



NORTHERN POWER RACE PARK SXS RACING

**OFFICIAL RULE BOOK
2026**

NPRP SXS RACING RULES

Introduction

Our mission at Northern Power Race Park is to provide a fun and safe racing experience for those of all ages and skill levels. Entrants, riders, and participants are required to know and understand the rules and regulations outlined here by Northern Power Race Park, LLC and are (by reason of their entry) bound by such. In the case that a rule determination is not defined in these rules, the decision of the Northern Power Race Park Race Director will be final.

Each participant has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of the track facilities and conditions and must assume all risks associated with the competition. Northern Power Race Park, LLC does not provide medical insurance coverage. We strongly encourage you not to compete without adequate personal medical insurance coverage. If you have any doubts, at any time, about your personal ability to participate in any event, if you have not sufficiently prepared yourself and your equipment, or if you believe your personal insurance coverage is not adequate to compensate you for any loss that may occur, you should not participate.

If you need more information on the rules please contact Rene at rene@northernpowerracepark.com.

Any addendum to these rules/information that occurs during the period these rules are in effect will be posted on the website and highlighted in red in the rule book.

2026 NPRP SXS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, MAY 16 - Racing starts at 5 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - Racing starts at 5 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 11 - Racing starts at 5 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 28 - SUNDAY, JULY 30 - STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- FRIDAY, JULY 28 - SXS Practice
- SATURDAY, JULY 29 - SXS State Championships
- SUNDAY, JULY 30 - SXS Enduro Race

(Camping will be available at NPRP for the State Championship weekend)

GENERAL RULES

1. **HAVE FUN AND BE RESPECTFUL** - We are all here to have fun, however, it is each person's responsibility to respect every entrant, rider, and participant and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. Northern Power Race Park, LLC reserves the right to remove anyone from the premises who violates the rules and/or code of conduct.
2. **General Liability:** Everyone entering the Northern Power Race Park property must sign the Northern Power Race Park Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form and obtain a wristband. Wristbands must be worn throughout the entirety of the event. Riders or their crews caught without a wristband, switching wristbands, or using old wristbands could subject their rider to disciplinary actions, fines, and possible disqualification.
3. **Safety & Responsibility:** Off road racing is a dangerous sport. Each participant assumes the risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage when he/she participates in an event. Although safety is a concern, NPRP cannot be held responsible for the safety of the participants. With participation being voluntary, no entrant, pit crew member or vehicle sponsor shall have any claim for damages, expenses, lawsuits, or otherwise against Northern Power Race Park and its officers, agents, or directors arising from damage to any vehicle, personal injury or death, or monetary loss of any kind whatsoever. Entrants, pit crew members, or vehicle sponsors who voluntarily participate in any racing activities conducted under these rules waive any claim they may have against Northern Power Race Park, its officers, agents, or directors.
4. **Pit Vehicles:** Drivers can ride their machines to and from the gate. The driver must wear a helmet at all times. Please observe the 10 mph facility speed limit. No pit racing, wheelies, or burnouts. Other pit vehicles (pit bikes, 4-wheelers, golf carts, etc) are allowed. However, they must observe the 10 mph speed limit, no racing in the pits, wheelies, or burnouts.
5. **Testing in unauthorized areas:** No race vehicles are permitted to test at any time on the event grounds when not on the race track in a controlled environment. There is no designated testing area, and no competitor or team member should assume any area is permitted to test. A 10 mph speed limit must be observed in the pits and throughout the facility.
6. **Age classifications are determined as of May 1, 2026.** Whatever age you are on May 1, 2025, is the age group you can compete in through the final race of the season. Racers may advance to the next age group upon turning the appropriate age.
7. Any race machine that fits the respective class may be entered by two or more riders. Standard race registration applies for each individual entry.
8. The rider is responsible for the actions of his/her parents, family members, crew, mechanic, friends, or anyone associated with him/her and may be penalized or disqualified for the actions of those persons. Verbal harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Physical abuse of officials will be reported to Law Enforcement and will be grounds for permanent expulsion of the rider from any Northern Power Race Park, LLC events.

