

Thompson Speedway DE Track Rats Notes for May 2023

Fellow Track Rats,

Welcome to the first event of NER's 2023 DE season; a 3-day Friday-Sunday DE event 26-28 May at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park in Thompson, CT. About an hour from Boston, this track is about as close as Palmer or New Hampshire for many of us. This road course was in use in various configurations on and off for many years starting in the 50's and running through the early 70's. It lives again as a 1.7 mile road course with a long, fast front straight and a set of more technical sections including portions of the NASCAR oval.

PCA National Instructor Training (NIT): The Northeast Region and North Country Region of the Porsche Club of America are hosting a PCA National Instructor Training (NIT) event in conjunction with an advanced driver day and HPDE weekend at Thompson Motorsport Speedway, May 26 – 28, 2023. The training event is on Friday the 26th of May and will be run as an Instructor School and Advanced Solo Day. Saturday and Sunday will be run as a standard HPDE.

All the information you need may easily be found on our web site www.porschenet.com. As this 'Track Rats' is multi-media, there are direct links to pages listed below. **Please visit the event page for NER's May DE Event at Thompson Speedway and download the event schedule, worker assignments, student/instructor assignments and other important information.** Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes. **There will not be copies of any of these materials at the event, so please print your own and bring them with you or load them on your Smartphone.**

<https://porschenet.com/events/2023-de-at-thompson-speedway-motorsports-park/?swcfpc=1>

The following link should help to get you started. It points to our DE home page. If you click on the drop down menus at the top of the page they will lead you to the information you need.

NER's DE Information: Pay particular attention to the following:

[Technical Inspection](#)

[Requirements](#)

[On the Track](#) (all sections)

[Run Groups](#)

Event Specific Information: Links to the following items are located on the event page.

[On-Line Drivers' Meeting Pack](#)

[Event Schedule](#)

["iPhone" Schedule](#)

[Worker Assignments](#) (Control & Staging will be done at the track)

[Run Groups](#) for the event

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[Student/Instructor Assignments](#) for the event
[Registration Procedures](#) including Adult and Minor Waivers.

The following are details not specifically spelled out in the information provided above.

Gate: The registration building will open at 7:00 AM on Friday and Saturday and at 9:00 AM on Sunday. Please do not arrive earlier if you haven't signed the track waiver!!

Early Group Arrival: Arrangements have been made with the track to enter on Thursday starting at 5:00 PM to unload your rigs. Overnight camping for the event is available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please stop at the registration building when you arrive to sign the track waiver. **No arrivals after 8 PM, the gate will be locked and you won't be able to get in!**

Hours of Operation: TSMP operates under strict hours of operation. For this event cars may be operated on the Course during the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Friday and Saturday and 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM on Sunday. Race/unmuffled engines may not be started prior to 8 AM Friday and Saturday or 12 Noon on Sunday. The starting of race/unmuffled engines prior to those times is expressly forbidden and violators may be subject to immediate removal from the event.

Noise Restriction: At no time may engine noises be in violation of TSMP's 103 dB limit. The maximum instantaneous sound level (LAF max) generated by each vehicle on the track and measured by using the "fast" meter response (0.125 second) and the A-weighted decibel scale (dBA), shall not exceed 103 dBA at any time measured at a distance of approximately 50 feet from moving vehicle.

Registration: See the link to registration procedures for this event on page 1 of this Track Rats. In summary; the track waiver will be signed at the registration building as you enter. PCA registration will open shortly after 7:00 AM Friday and Saturday and 10:00 AM on Sunday in the garage outside the classroom. Please make sure that you and YOUR GUESTS sign both the track waiver and the PCA waiver. Minor waivers must be filled out for all minors in attendance. For guests arriving later in the day PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY SIGN OUR PCA DOCUMENTS AT CONTROL. Everybody attending the event (including your guests and family) will be required to wear wristbands to indicate that they have signed the documents. These will be distributed at registration. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH YOU SIGNS THE PCA WAIVER AS WELL AS THE TRACK WAIVER. Registration and waiver signing is necessary only the first day you or your guests attend (keep your wristbands from day-to-day).

