

Push Truck Rules and Guidelines

PETALUMA SPEEDWAY PUSH TRUCK RULES AND GUIDELINES

Petaluma Speedway understands and appreciates your volunteering as a push truck driver. In order to assure safety and a smooth running show, the following rules and guidelines have been put into place.

1. Any push truck driver who has not assisted in pushing at Petaluma Speedway must have an experienced push truck driver ride with them until it is deemed that the new driver is comfortable and safe pushing cars. The new push truck driver will be given a copy of the PUSH TRUCK RULES AND GUIDELINES and they must understand what is contained in the rules and guidelines.
2. All push trucks that will be assisting for the night, must have enough fuel to push for the entire night.
3. When you arrive to push for the night, please check in with the Pit Board. If you must leave prior to the end of the night, you must also check in with the Pit Board.
4. All push bumpers will be inspected by the Pit Steward for safety and sturdiness.
5. Only four wheel drive vehicles may push on the track. Two wheel drive vehicles may only push in the pits and staging unless otherwise directed by the Track Steward or the Pit Board.
6. ALL push trucks will report to the pits 5 minutes PRIOR to any event that requires push trucks.
7. ALL push trucks will return to the pits during the push off of a class that requires such services until such time as an official states that pushing is complete or states that push trucks are no longer needed. (No push and park)
8. All push trucks will run a safety strobe on the roof of the truck or use the hazard flashers on the truck whenever the truck is actively on the track or pushing a vehicle. Safety lights and headlights MUST be turned off prior to the race starting/resuming.
9. All push truck drivers will have a radio tuned to the track frequency or to the pit board radio frequency.
10. There will be only ONE passenger allowed in the push truck.
11. Push truck drivers will wait for the signal from a speedway official prior to pushing a race car. If a push truck driver is harassed or threatened by a team or team member while following the guidance of a track official, the push truck is to leave the area and report the incident to an official immediately.
12. When pushing a race car, if the car's engine has not started prior to the entrance of the track, you will stop pushing at the flag stand, have the driver of the race car take it out of gear and then push them back to the pits and try again from staging. Cars should not be push started on the track surface prior to the initial green flag of the race.
13. When on the track, DO NOT drive over the burm on the ends of the track.
14. During an active sprint car race, it is necessary to have at least two push vehicles stay in the pits. If you are needed on the track you will be asked to go to the track area by the pit board official/pit steward. You must return to the pit area and restage.
15. Push starting a car from their pit vs. staging is at the discretion of the Pit Board. You must get clearance from the Pit Board to push start a vehicle from their pit.
16. When pushing a vehicle to staging, if the vehicle is found to be in gear, the push truck driver will immediately stop and require the pushed vehicle to be taken out of gear.

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17. When stationed in the infield of the track or at the entrance area, please stay with your push vehicle in order for you to hear the radio. No standing in or on your vehicle or tires.
18. When stationed in the pit area, if you leave your push vehicle, you must take your radio so you can hear communication from the pit area or the track area. If you leave the push vehicle, you must return to your push vehicle if a race car comes off of the track and needs to get pushed back out onto the track. There should be one push truck ready to push any race car if it is determined that that race car will be re-joining the race.
19. Push truck drivers and their passenger will not assist a driver with car repairs on the track or in the infield.
20. Push vehicles/drivers should not be at a crash incident unless asked to do so.
21. One push vehicle will be stationed at each end of the track on the infield. The push vehicle's responsibility starts at the exit of the corner they are stationed at, through the opposite corners and until the exit of the opposite corners. (i.e. a push vehicle stationed in turn one/two is responsible for the area starting at the exit of turn two, the back stretch, and turns 3 and 4 until the exit of 4. The opposite holds true for the push vehicle stationed in turn three/four.)
22. Once the racecar a push vehicle is pushing is started, the push vehicle will immediately and as soon it is safe to do so, either exit the track or enter the infield based upon their assignment unless other racecars need to be pushed. No extra laps, victory laps, or pace laps will be allowed or tolerated.
23. ALL push truck drivers and passengers are subject to the Petaluma Speedway All-Pro General Rules as posted on the website at www.petaluma-speedway.com.

