



West Coast Vintage Racers

2023 Statement of Purpose Regarding: Driver Conduct and On Track Etiquette

Purpose: To provide a venue for people with competition cars who, for various reasons, wish to participate in competition events and continue involvement in oval track racing. Preservation of these cars in a racing environment is viewed as important to the sport and our club.

Driver Conduct: Our racing, although competitive in a sense, is **NOT** the same as competition with current cars who race for a paid purse. Driving is expected to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants and spectators. This requires recognizing that our grids include cars of many ages with great disparities in speed, cornering, & braking capabilities. Drivers as well, tend to possess widely varied experience and ability. Accordingly, drivers are expected to exercise great care, prudence, and courtesy in traffic and while passing. The slowest car and driver has as much right to be on the track as the fastest, and all drivers must conduct themselves accordingly and make room for each other.

On Track Racing Etiquette

Start of the Race: The inside pole has the right to set the pace of the start of the race. However, consideration of the rest of the field and engines to start at a brisk pace. The outside car has the responsibility to maintain the speed of the pole car.

After Green Flag: It is recommended once the green flag is given for the start, cars are to maintain their position through turns 1 and 2. This gives a chance for the field to sort out.

Passing Cars: Try to hold a constant line. If you are all over the track it is harder for faster cars to pass cleanly. This leads to accidents, damaged cars, hot tempers and bad feelings.

Passing on the inside: Do not pass by driving inside going into the turns. If you can get side by side going down the straight then the inside car has the position and the slower car must give way. If you are not completely side by side then you must brake and let the other car move down and forward.

Passing on the outside: If you are passing on the outside you must be completely around the slower car before pulling down in front of him. The car on the inside has the right to accelerate as hard as possible to prevent you from getting in front. He does not have the right to steer to the right in an attempt to block the pass.

Cars being passed: Maintain your line to allow for racing room for the faster car. Do not move up the track in an attempt to block the pass. Stay on the gas and keep to the inside.

Spin Outs: Spin outs are a normal consequence of racing and will happen due to a number of circumstances. However, a spinning car shall not try to do a 360 and keep going. Spinning cars must stop and lock down. Doing a 360 causes accidents and track clean up that delays the show.

Car to Car Contact: Car to car contact is absolutely contrary to the spirit of our racing. Any dangerous driving will be penalized with exclusion from the event or from the season. Remember this is open wheel racing and by its nature is dangerous. Hitting another car front to rear or wheel to wheel results in injured drivers and torn up cars.

Track Flagman: All flags must be obeyed. Yellow and red flags must be observed. Restarts will be single file after one lap is completed by the lead car.

The Flagman will be informed by the Director of Competition if he sees reckless and/or unsafe driving. The offending driver will be shown a rolled black flag as a warning twice during the race and if the driver continues in this manner, will be blacked flagged from that race, the rest of the day's races or possibly the rest of the season depending on the severity of his actions.

Driving to Win: As stated in driver conduct the primary purpose in our racing is to race clean with the other drivers and roll all the cars into the trailers at the end of the night. If you have the fastest car please wait until the last few laps to run away from the field. The purpose of our club is to put on an entertaining show of racing old cars for the spectators.

I _____ have read the West Coast Statement of Purpose, Driver Contact and on Track Racing Etiquette Rules. I agree to abide by these principles.

Signed _____

Name _____

Date _____

Drivers, your application will not be complete without this signed document. Please return this signed document along dues with the other membership documents:

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