously-waiting Entries in chronological order.
  - 6.4.9.1.7.1. **Entries may request an opportunity to re-qualify via the Instant Message system located within the iRacing server once the Race Director has entered the session and has indicated they are ready to start receiving qualifications requests.** The Race Director will determine order of Qualifications attempts following the initial draw, posting the waiting line in chronological order **of requests received.**
- 6.4.9.1.8. At the conclusion of Day One Qualifications, the qualifier with the fastest (lowest cumulative four-lap time) Qualifications attempt will be assigned the pole position.
  - 6.4.9.1.8.1. The fastest qualifier will earn the No. 1. Starting Position and will be granted the Pole Position for the Race. The second-fastest qualifier will be provisionally listed as second place on the grid, with the third-fastest qualifier provisionally listed as third place on the grid, and so forth.
- 6.4.9.2. **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** (Day Two) Rules are as follows:
  - 6.4.9.2.1. The Track will be open for Qualifications attempts once the session goes to Green Conditions.
    - 6.4.9.2.1.1. Day Two Qualifications will begin with the first Sunday server opening at 6:00 AM Eastern time. If fifty-eight (58) or less Members are on the final Entry List, then one seven-hour session will be created for Day Two Qualifications. If more than fifty-eight (58) Members are on the final Entry List, then there will be multiple servers created for the day. The list is as follows (all times Eastern US):
      - 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Day Two Qualifications Session 1; First come, first served.
      - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Day Two Qualifications Session 2; First come, first served.
      - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Day Two Qualifications Session 3; First come, first served.
      - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Day Two Qualifications Session 4; First come, first served.
      - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Day Two Qualifications Session 5; First come, first served.
      - 5:00 to 5:50 PM – Day Two Qualifications Final Session; First come, first served.
    - 6.4.9.2.1.2. Once time has run out on sessions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the current Qualifications line order will be honored and carried into the next session, where drivers in line to make a Qualifications attempt will be asked to change servers.
    - 6.4.9.2.1.3. Entries in the Qualifications line at the expiration of the time allotted for Day Two Qualifications will not be permitted to complete a Qualifications run.
    - 6.4.9.2.1.4. The final attempt during Day Two of Qualifications may begin no later than 5:50 p.m. Eastern time on **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Additionally, no attempt can be made with less than five (5) minutes remaining in any qualifications session. This is to avoid the session ending and not counting a driver's final lap(s).
  - 6.4.9.2.2. Entrants may only request a spot in the Qualifications line for Day Two once the session goes to Green Conditions.
    - 6.4.9.2.2.1. To request an opportunity to qualify during Day Two Qualifications, an Entrant must communicate to the Race Director the intent to re-qualify and withdraw any previously-qualified times. The Entrant will then be placed at the end of the list containing any previously-waiting Entries in chronological order.

- 6.4.9.2.2.1.1. Entries may request an opportunity to re-qualify via the Instant Message systems located within the iRacing server **once the Race Director has entered the session and has indicated they are ready to start receiving qualifications requests.**
- 6.4.9.2.3. Once each Entrant in the Qualifications line has had an opportunity at its requested attempt and no additional Entries are prepared to make a Qualifications run, a break in the line occurs. If the break in the line occurs before the time allotted for Sunday Qualifications has expired, Entries may continue to make Qualifications attempts subject to these Rules until the time allotted for Sunday Qualifications has expired.
- 6.4.9.2.4. If no Entrants are prepared to make another Qualifications attempt once the break in the line occurs, then the Track will be open for Practice until another Entry is prepared in the Qualifications staging area. **The Race Director will announce track changes between Qualifications and Practice.**
- 6.4.9.2.5. At the conclusion of Day Two Qualifications, qualifiers are lined up – according to their speeds – behind the qualifiers on previous days; these positions will remain unchanged as long as a car continues to be one of the thirty-three (33) fastest.
  - 6.4.9.2.5.1. Once thirty-three (33) cars have qualified, remaining Entrants can win a starting position only by completing a Qualifications run at a greater speed than one or more of the earlier qualifiers. When a previously-qualified entry ceases to be one of the thirty-three (33) fastest, it automatically is forced out of the Starting Lineup and all qualifiers farther back in the field are moved up one notch to fill the vacant spot.
    - 6.4.9.2.5.1.1. Entries “bumped” from the field may withdraw their previously-qualified time in an attempt to improve their consecutive four-lap time – at the expense of an attempt. An Entrant may not re-qualify if they have already exhausted each of the three allotted attempts.
    - 6.4.9.2.5.1.2. Entries may make an additional Qualifications attempt even if they are already part of the fastest thirty-three (33) qualifiers. The Entrant must withdraw their previously-qualified time and use an attempt. An Entrant may not re-qualify or withdraw a previously-qualified time if they have already exhausted each of the three allotted attempts.
  - 6.4.9.2.5.2. Entries who are part of the fastest thirty-three (33) times across both days of Qualifications are locked into the Starting Lineup.
    - 6.4.9.2.5.2.1. Qualifiers who set their official Qualifications time within the Event’s fastest thirty-three (33) on Day One Qualifications will line up in order of fastest (Position No. 1) to slowest.
    - 6.4.9.2.5.2.2. Qualifiers who set their official Qualifications time within the Event’s fastest thirty-three (33) on Day Two Qualifications will line up behind the Day One qualifiers, then in order of fastest (First position following slowest Day One qualifier) to slowest (Position No. 33).
    - 6.4.9.2.5.2.3. Qualifiers with the thirty-fourth (34<sup>th</sup>), thirty-fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) and thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) official fastest Qualifications times over the two days of Qualifications will be considered the Alternates for the Starting Lineup.
      - 6.4.9.2.5.2.3.1. In the event that an Entrant in the original Starting Lineup is unable to participate in the Race, the first Alternate would be the thirty-fourth (34<sup>th</sup>) place qualifier. If another Entrant was unable to participate in the Race, the second Alternate would be the thirty-fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) place qualifier. If another Entrant was unable to participate in the Race, the third Alternate would be the thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) place qualifier.
      - 6.4.9.2.5.2.3.2. If an Entrant already in the Starting Lineup is unable to participate in the Race, all Entrants in the Starting Lineup following that Entrant on the grid move up one position. The Alternate Entrant entering the Starting Lineup will start in the last available grid position for the Race.
- 6.4.10. Special Session – In the event the Qualifications period ends on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with fewer than thirty-three (33) Cars Qualified for the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race, the break in the line has occurred, and all Cars eligible have received their Guaranteed Attempt, all Cars having met the Qualifications requirements shall be locked in and cannot be bumped from the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race. OWMS shall fill the balance of the Starting Lineup by the fastest Qualified Cars of a special session, with the only bumping taking place amongst the Entrants participating in the special session. The following procedure shall apply to the special session:
  - 6.4.10.1. An Entrant who wishes to secure a spot in the Qualifications order for the special session must notify the Race Director of intent to join the special session by 8:00 AM Eastern on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6.4.10.2. The special session shall take place on the next available day for OWMS to operate. Each of the special session Cars is provided one (1) Guaranteed Attempt, provided the Car is properly and timely presented. The remainder of the Starting Lineup will be filled based on Qualifications time during the special session.

