

# NOVICE SPORTSMAN DIVISION

The following is simply a brief outline of this division. For in depth info see the division rules found within the TECH INFO tab on the HOME page.

Open to novice race teams only. Driver age minimum 14 years old.  
Chassis and body is Northeast Modified open wheel style cars.  
Engine type is GM 602 Sealed Crate engine only.

Rules guidelines are 2016 DIRTcar Sportsman Rules. With the exception, anything listed in the Exclusive to Can Am Rules. These exceptions can be found within the TECH INFO tab on the HOME page.

This division is offer to inexperienced teams to get some understanding along with driver seat time. Once they feel comfortable enough they can move up to Traditional Sportsman.

As with the Traditional Sportsman Division, all cars in this division having the same factory sealed 602 engines, the same tires and sizes in only the allowed positions, and principally the same shocks.

This means, being all the cars are for the most part fairly equal. Therefore, the crew that works hard to find the most efficient setup, along with an eager to learn driver will make the most noticeable difference.

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# Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park 2016 Novice Sportsman Division Rules

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## OUTLINE

For the most part the 2016 DIRTcar Sportsman Rules will be the rule guidelines. Any possible exceptions will be listed in these Can Am Novice Sportsman Rules.

DIRTcar Sportsman Rules & Bulletins <http://www.superdirtcarseries.com/rules-forms>

If competing in DIRTcar series events, car/driver must conform 100% to DIRTcar rules.

This Novice Sportsman Division is offered for Can Am Sportsman Division type cars with beginning drivers to safely get some seat time.

We at Can Am want you to have fun in this division, we have no intentions of penalizing any driver or crew members for being good at what they do, please understand any driver that may become what Can Am officials feel is over qualified for this division, further action may become necessary. Therefore, Can Am maintains the authority to disallow any driver/car/crew they consider unsuitable or over qualified to compete in this Novice Sportsman Division.

## CAM AM PROCEDURE INFO

*RULE AMENDMENTS*, Can Am maintains the authority to amend any section of these rules at any time.

*INTERPRETATION OF RULES*, all interpretations by the track officials are final. As a driver, crew member or owner you are responsible to know the track's position on all rules. Not knowing is no excuse! Can Am Speedway tech will be strictly enforcing these rules.

*NO PENALIZING*, if a car conforms to the rules that all are going by, passes any inspection by tech, I do not believe that any driver should be penalized for winning races. Therefore, there will be NO penalizing, such as, but not limited to, adding weight, to any rule legal car and or driver that gets around the track better than fellow competitors. But a bounty may be imposed on the driver.

*CONFISCATE ENGINE*, Chapman's Can Am Speedway and Motorsports Park reserves the right to confiscate for the purpose of an in depth inspection any engine at any time track officials deem it necessary. No replacement engine will be offered. No assurance the engine would be returned in time for any future race(s).

*STOPPED ON TRACK*, at any time a car stops on the track or anywhere that may establish a dangerous condition (as determined by track officials) during any race event, whether involve in an accident, incident, breakdown, or any other reason. The driver must remain in the vehicle, with all safety equipment remaining in use until safety crew or track cleanup crew arrives on the scene. This of course unless there is a life threatening issue such as fire. Failure to adhere to this procedure rule may result in disqualification from the affected event along with denied racing privileges for the remainder of the effected event(s). Additional penalties may also be implied.

*INSPECTION*, any and all cars are subject to minor or thorough inspection upon arriving on Can Am Motorsports Park premises. Be prepared! Everything on car including driver must pass safety, as well as competition rules inspection. In the event that any car and or driver has been competing with a rule infraction in the past, regardless of the infraction or the length of time will have no involvement with the tech decision if found not in compliance to these rules concerning any tech inspection or protest situation.

*SAFETY INSPECTIONS*, are performed regularly regarding, but not limited to, all driver/car safety components must be up to date with no faults, all steering components must be firm with NO play any direction, no holes larger than 1' in firewalls or floor. Anything on car, bumper to bumper, deemed unsafe by tech officials will be final!