Technical Inspection: Every car needs to be pre-teched as explained in the "Technical Inspection" section of the website mentioned above. In addition to this pre-tech requirement we will also have a mandatory final safety inspection at the track. A tech line will be set up near registration. Please empty your car of all loose gear and materials, apply your numbers and move quickly to the Tech Line with your helmet and COMPLETED AND SIGNED tech form.

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YOUR CAR MUST BE TECHED EVERY MORNING, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TRACK WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE TECH LINE! If you're late and the tech line has closed you'll pay a \$20 late fee that will go to our charity. On your first day, register early and then get to the tech line. Please arrive early - don't be the last in line - we're all volunteers trying to give you a safe, fun day at the track.

Instructors please note: Although you may do your own inspection when you get to the track you are still required to have your vehicle pre-teched as described in the "Technical Inspection" section of the website. At some events we have had Instructors turning up with Tech forms filled out by themselves or by someone unidentifiable as an approved Tech Inspector. This is contrary to PCA requirements and will not be accepted. If it is not clear to you what is required please email Stan or Aaron in advance of the event so that we can explain it to you. Those failing to meet this requirement cannot be allowed to run under the terms of our PCA insurance. **Instructors ONLY!** Please turn in your Tech Form at registration to receive your Tech Sticker.

Worker Assignments: All attendees are expected to help make our event safe and fun. Everybody should look for their names associated with a work assignment on the worker assignment list posted on the website as part of the Thompson Event Info. Assignments at this event include the Tech Team and the Control Team. Please take the time to understand when and where you are expected to be. **If you are listed to work the tech line please try to be at the track early** (particularly on Friday and Saturday morning).

Classroom activities: Classroom sessions are listed in the schedule.

On-Line Drivers' Meeting: NER is continuing our On-Line Drivers' Meeting that we initiated several years ago in order to expedite the drivers' meeting. Our "On-Line Driver's Meeting Pack" is a document of the actual drivers' on-site meeting topics. What this means is:

- 1) Everyone should read the On-Line Drivers' Meeting Pack and PRINT the top cover. Once you have read the document - and found the answer to the "Secret Question" included in the main text – complete, sign and date the top cover and BRING THE SIGNED TOP PAGE with you to your first day of Registration;
- 2) During your registration at the event, you will show the top cover to the person at registration and place it in the On-Line Driver Meeting collection box and we will mark you off on our check sheet; and
- 3) EVERYONE MUST STILL ATTEND the on-site Drivers Meeting each morning but that meeting will be brief. Those who do NOT have the signed form with them will have to find a way to read the document, print and complete the top cover and turn it in before they are allowed to drive on track.

Our thanks, and your Driver Meeting Pack can be found at the link [here](#).

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Two Spin Rule: Any driver who leaves the track (two or four wheels off), spins, is not in control of his/her car, and/or makes contact with another car or object will be black flagged and must come into the pits to have the car looked over and to be queried for the cause. Do not wait for the black flag to come into the pits. A second incident may be cause for not driving the rest of the day and/or ejection from the event.

Attitude Adjustment: Anyone deemed to be unsafe and discourteous will be ejected from the event with no refund. Safety is our primary concern throughout the course of the event. This is NOT a timed event and it is NOT practice for racing.

Garages: All Garage Reservations must be made directly through TSMP. Rates are \$50 per day. In an effort to make this process as convenient as possible, they will be accepting reservations on their website: www.thompsons Speedway.com. Click [Garages](#) to go directly to their reservation page. Garage spaces are 16' wide and approximately 30' deep so they might hold 2 cars? Garages may be booked online up to 2 days in advance. All remaining available stalls will be first come first serve on site the day of the event at the registration building. Cancellations must be made at least 2 days before the event in order to receive a refund. Garage rental check-in is available at the Guest Registration building at the main entrance upon arrival.