## 7. PENALTIES

### 7.1. General

- 7.1.1. OWMS may penalize any Member for any violation of the Rules. If an Official observes or is made aware of an act or omission by a Member that constitutes a violation of the Rules, the Official shall promptly report the violation to OWMS. OWMS shall consider the report and shall conduct whatever additional inquiry it deems appropriate under the circumstances. After concluding the inquiry, OWMS shall determine whether disciplinary action is appropriate and if so, what disciplinary action should be taken. The Member shall be informed of the determination and if disciplinary action is imposed, OWMS shall issue a penalty notice to the Member specifying the violation, a brief statement of the circumstances of the violation and the penalty imposed. If the act or omission of a Member is determined by OWMS to constitute a threat to the integrity of OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series or to the orderly conduct of an Event or to constitute a violation during an Event, OWMS may take immediate action against the Member.
- 7.1.2. The Race Steward(s) and/or the Race Director shall monitor violations of the Sporting Regulations of the Rules during Qualifications and/or Races. The Race Steward(s) and/or the Race Director may request a Steward's Review at any time. Each Race Steward and/or the Race Director votes for or against the issuance of a penalty, a majority vote determines if a penalty is issued, and the individual votes are not released or made public. Once this determination is made, the Race Steward(s) and/or Race Director shall determine the severity of the penalty from the Penalty Guidelines developed by OWMS based on majority vote. The Race Director shall advise the Competitors and broadcast/media of the determination and/or penalty either: (a) "Car # \_\_\_ was under Steward's Review and no further action is required" or (b) "Quoting Rule # \_\_\_ and Car # \_\_\_, the penalty is issued."

### 7.2. Scope of Penalties

- 7.2.1. Penalties for violations of the Rules are divided into two categories: Race Procedure penalties and non-Race Procedure penalties. Penalties are determined by the gravity of the violation and its impact on the fairness of competition, the orderly conduct of the Event and the interests and integrity of automobile racing, OWMS and the Open-Wheels Special Events Series. OWMS shall have the authority to impose any or all or any combination of the following penalties against any Member for any violations of the Rules at any time.
- 7.2.2. Race Procedure Penalties – Violation of Race Procedures generally result in penalties imposed during on-Track activity. If circumstances do not permit a penalty to be served during on-Track activity, OWMS shall declare the results provisional and subject to examination which shall take no longer than two (2) hours after the displaying of the checkered flag. If the imposition of a penalty is near or at the end of the on-Track activity and the Entrant/Car does not fulfill it, OWMS may reposition the Entrant/Car in the posting of results. Additional penalties may be applied to subsequent on-Track activities to reflect the fulfillment of the penalty. Except as provided in Rule 7.2.3., the penalty, including without limitation any repositioning in a posting, is non-reviewable and/or appealable.
- 7.2.2.1. Black Flag – iRacing Motorsports Simulations and OWMS may impose black flag penalties - with multiple levels of severity. This includes end of line, stop-and-go, and pit stop time penalties. OWMS reserves the right to impose further penalties as it sees fit.
- 7.2.2.2. Laps – iRacing Motorsports Simulations and OWMS may impose lap penalties. Lap penalties shall be imposed in complete laps only. The imposition of a lap penalty shall result in the removal of official credit for the specified number of penalty laps from the total laps credited to the Competitor and the scoring records and all points and awards shall reflect the removal of penalty laps.
- 7.2.2.3. Time – iRacing Motorsports Simulations and OWMS may impose time penalties as described below. The imposition of a time penalty may result in the removal or addition of the specified amount of time to the Competitor and the timing and scoring records and awards shall reflect the removal or addition of time.
- 7.2.2.3.1. If the time penalty is imposed during a subsequent on-Track activity, the time shall be removed from the Entrant's Open Test or Team Test, practice session and/or Qualifications period. The time penalty must be fulfilled when directed by OWMS. The time penalty begins when the Member's Car are in Pit Lane.
- 7.2.2.3.2. If the time penalty is imposed during the current on-Track activity, time shall be removed or added to the Entrant's overall time on the official posting.
- 7.2.2.4. On-Track Repositioning – OWMS may impose a repositioning penalty during on-Track activities. The repositioning penalty will result in an order change of the Car's on-Track position.
- 7.2.2.5. Starting Lineup Repositioning – OWMS may impose a Starting Lineup penalty. A Starting Lineup penalty is repositioning of an Entrant in the Starting Lineup. If a Starting Lineup repositioning penalty is announced, the recipient of the repositioning penalty may not pit until a Green Condition occurs, unless approved by OWMS.
- 7.2.2.6. Disqualification – OWMS may disqualify the Member. Disqualification shall entail the loss of any right to compete in the remainder of the current Event from the time at which the disqualifying condition first occurred. It may entail the forfeiture of Entry fees paid or payable and OWMS shall determine, based on the severity of the violation, whether or not the disqualification includes the forfeiture of points and awards earned up to the moment at which time the infraction for the disqualification first occurs.
- 7.2.2.7. OWMS shall make a reasonable effort to notify the penalized Competitor of a lap penalty at the time it is determined. However, failure to notify the Competitor during the on-Track activity will in no way mitigate or change the penalty.

- 7.2.3. Non-Race Procedure Penalties – Violations of non-Race Procedures generally result in penalties imposed during off-Track activity. Penalties are reviewable and/or appealable.
- 7.2.3.1. Additional Appearances and/or Meetings – OWMS may require a Member to attend and actively participate in appearances and/or meetings in addition to those required of the Member, other Members, pursuant to the Rules and any other agreements. OWMS may specify the due date for completion. Failure to attend and/or participate by the due date may result in reinstatement of the monetary fine if a monetary fine was imposed, or additional penalties as determined by OWMS.
- 7.2.3.2. Probation – OWMS may place a Member on probation. Probation is a state of limitation upon a Member’s privileges. During probation, a Member is under heightened scrutiny and the Member can be required to abide by specified standards of conduct that are more stringent than those which are otherwise applicable to Members under the Rules. If a Member violates probation, the Member is subject to a more severe penalty as determined by OWMS. OWMS shall determine the duration and conditions of probation.
- 7.2.3.3. Suspension – OWMS may suspend a Member. A suspension may be total suspension from OWMS or it may be limited to a suspension of membership or License privileges at a Race Location facility or facilities, or for a particular Event or Events, or for a specified or indefinite period of time. Unless expressly limited, a suspension shall entail the loss of any right to take part in any capacity whatsoever in any Event or Events included in the suspension. Unless otherwise stated, individuals under suspension will not be issued credentials of any kind for an Event and the privileges and uses of sessions, the Discord server or other restricted areas will be denied. Suspension may also render void any previous Entry made for any Event occurring during the term of such suspension and may entail the forfeiture of any applicable Entry fees paid or payable for any such Entries. OWMS shall have the right to reduce, increase, or otherwise modify the unexpired term of a suspension issued under the Rules.
- 7.2.3.4. Loss of Points and/or Awards – OWMS may rule that a Member who violates the Rules will forfeit all or a portion of the points and/or awards earned in that year, including points and awards earned in the Event in which the violation occurred.