*JACKSTAND POLICY*, any car with one or more wheels jacked off the ground must have a jackstand substantially in place whenever being worked on.

*MEASUREMENTS*, any and all measurements may have a ½ inch tolerance, this will be decided by tech at time of being measured.

*ADDED OR REMOVED MATERIAL*, the legality of any material added or removed from car in the interest of safety will be decided by Chief Tech Inspector.

*MAINTAIN A SAFE, ORGANIZED ATMOSPHERE*, driver/crew, must maintain a safe, organized atmosphere at all times to preserve their safety as well as those around them.

*SAFETY NOTE*: All rules, policies, and procedures regarding safety are with the intentions to assist in the defense of injury and in no way offer any assurance of absolute protection. It is the responsibility of driver, crew member(s), car owner(s) and or anyone in the presents of hazardous conditions to maintain their personal safety.

#### DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

*AGE*: Must be 14 years old by any time throughout the Jan thru Dec calendar year of the current racing season. With parent or legal guardian signature if under 21 years old.

*LICENSE (DIRT)*: No DIRT license is required.

#### CAR ELIGIBILITY

Northeast Modified style cars only. Car number or letter combinations, maximum three numbers one letter, decal or painted equal in size and legible in required locations, roof (minimum 18"), nose (minimum 8"), rear deck (minimum 8"), both doors (minimum 18"). No mirrors.

#### CAR SAFETY REQUIREMENT

All cars must meet the following requirements!

*ADDED OR REMOVED MATERIAL*, any material added or removed from car in the interest of safety will be strictly decided by the Officials to be legal or not.

*BELTS (safety)*-Minimum three inch wide SFI-approved five point safety belt assembly within 3 years from date of manufacture required (Y-type shoulder harness not allowed), must be mounted securely to roll cage.

*HANS, HUTCHENS*, and/or *FACT SIMILARITY SAFETY RESTRAINT*-recommended. *NOTE*: 25 lb. weight break with in use when in competition. Must be in place when crossing scales.

*VISOR/SUN BLOCK*-at top of windshield allowed, must not obstruct driver's vision in any direction.

*DRIVER COMPARTMENT*- Absolutely no sharp areas in driver area.

*THROTTLE PEDAL LOOP*-must have a steel toe loop security mounted on pedal.

*THROTTLE RETURN SPRINGS*-two throttle return springs mandatory, must be anchored in separate areas.

*BRAKES*-must operate properly upon inspection.

*HOOD*-no opening at rear of hood area that may allow engine parts, fire or anything else to reach driver. All cars must have the hood in place and securely fastened when starting their 1<sup>st</sup> lap of the race.

*TIRES*-all tires on car must pass safety inspection.

*BALLAST (added) WEIGHT*-75 lbs. maximum per bolt on (refer to minimum weight under misc section).

*EXHAUST NOISE*-any car considered to be producing unacceptable sound as determined by track officials will be dealt with.

*GROUND CLEARANCE*-must be adequate ground clearance between lowest part of chassis and track.

*RADIO*-one way only radio (frequency 454.000) required. No system allowed of anyone other than track official communicating with driver during race event.

*TRANSPONDER POLICY*-required. Transponder required location-must be mounted on right side of car, 24" to the rear of axle housing (measured from center of axle housing to front edge of transponder).

#### DRIVER SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Rules apply at all times. Snell-rated SA2005 or newer full faced helmet designed specifically for auto racing, no designed for motorcycle (M) helmets. SFI-approved full fire suit, neck brace, gloves and shoes mandatory. Recommended: Hans or similar device (refer to minimum weight under misc. section), fire retardant head sock.

#### ENGINE & COMPONENTS

GM Performance Products 602 Crate engine only, part number #88958602/19258602. Engine and all parts/components provided and installed at time of 602 engine purchase by GM factory must remain as supplied by GM factory. No modification(s) of any kind is allowed unless otherwise mentioned in these Can Am Pro Street rules

*ANTI TAMPER SEALS*, not required, but engine and all parts/components provided and installed at time of 602 engine purchase by GM factory must remain as supplied by GM factory.