Fuel: Sunoco Fuel (93 and race) is available at the track. Pumps are self-service (via credit card).

Camping: Overnight camping for the event is available Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See the diagram at the end of this package for locations. Tents can be placed where the words "Stock Car Oval" are shown. Campers and tents can be placed to the Paddock A side of the green pond. There may be another group using Paddock B on Saturday and Sunday so do not plan on using that area and do not block the access road to Paddock B. You will also see a camping icon out to the driver's left of the dog leg. That is usually a spectator area, but is open to us for campers and tents as well. **Thompson Speedway now has showers installed. They are located in the oval midway restrooms, and are available for our use.**

TSMP Rules and Regulations: To ensure that all guests have a safe and enjoyable visit to TSMP please review their Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 rules and regulations at the back of this package.

COVID-19 Rules and Regulations: PCA/NER COVID-19 rules and regulations are enumerated in the On-Line Drivers' Meeting Pack.

Pets: TSMP allows pets at its events. However, all pets must be leashed and cleaned up after.

Breakfast and Lunch: The Raceway Restaurant should be open during the event for lunch and dinner. Concession stands will be open during the event for coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, and the like. There may be a Dunkin' truck present for breakfast.

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Social: There will be a social followed by a catered dinner when the track day ends on Saturday, May 28th. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 per person and were available through ClubReg when you registered for the event. Drivers could purchase tickets for family and guests. If you missed the opportunity to purchase tickets there may be a limited number of tickets available at the track.

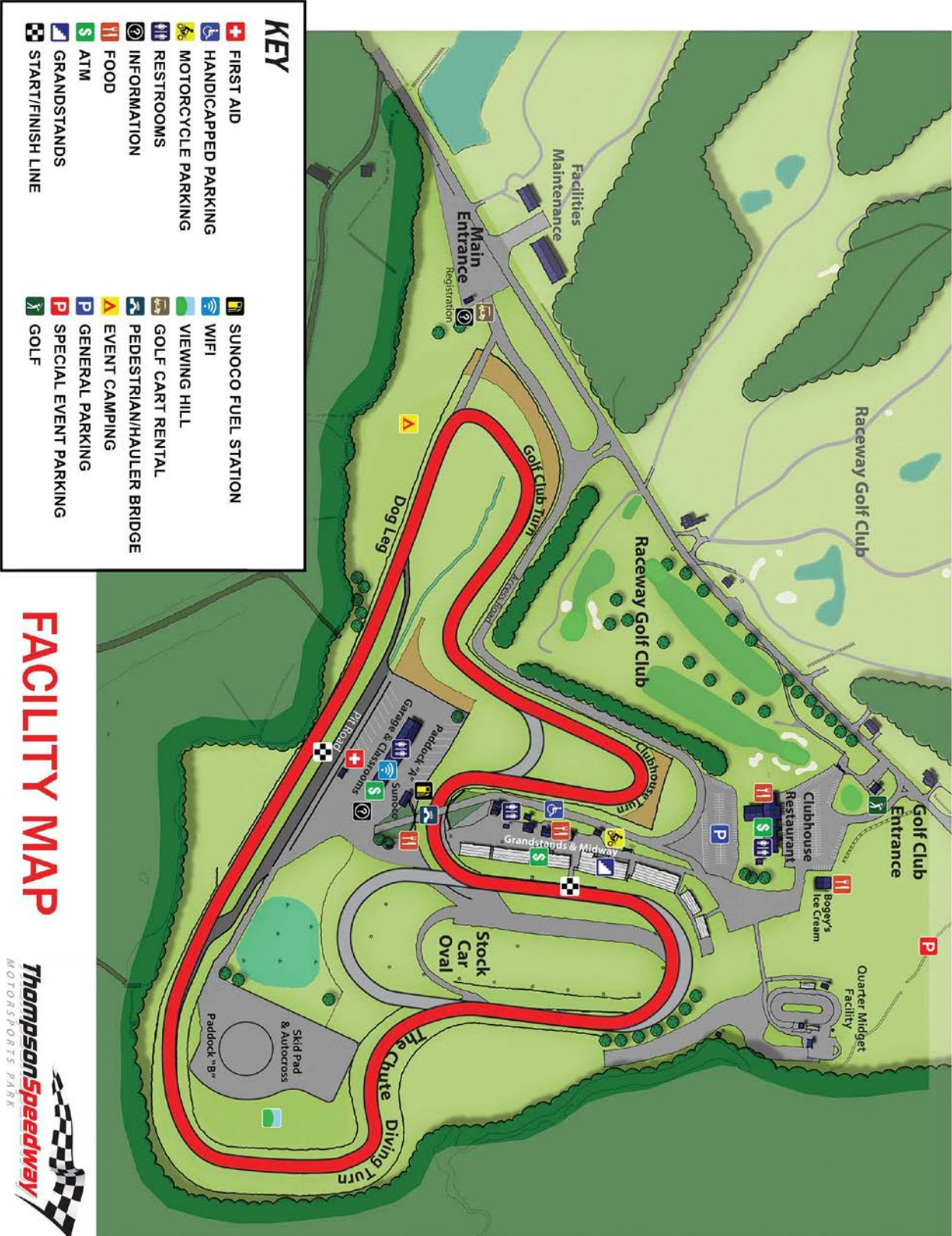
Charity Events: TSMP 'owns' the track at lunch time. We will request permission to do parade laps on Saturday if there is sufficient interest. A donation of \$20 per person (or \$40 per car load) is requested which will go to NER's charity, Homes for Our Troops. Let the folks in Control know if you are interested.