**7.3. Additional Provisions and Guidelines**

- 7.3.1. Improper Conduct – Any Member attempting to or engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, unsafe conduct, or conduct detrimental to racing; OWMS; and/or to the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, whether during an Event or on/off the Track, may be subject to any or all penalties. Improper conduct shall include, without limitation:
- 7.3.1.1. Engaging in reckless, careless, unsafe, and/or overly aggressive actions, or unsportsmanlike behavior;
- 7.3.1.2. Impeding the conduct of an Event, including Car control, placement and inconsistent driving pattern;
- 7.3.1.3. Causing an avoidable Yellow or Red Condition;
- 7.3.1.4. Endangering the safety of Members, or others;
- 7.3.1.5. Failing to participate at competitive speed;
- 7.3.1.6. Failing to interact with other Cars on-Track to the satisfaction of OWMS;
- 7.3.1.7. Failing to follow the direction of OWMS; and/or
- 7.3.1.8. Using improper, profane, or disparaging language or gestures in reference to any Official, Members or anyone else or improper, profane or disparaging language or gestures in reference to, concerning or connected in any way with OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, or any Event and could result in additional penalties as determined by OWMS.
- 7.3.2. Blocking – An Entrant must not alter his/her racing line to pursuing Entrants. Entrants may only defend position with one move safely defending a space on the track. Any move following the initial move will be reviewed for Blocking and may result in penalty.
- 7.3.3. Avoidable Contact – The primary responsibility for avoiding contact with a Competitor resides with the overtaking Competitor and the secondary responsibility resides with the Competitor(s) being overtaken. A Competitor who fails to demonstrate their responsibility and initiates a maneuver that results in contact with another Competitor may be penalized.
- 7.3.4. Team Tactics and/or Team Orders – Team tactics and/or Team orders are actions or omissions by one or more Members to artificially influence, affect, alter, and/or otherwise interfere with the normal course of an on-Track Event. Team tactics and/or Team orders are not permitted. If OWMS determines one or more Members attempted to or engaged in Team tactics and/or Team orders, OWMS may issue a penalty to any or all of the Members, including without limitation any or all of a Team’s Car/Entrant combinations.
- 7.3.5. Assault or Battery – If any Member shall attempt to or commit an assault or battery, such Member may be disqualified and/or suspended by OWMS and may be subject to additional penalties.
- 7.3.6. Gambling on Events – Applicants and Members shall not engage, nor attempt to engage, in any gambling activity (as defined below) relating to any Event, or any portion of an Event, (i) in which OWMS is involved, including, but not limited to the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, or (ii) that in the judgment of OWMS could represent and represents the potential for a conflict of interest, unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to racing and/or OWMS Group. This Rule applies to all gambling activities including without limitation, those available in any gaming facility, casino, lottery gaming facility, racetrack gaming facility, or on the internet or electronically, or in all other establishments and locations. Gambling activity, for purposes of the above, is defined as placing anything of value at risk, whether monetary or otherwise, in connection with a bet, wager, or game of chance. If an applicant or Member wishes to participate in any





gambling activity associated with or related to OWMS or its affiliates (for example, a celebrity blackjack tournament), he/she may do so only if he/she has received the prior written authorization of OWMS. Such authorization, if granted, will be limited to the extent authorized by OWMS.

7.3.7. Social Media – Competitors and Officials must positively reflect OWMS at all times on social media.

7.3.8. Detrimental Member Conduct – The favorable reputation of the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, and its Members, is a valuable asset and creates tangible benefits to all involved. Accordingly, it is an obligation of all Members to refrain from engaging in conduct which is detrimental to OWSES and its Members. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage Members or OWMS. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with OWMS are not prohibited. However, public comments a Member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Member or OWMS are expressly covered by this Rule.

## 8. REVIEW

### 8.1. General

8.1.1. Except as expressly provided in these Rules, the exercise of judgment by Officials during an Event issuing a penalty or otherwise shall not be reviewed and the decision of Officials is final and binding. By submitting a membership application and in consideration of receiving the numerous benefits available, each Member agrees that the final and binding decisions of Officials are non-litigable. No court action of any kind may be taken by any Member. By reason of membership in OWSES and/or participation in an Event, any Member waives any rights such Member may otherwise have to be a party or to take any action in court seeking legal or equitable relief against any decision or action of any kind by OWMS, the Officials, anyone acting on behalf of OWMS, the review facilitator and/or the appeal panel. Each Member acknowledges that participation in an Event by other Members is in part in reliance on this waiver. If a Member initiates or participates in litigation in violation of these Rules, all membership privileges may thereupon be suspended.

### 8.2. When a Review is Permitted

- 8.2.1. Race Procedure penalties are not subject to review and appeal, except for (i) disqualification, (ii) suspension, (iii) probation, (iv) an award fine, and/or (v) a point fine.
- 8.2.2. Non-Race Procedure penalties are subject to review and appeal, provided a review is permitted by the Rules and the request for review is in accordance with these Rules.
- 8.2.3. An applicant or Member may not request review of the existence or wording of a Rule and/or the non-imposition of a penalty.

### 8.3. Who May Request a Review

- 8.3.1. Only the Entrant submitting an Entry may request a review of the rejection of the Entry. Any Competitor who competes in any Event that is not in accordance with the published Entry form conditions waives the right to challenge the non-enforcement of such conditions.
- 8.3.2. Only the individual or entity submitting a license or membership application may request a review of a decision related to such application.
- 8.3.3. Only the Member receiving a penalty may request a review of the penalty of the Member.
- 8.3.4. If more than one Member is involved in the same violation of these Rules, each Member must submit a request for review.

### 8.4. Process to Request a Review

- 8.4.1. A request for review shall be in writing and include the following:
  - a) Clearly state the errors claimed;
  - b) Each claimed error must be stated in specific terms and must be accompanied by a written statement of the facts and grounds upon which it is based;
  - c) A replay file showing the claimed error produced by the Member;
  - d) And designate a single point of contact for the party requesting the review and contain the name, address, e-mail and telephone number for the person who will be the only point of contact concerning the review with respect to such party.
- 8.4.2. The request for review must be delivered to and received by OWMS' within two (2) Business Days of issuance of the penalty or decision (not including the day the penalty or decision is issued) and sent via e-mail to:  

[racecontrol@open-wheels.com](mailto:racecontrol@open-wheels.com)
- 8.4.3. A request for review shall be considered received only upon OWMS' actual receipt of the request and OWMS' email response to the sender confirming OWMS' receipt. OWMS is not responsible for errors in electronic transmission and/or receipt of the request.
- 8.4.4. If OWMS decides a request for review does not adhere to these Rules, it may be dismissed and treated as if it were not submitted. If the two (2) Business Days have passed, a new request for review may not be submitted. If the two (2) Business Days have not passed, a new request for review may be submitted.
- 8.4.5. If OWMS decides a request for review adheres to these Rules, OWMS specifies that the Race Director will serve as review administrator to assist the review party, OWMS and the review facilitator with any and all administrative aspects of the review. During the review process, the review administrator is the only point of contact for the review party, OWMS, and the review facilitator regarding the administrative aspects of the review process.

