



2021 OFFICIAL
RULE BOOK



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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 ABOUT THIS BOOK

These rules are designed for the safe conduct of lawn mower racing in Western Australia and to establish acceptable requirements for such events.

While every effort to ensure that the rules herein are totally prescriptive, they are not exhaustive, and it is the responsibility of the participant to exercise due caution and sense at all associated events.

Moreover, these rules are only intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury to the person or property of participants, spectators or others , nor are they a substitute for the due care which should be exercised by participants in any event.

Finally, all those involved in creating this book assume no liability for any injury or death or property damage, and all participants shall execute a release of liability discharging any person from such liability.

By entering and participating in events, all participants agree to abide by these Rules which may be amended from time to time.

Of paramount importance to all organisers, competitors, officials, spectators, and any other person whomsoever attends any event, shall be the safety of those persons.

These Rules should be read and interpreted with this in mind.

1.2 VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

VISION STATEMENT

National rules for national mower racing in Australia.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide all its members with accessible, safe and sustainable mower racing throughout Australia.

1.3 RACE PROCEDURES

1.3.1 ENTRY

The entry form, once made out, submitted and accepted by the Promoter, is a contract between the Promoter and the Entrant. Credentials must be current for the event. Competitors with expired licences or log books will not be permitted to compete at the event.

The organisers retain the right to limit the number of entries. If entry numbers are insufficient for any class, the organisers may cancel competition for that class or combine it with another class by using some form of handicap if necessary. Unauthorised persons are not allowed onto the track or pit area at any time.

1.3.2 SCRUTINEERING PROGRAM

Scrutineering will be conducted at all race meetings. When requested to present for scrutineering mowers must be presented in complete form, with all equipment and components required or used during qualifying or racing in place.

The right is reserved to amend scrutineering procedures as required.

1.3.3 CLASS COMPLIANCE

Notwithstanding the provisions of the scrutineering program, any mower may be checked for class compliance at any time during an event.

The onus of compliance with all relevant class regulations lies with the mower rider.

1.3.4 CONDUCT OF EVENTS

Each member and/or participant expressly agrees to familiarise themselves with all applicable rules and regulations prior to competing in an event conducted under an event permit, and accepts that the act of entering an event shall constitute an agreement to be bound by all the rules and regulations covering the event.

The word "participant" shall include any person directly or indirectly associated with any mower lawfully upon the premises for the purpose of competition, including, but not limited to, owners, drivers and crew persons.

The onus to ensure that this requirement is met, and all associated responsibilities, lies with the relevant competitor.

Insurance and judicial provisions relevant to the conduct of the event covered by the Permit will apply on consecutive days only, between 6.00am on the first day of the event and 6am on the morning following the completion of racing.

1.3.5 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Unless the Class regulation or the General regulations specifically state that a modification or optional equipment is required or permitted, it will not be allowed.

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication or compliance with these rules and regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are no way a guarantee against injury or death to spectators or participants.

If a member claims that there is any ambiguity in these regulations they shall present their claim in writing to their association's technical delegate, who shall investigate the claim. No claim shall be presented during the running of an event.

Any claim proving a requirement for a change to the rules will be subject to a minimum 28 days of notice before the rule change comes into effect, unless the rule change is for an immediate safety measure.

1.3.6 EVENT HIERARCHY (ORDER OF AUTHORITY)

The following table is an order of authority (highest being number 1) when Qualifying or Racing is underway. Some roles have jurisdiction only to their relevant tasks and may not make judgements on non-related matters. If these situations arise then the next person in the hierarchy will take on the responsibility.

Order of Authority	Position
1	Clerk of Course
2	Race Control
3	Chief Steward
4	Association Steward
5	Association Scrutineer
6	Event Promoter

1.3.7 ACCIDENTS

All accidents or incidents involving bodily injury or race vehicle damage must be reported immediately to the Chief Steward or the Clerk of Course. The Chief Steward, or an appointed agent, must record details of all structural damage to the mower and complete a detailed incident report.

1.4 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1.4.1 RULES OF THE TRACK

The responsibility of a safe pass rests with the overtaking driver.

The following flag signals (where flags are used) will be followed without question:

GREEN (held steady) – prepare for race start

GREEN (waved) – the race is underway, or resume racing after yellow.

YELLOW – caution. SLOW DOWN. Obstruction or mishap ahead - No passing until past the hazard or next flag point indicating green flag. Drivers are to form a single line behind the leader and follow the starter's directions. Very slow machines may signal following machines to pass.