So, study your materials, make sure your car is pre-teched; MAKE SURE YOU PRINT YOUR SCHEDULE, WORKER ASSIGNMENT AND STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR ASSIGNMENT and we'll see you at the track. Check back shortly before you leave for the track as there are often last minute changes.

See you at the track!
Stan Corbett

If you need anything else or have questions please email stanley_corbett@msn.com or phone me at 774.275.1621 before 9 PM.

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SCHEDULE 1
2023 THOMPSON SPEEDWAY MOTORSPORTS PARK
PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

To ensure that all guests have a safe and enjoyable visit to TSMP, the following rules and regulations are in effect for all Events at our facility:

1. Fires are allowed only in designated camping areas and must be in containers designed for that purpose. Small home grills, hibachis and small gas grills are permitted in the paddocks, if operated in a safe manner.
2. Fueling is not permitted in the garage area at any time. All fuel cans must be left outside the garage at all times – regardless of whether full or not.
3. The garages will be opened each morning at 7am and closed nightly at 5pm, unless other arrangements are agreed upon.
4. The traffic flow in the paddock is counter clockwise. In other words, when traveling in the garage area the building should stay to the driver's left. In addition, cords may not run across the travel lane during on track activity. Cords being run while the track is cold must be covered by a yellow jacket cable protector.
5. TSMP does not permit items to be taped to walls without prior consent. Any items approved to be taped to classroom or bathroom walls must be taped with painter's tape so as to not remove the paint.
6. The lights on either side of the bridge allowing ingress and egress to the paddock are on a timer. The lights will change approximately every 90 seconds and must be obeyed.
7. TSMP operates under strict hours of operation. Cars may **ONLY** be operated on the Course during the hours specified on page two of this Agreement, and under no circumstances before or after the following hours:

Monday – Saturday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm – 6:00pm
8. Race/unmuffled engines may not be started prior to 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday, and 12 noon on Sunday. The starting of race/unmuffled engines prior to these times is expressly forbidden and violators may be subject to immediate removal from EVENT. At no times may vehicle noises be in violation of **TSMP's 103 dB limit.** (At 50 ft from moving vehicle).