## 8.5. Review Process

- 8.5.1. The review will be heard by one (1) of the possible review facilitators. **The staff of review facilitators is to be determined.**
- 8.5.1.1. Upon receipt of a request for review, the review administrator will notify each individual in the pool of the receipt of a request for review to confirm availability and identify any potential or actual conflicts of interest. The notice may include the general timing for a review, the names of the affected applicants or Member(s), and a brief description of the penalty or decision.
- 8.5.1.2. Within three (3) Business Days of OWMS' receipt of a request for review, OWMS shall provide in writing to the party requesting the review the names of three (3) review facilitators from the above list. OWMS shall determine the three (3) review facilitators based upon the type of penalty (e.g., technical regulation, sporting regulation); the particular specialization or expertise, availability and conflicts of interest of the review facilitators; and such other factors as may indicate the overall ability of the review facilitator to assist in the review.
- 8.5.1.3. Within one (1) Business Day of the party's receipt of the three (3) review facilitators from OWMS, the party requesting the review shall provide the name of one (1) review facilitator via email to the review administrator. In the event there are multiple parties submitting a review for the same violation of these Rules, the party submitting the first request for review actually received by OWMS shall select the review facilitator for and on behalf of such party and all other parties requesting a review.
- 8.5.1.4. Within one (1) Business Day of OWMS' receipt of the one (1) review facilitator from the party requesting the review, OWMS shall provide in writing to the party requesting the review confirmation of the status of the review facilitator.
- 8.5.2. Once the review facilitator has been selected, the review administrator provides the review facilitator with the Rules and all applicable bulletins to date. Once the review facilitator has entered into the confidentiality agreement, the review administrator provides the review facilitator with non-public information and documents concerning the review.
- 8.5.3. The review facilitator must decide if the request for review adhered to the Rules.
- 8.5.4. If the review facilitator decides the request for review did not adhere to the Rules, the request for review may be dismissed, disregarded as having never been submitted, and the review facilitator may disallow any new submission of the same issue for review.
- 8.5.5. If the review facilitator decides the request for review adhered to these Rules, the review meeting will be conducted within ten (10) Business Days of the issuance of the penalty with the review meeting date during the time period to be determined by OWMS. If the review facilitator is unable to take part in the review meeting within 10 Business Days of the issuance of the penalty, the Race Director will take his/her place as review facilitator. If the party submitting the review is unable to take part in the review meeting within 10 Business Days of the issuance of the penalty, the review will be dropped.
- 8.5.6. The review meeting will be conducted by a review facilitator via the OWMS Discord client.
- 8.5.7. The review will take place in the form of a meeting conducted by the review facilitator. The review meeting will not proceed for more than a single day and will not be more than two (2) hours during this day, unless agreed to by the review facilitator and all parties.
- 8.5.8. The review meeting is not open to the public and admittance is limited to OWMS, the party/parties requesting the review and its/their representative(s), and the review facilitator. OWMS and the party/parties requesting the review may not appear at the review meeting through or accompanied by legal counsel. Within two (2) Business Days prior to the review meeting, OWMS and each party seeking a review shall provide the review facilitator with: i) the names, titles and contact information of all attendees to the review meeting and the purpose for which each will be present at the review meeting, and ii) a summary of its position not to exceed five (5) double spaced pages in length, not including supporting documentation. The total number of attendees at the review meeting is limited to three (3) per party. OWMS and each party requesting the review shall have at least one (1) attendee with full authority to reach a resolution of the penalty at the review meeting.
- 8.5.9. The review meeting is limited to the issues raised in the written request(s) for review.
- 8.5.10. The review and all discussions, information and documents concerning the review and at the review meeting are confidential. The party/parties requesting the review and all present at the review meeting or in possession or control of such documents and information shall enter into a confidentiality agreement supplied by OWMS prior to the commencement of the review meeting. The review facilitator shall enter into the confidentiality agreement prior to receiving any information and documents concerning the review. Any party that does not timely enter into the confidentiality agreement provided by OWMS will not be permitted to participate in the review meeting and such party will no longer have a right to have the penalty reviewed and appealed.
- 8.5.11. Consistent with the informal and collaborative nature of the review meeting, there shall be no transcript or recording of the meeting and the review facilitator will determine the format. The review facilitator shall decide the number of sessions, whether they are joint or separate, and who will participate in each session, consistent with an opportunity for each participant to present their position and facilitate the resolution of the issue(s) presented.
- 8.5.12. At the conclusion of the review meeting, the review facilitator shall provide her/his thoughts concerning the penalty and whether the penalty should be upheld, overturned or modified and, if modified, provide a recommended modification. Any decision or recommendation by the review facilitator as part of the review process is not binding upon OWMS or the party/parties requesting the review and is confidential and subject to the confidentiality agreement set forth in this Rule 8.
- 8.5.13. During the review process, the review facilitator must strive to uphold the integrity of OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, and the Events. At all times, the review facilitator must be professional, courteous, and independent.

- 8.5.13.1. The review facilitator has a duty to disclose any potential or actual conflicts of interest that may exist or arise with regards to any of the review participants.
- 8.5.13.2. Any appearance of impropriety will not be allowed and may result in removal of a review facilitator from a review and/or from the list of possible review facilitators in these Rules.
- 8.5.13.3. The review facilitator should refer any media inquiries to the review administrator.
- 8.5.13.4. The review facilitator must thoroughly review the submissions and familiarize himself/herself with the issues during the review; however, the review facilitator must not perform any independent review or research and/or communicate in any manner about the subject matter of the review by or amount any of the review participants outside of the review process. The review facilitator is expected to vigorously apply the Rules to the facts in order to reach a thorough, thoughtful, and fair decision.
- 8.5.14. After the conclusion of the review meeting, the review facilitator shall destroy any and all notes, records and/or other electronic and hard copy documents received regarding the review.
- 8.5.15. Within two (2) Business Days of the review meeting, OWMS will render a final ruling on a review. The decision of the review facilitator is final and binding on OWMS and each party submitting a review. A review facilitator decision may not include the re-drafting of a Rule and/or a Penalty Guideline. The appeal panel shall issue a confidential written determination of the appeal within three (3) Business Days of the conclusion of the appeal hearing and this written determination is subject to the confidentiality agreement set forth in this Rule 8. After the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the appeal panel shall destroy any and all notes, records, and/or other electronic and hard copy documents received regarding the appeal.

#### **8.6. Compliance with Procedures**

- 8.6.1. Any appeal that fails to comply with any of the foregoing requirements will be dismissed with prejudice and disregarded as having never been submitted. Any error not specifically raised in the appeal shall be deemed to have been waived.

