



## **Merritt Speedway Policy regarding use or possession of illegal drugs or substances**

**DEFINITION:** Illegal drugs are those substances defined and prohibited by state, local, and federal laws.

**GENERAL PROHIBITION:** Possession or use of illegal drugs or drug substances, as defined above, is prohibited in any form, by any participant at Merritt Speedway, either on the Speedway grounds or in any area considered to be used in the operation of the Speedway, such as parking lots or lease properties.

**PARTICIPANT, DEFINITION:** A participant is any person taking part in any event at Merritt Speedway in any form, including but not restricted to driver, car owners, mechanics, crew members, sponsor, track officials or pit area observers. All such persons shall be considered public figures who have by their own choice become involved in auto racing events at Merritt Speedway, with the full understanding that he or she must abide by the rules and regulations as established and published are announced by Merritt Speedway. All participants are considered to be responsible for their personal conduct.

**VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:** Any person found to be in possession of or under the influence of an illegal drug or drug substance on the Speedway property, as defined above, OR any person who is arrested by duly constituted authorities and charged with possession and/or use of illegal drugs or substances, OR any person who is formally charged by a court of law with illegal drug violations, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES BY THE SPEEDWAY:

Suspension from competition and eviction from the Speedway property, and denial of further entry to the Speedway for a period to be determined by Speedway official.

Any participant who is formally charged by a court of law with a illegal drug violation, upon notification to Merritt Speedway management by that agency, shall be suspended from all forms of participation at Merritt Speedway until such time as the charges are fully adjudicated throughout the legal process. Any participant convicted of a formal drug charge by such process of law will be prohibited from taking part in any Merritt Speedway events for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of conviction.

**APPEAL AND HEARING:** Any participant suspended for violation of these rules may be granted an appeal hearing by a board of officials designated by Merritt Speedway, provided the suspended participant requests such a hearing, in writing, within 14 calendar days of the date of suspension. It is the responsibility of the suspended party to make such a request if a hearing is desired.

**REINSTATEMENT:** A participant suspended for violation of these rules. EXCEPT IN THE

CASE OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH SELLING DRUGS, may, as the result of a decision reached through the hearing process detailed above, be reinstated, if it is mutually agreed that the participant - at his or her own expense - will produce documentation from a physician licensed within the state, certifying that he or she is drug independent, as a result of random and periodical examinations and urinalysis testing, made at the request of Merritt Speedway management.

**PRESCRIBED DRUGS:** If a participant is using prescription drugs on the advice of a physician, such use must be reported to the chief pit steward or racing director prior to the participant's entry into any Speedway activities. Failure to so notify will subject participant to penalties as prescribed above.