*REPAIRING, REBUILDING, FRESHENING*, including repair and or replacement of any sealed component(s) is allowed. All replaced parts/components must be OEM specifically for the 602, except gaskets and oil seals. Exact replacement, direct fit aftermarket gaskets and oil seals allowed, must be within OEM 602 engine specs. No performance enhancing gaskets or oil seals. All work may be done by racers choice. No Fastrak engines. No "Blue Printing" or rebuilding any part/component to alter performance characteristics. No overboring. No Can Am official required to be present at time of reassembly.

*IGNITION*: Aftermarket exact replacement direct fit distributor cap allowed, all other components must remain as supplied by GM at time of 602 purchase. No "Blue Printing" or rebuilding any part/component to alter performance characteristics.

*CARBURETOR*: One only, any readily available, in stock type (no special order), North American manufactured 2 or 4 barrel. Maximum throttle plate bore 1-11/16" (1.688) with any carburetor, no tolerance. Any safe modifications allowed. Two throttle return springs mandatory.

*INTAKE SYSTEM*: Carbureted only, one carburetor only, naturally aspirated only. No turbo/supercharger systems. No fuel or air may enter by any means other than OEM operation of carburetor.

*AIR CLEANER*: Self-fabricated or any readily available in stock commercially manufactured type, as decided by tech official. Any type of self-fabricated or readily available in stock commercially manufactured "air diffuser", nonadjustable from driver compartment is allowed. Everything must pass any safety inspection.

*COOLING SYSTEM:* One only, any size that fits safely, steel or aluminum radiator located directly in front of engine and fan. Add on electric fan allowed for additional cooling ability-but must maintain operating OEM type mechanical fan at all times. Any direct fit water pump OEM location only. Aluminum engine pulleys allowed.

*STARTER:* All cars must be equipped with an operational electrical starter allowing car to start on its own.

*REV LIMITER SYSTEM:* No rev limiting system required, but allowed.

#### EXHAUST SYSTEM

Any commercially manufactured header, with a \$700 maximum manufactures list price, readily available in stock type, as decided by tech official. No special ordered. Evac system allowed. Exhaust beyond headers is not a tech item, except complete exhaust must pass any safety inspection, must be securely fastened and extend minimum of 12" behind driver-mufflers optional. Any car considered to be producing unacceptable sound as determined by track officials will be dealt with.

#### FUEL SYSTEM

*FUEL:* Gasoline only. Any octane. Scented additives allowed. No other additives allowed. Everything in fuel system must pass any safety inspection.

#### MISC:

*STEERING:* ALL components must be firm with NO play any direction. All steering system workings must pass any safety inspection.

*BRAKES:* All four tires must lock up with a rolling inspection.

*TIRES:* Hoosier only. Along with the current DIRTcar Sportsman tire rule, as in the past, the current DIRTcar Modified tire rule will be allowed in the Novice Sportsman Division, with weekly events. No mixing. All tires on car must pass safety inspection.

*MINIMUM WEIGHT:* DIRTcar minimum weights are 2400 steel wheels/2450 aluminum wheels. Exception at Can Am, 25 lb. weight break with each with Hans, Hutchens, and/or fact similarity safety restraint in use when in competition. Must be in place when crossing scales. But with all DIRTcar series events, all cars must conform 100% to DIRTcar minimum weight rules.

*Added Weight,* must be painted white with car number on it, 75 lbs. maximum per bolt on.

#### SUSPENSION

*SUSPENSION APPROVAL:* Each and every car suspension system must be approved by tech! Any system NOT passing any tech decision must be converted to conform to tech decision requirements to be allowed to compete! To further emphasize this statement, even if all the suspension conforms to the rules, if Can Am Tech has an issue with your system, you must apply the needed amendment(s) to satisfy tech! No exceptions! No excuses! Just do it!

#### TECH INSPECTION & TECH AREA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Track implemented tech inspections are for the purpose of satisfying Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park Officials only, and are in no way performed to prove anything to anyone else, including fellow competitors. If a competing team is suspicious of a fellow competitor, this is what the protest procedure is intended for.