9. **Proof of age:** If necessary a Certified copy of a birth certificate or Driver's License will be accepted as proof of age. Proof of age must be provided within 5 days of the request to Northern Power Race Park. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
10. All trophies, payouts, etc. not picked up on the day of the event or the designated pickup time will be forfeited if not claimed by the winner or the representative.
11. **Drivers Meeting: ALL DRIVERS MUST BE PRESENT.** The time and place of the drivers' meeting will be announced on the schedule. Instructions and important information will be given at this time. No one is allowed to question or contact the Race Scorers after racing begins unless allowed by NPRP officials. All questions and matters must be resolved at the driver's meeting or after the races are completed. ***Parents of youth drivers (under the age of 16) are required to attend the driver's meeting with their driver.***
12. Each driver is responsible for being at the start line for his/her class race. It is not the responsibility of NPRP officials to locate riders for their class race.
13. **Advertising and Promotion Release:** Each participant, by entering a NPRP-sanctioned event, grants Northern Power Race Park and authorized agents the right to use any photographs, videos, and sounds of the participant and/or any of the participant's race vehicles in any and all advertisements.
14. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any unsafe and/or intentional hitting or bumping, taking out, or unsafe riding or course cutting that is deemed dangerous or unsafe by the Track Officials will be grounds for disqualification or penalty as deemed appropriate. Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated.
15. All machines are subject to NPRP impound evaluations or teardown if decided by the NPRP Race Director that a particular race machine of interest needs further evaluation. Failure to submit a machine for official inspection will result in the disqualification of that machine for the day and no points, prizes or refunds will be awarded.
16. Sandbagging is NOT ALLOWED. The Race Director has the authority to move riders to the next class level if they deem it necessary.

FLAG DEFINITIONS

1. **Green Flag (Start/Restart):** Start of the race.
2. **Yellow Flag (Caution):** Race vehicles must immediately slow to 5 mph.
 - a. Waving yellow flag indicates a caution in that area, 100 feet before the yellow and 50 feet beyond. Vehicles must slow until they are out of the safety zone.
 - b. Penalties may be imposed for vehicles not abiding by the yellow flag.
 - c. Only NPRP Track Officials will attend to the race vehicles and drivers involved in the caution incidents. NPRP Track Officials may request assistance from trained crew members as needed, otherwise, crew members may not enter the race track to assist vehicles.
3. **Red Flag (Race Stop):** Race vehicles must immediately stop in a safe manner. Failure to obey the red flag will result in penalties up to and including DQ.
4. **Black Flag (DQ):** Race vehicles must exit the course immediately. This flag will be displayed at the finish line only. The black flag may be displayed for rough driving, unsafe vehicle, failure to acknowledge other flags, failure to adhere to rules or directives, and other offenses at the discretion of NPRP Race Director or Track Officials.
5. **White Flag (One Lap to Go):** The white flag will be displayed at the finish line when the leader has started their last lap.
6. **Checkered Flag (End of Race):** Display of the checkered flag at the finish line means the race is completed. All vehicles must exit the track at the designated track exit.

ENTRANTS

1. Any entrant who fails to fully fill out and sign required entry forms, waivers and releases shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any prize money, points and contingencies won in that particular event.
2. No entrant may enter racing areas until they have signed all releases and/or entry forms. No person shall sign the release or entry forms for anyone other than himself or herself. Proper identification may be required.
3. The entry applications of persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the release form. If a parent is sending their child with a legal guardian, they must use an NPRP Minor Release Form.
4. Any entrant who competes on a vehicle that he/she is not registered to ride or permits such action shall forfeit any and all prize money, points, and contingencies won in that particular event. Such action may result in vehicle disqualification.
5. Only entrants that are listed on official NPRP registration forms may ride the vehicle for which they are registered. No entrant may ride any vehicle for which they are not registered.