RED – Danger: Stop racing immediately and clear the course as much as possible.

BLACK (rolled up) – displayed as a warning for a driving infringement. Continued infringement will result in an unrolled Black flag and disqualification.

BLACK (unrolled) – displayed for dangerous driving, continued driving infringements or flagrant breaking of the rules. The driver must complete the lap and pull off the race track to the pits or a safe area away from the track without impeding any other competitors.

BLUE (optional, at Head Marshalls discretion) – a quicker vehicle is close behind. Maintain your course and allow them to pass.

WHITE – 1 lap remaining

CHEQUERED – end of race

If a driver leaves the course he/she must re-enter the course as close as possible to the same point the driver left the marked course. The driver may not simply re-enter further down the course in order to gain an advantage.

If a driver stalls on the course the driver's first responsibility is to raise one hand high, then await instruction from the flag marshals. Crew members are not to go onto the course unless directed to do so by the Chief Steward or his/her representative.

The duration of a race (i.e. number of laps) will be advised to the drivers prior to commencement of the race. If a race is stopped (e.g. red flagged) prior to completing the notified number of laps, then the race can be declared finished if more than 75% of the notified number of laps have been completed. The finishing order will be as the drivers passed the finish line on the last completed lap prior to the display of the red flag. If less than 75% of laps have been completed then the race may be abandoned or, if time permits, rerun in full or restarted from the point it was stopped. If the race is restarted it shall be single file and in the order as drivers finished the last lap prior to the display of the red flag.

1.4.2 RULES OF THE PIT AND GRID

No person under the age of 16, unless competing, shall be permitted on the grid.

No mower may have more than one attendant on the grid in addition to the driver unless permission is granted by the chief steward or committee.

Long pants, closed shoes and shirts covering the shoulders are required to be worn by all crew members in the track and grid area.

During refuelling the engine must be off and driver must dismount. An appropriately rated fire extinguisher must be in the hands of a crew member any time fuel is added to a hot machine.

Mower must be completely stopped before the driver dismounts.

1.5 MOWER RACE FORMAT

Race format is at the discretion of the promoter.

There is an example mower racing format in Appendix A.

1.6 CLUB CHAMPION

Club champion is the person that amasses the highest points score in any one class

1.7 CONTACT DETAILS

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Western Australian Mower Racing Association

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Instagram:

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2. COMPETITION INFORMATION

2.1 PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

UNDERSIGNED, for himself/herself, his/her personal representatives, heirs and next of kin.

1. Acknowledges, agrees and represents that he/she enters and he/she further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he/she is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he/she feels anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise the officials of such and will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).

2. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE Australian Auto-Sport Alliance Pty. Ltd., the Organisers, the landowners, promoters, participants, racing associations, sanctioning organisations or any subdivision thereof, track operators, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes as herein referred to as "Releases", FROM ALL LIABILITY, TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his/her personal ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

3. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releases and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

4. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

5. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of the UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.

6. Hereby assumes full responsibility for the preparation and safety of the vehicle to be used and further give an assurance that the vehicle has been checked for safety and is in a condition fit to be used for motor racing.

7. Hereby agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releases, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State/Territory in which the Event(S) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

2.2 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

2.2.1 AGE RESTRICTIONS

For A, B , C or Standard Classes drivers must be at least 17 years of age, and be the holder of a current driver's licence (exemption under special circumstances may be granted by the Chief Steward, e.g. driver has significant experience in junior class motorsport). Driver eligibility for all classes may be re-assessed for individual cases at the committee's discretion.

For Junior Classes, drivers must be a minimum of 8 years of age and a maximum of 16 years of age. Prior to competing in any event Junior Class drivers must be able to demonstrate to the Chief Steward adequate skill and control of the mower.

Outlaw Class drivers must be over the age of 18 and have demonstrated two seasons of racing in modified mower racing classes or be able to prove prior race experience in other forms of motorsport (CAMS, Speedway etc) to the committee to be eligible to participate in Outlaw class.

2.2.2 GENERAL

All drivers must be financial members of their relevant state association.

New drivers may be required to start from the rear of the grid in each race in their first three Race Meetings to allow Stewards to observe driver standards.

2.3 DRIVERS SAFETY EQUIPMENT

2.3.1 Every driver MUST wear an automobile or motorcycle type helmet with the minimum of AS/NZS 1698 approval sticker attached. Helmets must be in sound overall condition, and be no older than 10 years from date of manufacture. Chin straps must be fastened while racing and/or practising. Long hair must be kept tucked inside helmet.