*ONE PERSON ALLOWED IN TECH AREA*, only driver will be allowed in tech area, driver must remain with car until otherwise instructed by official(s), a designated number of crew members will be allowed by tech officials IF and WHEN needed, as decided by officials.

*HOOD OPENING*, car hood cannot be opened/removed until allowed by tech official.

*THOROUGH INSPECTION*, take warning, always be prepared for a thorough inspection of your car! This could be in the form of a complete engine tear down! Failure to submit to any such demanded inspection will result in severe penalties. Car and or driver can be demanded any such inspection upon arriving on Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park premises. Before and or after any event, any position, including DNF & DNS. Everything on car including driver must pass safety, as well as competition rules. Furthermore, in the event that any car and or driver has been competing with a rule infraction in the past, regardless of the infraction or the length of time will have no involvement with the tech decision if found not in compliance to these rules concerning any tech inspection or protest situation.

*INSPECTION ISSUE*, in a track tech inspection situation if an issue should occur with obtaining utilizable results, whether resulting from tool failure or any other non-intentional means, the inspection may be terminated. Tech official will render the deciding factor in such an issue.

*ANTI TAMPER SEALED AREA*, no inspection will be done on any part/component within anti tamper sealed areas.

*REFUSE A TECH INSPECTION*, driver only can refuse a tech inspection and will forfeit the affected event money and points as well as ALL points accumulated at the affected track (loss of accumulated points applies only to refusing a tech inspection-does not apply to refusing a protest). Not being the driver's regular car has no relationship to the procedure and or outcome regarding any tech inspection. As the driver you are responsible for the car you are driving to be conforming to the rules.

Verbal and or physical action directed toward officials or other racers will not be tolerated. The driver is and will be held accountable for any and all actions of his crew/owner, whether or not associated with car will be determined by officials. Any such issues arise, driver/car will be subjected to losing Tech Area privileges. In the event of this the driver and car would be disqualified from the effected event, will lose all money and points earned in the effected event. Further discretionary action may be imposed.

Questions/input will be addressed as possible by the officials.

Always remember, the need to report to tech area suggests a high degree of accomplishment.

Finish off earning your way to tech by being professional when you get there. If someone is badgering you, just remember, they are upset because you did it better than them.

#### NOTE

Any tech inspection result on any specific car/driver and deemed legal or illegal will not affirm the car/driver 100% conforming with or against the rules as others may interpret it. Opinions are twisted to how each individual is affected by the decision. Therefore, if a specific car/driver is deemed legal or illegal, then opinionated differently by person(s) other than Chapman's Can Am Tech will offer no proof of an incorrect decision. Any and all inspections offer no guarantee that anyone else may agree with the inspection decision. Disagreeing with any judgment will have no effect on the decision.

#### PROTEST GENERAL

All persons associated with both cars are expected to conduct themselves professionally. Any physical or verbal action against other racers or track officials will not be tolerated. The driver is and will be held accountable for any and all actions of his crew/owner, whether or not associated with car will be determined by officials.

*TRACK SCALES*, no protest allowed with track scales.

*INSPECTION ISSUE*, in a protest situation if an issue should occur with obtaining utilizable results, whether resulting from tool failure or any other means, the protest will be terminated.

Additionally, Tech, General Manager, and track owner, as a team may submit further action.

*DISALLOW PROTEST*, tech has the authority to disallow any protest deemed inappropriate or has not properly followed protest procedures and this decision will be final concerning any issues.

Protest feature only. In the event of more than one driver entering a protest on the same protested driver, only the first entered protest will be accepted. With any dispute regarding a protest, tech official will make the final decision, and this decision will be final.

*REFUSING THE PROTEST*, driver only can refuse a protest and will forfeit the affected event money and points. Additionally, car/driver must pass a Can Am prerace inspection before being allowed to enter back into competition at Can Am.

*ANTI TAMPER SEALED AREA*, no protest allowed with any part/component within anti tamper sealed areas.