EVENT COURSE

1. A marked course is the official route designated by and marked with official NPRP markings. All vehicles must follow this route during the event. No vehicle may deviate from the marked course at any time. Short coursing is not permitted and will result in a penalty. (Short coursing is defined as any deviation from the marked course resulting in either a time or position advantage). NPRP is not responsible for markings that are damaged or removed. All vehicles must proceed in the correct direction of the course route. Riding backward on the race course at any time is prohibited and is grounds for penalties up to and including disqualification.
2. Track markers may include: signs, stakes, hay bales, tires, banners, etc.
3. If a vehicle gets off the designated course, speed must be reduced significantly, and the vehicle must merge back onto the race course safely without gaining time or position and without harming any other driver.

PENALTIES & PROTESTS

Penalties:

The following legend of infraction penalties is a guideline used by NPRP in assessing penalties. These guidelines are not meant to infer that these are the only possible infractions or penalties that may be assessed against any entrant participating in an NPRP event.

1. Race vehicle tracking on the course in the reverse direction of the race, at any time: disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.
2. Abusive (verbal or physical) conduct towards a Race Director or Track Official: disqualification, suspension, ejection from the facility or any combination of the three.
3. Short coursing: disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.
4. DQ's for a machine CC infraction will result in loss of all points for the event.
5. All riders must finish on the same vehicle they start on, a rider may not change vehicles at any point during the event. Violation will result in a disqualification.
6. Drinking intoxicating beverages in the racecourse area is forbidden. The use of narcotics is forbidden (refer to the NPRP Code of Conduct for more detailed information).
7. Any entrant who makes a false statement on a contingency or entry form shall be disqualified and shall forfeit all prize money, points and all contingencies won in the race.
8. Any application containing a falsified signature will cause entrants to be disqualified and shall forfeit all prize money, points and contingencies won in that event.
9. Any entrant disqualified from any event for a reason whatsoever forfeits any and all rights to prize money, points and contingencies. Entrants will not be entitled to a refund of all or any portion of his/her entry fee(s).
10. Deliberate vehicle contact will result in penalty, disqualification and/or suspension at the direction of the Race Director. Intentional contact that is maintained will result in a penalty, up to and including disqualification.

- a. If a racer makes more than one consecutive defensive move, or forces another race vehicle outside of, or off the race course, is subject to penalties up to and including disqualification.
11. Not reducing speed when a spin, crash or any other incident is happening in front of a racer, when a yellow flag is out, or medics and/or PP officials are helping another racer, is subject to penalties up to and including disqualification.
12. If more than one warning for the same offense is given during the race to the same race vehicle, it is subject to penalties up to and including disqualification.

Protest:

The Race Director, with or without protest, has the right to penalize, disqualify, and/or suspend any vehicle or entrant for violation of any rules or regulations.

1. Another entrant within the same race event may make technical protests on another entrant within the same class. Drivers, unless considered a minor, are the only persons allowed to protest another driver in said class. A \$200.00 cash fee must accompany the protest. For each additional item protested there will be an additional \$50 cash fee per item protested. The protest must be in writing along with the fee and be delivered to the Race Director no later than 30 minutes after the event results are posted. The decision of the Race Director will be final. Winner of the protest will get 50% of the fee.
 - a. The protest must be valid in the eyes of the Race Director, or they have the option not to accept it for action.
 - b. Any entrant who has an official protest lodged against his/her vehicle must submit to an inspection of the protested items. Failure to submit to inspection will result in automatic disqualification and/or suspension. Those attending the inspection(s) will be as follows:
 - i. The protestor or their designated representative.
 - ii. The protested competitor or their designated representative.
 - iii. NPRP Officials.
2. A complaint filed for improper riding or rule infraction requires a \$25.00 cash fee. The complaint must be filed in writing with the Race Director no later than 30 minutes after the event results are posted. A complaint may be verbally filed with any radio-equipped Track Official if the entrant filing the complaint is broken down on the track. The official will notify the Race Director of the protest.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION

It is the entrants, drivers, owners, and sponsors' full responsibility to meet all NPRP rules and regulations.

