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GENERAL GUIDELINES

- G1 **There is only ONE class of competition.**
- G2 Track entry fee (determined by hosting track) required at the gate (Tell them you are racing with the Pontiacs).
- G3 Track and sanctioning body safety rules apply first; OPDS officials and/or Track officials make any and all final decisions on questionable issues.
- G4 ALL Participants & crew (anyone going into the staging lanes or track area) must sign an OPDS Management LLC Release and Waiver of Liability before pulling into the lanes for the 1st time run, at the OPDS signup tent. You are responsible for your crew. Please make sure they sign the waiver.
- G5 Everyone must register with OPDS at the sign-up tent PRIOR TO TIME TRIALS.
- G6 Drivers Meeting at sign-up tent 5 minutes after the last time run.
- G7 Have fun and meet other Pontiac enthusiasts !!
- G8 Guidelines are subject to change. OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions as to any rules and guidelines



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ENTRY FEES & PAYOUTS

- E1 Track entry paid at the gate. Refer to G2. You must have a tech card from the track.
- E2 **OPDS event entry fee \$25.00** - Paid at the OPDS sign-up tent PRIOR to your 1st time run with us.
- E3 OPDS Entry fee is non-refundable if you stage for qualifier round (usually the last time run)
- E4 ** PAYOUTS BASED ON CAR COUNT **
- E5 Payouts awarded back to ¼'s (if **9** or more cars), semi's, and Winner/Runner-up.

Note: the OPDS does not charge a separate "membership" fee to race with us; it is included in the entry fee's that we charge. You are considered "part of the OPDS" when you race with us. Other than the per race entry fee, the only other fee we charge is a separate fee if you want to be included in the season long points series. Refer to the "Points Series" section



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COMPETITION RULES

- R1 All cars must pass standard sanctioning organization safe operating rules & tech inspections as managed and performed by hosting track officials, based on both the track rules and the sanctioning organization the track belongs to. It is the racer's responsibility to know which sanctioning organization a particular track belongs to.
- R2 All track policies must be adhered to. All directions by track officials must be followed.
- R3 Any traditionally Pontiac powered vehicle is legal. Any Pontiac bodied vehicle is legal.
- R4 Our races are considered "open competition", i.e., we allow open headers and slicks. No restrictions, except for any applicable sanctioning body & track safety rules, and anything else listed in this document.
- R5 Power adders permitted if within safety guidelines.
- R6 Only the driver may control the timing of the launch and must leave off of the bottom bulb. Specifically,
 - A Delay boxes may not be used in competition and must be disabled if in the car and/or taped over. While we generally use the honor system, we reserve the right to check anyones delay box at any time to make sure it is not being used.
 - B Transbrake permitted.
 - C 2-step permitted. A 2nd stage for high side RPM limiting allowed but not to be used for ET limiting down track. The 2nd stage can only be used for over-rev conditions as in equipment failure or driver error, to save the equipment.
 - D 4-wheel line locks permitted.
 - E OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions on questionable usage. As stated above, we reserve the right to check any car at any time.



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- R7 All cars with a bye run must stage and leave. Shutting off early and/or pulling off the track early (if possible) are permitted.
- A Bye run eligibility is determined by best reaction time in the previous round, where first round is based on the last time run
- B Driver who had the best RT will pull off to the side or stay at the back of the staging lanes until it is determined if there will be a bye run. If there is an even number of cars for complete pairings, the driver eligible for the bye run will get lane choice. The driver eligible MUST inform his opponent of his lane choice.
- C If a car breaks down in the lanes, the lanes will move forward to make pairs. The driver eligible for the bye run may, or may not, get the bye in this circumstance. If not, that driver has lane choice. Please make sure the cars prior to you and behind you are informed ahead of time as to your lane choice, as an OPDS official may not be available to enforce your lane choice.
- D If you are eligible to get the bye and do not get it during the round, you are not eligible for another bye until all the remaining cars in competition have had one, because you earned the lane choice instead of the bye.
- R8 Do not delay pulling into the lanes for the OPDS classes. If you run multiple classes at the track, and are caught up in running the other class, or late getting to our lanes, we will not ask the track to delay and you run the risk of not being able to compete in our class. No Exceptions, No Refunds
- R9 "Duck Hunting" is discouraged. If you pull up to the staging lanes and do not pull in and move to the end of the line, the OPDS officials may instruct you to pull in. If you refuse to do so, you may be disqualified for the race. If race to race situations arise, you may be disqualified for the season.
- R10 Any willful violation of these rules may result in an indefinite suspension from participating in OPDS events.
- R11 Rules are subject to change. OPDS Officials present at the race will make any decisions as to any rules and guidelines.



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- R12 **Lane Choice is the responsibility of the two drivers to discuss in a friendly manner, BUT if they cannot agree or do not discuss, the 1st car out of the lanes gets lane choice. If the track puts us in two lanes and pulls both at the same time, lane choice will be determined by which lane you are in. IF R7-C applies, it is up to the driver who has the bye to inform the other driver which lane he/she wants in the case of even cars. Refer to R7-C.**

POINTS SERIES

- P1 **One time fee for points competition for the '11 season - \$40**
- P2 Points entry not required to race with us. However, if you can make 5 races in the season and are signed up for points for at least 5 races, you will be eligible for year-end prizes given at our annual Racer Awards gathering. New for this season, we intend to pay back 8 places at the end of the points series. This will depend upon how many racers sign up for the points series and our sponsorship levels for this season.
- P3 Points start to accrue based on the date you sign up. Any prior races are not counted towards points.
- P4 Points are awarded as follows:
- A 10 points for passing tech
 - B 10 points for staging each round of competition;
 - C 2 points for each semi-finalist not going on to the finals
 - D 3 points to the runner up
 - E 14 points to the winner



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P5 **In an effort to get all of our racers to come out and support the Performance Years race at Maple Grove this year, we will award "bonus" points for those attending the "Maple Grove" race as follows:**

- A You MUST be signed up for our OPDS Points series to be eligible to any of these bonus points at this race. You may sign-up at this race at our tent, but you must be signed up prior to pulling into the staging lanes for the 1st round in your class.
- B If you are already signed up for points, you must alert an OPDS director that you are at the race, prior to pulling into the lanes for the 1st round. We will keep the list at the OPDS tent.
- C We will try and monitor each round for each classes that our racers are running in, but with the number of cars attending, this may not be 100% possible. If we miss any or there is any discrepancy, your time slips will be used. Please KEEP your time slips and if you see anything wrong with the points calculated, bring your time slips to our next race.
- D 10 points for staging each round of competition; there are NO points awarded for passing tech.
- E If there are any OPDS points participates going past the third round, then

IF there is a single person that goes the furthest in competition in their MAPLE GROVE class, that person will receive an additional 14 points, as if they won an OPDS race, if they went past three rounds.

IF there are two persons that go the furthest in their MAPLE GROVE class, staging for the same round, they will split the 14 points, so each will receive an additional 7 points

If there are three or more persons that go the furthest in their MAPLE GROVE CLASS, then the 14 points are NOT awarded and NOT split



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Along with the 14 points, there is a \$100 cash award that will be awarded along with the 14 points. This is a total payout, meaning it will be split between ALL classes. For example, if two people go the furthest in one class and one in the other class, then the \$100 will be split 3 ways.

G We will NOT award any runner-up, semifinalist or ¼ finalist points

H Since our racer's may be split into multiple classes at Maple Grove, it is possible that two people will receive 14 points, if each goes the furthest in their respective class.