#### ENTERING PROTEST

LEGIBLY hand written IN DETAIL, with EXACT amount CASH only US funds, submitted by driver to Tech Inspector within 10 minutes of end of feature. Once protest is entered, protest cannot be withdrawn unless approved by tech official.

#### DRIVER/CAR ENTERING PROTEST

Driver only can enter the protest

Driver must finish on the same lap as the winner in the current feature event. Driver only must also have finished on the same lap as the winner in the immediate previous scheduled feature event before the protest date at Can Am. Driver/car does not have to match in this previous event.

NOT being the driver's customary car will have no relationship with any decision(s) or with the final protest outcome.

Only TWO representatives from car entering the protest will be allowed in tech area-additional representatives may be allowed per tech officials IF needed.

Can Am Officials will retain the protest amount until a decision has been made with the inspection results.

#### DRIVER/CAR BEING PROTESTED

Driver only can refuse the protest and will forfeit the money and points for the affected event only.

Driver must take the green flag with start of current feature event.

NOT being the driver's customary car will have no relationship with any decision(s) or with the final outcome.

Only driver, car, ONE crew member, from car being protested will be allowed in tech area-a designated additional number of crew members will be allowed by tech officials IF and WHEN needed.

Must begin work required for protest inspection within 15 minutes and be ready for inspection within 60 minutes of notification of protest, any justifiable circumstances may be considered. Failure to comply with tech official's evaluation will result in driver and car considered refusing the protest. In the event of this, driver and car will be assessed the refusing the protest penalties.

**COMPLETE CAR BUMPER TO BUMPER (except engine dyno)  
PROTEST DOLLAR AMOUNT**

This \$400 protest amount section includes any part/component on engine not within anti tamper seal areas.

ONE entered protest only per feature. ONE item only per entered protest. In the event of more than one driver entering a protest on the same protested driver, only the first entered protest will be accepted. With any dispute regarding a protest, tech official will make the final decision, and this decision will be final.

\$400.00 any part/component of car, bumper to bumper including engine.

\$500.00 will be ADDED (under this \$400 protest amount section only) to protest amount for any protest requiring removal of engine, transmission, rear end housing, as determined by tech. If not sure the additional \$500 is needed, have it ready to immediately provide to tech official if called for. Failure to immediately make available this \$500 upon demand will terminate the entered protest.

*FOUND LEGAL:* Car being protested receives protest money.

*FOUND ILLEGAL:* Protester is refunded protest money.

**602 CRATE ENGINE ONLY  
PROTEST DOLLAR AMOUNT (*engine dyno only*)**

Protest Amount and Engine Submission:

Amount, \$1500 in money, plus finishing position engine immediately from driver & car *ENTERING* protest for dyno test at same time of driver and car *GETTING* protested engine dyno test. Both engines will be return after dyno test. See Found Illegal Penalties section below.

Money is only put up for the engine *getting* protested. No amount is for the engine entering protest. (\$1500 in levies. With any and all results, \$1000 is forfeited, \$500 is dyno cost and \$500 goes to the track.)

Results:

Engine *GETTING* protested dyno test

Found LEGAL: Driver/car *GETTING* protested receives the \$500.

Found ILLEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protest is refunded the \$500. See found illegal penalties section below.

Engine *ENTERING* protest dyno test

Found LEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protested receives no money.

Found ILLEGAL: Driver/car *ENTERING* protest receives no money. See found illegal penalties section below.

Engine *GETTING* protested receives no money with either results.

If **BOTH** are Found **ILLEGAL**: (See found illegal penalties section below)

Driver/car **ENTERING** protested receives **NO** money back.

Driver/car **GETTING** protested receives **NO** money.

*FOUND ILLEGAL PENALTIES*, any engine found to be illegal, driver/car will be fined \$1000. This \$1000 is assessed to driver and car, therefore until the fine is paid both driver and car will not be allowed to compete at Chapman's Can Am Motorsports Park. Additionally, driver will forfeit the affected event money and points as well as **ALL** points accumulated at the affected track. The engine will immediately be classified as **OPEN** engine status, and from then on must conform to all **OPEN** engine specific rules.

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