



Stafford & Hednesford Raceways Club Rules

As an affiliated club we also adopt the rules and regulations laid out by the BRCA and the club constitution



- Guests are more than welcome but due to the BRCA insurance policy they can only race for 3 meetings before having to join the Club or provide proof that they have a valid BRCA membership.
- Club Indoor and outdoor race fees are available on our booking in forms. Race fees for other events will vary and will be published in advance of any event being held.
- Drivers are requested to book in as early as possible so you can be entered onto the race computer so not to delay proceedings. Will all drivers intending to race but know that they will be late please inform a committee member to ensure you not removed from the event.
- The club have an Anti-Bullying policy (available separately). Bullying is NOT tolerated under any circumstances and could lead to a ban from the club and the BRCA.
- There is a strict no smoking policy at both the indoor and outdoor venues. If you wish to smoke, please do outside the venue property and grounds, and dispose of cigarettes appropriately. Please note that e-cigarettes also fall into this category and as such are treated the same.
- Members under the age of 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.
- If a member has a complaint to raise, please speak directly with a committee member or send the complaint by email to [Chris Parrott](mailto:Chris.Parrott@staffordraceways.co.uk) or by letter to be handed to a committee member. Ideally the complaint should be raised at the time so that the race director can deal with the matter immediately if applicable. Members who voice a complaint on social media (without communicating it to the committee as outlined above) such as the club's website, Facebook page or other online sites/forums connected with the club, may either be given a limited or permanent ban from the club.
- 12V car batteries used as a source for charging cells must be contained within a sealed box to prevent accidental spillage.
- For everyone's safety, ALL batteries, when being charged, MUST be contained in a fireproof sack or box. If you are found to be charging without a sack or box, you will not be permitted to continue racing.
- In case of battery fire, **SMOTHER CELLS WITH SAND** from the fire buckets provided by the Club and report it to the chairman or a committee member immediately – **DO NOT** use other extinguishers located at the venue.

- During a meeting you are only permitted to use your model car on the track within the venue. Please do not use any other R/C model within the venue without permission from race control. For insurance purposes and due to the noise issues with local residents **NO Nitro RC models are permitted at either of the club's venues.**

The Club asks ALL members to participate in the smooth running and administration of the race meetings. In addition, we request ALL drivers and marshals to adhere to the following:

Marshalling

- You **MUST** marshal the heat after your race. (you can nominate a suitable substitute, but you must inform race control in advance)
- We have a simple **RULE** you Race you Marshal; you fail to Marshal you don't Race in your next Heat/Final. If you are unable to marshal due to illness or injury, then you must inform Race control and nominate a substitute marshal
- Your safety comes first. Think of your safety first and the car last
- At the indoor club stand at your correct marshal point or an appropriate point if there are a low number of marshals
- On the outdoor track stand behind the point netting for your race number
- When marshalling a car **DO NOT RUN or JUMP** at the indoor track this can cause the carpet to lift and at the outdoor track the surface could be slippery. Walk safely to the scene of the incident.
- Always make yourself aware which direction the cars are coming from! Try not to hinder any other cars.
- When you replace the car on the track, make sure that the driver can see their car and it is **NOT** put back on the racing line. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure they re-join the race safely.
- Return to your marshal point safely, even if that means walking round the edge of the track back to your marshal point.

Charging and Discharging LiPo's

The maximum charge and discharge rates at both our venues are as per the manufacturers specification.

At Both venues ALL LiPo/LiFe batteries MUST be CHARGED and DISCHARGED in a fireproof sack or box. If you are found not to be using a sack or coffin you will not be permitted to continue racing.

Driving at Indoor Club Nights

- The indoor venue will open as per the booking in form, please arrive as promptly as possible to help set up.
- Racing starts as per the booking in form. If everything and pitting area is ready earlier, then there will be practice in heat order for a designated time from Race Control.
- You MUST bring your own leak proof table covering. Do not put your car on any uncovered part of your table.
- Please assist with the setting out of the equipment as.
- Tyre warmers are NOT allowed at our indoor track.
- Motors and Speed Controllers will be as per the classes we race. All brushless ESC's must be set in BLINKY mode (i.e., Zero Timing) at our indoor venue.
- It is your duty as a driver to control your emotions especially towards the marshals and fellow drivers. You MUST NOT shout at a marshal who is trying to recover yours or other's cars. Remember it is not a marshal's fault if you crash.
- Foul or abusive language will NOT be tolerated, repeated use may result in you being asked to leave the venue.
- You MUST NOT leave the rostrum until the race has finished, if your car stops or you stop your race, please take a step back to avoid blocking people's view.
- Please remain at the meeting to fulfil your obligation to marshal after your race.
- The Club relies on members remaining until the end of the meeting to fulfil their obligations to marshal and to assist with packing up the track and race control upon completion of racing.
- Your help in helping put the club's equipment away at the end of the meeting is greatly appreciated.
- Please ensure that their pitting area is left free of litter at the end of the meeting preferably by taking their litter home.

Driving at Outdoor Meetings

- The times for outdoor events will be detailed for each meeting.
- To assist with the setting out of the venue.
- To marshal the heat following their own heat, wearing the safety vest provided and at the post which corresponds with their own race number.
- It is your duty as a driver to control your emotions whilst racing especially towards the marshals and fellow drivers. You **MUST NOT** shout at a marshal who is trying to recover yours or other cars. Remember it is not a marshal's fault if you crash.
- You **MUST NOT** leave the rostrum until the race has finished, if your car stops or you stop your race, please take a step back to avoid blocking people's view.
- Foul or abusive language will **NOT** be tolerated, repeated use may result in you being asked to leave the venue.
- To remain at the meeting to fulfil their obligation to marshal. All drivers who leave a meeting at the end of qualifying must inform Race Control accordingly before leaving.
- The Club relies on members remaining until the end of the meeting to fulfil their obligations to marshal and to assist with packing up the track and race control upon completion of racing. Please help by putting the club's equipment away before packing up yours.
- To ensure that their pitting area is left free of litter at the end of the meeting preferably by taking their litter home.
- Power Cables. Can everyone ensure that no trailing power cables from generators are crossing areas where cars can drive. This could result in damaged cables that could result in electrocution.

Social Media: (Photographs/Videos)

- All photographs and videos taken at any of our venues may be used by the club for promotion of the club.
- The rights of any photographs or videos taken by an appointed club photographer belong to the club and may not be used without permission of the club.
- Any graphics created by the club, including AI are the property of the club and may not be used without permission of the club.

Please be aware that at both our venues events, photographs and videos may be taken. By attending any of the club's events you are agreeing for these photographs and videos, that could contain your image, to be used in promotions for the club.

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