1. NPRP reserves the right to subject any vehicle to a technical inspection at the direction of the technical inspector or race director. In the event of a mechanical inspection, the rider will be responsible for removing or repairing the requested items to be inspected as

directed. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of entrant and vehicle and may result in suspension from future NPRP events.

2. It is the sole responsibility of the racer to have their race vehicle undergo technical inspection during the posted designated tech times. Failure to do so will result in an extra tech fee of **\$30 per car**, to be paid in cash to the tech director. Noncompliance will result in an ineligibility to race. All tech times will be posted on race weekend schedule and on tech shack.
 - a. All vehicles must pass technical inspection prior to going to the starting line. Failure to do so will result in loss of gate pick, or eligibility to participate in the event and the racer will not be eligible for a refund.
 - b. Once a vehicle goes through technical inspection, it is treated as if it has already raced.
 - c. Failing technical inspection for displacement or the stock class definition will result in DQ.
3. Each vehicle must pass a technical inspection prior to their race. Each vehicle may be subject to a technical inspection after the race has completed, even if the vehicle has already passed tech.
4. The racer who is entered and the registered race vehicle must be present during technical inspection. ***Each racer will sign off on their technical inspection sheet confirming that their vehicle adheres to NPRP Rules and Specifications. By signing this form, they understand that they release Northern Power Race Park of any liability.*** If the racer is a minor, the parent or legal guardian must be present with the racer during technical inspection.
5. NPRP has the right to seal or impound race vehicles or parts for inspection purposes. NPRP assumes no responsibility for those parts or vehicles.
6. Engines may be replaced during an NPRP event only after the NPRP tech director and/or race director has been notified. Vehicle will need to be tech'd again before entering an NPRP event and/or the race course. If a vehicle isn't properly tech'd after engine replacement has occurred, the driver will be subject to disqualification.

ROLL OVER PROCEDURE/RECOVER & ASSIST/SAFETY ZONE

1. If a vehicle is flipped, it is at the discretion of the driver to remove him or herself from the vehicle and assist NPRP Track Official(s) in rolling the vehicle over.
2. During any incident where NPRP Track Officials are on the race course to recover or assist another race vehicle, the 100 feet before and 50 feet after are considered a safe zone (please refer to yellow flag (caution) definition).
 - a. Max speed is 5 mph
 - b. Any violation of this safety zone will mean automatic penalty and or DQ of the driver.
3. If a race vehicle needs to be towed, it is the racers responsibility to make sure the tow hook is in place and in working condition. During a tow or assistance, NPRP is not

responsible for any damage to the vehicle. If you are towed off the track, your race is finished and you are unable to return to the race course.

4. Racer may refuse NPRP assistance in towing or flipping a vehicle if the vehicle is located safely off the race course and is not in the way to affect the current race. If a racer refuses NPRP assistance, the racer must exit the vehicle and track in a safe manner and leave the vehicle until the event is completed and course is cleared, at which point the racer may then recover their vehicle.

RACE VEHICLE NUMBERS

All vehicles in competition must have the proper number on their vehicle that matches their registration form. NPRP does not require different classes to have certain colors on their number plates but recommends an easy-to-read color (white background, black lettering).

1. All backgrounds must be a solid color, no outlines or fading.
2. Race numbers should be a minimum of 8 inches tall and need to be readable from the sides and rear-facing of each car.
3. Minimum of 4-inch number facing the front of the car above the driver's front window.
4. Extra large roof top panels are strongly encouraged.