9. Smoking is not permitted in the hot pits, anywhere that fuel is being dispensed or in any facility building or garage.
10. No vehicles of any kind are permitted on the Race Course, Autocrosses and Skid Pad without the express consent of TSMP.
11. USER agrees to provide, or contract with TSMP to provide, the following:
 - a. Corner workers eighteen (18) years of age or older to man, at a minimum, nine (9) safety stations.
 - b. Any necessary equipment for race flagging and communications (TSMP shall provide nine (9) flag sets and radios for all corner workers).
12. USER agrees to provide officials, workers and equipment as may be necessary for adequate organization and control of Events including but not limited to, personnel for vehicle safety and technical inspection, pit and paddock control, radio communications and timing and scoring. If applicable TSMP will provide two (2) radios.
13. USER will have such authority and control as may be required for managing and conducting the Event, including control over, but not limited to, the Race Course and other Courses, and TSMP shall determine who is a Participant for all purposes and may exclude all persons from the Course other than Participants.
14. TSMP shall have the right, at any time, in its sole discretion, to refuse admission to or eject from TSMP or from any facility in TSMP any person for conduct which may be unsafe, discourteous, verbally or physically abusive, influenced by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances, or may otherwise diminish the safety, health, or enjoyment of others on the premises.
15. The official track photographers of TSMP are Clarus Studios. Other photographers and media members must request, and be approved, for media credentials ten (10) days prior to the event date.
16. Aerial photography, or the taking of photographs or video by individuals from an elevated position in which the camera is not supported by a ground-based structure, such as remote controlled fixed-wing or multi-rotor Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) drones, balloons, blimps and dirigibles, rockets, kites, parachutes, stand alone telescoping and vehicle mounted poles, either triggered remotely or automatically is prohibited at TSMP. Violators in possession and/or operation at any time will be subject to confiscation of their unmanned aircraft, immediate removal from the property, and further prosecution by Law Enforcement.

17. Nothing may be affixed to the driver/rider helmets including but not limited to Go Pro cameras.
18. In accordance with Connecticut state regulations, TSMP retains the right to halt on-track activities at any point during the period specified in this agreement.
19. USER is responsible to pay for all damage to the track, autocross courses, skid pad, and other facilities incurred in connection with USER's event, including but not limited to damage to structures, asphalt, Armco, safety barriers, tire walls, shrubbery, and trees.
20. Children under the age of sixteen (16) must be accompanied by an adult while in the paddocks. For their safety and that of others, children must be kept under adult supervision at all times.
21. Children under the age of sixteen (16) are not permitted to drive golf carts or operate any other motorized vehicles at TSMP. This applies to all golf carts, whether used from TSMP or privately owned.
22. The use of non-golf cart personal paddock vehicles (i.e. atv) are allowed in the paddock only. Golf carts may be operated anywhere on the facility. Common sense and care must be exercised and applied to the use of such vehicles. Personal powered vehicles including skates, skateboards, razor scooters, mini-bikes and similar devices are NOT permitted in the paddock.
23. TSMP allows pets at its events; however all pets must be leashed and cleaned up after.
24. Alcoholic beverages are permitted in the paddocks and pits fifteen (15) minutes after on-track activity has ceased for the day and until 10:00 pm. TSMP has the right to suspend driving privileges for any driver found to be out of compliance.
25. Quiet time on TSMP grounds is between 10pm and 7am.
26. The speed limit in the paddock areas is 10 MPH. The speed limit on the access road to the paddock and all other areas of TSMP is 20 MPH. Pit lane speed limit is 30 MPH.
27. Firearms and fireworks are prohibited on TSMP property at all times.
28. Do not pound stakes or make any holes in any asphalt surface. Do not paint any asphalt surface. Offenders will be held liable for all damages and may be ejected. If you must temporarily jack a vehicle on asphalt, metal or wood must be under the jack/jack stands. Jack stands must be used for anyone to be under a car.