## 9. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND PURSE

### 9.1. Advertising

- 9.1.1. OWMS may regulate or deny the advertising of any product on equipment, apparel or otherwise in connection with a Member, OWMS, the Open-Wheels Special Events Series or any Event.
- 9.1.2. Advertising does not have to be pre-approved by OWMS before proceeding with on-track activity, but OWMS may disapprove advertising for any reason, including, without limitation, advertising which it determines is offensive, inappropriate, illegal, undignified, in conflict with any OWMS or Event Promoter sponsorship, potentially confusing or may detract from the interest in any Event and/or the integrity of OWMS and/or the Open-Wheels Special Events Series.
- 9.1.3. OWMS may require a Member to agree in writing with a policy statement regarding advertising of a particular product.
- 9.1.4. Before participating in any on-track activities during an Event, all Entrants must have prior written consent to display brands on Car liveries cannot be not found within the iRacing Paint Shop or shown as an approved Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning brand.
  - 9.1.4.1. Brands found within the iRacing Paint Shop do not require prior written consent to be included in Car liveries. These approved brands are: AXALTA, American Childhood Cancer Organization, Brandt, Craftsman, DIYSim, Dale Jr. Foundation, Direct Driver Apparel.com, Dirtvision, Dirty Mo Radio, Dream Racing, Fanatec, Filtertime, Fury, Hellmann's, Heusinkveld Engineering, Inside Simracing.tv, Intel, JEGS, JR Motorsports, Justin Wilson Memorial Logo, Kenny Wallace Dirt Racing Experience, Leo Bodnar Electronics, Lindblad Chassis, Lionel NASCAR Collectables, Liverpool Football Club, Logitech, Max Papis Innovations (MPI), Main Performance PC, Matco Tools, Morgan Schooley, Motor Racing Network, NASCAR Hall of Fame, NASCAR Trackpass, Nationwide Insurance, PFC Brakes, PSRTV, PT Actuator, Peak Antifreeze, People Against Distracted Driving, Pitboxes.com, Playseat, Precision Engineering, Pro-Sim, Pure Driving School, R&R Racewear.com, Racers for Christ, RaceSpot TV, RaceTrailerSales.com, Racing for Japan, RacingJobs.com, Ricky Sanders Racing, Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, Sim Lab, Sim Seats, Simability, SimCraft, SimSteering, Simucube, SimXperience, Snap-On, Sparco, Suave Men, Summit Racing, TCR Japan, The Simpiti, Thrustmaster, Trading Paints, Trak Racer, V8Sonline Online Broadcasting, Virtual Racing School, Whisky River, Win Dale Jr.'s Ride, Wrangler, Z1 Dashboard, and iAnalyze Racing.
  - 9.1.4.2. Brands approved by Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning (not found within the iRacing Paint Shop) include: Chevrolet, Honda, Open-Wheels.com

### 9.2. Media

- 9.2.1. While Members are not required to partake in media requests during OWMS Events, OWMS strongly encourages Members to accept and participate in these requests to show appreciation for the Open-Wheels Special Events Series, the Events, and the media.
- 9.2.2. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race – All Entrants in the Starting Lineup may be asked to attend and actively participate in media events, at such times and locations as designated by OWMS, for a media day session as well as Qualifications photo shoot.

### 9.3. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Awards

- 9.3.1. Entrants complying with the Rules may be eligible to earn awards.
- 9.3.2. The distribution of all awards must be approved by OWMS. Award distribution will come only after the conclusion of the Event. OWMS reserves the right to hold Award distribution as penalty for Rules violations.
- 9.3.3. OWMS shall determine the eligibility, nature and amount of all awards for each Event.
- 9.3.4. All awards may be withheld by OWMS in whole or in part, or denied in whole or in part, if OWMS determines in its Discretion that any member of Entrant Group has failed in any way to comply with the terms and conditions of the Rules.
- 9.3.5. Eligible awards for the 2020 Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race.
  - 9.3.5.1. Winner's Milk Bottle
    - a) Awarded to the winner of the race with the milk bottle valued at \$50 USD.
  - 9.3.5.2. Open-Wheels 500 Pole Award
    - a) Awarded to the fastest Entrant after Day One of Open-Wheels.com 500 Qualifications.
  - 9.3.5.3. Front Runner Award
    - a) Awarded to each front row qualifier after Day One of Open-Wheels.com 500 Qualifications.
  - 9.3.5.4. "On the Bubble" Award
    - a) Awarded to the 33<sup>rd</sup>-fastest qualifier after the conclusion of Open-Wheels.com 500 Qualifications.

9.3.5.5. “Top Starting Rookie” Award  
 a) Awarded to the fastest rookie qualifier after the conclusion of Open-Wheels.com 500 Qualifications.

9.3.5.6. “Rookie of the Year” Award  
 a) Awarded to the highest-finishing rookie in the race.

9.3.5.7. “Workhorse” Award  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who records the most official session practice laps during the month.

9.3.5.8. “Halfway Challenge” Award  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who leads Lap 100 in the race.

9.3.5.9. “Fastest Lap” Award  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who posts the fastest lap in the race.

9.3.5.10. Leaders’ Circle Award  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who leads the most laps in the race.

9.3.5.11. Most Improved Position Award  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who improves the most positions from race start to race finish.

9.3.5.12. Pit Stop Competition Winner  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who wins the Pit Stop Competition.

9.3.5.13. Veterans 100 Winner  
 a) Awarded to the Entrant who wins the Veterans 100.

9.3.5.14. Open-Wheels.com “Last But Not Least” Award  
 a) Awarded to qualifiers in the 11<sup>th</sup> row.

~~9.3.5.15. Derek Speare Designs Safe Driver Award  
 a) One DSD Track Boss Classic button box awarded to the driver who has the least number of incidents in the race with 50% of the race distance completed. In the event of a tie, the driver with the highest finishing position out of eligible participants will win the prize. Valued at a total of \$110 USD.~~

~~9.3.5.16. Derek Speare Designs Random Starter Award  
 a) One DSD Track Boss Classic button box awarded to a driver that starts the race and completes at least 50% of the race distance. Valued at a total of \$110 USD.~~

**9.4. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Event Purse**

9.4.1. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Purse

9.4.1.1. Payouts from a race purse for the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race are dependent on the amount of money raised for the Event. **For 2020, there will be no cash purse available for competitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The values seen below represent the sliding scale that was enacted for the 2019 event, and may be used for future editions of the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race.**

9.4.1.2. OWMS reserves the right to apply the race purse to whichever payout scale it sees fit. OWMS reserves the right to modify existing scales as needed.

