



# National Open Wheel 600 Series

## 2025 General Rule Book

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**The following rules are set forth by NOW600 for all events sanctioned under NOW600.**

## **SECTION 1: Conduct**

1.1: All competitors agree to act in a professional manner as determined by NOW600 officials. The professional manner includes, but does not limit to verbal representation, written representation, electronic representation, social media and/or any representation that may represent or reflect on the National Open Wheel 600 Series, the sport of Micro Sprint, and motorsports in general.

1.2: All competitors will not be permitted to compete or participate in an event under the influence of illegal substances or alcohol.

1.3: During an event, NOW600 officials may notify a competitor to report to the competition trailer or other agreeable location for consultation with NOW600 officials.

1.4: As a disciplinary action, NOW600 officials may place a competitor on probation during or after any NOW600 sanctioned event. A probation letter will be issued and must be signed by both NOW600 series officials and participants. The letter will detail the duration of the probation period and outline what penalties and possible suspensions may be imposed.

## **SECTION 2: General Racing Event Procedures**

2.1: RACEceivers are mandatory to compete in a NOW600 sanctioned event. RACEceiver frequency will be default 454.000 unless otherwise specified.

2.2: Drivers competing for a championship with NOW600 will be required to purchase a NOW600 license. Licenses include a secondary insurance policy from Sports Insurance Specialist.

2.3: Competitors may stop on the track during any yellow flag situation to alert an official of an unsafe condition including by not limited to driver radio not working, debris on track, driver safety equipment malfunction, etc. and be placed back into their current running position. However, stopping to cause a yellow will force that driver to tag the tail of the field as a case of the caution.

2.4: Any car that does not race on the designated racing surface in order to better its position will be penalized at the discretion of the race director.

2.5: Cars will not be allowed to reenter the racing surface when the yellow light goes out. An offending car will be automatically DQ'd.

2.6: Car(s) that perform a 360-spin and does not stop, or after a caution has been thrown, even if contact is made with another car or obstruction, will not be charged with a caution. Only cars that stop will be charged in the caution.

2.7: If the flagman throws the caution flag without direction from NOW600 Series officials and the race director deems the caution not necessary, all cars will realign their position from the last completed lap.

2.8: Any driver that is involved in two unassisted yellows will be black flagged.

2.9: Any car that cannot maintain a minimum race speed may be black flagged for safety reasons.

2.10: All races will be complete once the leader crosses the finish line at the assigned number of laps. Any race with a yellow or red during the white flag will result in the race restarting as a green-white-checked. There will only be one attempt at a G, W, C finish.

2.11: Any car that stops either on the racing surface and/or in the pit/work area or leaves the track unauthorized during a caution period will be required to start at the tail that refired on the same lap.

2.12: Any car that spins out as the field is stopping for a red flag will retain their position as long as such car does not go to the work area.

2.13: Any car that stops due to a blocked track will not be considered in the caution at the discretion of the race director.

2.14: Any car that requires a push, must have a rear bumper securely in place.

2.15: No driver will be allowed to tamper with the racing surface.

2.16: Other than an open red situation, any work on a race car must be done in the designated work area. Any work done outside of that designated work area will result in a DQ.

2.16a: NOW600 will advise competitors and team members of the designated work area at the drivers meeting.

2.17: A backup car may be introduced at any time between qualifying and A-Main due to the original car not operating properly and/or from extensive damage. Such determination will be at the discretion of NOW600 officials.

2.17a: Any changes will result in the driver starting at the rear of the next race in which the car has qualified for. Crew must notify NOW600 officials if a backup car is being utilized, if no notification is made that driver may be disqualified for the event.

2.18: INITIAL STARTS – Front row must stay side by side until they reach the designated start line. Pole car must set a consistent pace at the discretion of the race director. All other cars must stay in proper position nose to tail and side by side until the green flag and/or light is displayed. The field will get one warning for jumping the start. The second time the offender will be penalized one row.

2.18a: Following three attempts at a initial start, the field will start single file if one lap does not get completed.