29. Fluid wastes must be placed in approved TSMP disposal containers located at various sites in the paddocks and NEVER on the ground.
30. USER shall ensure that its participants take with them all broken vehicle parts, batteries, scrap metals, tires, etc. TSMP will invoice the USER the cost of removal or \$200 (whichever is greater) for each such item left on TSMP's grounds after the Event.
31. Fences are not permitted to be climbed. Only those with proper credentials are allowed in front of spectator fences. No standing is permitted on the Armco on either side of the bridge.
32. Persons under eighteen (18) years of age are not permitted in the hot pits or at corner stations.
33. Standing on pit wall is not permitted.
34. Track rides and walks may be permitted only with the consent of TSMP.
35. Shorts are not permitted on pit lane (in hot pits) during racing events. Shorts are never permitted on corner stations. Open toed shoes are not allowed on pit lane or at corner stations while the track is hot.
36. To facilitate emergency vehicle access, race and personal vehicles must not be parked on any paddock road or safety access lane during an Event. Any vehicle not in compliance will be towed at USER's expense.
37. Tow hooks are strongly recommended to expedite the towing process.
38. No vehicles, equipment, trucks or trailers may be brought into or left in the facility prior to the start of the Event without prior approval from TSMP. TSMP is not responsible for any vehicles, equipment, trucks or trailers left unattended.
39. USER is responsible for all fines (civil and criminal) incurred by USER and its assignees (or by TSMP, as owner of TSMP, based on the activities of USER, its participants, or guests) while under agreement with the facility.
40. USER shall, without supervision or interference from TSMP or any other persons, conduct and be responsible for the registration, inspection, practice and program of each Event. USER agrees to comply with and conform to the laws of the State of Connecticut, and with any other applicable Federal, State or local statutes, regulations, or court orders and any applicable municipal laws and ordinances, so far as the use of TSMP by USER and its agents, officers, employees and members is and are concerned. However it is agreed by the USER that they

shall have no right to: (i) the naming of any Event; (ii) use a pace or show car not approved by TSMP during the Event; (iii) place any advertising on TSMP premises; (iv) film or broadcast any Event; (v) cause to be erected any structure including tents; (vi) permit food or beverage of any nature to be catered on TSMP premises by anyone other than TSMP Catering (vii) engage any support effort such as, but not limited to, wreckers, ambulances, mechanics, garages, welders, etc., or (viii) allow any Participant to engage in the consumption of alcohol prior to the end of all on track activities for the day. A reasonable fine of \$1,000.00 will be assessed by TSMP against USER, and payable by USER upon demand from TSMP, for each and every violation as outlined above.

41. Shipments may be sent to:

Thompson Speedway
205 E Thompson Rd
Thompson, CT 06277
ATTN: *Team Name/#*

Shipments must be clearly marked with the Team/Organization's name.
TSMP will not be held responsible for any packages delivered to property.

42. Other Negotiated Terms & Conditions (if any):

SCHEDULE 2
2023 THOMPSON SPEEDWAY MOTORSPORTS PARK
CAR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Convertibles are permitted at TSMP. Convertibles with fabric tops must run in driver education or lapping events with the top in the down, or stowed position, unless otherwise approved by TSMP. Retractable hardtops with proper roll over protection installed may run in driver education events with the top in the up or down position. All drivers must pass the "broomstick test", meaning the fixed roll bars or hoops terminate above the head of any driver or passenger. TSMP, may, at its discretion, deny any convertible or open-top car access to the course for any reason.
2. It is strongly recommended that the HANS device be used with five or six point harnesses only.
3. All externally mounted cameras must be hard mounted with a steel tether. No suctioned cup devices will be allowed.
4. USER agrees and acknowledges that TSMP has the right to conduct random inspections of USER's technical inspection process prior to and during events and may refuse participation of any motor vehicle or driver/rider if the motor vehicle safety gear or driver/rider are not in compliance with the USER's technical and safety requirements or the TSMP standard.