~~9.4.1.3. Race Payout Scales~~

~~9.4.1.3.1. Scale A – Total of \$1,000 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.~~

<del>Winner – \$400</del>	<del>Second – \$150</del>	<del>Third – \$100</del>
<del>Fourth – \$75</del>	<del>Fifth – \$50</del>	<del>Sixth – \$35</del>
<del>Seventh – \$30</del>	<del>Eighth – \$25</del>	<del>Ninth – \$20</del>
<del>Tenth – \$20</del>	<del>Eleventh to Thirty Third – \$5</del>	

9.4.1.3.2. Scale B – Total of \$750 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.

Winner – \$300	Second – \$125	Third – \$75
Fourth – \$40	Fifth – \$25	Sixth – \$10
Seventh – \$10	Eighth – \$10	Ninth – \$10
Tenth – \$10	Eleventh to Thirty Third – \$5	

9.4.1.3.3. Scale C – Total of \$500 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.

Winner – \$200	Second – \$100	Third – \$40
Fourth – \$25	Fifth – \$10	Sixth – \$9
Seventh – \$8	Eighth – \$7	Ninth – \$6
Tenth – \$5	Eleventh to Thirty Third – \$3	

9.4.1.3.4. Scale D – Total of \$350 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.

Winner – \$200	Second – \$75	Third – \$25
Fourth – \$15	Fifth – \$10	Sixth – \$5
Seventh – \$5	Eighth – \$5	Ninth – \$5
Tenth – \$5	Eleventh to Thirty Third – \$0	

9.4.1.3.5. Scale E – Total of \$200 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.

Winner – \$100	Second – \$35	Third – \$20
Fourth – \$10	Fifth – \$10	Sixth – \$5
Seventh – \$5	Eighth – \$5	Ninth – \$5
Tenth – \$5	Eleventh to Thirty Third – \$0	

9.4.1.3.6. Scale F – Total of \$100 USD raised for race purse. All values USD.

Winner – \$50	Second – \$20	Third – \$10
Fourth – \$5	Fifth – \$5	Sixth – \$5
Seventh – \$5	Eighth to Thirty Third – \$0	

**9.5. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Prizes and Qualifier Packets**

9.5.1. Throughout the event, OWSES may hold drawings for special prizes featuring various pieces of racing memorabilia or other items provided by the Open-Wheels Special Events Series. Furthermore, each Entrant that qualifies for the event will receive a special packet featuring various items, including:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Daily Trackside Reports   | Race Ticket Mock-Up                 | Media Packet |
| Letter from Race Director | Postcard with 2021 Race Information |              |

9.5.2. Due to high shipping costs, only Entrants from within the continental United States are eligible to win prizes and receive physical copies of the qualifier packets. Participants originating from outside the continental United States are not eligible to win physical prizes and will receive their qualifiers packets through digital means such as e-mail. Participants originating from outside the continental United States are eligible to win cash prizes.

**9.6. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Award and Purse Distribution**

9.6.1. Payment – Entrants who are eligible for Award or Event Purse distribution are to be paid via one of the official OWMS-approved fund transfer programs. If an Entrant is unable to receive payment via an approved OWMS fund transfer program then they are not eligible to receive Awards or Event Purse payouts. The approved programs are:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash App ( <a href="#">Link</a> ) | PayPal ( <a href="#">Link</a> ) | Venmo ( <a href="#">Link</a> ) |
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9.6.1.1. OWMS will communicate with eligible Entrants to receive their preferred payment method as well as account details to complete fund transfer.



9.6.1.2. Reliant upon OWMS receiving all necessary payment information from Entrant, payment for each event will be processed no later than 14 days following completion of the Race session.

**9.7. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Prize and Qualifier Packet Distribution**

9.7.1. OWMS will communicate with eligible Entrants to receive their shipping information to complete prize and qualifier packet distribution.

9.7.2. Reliant upon OWMS receiving all necessary payment information from Entrant, shipping of prizes and packets for each event will be processed no later than 14 days following completion of the Race session.



## 10. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 10.1. General

10.1.1. Events sanctioned by OWMS will utilize iRacing Motorsports Simulations technical inspection process.

10.1.2. Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race

10.1.2.1. Entrants are required to designate a chassis to race in the Event on the official Entry Form. The chassis designation will be applied to each the Primary and Backup Cars. The available chassis from iRacing Motorsports Simulations are:

9.1.2.1.1. Dallara IR-05 Indy car

9.1.2.1.2. Dallara IR-12 Indy car (a.k.a. Dallara DW-12)

9.1.2.1.3. Dallara IR-12 Indy car with 2018 aero kit (a.k.a. Dallara IR-18)

10.1.2.2. **Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning has been approved to allow Entrants to select one of the two NTT INDYCAR SERIES official manufacturer partners as their represented manufacturer for the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race.** Entrants are required to designate a manufacturer to represent in the Event on the official Entry Form. The manufacturer designation will be applied to each the Primary and Backup Cars and are done in respect to INDYCAR's two engine manufacturers. The available manufacturers are:

9.1.2.3. Chevrolet

9.1.2.4. Honda

10.1.3. Veterans 100

10.1.3.1. All OWSES Members are eligible to enter the Veterans 100. Entrants into the Veterans 100 race are required to pre-register using the official Entry Form, checking a box that signifies their plan to participate in the **support events on November 14, 2020.**

10.1.3.2. Entrants will be required to drive the Formula Renault 3.5 chassis offered by iRacing Motorsports Simulations with a fixed setup provided by OWMS.

10.1.3.3. One **four**-hour practice for the event will be held on **Wednesday, November 11, 2020** from 6:00 to 10:00 PM ET to give competitors an opportunity to practice with the car and setup combination.

10.1.3.4. One round of single-car Qualifications for the event will be held on **Friday, November 13, 2020** from 6:00 to 10:00 PM ET. Drivers will be allotted two total qualifications attempts that will be comprised of one untimed out lap, then two timed laps that will be averaged for their final speed. Track limits from Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Qualifications are in effect for Veterans 100 qualifications. Any time a driver exits the pit lane for a qualifications attempt, they will be charged with an attempt – regardless of attempt outcome. If a driver completes their first attempt and wishes to make another attempt, their previous time will be withdrawn upon the start of the second attempt. Priority in the qualifications line will be granted to drivers who have not yet attempted a qualifications run, whereas drivers attempting to make their second run will slot in behind first-run qualifiers in the waiting order. **No more than 33 drivers will qualify for the race.**

10.1.3.5. The race will be 40 Laps (100 Miles) in length, featuring a double-file race start, single-file restarts, race control yellow flag periods and no fast repairs.

10.1.3.6. The event will be governed by OWMS and all Race Procedure rules and Penalties apply to Entrants in the Veterans 100. Drivers will not be allowed to advance their position below the white line on the racing surface by using the pit access roads and/or the short chute open space. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in penalty, determined by OWMS. Additionally, in qualifications, drivers may place no more than two wheels on or below the white line. If any additional wheels touch the white line on the inner boundary of the racing surface, their run will be invalidated.

10.1.4. Pit Stop Competition

10.1.4.1. All OWSES Members are eligible to enter the Pit Stop Competition. Entrants into the Pit Stop Competition are required to pre-register using the official Entry Form, checking a box that signifies that they plan to participate in the **support events on November 14, 2020.**

10.1.4.2. Entrants will be required to drive the Dallara IR-18 chassis offered by iRacing Motorsports Simulations with the Indianapolis Oval fixed setup provided by iRacing. Setups must pass iRacing technical inspection and cars will run with reduced fuel tank capacity. Final tank capacity number is 17%.

10.1.4.3. The race will feature heat-style racing where 62 drivers will be eligible to compete, featuring a double-file race start, no yellow flag periods and no fast repairs.