2.19: SINGLE FILE STARTS – Restarts will be nose to tail, all cars must stay in order until they have passed the cone on the front stretch. Passing before the cone will result in the offender being docked (2) two spots per position gained at the next caution or end of the race, whichever comes first. Hitting the cone or going under the cone will result in the yellow being displayed and the offending driver being sent to the tail of the field.

2.20: Two-way radios are prohibited.

2.21: When your race is called to staging report immediately. Any car that is not in line when the first car rolls on the track will be considered late and will be penalized two rows.

2.22: Enter the racing surface in order and ready to go, we will be going lights out at the flag stand. DO NOT ENTER THE TRACK AT SPEEDS HIGHER THAN AN IDLE.

2.23: Any car that goes one lap down in the infield or work area will be done for that event.

2.24: Drivers must remain in their seat at all times, any driver exiting their car on the track will be done for that event.

2.25: SPLIT SCORING: In the instance that there is a caution after the leader and at least one other car has crossed the scoring line, split scoring will be utilized. Those that crossed before the caution will be scored in the way they crossed, with the remainder of the field being lined up according to the last previous lap. The only exception will be the first lap and the lap returning from caution where all cars must cross the line.

### **SECTION 3: National Tour Event Format**

3.1: Each race night will consist of Qualifying/Hot laps, Heat Races, B-Main(s) and A-Main races.

3.2: SPECIAL SHOWS - There will be special events scheduled through the year, NOW600 Series will inform all drivers of specific changes to the racing program at the drivers meeting.

3.3: Number of Heat Races will depend on car count, at each race drivers will draw for heat race starting position, lowest number pill draw up front, highest number pill draw to rear of heats.

The first lowest pill drawn will start on the Pole of the first heat (1st) race, the second lowest to the Pole of the second (2nd) heat, etc. A max of 9 cars will be placed in a heat race.

3.4: Line Ups: All official lineups will be posted at the Competition Trailer. Always check at the trailer for lineups. An announcement will be made as soon as lineups are posted and official.

3.5: All teams will draw for a Qualifying Group. The number of teams drawing in will determine the number of groups with a maximum of 9 cars per group. Group qualifying will take place during Hot Laps. There will be instances where the first class will have to hot lap to help run the track in before turning around to Group Qualify.

3.6: Cars will get 1 warm-up lap, followed by 3 laps on the clock to determine their fastest time. Anyone missing their group will only receive one timed lap (first lap on clock) in another group, will not be able to start better than fifth and receive no passing points.

3.7: Qualifying Points will be awarded in each group as follows: 1-50, 2-48, 3-46, 4-44, 5-42, 6-40, 7-38, 8-36, 9-34, 10-32. Any driver failing to establish a time will not receive passing points and will only receive finishing points in the heat race.

3.8: Heat Races will be lined up with a four-car inversion. Driver's timing outside the inversion will be lined up straight up by their time, starting with the fifth position.

3.9: Passing Points will be used during the Heat Race. Points are done from the final parade lap and will be combined with the points earned during Qualifying. Any tie in overall points will go to the driver with the faster qualifying time. Top 14 in overall points will lock into the A-Feature.

3.10: Passing Point Scale: 1-100, 2-97, 3-94, 4-91, 5-88, 6-85, 7-82, 8-79, 9-76, 10-73. Each position gained will be awarded 1.5 points.

3.11: The remainder of the field will be staggered into a B-Main. There will be times where multiple B's are needed. B-Features If one B-Main is competed the top 6 will transfer to the A-Main. If two B's are contested the top 3 will transfer. If three B's are contested the top 2 transfer.

3.12: There will be events where C-Mains will be used.

3.13: LAP COUNTS:

Heat Races: 8 laps

C-Mains: 10 laps or 10 minutes

B-Mains: 12 laps or 10 minutes

A-Mains: 25 laps or 25 minutes.

3.13a: If a race nears the time limit under a caution, the race will restart as a green, white, checkered.

3.14: 2 DAY SHOWS – There will be NO lock ins from the first night of competition in a two-day event. All drivers will run a full show on the second night.

## **SECTION 4: Nightly Championship Points**

4.1: NOW600 will award points for each event in the following manner.