2.3.2 Face shield mandatory for open face helmets.

2.3.3 If a visor is not fitted to the helmet, goggles or approved safety glasses are required. Reading glasses or sunglasses are NOT sufficient. Sunglasses may be worn under a CLOSED visor.

2.3.4 Neck Braces designed for motorsport use are compulsory for all classes of racing and must be worn as per manufacturers' recommendations. 360 devices or equivalent must be worn as per manufacturers' specifications. If neck brace comes off or is loose during a race, then the driver shall be black flagged for faulty safety equipment and no points will be awarded.

2.3.5 Non-flammable long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket, full finger gloves and leather over-the-ankle footwear as a minimum. Motorcycle leathers or anti-abrasion karting suit are highly recommended. No loose clothing (unbuttoned or untucked shirts etc.) will be permitted.

2.3.6 Drivers must have a fully charged appropriately rated fire extinguisher in their equipment and it must be readily available adjacent to any fuelling operation.

2.4 TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

All mowers must undergo technical inspection annually and a minimum of 14 days prior to first race meeting to give adequate time for administration. **One free tech day will be arranged per year outside this a \$50 fee will be applied.**

3. CLASS REGULATIONS



3.1 JUNIOR

Class Description:

Junior class was created for competitors between the ages of 8 and 16 inclusive, racing standard or custom made racing mowers.

Class Regulations

Race Outside of Class

Races between junior and senior competitors are prohibited.

Body

The mower is to be recognised as a commercially available domestic ride on lawn mower.

Modifications to any body panels are permitted although original manufactured type materials must be used i.e. Mild steel must be replaced with mild steel, plastic must be replaced with plastic. The exclusion to this rule is the bonnet.

Brakes

Rear brakes only. No front brakes permitted.

Chain Guard

All exposed chains and sprockets must be fitted with a metal guard that will deflect a broken chain downward.

Chassis:

Chassis rails are to be constructed with RHS mild steel with minimum dimensions of 50mm x 25mm x 2.5mm.

Modified quad bike chassis will be allowed but must have all suspension removed or set ridged and front brakes removed, mowers must resemble a ride on mower so no straddle seating will be aloud and rear guards must be in place

Controls

Handle bars or steering wheels permitted. Handlebars must be plugged at both ends.

Crash bars

Crash bars are permitted. The front-most portion of the bar must not protrude any further than 80mm from the furthestmost extremities of the body. The crash bar must not protrude past the width of the body work. All crash bars must have rounded edges and must be of tube construction.

Engine

Maximum capacity of 110CC motorcycle engine.

Maximum of 16hp single cylinder vertical drive engine.

Exhaust

Exhaust design is open, but must terminate away from driver and competitors and present no apparent safety hazard.

Maximum Width

The maximum width of any mower shall be 1000mm at the widest point.

Permissible Fuels

Any petroleum based fuel available from a domestic fuel station (Including E85).

Suspension

Mowers shall not be fitted with suspension that acts upon the front or the rear wheels; however springs under the seat are permissible.

Handicap System

Mowers that are consistently faster than the rest of the field will be given permanent handicaps to bring the field closer together this is up to the judgment of the race director.



3.2 STANDARD (ST)

Class Description:

Standard class was created to cover ride on mowers which utilise a ride on lawn mower engine.

ST (Standard)

For mowers that have not been altered from the manufacturer's specifications in any structural or mechanical aspect. They must be fitted with standard manufacturer motor and pulleys (you may be asked to verify mower specs with the committee at any time so please have manufacturer data available).

ST/M (Standard Modified)

For mowers which have been altered from the manufacturer's specifications and have been fitted with a motor originally designed for lawn mowers. Non-standard gear and pulley sizes allowed.

ST/U (Standard Ultimate)

For mowers that are highly modified but still utilise vertical shaft engine.

Class Regulations

Body

The mower is to be recognised as a commercially available domestic ride on lawn mower. Modifications to any body panels are permitted in **ST/U only** although original manufactured type materials must be used i.e. Mild steel must be replaced with mild steel, plastic must be replaced with plastic. The exclusion is the bonnet.

Brakes

Rear brakes only. No front brakes permitted.

Any class brakes may be modified, but must be modified to a standard which exceeds the operating ability of the original system.

Drive line

ST Class Must use original Driveline set up and original gearing and pulley sizes.

ST/M Must use original Driveline set up. Non-standard gearing and pulley sizes allowed.

ST/U Drive line construction is open.

Chain Guard

All exposed chains and sprockets must be fitted with a metal guard that will deflect a broken chain downward.