PERSONAL SAFETY GEAR REQUIREMENTS

1. **HELMET** - A helmet is required and must be a Snell-approved or a SA (professional) helmet - DOT helmets are not approved. Straps must have D-ring fasteners only. No snaps or Velcro will be permitted.
 - a. The interior and exterior areas of the helmet must be free of defects. (i.e., the padding must be in good condition and the exterior of the helmet must not be damaged.)
 - b. NPRP strongly recommends that entrants use helmets specifically designed for racing.
 - c. If your hair exceeds the length of your helmet, you must have all hair covered by whatever means possible. Must be fire-retardant material.
2. **Neck brace or HANS device**
3. **One-piece fire suits are highly recommended;** however, two-piece suits are permitted. At a minimum, drivers **MUST** wear a long-sleeve shirt and long pants.
 - a. *Fire suits will be mandatory at Northern Power Race Park in 2027.*
4. **Eye protection** - Shatter-resistant eye protection is required.
5. Closed-toe shoes
6. Gloves

Personal safety gear MUST be worn during practice and/or unclassifieds. NO EXCEPTIONS.
Motocross-type race gear will NOT be allowed as it is extremely flammable.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1. All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher. Must be readily accessible to the driver and mounted with a quick-release type system.

REQUIRED VEHICLE COMPONENTS

1. **All vehicles must have doors**; factory doors are acceptable.
 - a. It is recommended that doors be mounted so they do not pop open during racing.
2. **Window Nets**
 - a. The window net must fill the entire window opening of the race vehicle to allow no more than 3 inches of access to the driver.
 - b. No brackets protruding towards the driver.
 - c. Single-seat cars must have window nets on both sides
 - d. Double-seat cars - window nets required only on one side
 - e. Hand restraints alone are not sufficient
3. **Harness** - a 5-point harness is highly recommended, but a 4-point harness is allowed.
4. **Roof** - all vehicles must have a roof
5. **Roll cage** - all vehicles must have a roll cage
 - a. Aftermarket cages must be properly installed,
 - b. Factory-installed cages are permitted if they meet the safety standards. Must not be modified in a way that weakens their structure.
 - c. **ALL** roll cages must be structurally sound, free of damage or dents, and have all welds in-tact and secure.
6. No hazardous front or rear bumpers, nerf bars, frame heads or other protruding objects from vehicles are permitted.
 - a. Ends must be capped and rounded to prevent any sharp edges.
 - b. Bumpers and nerf bars must be designed in a way that reasonably inhibits two vehicles from becoming locked together.
 - c. A safe front and rear bumper is required on all vehicles.
7. **Windshields** - No glass windshields are allowed

NPRP SXS CLASSES & RULES

All NPRP SXS classes are open to any production SXS vehicles with a powersports-based motor/engine platform (not a vehicle motor). Power adders are allowed in all classes. The safety gear and vehicle components listed above are required for all classes at all times, including practice.

PRO - \$100 ENTRY FEE

Payout & point class.

SPORTSMAN - \$50 ENTRY FEE

Trophy & point class.

WOMENS - \$50 ENTRY FEE

Payout, trophy and point class. Women are also allowed to compete in the other classes.

REGISTRATION

Registration for all NPRP SXS will be done online through Trackside or at the park for an additional in-person registration fee.

1. We highly encourage you to register online - if you register for all events online, you will receive an NPRP SXS shirt at the last race of the season!
2. Online registration closes at midnight the night before the event.

Online Registration Portal: [\[link\]](#)

NPRP SXS RACING - A SERIES

The NPRP SXS Racing events are now a points series! We will have FOUR races during the 2026 season - racers will accumulate points at all races.

RACE FORMAT

NPRP Side-by-Side (SXS) races will follow a **standard two-qualifiers and a feature format**. Heat gate picks will be randomly selected; feature gate picks are based on heat finishing order.

QUALIFYING RACES (4 laps):

- Each class will get two qualifying races. We will run six vehicles on the track at one time. If there are more than six entries in the class, there will be two or more heats.
- The top finisher in the first qualifying race will have the option to run the second qualifier or move straight to the final.

FINAL RACE (6 laps):

- The top ten finishers from the qualifying rounds in each class will move on to the final race.

