

Section 4

PROTEST AND INSPECTION

1. PROTEST

- 1.1 Only NASCAR or Music City Motorplex registered car owners and drivers finishing with in five positions behind protestee are eligible to file a protest of any kind. The protest must be filed within 15 minutes in writing following the finish of the event with the NASCAR Director of Competition or division official
- 1.2 Driver which protest another competitor, will have same part(s) inspected. Both motors will be inspected at the same time.
- 1.3 Protest Fee, described below, must be deposited in cash with the NASCAR Director of Competition before inspection begins.
- 1.4 THE BALANCE OF THE PROTEST FEE WILL BE:
 - A.) Returned to complainant if subject car or part is illegal (minus fee)
 - B.) Forfeited to Car Owner if subject car or part is legal (minus fees)
 - C.) On all crate engine protests, the resealing fees and all other additional costs (ie. Shipping, gaskets, etc.) are the responsibility of the owner of the engine.
- IF SUBJECT IS FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL:
 - A.) Driver forfeits all winnings for that program.
 - B.) Driver forfeits all points for the event.
 - C.) The driver and/or car may be suspended and/or fined for a period determined by officials.
 - D.) The illegal parts will be confiscated.
- 1.5 The "fee" shall be for a determined protest item and may not be transferred to another complaint.
- 1.6 Each protest complaint shall have its own fee.
- 1.7 The following people will be allowed to be present at protest site: car driver, car owner, MCM tech staff, track appointed personnel and complainant.
- 1.8 Car owner and/or driver may select a substitute to take their place at the protest site if needed.
- 1.9 When the protesters' part(s) are inspected, only the protesters' car owner and driver, MCM tech staff and track appointed personnel will be allowed at the protest site.
- 1.10 When the protestees' part(s) are inspected, the protesters' car owner and driver may also be present
- 1.11 Any decisions, findings, results, changes, corrections or additions will be made subject to conditions at the time subject to approval by Official in charge.
- 1.12 PROTEST FEE SCHEDULE
 - A.) \$1,500 – Top of Machined Engine – heads, carb, bore, stroke and etc; 30% retained by racetrack
 - B.) \$2,500 – Complete Machined Engine – rods, crankshaft, camshaft and etc; 30% retained by racetrack
 - C.) \$1,500 – Top of Crate Engine – heads, carb, bore, stroke and etc; 30% retained by racetrack
 - D.) \$2,500 - Complete Crate Engine – rods, carb, crankshaft, camshaft and etc; 30% retained by racetrack
 - E.) \$400 – Fuel Protest; If total cost of testing is less than protest fee, track will retain 30% and winner of protest will receive all remaining money from protest.
 - F.) \$300 minimum – All other items of protest; May not protest non-performance items or parts; 30% retained by racetrack
- 1.13 CRATE ENGINE CLAIM: \$1,000.00 plus the taxed retail price of engine as shipped from manufacturer
- 1.14 CARBURETOR CLAIM: Carburetor claim consists of carburetor as run in event. All "650" carburetors \$700.00, all "450" and "500" carburetors: \$800.00.
- 1.15 METERING BLOCK CLAIM: Carburetor metering block claim consists of metering block as run in event - \$75.00
- 1.16 No protest will be accepted after qualifying nor on non-performance parts or items.

2. INSPECTION AND PENALTIES

- 2.1 Competitor Obligations - A competitor must take whatever steps are required, including teardown of the car, as requested by a NASCAR official to facilitate inspection of the car.
- 2.2 All competing cars will be subject to technical inspections every night throughout the season at a time and interval determined by the Director of Competition. No forewarning must be made.
- 2.3 Any car not conforming to the rules will be subject to several methods of corrections or penalties.
- 2.4 Infractions may cause car to be disqualified, forfeiting all points for the season, plus any moneys earned during the immediate past race meet.
- 2.5 Points and moneys may be forfeited in the amount and severity decided upon by the Track Officials and Management.
- 2.6 Additional weight may be required to be added as determined by the Director of Competition. It may be doubled if the infraction is not corrected by the next race meet. If not corrected by the 3rd meet, the car will be disqualified.
- 2.7 All cars are subject to material inspection by the Officials. Workmanship and appearance may be determining factor to whether Officials permit the car to enter competition.
- 2.8 All parts declared illegal by inspection or protest will be confiscated by Officials (EIRI)
- 2.9 Any competitor failing to surrender to officials any part and/or equipment that fail to meet NASCAR and/or Music City Motorplex specifications will be disqualified for entire event, and minimum two race suspension with possible cash fine.
- 2.10 On all protest or inspections, it is the driver's duty to prove his legality, not the Officials to prove the violation.
- 2.11 Any competitor failing to have any part inspected at the request of an official will be suspended for two events and disqualified for entire event.
- 2.12 If fuel is found to be illegal, competitor will forfeit all winnings from the event and receive one event suspension.
- 2.13 On all crate engine inspections, both competitor protest and track protest, if the crate engine shows evidence of any internal component being altered or changed from factory specifications, minimum four (4) event suspension and/or cash fine of no less than \$500 with loss of any and/or all parts illegal.