10.1.4.4. The event will feature two-lap qualifications in the race session, where the driver's two (2) timed laps will be averaged for their final qualifications time. Four (4) heats will feature 16 drivers each, and four (4) drivers from each heat will advance to the finals for a chance to win the competition. Each heat race will last 12 laps, while the finals will be 20 laps.

10.1.4.5. The event will be governed by OWMS and all Race Procedure rules and Penalties apply to Entrants in the Pit Stop Competition.

## 11. GLOSSARY

**Aero Kit** – All the components of the Car identified by OWMS, supplied by an Approved Supplier, approved by OWMS and governed by these Rules for all circuit configurations.

**Approved Racing Series** – A sanctioning body of auto racing recognized by Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning that could grant an Entrant a waiver on the safety rating requirement during the Membership application process.

**Backup Car** – A spare Car an Entrant may use on-Track in place of a primary Car if approved by OWMS.

**Blend Line** – The time line that decides the sequential order of Cars on-Track relative to Cars exiting Pit Lane under a Yellow Condition.

**Business Day** – Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state of Indiana.

**Car** – A four (4) wheel automotive vehicle consisting of the combination of Aero Kit, Chassis, Engine, gearbox and Tires. The vehicle must be supplied by Manufacturers or Approved Suppliers, approved by OWMS and conform to the specifications, spirit and illustrations in and intent of, the Rules.

**Competitor** – An Entrant, crew member, Manufacturer or any other individual or entity who is a Member and participates competitively in an Event.

**Dallara** – Dallara, LLC, the approved chassis manufacturer. Any reference in the Rules to “Dallara” is referring to Dallara, LLC.

**Day** – The twenty-four (24) hour period within a single calendar day.

**Discretion** – The exercise by OWMS of judgment in making a determination as to the application, construction and interpretation of the Rules; and is required because of the need for decisions that depend upon immediacy without reflection and/or that are often subjective.

**Engine** – An engine supplied by one of the engine Manufacturers or their designees, approved by OWMS and conforming to the specifications, spirit and illustrations in and intent of the Rules.

**Entrant** – The firm(s), corporation, or other business association(s) named on an Entrant's License and membership application approved by and issued by OWMS, remaining in Good Standing and uniquely identified by a Car number. Entrant includes Entrant and Entrant's officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives and affiliates. Entrant is responsible for Entrant Group.

**Entrant Group** – Entrant Participant, Entrant Guest and each third-party Entrant represents. "Entrant Participant" is defined as any individual who is a Participant by reason of his or her relationship to Entrant. "Entrant Guest" is defined as any individual whose presence at a Track is at the invitation of the Entrant.

**Entry** – An Entrant's Car and Driver combination on an Entry form displaying the Entrant's Car number and approved by OWMS for participation in a designated on-Track Event.

**Entry Form** – Official mechanism used to register an Entry for an event.

**Event** – Any racing, promotional and/or entertainment or other activities associated with, sanctioned by and/or organized in cooperation with OWMS or occurring at the site of, contemporaneously with or reasonably connected to said activities.

**Event Agreement** – The agreement in effect between OWMS and an Event Promoter regarding the conduct of an Event and/or Events.

**Event Promoter** – The firm(s), corporation(s) or other business association(s) named on an Event Agreement with OWMS and responsible for designated operations of an Event. Event Promoter includes Event Promoter and Event Promoter's officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives and affiliates.

**Firestone** – Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, is the approved Tire manufacturer. Any reference in the Rules to “Firestone” is referring to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC.

**Full-Season** – Scheduled to participate in every Race.

**Good Standing** – OWMS decides good standing of an individual and/or entity by a review of:

Financial and/or legal status with respect to OWMS and Partners, and

Such other factors as OWMS deems relevant to the decision.

**Grid** – The physical location where the Cars are positioned in Starting Lineup order prior to the start of a Race.

**Guaranteed Attempt** – A Car's opportunity to present itself for the Qualifications process.

**Headings** – The subject headings are included for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of the Rules.

**Instant Messaging** – The text chat function provided within iRacing session servers that OWMS will use to broadcast penalties, race start procedure, qualifying procedure and other important messages during an event.



**Open Broadcast Frequency** – The voice chat function provided within iRacing session servers that OWMS will use to broadcast penalties, race start procedure, qualifying procedure and other important messages during an event.

**OWMS** – Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning; the owner, operator, and sanctioning body of the Open-Wheels Special Events Series. OWMS includes OWMS and OWMS’ officials, officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representative and affiliates.

**OWMS Group** – OWMS, Event Promoters, other Members and the officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, representatives, owners, successors and assigns of each of them.

**Lapped Car** – A Car that is at least one lap behind all Cars that are on the Race leaders lap.

**License** – An authorization approved and issued by OWMS to an individual or entity to participate in a Race as an Entrant or Official.

**Manufacturer** – The firm(s), corporation(s) or other business association(s) named on an Associate’s membership application approved by OWMS, remaining in good standing and uniquely identified by a tax identification number. Manufacturer includes the approved chassis, Tire, Engine and gearbox Manufacturers and their officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives and affiliates.

**Member** – An individual, firm, corporation or other business association entity named on an annual membership application, approved by OWMS and remaining in good standing. Without limitation, each Competitor and Official must be a Member. Member is responsible for Member Group.

**Member Group** – Member Guest and each third-party Member. The term “Member Guest” shall mean and include any individual whose presence at an Event is at invitation.

**Non-Qualified Car** – A Car not successfully completing Qualifications. A Non-Qualified Car may be approved by OWMS to participate in a limited manner in a Race.

**Officials** – Any and all authorized OWMS officers, employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors. Officials specifically referenced in the Rules include:

- “President”, Tanner Watkins
- “Race Director”, Tanner Watkins
- “Race Stewards”, Michael Chinn, Carter McCue and John Watkins

OWMS may replace any Official with another Official(s) at any time. The above-named Officials may delegate their authority in whole or in part to another Official(s) at any time.

**Open Test** – A Open Test is a period of on-Track activity to: i) promote the Race at the Race Location and ii) to prepare Participants for the Race and for other Races at other venues.

**Oval/Oval Events** – A Race Location where all on-Track turns are left-handed.

**Pace Car** – An official Pace Car approved by OWMS, driven by an authorized individual and used during on-Track activities.

**Partial Season Entrant** – An Entrant in one or more, but not all, of the Races during the Racing Season.

**Participant** – Any individual or entity along with their officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives and affiliates that are in any way associated or connected with Track premises, Testing facilities or other OWMS- approved locations or Event including, without limitation, facility owners, Event Promoters, municipalities, racing associations, sanctioning organizations, series organizers, Officials, workers, volunteers, Entrants, Car owners, pit crew members, safety crew members, medical/rescue personnel, sponsors, Manufacturers, suppliers, designers, advertisers, inspectors, construction contractors, engineers, architects, insurers and all individuals in a restricted area.

**Penalty Guidelines** – The penalty issued for a violation of each Sporting Regulation of the Rules during Qualifications and Races and designated other Rules is taken from the Penalty Guidelines. The Penalty Guidelines have been developed by OWMS with input from the Race Stewards, Entrants, and they shall contain a violation, Rule reference (Rule number and a brief description of the rule), as well as the minimum, mid, and maximum penalty for violation of the Rule.