### **A-MAIN:**

1. 100	11. 70
2. 97	12. 68
3. 94	13. 66
4. 91	14. 64
5. 88	15. 62
6. 85	16. 60
7. 82	17. 58
8. 79	18. 56
9. 76	19. 54
10. 73	20. 52.

**B-MAIN:** All drivers not transferring to the A-Main will receive 40 points.

### **HEAT POINTS:**

1. 20	6. 15
2. 19	7. 14
3. 18	8. 13
4. 17	9. 12
5. 16	10. 11.

**DNS:** Will receive last place points.

**RAIN OUT:** Once lineups for any event are posted and inclement weather occurs, all drivers will receive 50 points.

4.2: Drivers competing for points on the National Series must compete in 80% or more of events contested to be eligible for point fund.

4.3: Drivers competing for points on Regional Series and Weekly Racing must compete in 70% or more events contested to be eligible for point fund.

4.4: End of the year tie breakers. 1. Number of Wins, 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finishes, and so on until the tie is broken.

## **SECTION 5: Weighing Procedures**

5.1: Minimum weight requirements are posted in the NOW600 Division Rulebook. All cars must make weight, any car that does not make weight will be scored, paid and receive points for last place. In the heat race, that driver will be scored last and start last in the next semi feature or A-Feature.

5.2: Winner of the heat race, winner of the B-Main, and top (3) three in the A-Main must report to scales. Any driver that bypasses the scales will be scored last in that event.

5.3: There will be (3) three attempts to make weight.

## **SECTION 6: Yellow Flags**

6.1: All cars that have stopped on the yellow will be placed to the tail end of the field in the order they were running before the yellow. Cars that require to go to the pits to get any work done before coming back out will have until the caution light goes out to rejoin the field. Cars will be lined up in the order they return to the racing surface. Any car that does not require work to be done on their car will line up according to how they were before the caution

6.2: Working on your car or having a track official work on your car during a yellow on the racing surface will penalize that driver to the rear. Exception to this rule is if a NOW600 Series official stops you to check over it.

6.3: All single file restarts after one lap has been completed will take place with the lead lap cars moved to the front of the field. Lapped cars will pull to the inside and fall in behind the last car on the lead lap in their order of running.

## **SECTION 7: Red Flags**

7.1: The car(s) that the red flag was thrown for and any other cars that change any tire will be placed at the rear of restarting line-up. All other cars not involved will get the position they were running in prior to the red flag, if ready to join restarting line-up when called provided they did not exit the track or designated red flag work area.

7.2: It shall be the decision of NOW600 Series officials as to what cars the flags were displayed for, and their decision is final.

7.3: All Restarting line-ups will be single file after one lap with any lapped cars being placed in lineup.

Note: Any car changing any tire during an OPEN red flag will be placed at rear also. (Wheel spacers may be changed if monitored by track officials).

## **SECTION 8: Penalties, Fines & Protest Procedures**

The National Open Wheel 600 Series conducts itself as the top Micro Sprint Car racing series in the world and expects its competitors to always conduct themselves in a professional manner during any event. The driver is responsible for members of its team. All fines that are listed below are regarding initial penalty. Multiple infractions of the same type will increase the severity of the penalty.

### **8.1: Penalties and Fine Schedules**

1a) All fines may be collected from prize money on the day of the infraction or purse winnings may be withheld if a post-race inspection requires additional time to inspect the car, including, but not limited to sending tire samples to a laboratory for independent testing. If the Competitor has not won appropriate money, the fine must be paid in full before the car and/or driver participates in another NOW600 Series sanctioned Event. Team Owners are ultimately responsible for paying fines on behalf of all competitors on their respective team.

1b) Any competitor or team member that attempts to and/or does physically abuse any event official, including pushing, punching, touching, grabbing and/or grabbing the official's equipment, etc., will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1c) Any competitor or team member that verbally abuses any event official will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1d) Any competitor or team member that attempts to push their racecar off from the wrong area and/or does not stop in the designated area as to cause undue confusion and/or delay will be subject to fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1e) Any competitor who fails to stop for and/or allow post-race inspection will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1f) Any competitor that attempts to and/or passes the pace vehicle (unless instructed to do so) will be subject to the loss of two (2) positions and/or disqualification and/or fine and/or



suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$100.