Chassis

All standard classes must use an original ride on mower chassis.

Strengthening allowed in all classes and must use 25x25mm SHS mild steel as a minimum.

Controls

Steering wheels permitted only. No handle bars allowed (unless a handlebar configuration was standard from factory).

Steering components may be upgraded or strengthened on the grounds of safety but must be submitted in writing to the committee for approval prior to construction in ST or ST/M Classes.

Crash Bars

ST and ST/M If fitted by the OEM then crash bars are permitted.

ST/U Crash bars are permitted. The front-most portion of the bar must not protrude any further than 80mm from the furthestmost extremities of the body. The crash bar must not protrude past the width of the body work. All crash bars must have rounded edges and must be of tube construction.

Engine

Must be the standard engine that was used on the mower from the OEM in ST and ST/M classes*

any motor allowed in ST/U class but must be a vertical shaft type mower engine.

Juniors competing on ST/M class mowers are limited to single cylinder 14hp engines.

OEM governor must remain fitted and operational. If the governor has been bypassed, or altered in any way from factory, a billet flywheel must be fitted.

Non-Standard Carburettor/s are only allowed in ST/M and ST/U Classes.

Hand throttle levers are to be hand operated only. Hand throttle levers cannot be used as pedals.

*Standard mowers with replacement mower engines (shaft orientation must remain as per OEM) will go into the Standard Modified class, providing it complies with the other ST/M class rules.

Exhaust

Exhaust design is open, but must terminate away from driver and competitors and present no apparent safety hazard.

Ground Clearance

ST or ST/M Must not be altered.

ST/U No minimum ride height, however the base of the seat must be higher than the top of the chassis rails.

Maximum Width

ST and ST/M Must not be altered from its original width.

ST/U Maximum width is 1000mm at its widest point.

Permissible Fuels:

Any petroleum based fuel available from a domestic fuel station (Including E85).

Suspension

Mowers shall not be fitted with suspension that acts upon the front or the rear wheels; however springs under the seat are permissible.



3.3 SUPER MODIFIED (SM)

Class Description:

Super Modified mowers are the ultimate category in mower racing with high powered motorcycle motors sitting in a custom fabricated chassis.

SM/C

Refers to a ride on lawn mower which has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications and has been fitted with a motor size up to 200cc 4 stroke or 125cc 2 stroke.

SM/B

Refers to a ride on lawn mower which has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications and has been fitted with a motor size between 201 - 250cc 4 stroke or 126cc - 150cc 2 stroke.

SM/A

Refers to a ride on lawn mower which has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications and has been fitted with a motor size between 251cc - 450cc 4 stroke or 151cc - 300cc 2 stroke.

SM/O – (Outlaw) Exhibition only

Refers to a ride on lawn mower which has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications and has been fitted with a motor size greater than 450cc 4 stroke or 300cc 2 stroke. Naturally aspirated or forced induction engines are allowed.

Class Regulations

Body

The mower is to be recognised as a commercially available domestic ride on lawn mower.

Modifications to any body panels are permitted although original manufactured type materials must be used i.e. Mild steel must be replaced with mild steel, plastic must be replaced with plastic. The exclusion is the bonnet.

Brakes

SM / A B and C Class Rear brakes only.

SM/O Front brakes permitted.

Chain Guard

All exposed chains and sprockets must be fitted with a metal guard that will deflect a broken chain downward.

Chassis

SM / A B and C Class - Chassis rails are to be constructed with RHS mild steel with minimum dimensions of 50mm x 25mm x 2.5mm.

SM/O - minimum standard of RHS mild steel with minimum dimensions of 50mm x 25mm x 2.5mm.

Modified quad bike chassis will be allowed in SM / A, B & C but must have all suspension removed or set ridged and front brakes removed, **mowers must resemble a ride on mower** so no straddle seating will be allowed and rear guards must be in place

Controls

SM A B and C Class Controls can be of handle bar or steering wheel configuration. Handle bars must be plugged at both ends.

SM/O Class Handlebars are not allowed. Steering wheel cannot be of 'open design'. Closed steering wheels only.

Crash Bars

Crash bars are permitted. The front-most portion of the bar must not protrude any further than 80mm from the furthestmost extremities of the body. The crash bar must not protrude past the width of the body work. All crash bars must have rounded edges and must be of tube construction.

Engine

Must be from a commercially available motorcycle/quad bike. No go kart engines or 'track prepared' race bike engines. If unsure please contact your local association. Engine must be mounted forward of the driver. **You may be required at any stage to submit to engine capacity testing .**

Exhaust

Exhaust design is open, but must terminate away from driver and competitors and present no apparent safety hazard.