RACE ORDER

1. **WOMEN** Qualifying Rounds
2. **WOMEN** Feature
3. **SPORTSMAN** Qualifying 1
4. **PRO** Qualifying 1
5. **SPORTSMAN** Qualifying 2
6. **PRO** Qualifying 2
7. **SPORTSMAN** Feature
8. **PRO** Feature

POINTS BREAKDOWN

2026 NORTHERN POWER RACE PARK SXS POINTS SYSTEM		
	Place	Feature
	1	10
	2	9
	3	8
	4	7
	5	6
	6	5
	7	4
	8	3
	9	2
	10	1

Every rider will automatically receive 5 points for registering.

NPRP CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to Northern Power Race Park! Our team is so glad you're here and we look forward to hosting you at our events. This Code of Conduct was created to help create a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for guests and participants of all ages.

HAVE FUN AND BE RESPECTFUL. We are all here to have fun and do what we love - ride snowmobiles!! It is each person's responsibility to respect every entrant, rider, and participant and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. Northern Power Race Park, LLC reserves the right to remove anyone from the premises who violates the rules and/or code of conduct.

BE COURTEOUS. Please be courteous to other attendees. Do not disrupt other patrons with disrespectful, unruly, or hostile actions or behavior. Inappropriate behavior should be reported to Race Park Management.

RESPECT OUR EMPLOYEES. Our employees and volunteers work tirelessly to put on these events. Please be respectful to them, they are the reason these events are possible!

DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EVENT. Do not go on the track unless it is your time to race, throw things on the track, interfere with the race, or bother the track officials. No one is allowed to cross the track or be on the in-field without prior permission from Race Park Management or Race Director. All persons must remain 20 feet away from the active race track. No one except for riders who are properly registered may ride or practice on the track on race day.

NO WEAPONS OR FIREWORKS. Weapons are prohibited on the Northern Power Race Park property. Fireworks and all other forms of explosives and/or noisemakers are not permitted.

NO PETS. Pets are not permitted in the spectator area. Service animals are allowed. Pets are permitted in the pit area - please keep them on a leash at all times and remember to pick up after them

WRISTBANDS REQUIRED. Everyone entering the Northern Power Race Park property must sign the Northern Power Race Park Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form and obtain a wristband. Wristbands must be worn throughout the entirety of the event. Riders or their crews caught without a wristband, switching wristbands, or using old wristbands could subject their rider to disciplinary actions, fines and possible disqualification. Please be prepared to show your wristband at all times.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF. There are numerous trash receptacles around the park. Please dispose of all trash and race vehicle parts in a respectful manner.

NO DRONES. No personal drones or other aerial recording devices are permitted at the park without the permission of race park management.

MAINTAIN SPORTSMANSHIP. Northern Power Race Park invites racers of all skill levels to participate in our events. Please be respectful and maintain appropriateness to everyone on and off the track.

RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS. Be courteous to the residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the park when entering and exiting the grounds.

KEEP IT FAMILY-FRIENDLY. Please help us maintain a family-friendly atmosphere by monitoring profanity.

NO SOLICITING No Soliciting or distributing of literature or products will be allowed at Michigan Snocross events without prior approval from Northern Power Race Park management.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Drugs: For the purpose of this code, "Illegal Substances" include any substance that may not be legally prescribed, either by Federal or State Statute, which when taken or ingested may or may not have a performance-enhancing or mood or state of mind-altering effect. For the purpose of this code, "Controlled Substances" include any substance which may be legally prescribed, either by Federal or State Statute, which when ingested or taken may have a performance-enhancing or mood or state of mind-altering effect.

1. It is forbidden for any participant to illegally use, possess, acquire or distribute any Controlled or Illegal Substance, at any time. Nothing contained herein shall be constructed to discourage the proper use of medically necessary or prescribed or over-the-counter medications.

Alcohol: *It is forbidden for any participant to consume any alcoholic beverage in a manner which may affect his/her behavior during practice, qualifying or the racing portions of an NPRP Event.*

NPRP's standard for being "under the influence" is that any person who is deemed to be acting abnormally or is impaired, at the sole discretion of NPRP, and/or who subsequently is shown to have alcohol in their system, as tested by any recognized test method at NPRP's sole discretion, shall be deemed in violation of this Code.

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