**Ping** – A value metric used by iRacing to measure a competitor’s connection to the iRacing server.

**Pit Box** – The area of the Pit Lane specified to an Entrant for service of a Car including refueling, tire changes, and repairs. This area includes both sides of the Pit Wall.

**Pit Commitment Line** – The time line that decides if a Car is within the Pit Lane boundaries at the time of a YellowCondition.

**Pit Entry/Exit Lane** – The lane in Pit Lane closest to the Pit Boxes.

**Pit Lane** – The part of the Track that leads from the Racing Surface to the Pit Boxes or from the Pit Boxes back to the Racing Surface. It has specified starting and ending points and is defined by painted lines, cones and/or other visible markings.

**Pit Out Commit Line** – The time line that decides if a Car has followed proper procedures exiting Pit Lane. At some Tracks, the Pit Out Commit Line is the same line as the Blend Line.

**Pole Position** – The first (1<sup>st</sup>) position in the Starting Lineup.

**Primary Car** – The first Car presented at technical inspection for Qualifications.

**Push to Pass** – A system controlled by the ECU that allows for the Engine power to be increased for a period of time when activated by a button press by the Entrant.

**Qualifications** – The process to determine the eligibility and starting position of each Car desiring to participate in a Race by ranking the Car on the basis of its performance in Qualifications.

**Qualified Car** – A Car that successfully completes Qualifications.

**Quality** – A value metric used by iRacing to measure a competitor’s connection to the iRacing server.

**Race** – The Open-Wheels Special Events Series race(s) occurring at an Event for which points are awarded.

**Race Location** – A location where on-Track activities take place.

**Race Procedure** – Is the manner in which an Event is conducted. It includes, but is not limited to, At Track Procedures described in Rule 5 (On-Track Conditions, Flag Codes and Track condition lights, Timing and Scoring, Pit Boxes, Race Start, Race Restart, Mechanical Conditions, Performance Standards, Pit Procedures, Pit Safety Violations) and Qualifications described in Rule 6.

**Race Stewards** – The Race Stewards (individually referred to as a Race Steward) are Officials stationed in race control who shall determine on-Track violations of the Sporting Regulations of the Rules during Qualifications and Races. The President in his Discretion shall select the Race Stewards. Unless otherwise notified, the same individuals shall serve as Race Stewards during every Event. All Race Stewards shall report to the President. The President will expect and be the sole judge that each Race Steward is unbiased, fair, honest, ethical, and consistent and has comprehensive knowledge of the Sporting Regulations of the Rules and racing as established by these Rules and the interpretations and determinations of the President. The President may remove any Race Steward at any time if he deems such Race Steward is unsuitable or has a conflict. The Race Stewards shall: i) attend the pre-Race Entrants’ meetings scheduled by OWMS to provide updates to Competitors on the Sporting Regulations of the Rules generally applicable to Open-Wheels Special Events Series Qualifications and Races and any Sporting Regulations of the Rules specifically applicable to Qualifications and Race; and ii) be available for one (1) hour post-Race and post-Qualifications at the OWMS Administration Trailer to review Race and/or Qualifications decisions with Competitors.

**Racing Season** – All Open Tests and Race Events beginning with the first Race or first Open Test, whichever occurs earlier, and continuing through the final Race.

**Racing Surface** – The area designated by OWMS as eligible for use during competition. It may be formed by boundaries such as a wall or a line. It does not include grass or runoff areas.

**Registration** – The unique identity number assigned to a specific Car by OWMS, in order of Event registration time.

**Restarting Lineup** – The order of Cars on-Track for the restart of a Race.

**Review** – Process of appealing an eligible decision rendered by OWMS.

**Road Course Event** – A purpose-built permanent Track where turns are left and right-handed.

**Rookie Entrant** – An Entrant is a Rookie Entrant in the Open-Wheels Special Events Series if the Driver has i) not previously participated in an iRacing Indianapolis 500 Mile Race in his/her career.

**ROP** – Rookie Orientation Program. A three (3) phase Test, supervised by OWMS to demonstrate Car control, placement and a consistent driving pattern by a Rookie Entrant.

**Rules** – This Open-Wheels Motorsports Sanctioning rule book, including all rules, guidelines, notes and bulletins issued by Officials, whether containing Rules applicable only to a particular Event(s) or containing Rules of general applicability. The most current version is available at <http://open-wheels.com/rulebook>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rules may be issued verbally in mandatory meetings such as Entrants meetings held during Events.

**Season Start** – A designated date or the first Open Test or the first on-Track day of the first Race of a given calendar year, whichever comes first.

**Short Oval Events** – An Oval/Oval Event with a Track distance of 1.3 miles or less.

**Single Race Event Entrant** – An Entrant whose participation is scheduled for only one Event at a time, even if participating in consecutive Events.

**Speedway/Superspeedway Events** – An Oval/Oval Event with a Track distance greater than 1.3 miles.

**Sporting Regulations** – Sporting Regulations are the Race Procedures of the Rules including, but are not limited to, on-Track competition such as blocking, contact, restart violations, Pit Lane infractions, Qualifications interference, local yellow performance reduction expectation, Track boundary infraction, packing up under Yellow Condition or failing to pace; however, it does not include technical, operations or off Track competition such as Engine Regulations, Aero Kit Regulations, and Substance Abuse Policy violations. The Race Stewards shall determine violations of the Sporting Regulations of the Rules during Qualifications and Races.

**Start/Finish Line** – The areas of a Track specified by OWMS to decide the start, lap completion, and/or completion of an on-Track activity. If applicable, it may extend across and include Pit Lane.

**Starting Lineup** – The order of Cars on-Track for the start of a Race.

**Steward** – An individual designated by the President to have specific authority to assist with the application, construction, interpretation and enforcement of the Rules.

**Steward’s Review** – The request from a Race Steward and/or the Race Director during Qualifications and/or a Race for review of an incident as a potential violation of the



Sporting Regulations of the Rules for issuance of a penalty.

**Substantial Damage** – A determination made by OWMS in relation to damage sustained in an accident during OWMS events. A car is ruled to have Substantial Damage if it has been involved in a major accident by making contact with a wall, car, or other trackside object that would warrant the switch to a Backup Car in real life. OWMS will determine the severity of damage in on-track accidents and determine whether or not a car has received Substantial Damage. Decisions on Substantial Damage are not eligible for Review.

**Street Course Event** – A purpose-built temporary Track where turns are left and right-handed.

**Team** – One or more Entrants under common ownership and/or control as determined by OWMS.

**Test** – Any period during which a Member conducts any Testing.

**Testing** – The use of the approved chassis, Engine, Aero Kit, gearbox and Tires, separately or in any combination during a period other than practice, Qualifications or a Race.

**Tire(s)** – Tires supplied by Firestone, approved by OWMS, and governed by these Rules.

**Track** – The area including without limitation the Racing Surface, pit entrance lanes, Pit Lane and pit exit lanes located between the outer and innermost retaining walls.

**Track Condition** – The status under which on-Track activity is conducted.