1g) Any Competitor that attempts to drive roughly and/or bumps another competitor unnecessarily will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1h) Any Competitor that attempts to use illegal fuel will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1i) Any Competitor that attempts and/or is found to be using tires that are found to be illegal in any manner will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. The minimum penalty will be as follows; disqualification from the event, a fine of 500 championship points, loss of all earned purse and/or award money from the event, a fine equal to and/or more than the purse money awarded for the Event, and/or a minimum suspension that includes all events remaining in the NOW600 Series racing schedule for that season.

1j) Any Competitor that attempts to or uses an illegal engine will be subject to disqualification and/or fine, and/or loss of points, and/or suspension that includes all Events remaining in the NOW600 Series racing schedule for that season, and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1k) Any Competitor that fails to quickly stop for a red flag or drives through the incident area will be subject to a loss of two (2) positions penalty and/or disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum fine: \$500.

1l) Any competitor or team member that goes into another competitor's pit area or to another competitor's car and becomes involved in any type of altercation will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1m) Any competitor or team member involved in an altercation that results in physical contact will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$5,000.

1n) Any competitor who drives a racecar in an area that is closed to racecar traffic or drives through the pit area at excessive speed with either a racecar, scooter or 4-wheeler will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1o) Any competitor or team member who goes out onto the racing surface or any other controlled area including the infield when closed to competitors without permission under a controlled period will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1p) Any competitor who ignores a flag or official signal will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1q) Any competitor who is found to be in violation of the substance abuse policy at any event will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$10,000.

1r) Any competitor who exits their car onto any area where other cars are still moving will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by NOW600 Officials. Maximum = \$500.

1s) Any competitor that publicly criticizes the NOW600 Series via social media, including re-tweets (X, Facebook, etc.) or thru quotes given to news reporters will be subject to a fine. Maximum = \$500.

## **8.2: Protest**

2a) All protests must be turned into the NOW600 Series Director within five (5) minutes of the posting of the official finish.

2b) The protest filing fee and protest fee must be paid at the time of the protest.

2c) Only the car owner, the driver and/or the designated team representative of the car owner may turn in an official protest.

2d) Any refusal of inspection and/or non-compliance during an official protest will result in the disqualification of the protested car and the prescribed penalties.

2e) If the car protested is found legal, the protesting fees will be released to the protested team less the protest filing fee.

2f) If the car protested is found to be illegal, the protesting fees will be returned to the team filing the protest less the protest filing fee.

2g) Any altercation relating to the incident with officials and/or any other racing participants by the team filing the protest will nullify the objection.

2h) PROTESTING FEES: (Figures in parentheses are protest filing fees): Motor tear down; \$1,000 (\$100): This allows the inspector to inspect block only. Weight will be \$750 (\$75) and the protest must be made prior to the protested car crossing the scale. P&G Tests, fuel test including chemical analysis and all other technical protests; \$750 (\$75).

2i) TIRE PROTESTS: Tire protests may involve one and/or both rear drive tires. The protest fee will be \$750 per tire and a protest filing fee of \$75. The protest will require the submission of the protested tire(s) by the car Owner, Driver and/or designated representative which has filed the protest. The tire(s) involved in the protest will be shipped, processed and chemically analyzed at a facility designated by NOW600 Series Director and/or the tire manufacturer. The determination of the facility will be final and non-appealable.

j) NOW600 Officials reserve the right to ask for a legality test at any time (sealed motor and/or otherwise). If through testing procedures a car is found to be illegal, responsibility for proving otherwise is solely with the team that was checked. There will be no exchange of money for tests asked for by officials when a formal protest is not turned in.

k) NOW600 Officials reserve the right to accept or deny any protest based on their sole discretion. 'Grudge' protests and/or any protest that are 'not in the spirit of good standing' will be denied.

**ALL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE COMPETITION DIRECTOR AND ARE FINAL! NO EXEMPTIONS.**

**NOW600 RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD AND/OR CHANGE RULES FOR THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION. RULES NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS RULEBOOK THAT MAY ARISE WILL BE HANDLED HOWEVER THE COMPETITION DIRECTOR SEES FIT.**