Ground Clearance

SM/ A B C and O Class No minimum ride height, however the base of the seat must be higher than the top of the chassis rails.

Maximum Width

The maximum width for SM / A, B, and C Class shall be 1000mm at the widest point.

Maximum width for SM/O Class is 1200mm.

Permissible Fuels

Any petroleum based fuel available from a domestic fuel station (Including E85).

Suspension

SM / A B and C - Mowers shall not be fitted with suspension that acts upon the front or the rear wheels; however springs under the seat are permissible.

SM/O – Suspension allowed.

4. GENERAL MOWER REQUIREMENTS

NOTE – THESE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL RACING CLASSES.

4.1. Cutting Decks

Cutting decks must be removed completely from all mowers.

4.2. Kill Switch

All mowers MUST be fitted with a “kill switch” that will turn the engine off in the event the driver falls from the mower.

4.2.1 The kill switch MUST be the **commercially available “lanyard” type** with a tether mechanically connecting the driver and the mower or in the case of Standard (ST) class a pressure operated seat switch will be acceptable if it is part of the OEM safety equipment on the mower.

4.2.2 The lanyard is to be of a length proportionate to driver and mower to ensure effective operation should an incident occur.

4.2.3 Velcro is NOT to be used to attach the tether directly to the driver or the mower. Wrist bands with Velcro are acceptable.

4.2.4 Homemade switches, pressure switches or magnetic switches are not acceptable even if fitted to the originally manufactured mower except in Standard (ST) class.

4.2.5 Additional switches that by-pass the kill switch are not allowed under any circumstance.

4.3 Red dust light

All mowers must have a red dust light fitted to the rear of the mower and should be operational with the ignition on. A mower without its own battery/charging system should use a battery powered bright red light. All light systems should be of a non-novelty design and be fit for purpose.

4.4. Head Lights

If racing at night events, working headlights must be fitted. Glass headlights not permitted.

4.5. Projections

Mowers must be free of projections, which could injure the driver or a competitor, or damage another mower. No axle or wheel mounting bolts may protrude beyond the face of the side-wall.

4.6. General Safety:

Mowers must be safe and complete: all parts and panels in place, with no missing bolts, nuts or cotter pins etc. All bonnets must be fitted with securing devices to prevent opening during racing.

4.7. Charge Terminals:

All positive charged terminals must be insulated with a cover of heavy tape or original rubber/plastic cover securely fixed, and battery must be securely fixed.

4.8. Glass

Glass headlights must be removed.

4.9 Tyres

Tyres, which are fitted to any competition mower, must comply with the following:

a) Turf Specific tyres only permitted on the rear in all classes. Front tyres can be of any construction except lug type tyres.

b) All front tyres must have tubes.

4.10 Wheel Rims

Wheel rims shall be of steel or alloy only and be of one piece construction, no split or bolted rims permitted

4.11 Footrest

Footrests are to have a non-slip surface.

4.12 Racing Number

Must be a minimum of 100mm in height and must be clearly visible from both sides and from the rear of the mower.

4.13 Seat Belts

Not Permitted.

The right to reject any mower:

The right is reserved to reject at any time any mower which in their opinion represents an attempt to defeat the spirit of these rules, even though such mower complies with the letter in these rules.

APPENDIX A

EXAMPLE MOWER RACE FORMAT

Time Trials/Grading

Lap with rolling start

Come out of the pit entry and complete a warm up lap. The timing will start once you have passed the start line following your warm up lap. One mower on track only.

Heat Race #1

Starting Position as per time trials i.e. fastest in P1 and so on (7 laps)

Heat Race #2

Inverted from Heat Race #1(7 laps)

Heat Race #3

Starting Position as per finishing places in heat #2 (7 Laps)

Heat Race #4

Inverted from Heat Race #3 (7 laps)

Points for Heat Races (points will be added to your championship points)

1st – 10	4th – 5	7 th – 0.5
2nd – 8	5th – 3	8 th – 0
3rd – 7	6th – 1	

Feature Race (10 to 15 Laps)

Final grid position will be the highest points scorer from the 4 heats/races will start from Pole position and so on down the starting grid.

Championship Points for Main Races

1st – 70
2nd – 66
3rd – 64
4th – 62
5th – 60
6th – 58 and so on.

Track Grid Setup

Grid to be set up 2 mowers wide with pole position at the discretion of the promoter.