

# 2010 Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series Rules

*(in addition to technical rules as per UMP)*

1. The rules and/or regulations set forth herein do not express or imply warranty of safety, from publication of, and or, compliance with these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series and are in no way a guarantee against injury to participants.
2. These rules and/or regulations will apply to all Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series sanctioned racing events.
3. Ontario Dirt Late Models Association Series officials/volunteers have full authority over said sanctioned events. In the event of any dispute, the 3 Race Directors decision will be final.
4. All race cars are subject to be inspected by the Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series Technical Director at any time during the event.
5. The Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series reserves the right to alter or amend these rules/regulations in the interest of fair competition. Notice of these changes will either take place verbally at a drivers meeting at the race event, or in written format on the official website [www.ontariodirtlatemodels.com](http://www.ontariodirtlatemodels.com) or in writing at the race event.
6. Herein, in all following information, the Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series will be referred to as the, ODLM.

## **On Track Penalties**

The on-track decisions are determined by the *race track* director within the tower. Should an ODLM official be present in the tower, then both shall make the call on the decision.

The following penalties will be applied after normal caution procedures have been followed, unless special circumstances apply:

Under green flag or caution flag conditions, the ODLM directors/race track director reserves the right to invoke penalties or suspensions of any driver whose actions were deemed to be overly aggressive, or fall into the category of "rough driving". This would be told to you over the raceceiver or by the pit steward.

Drivers will be notified of any penalties that have been levied by the series directors. All decisions shall be final.

*\*\*Note: This rule is not intended to eliminate competition or accidental contact; however, it is intended that deliberate contact and/or over-driving, will be penalized.*

Any physical or verbal confrontation, either on the race track or in the pits, with other drivers, crews or fans, ODLM officials/volunteers, will result in the aggressor(s) being suspended for the remaining events of the ODLM season.

The aggressor(s) will also lose any points and money earned that night.

*\*\*Note: Any driver who enters another drivers' pit area will be deemed the aggressor.*

*Away from the drivers pit area, both drivers will be considered aggressors. Drivers should be aware that they will be held responsible for any members of their race team, and the above penalties will apply, even if the driver concerned is not directly involved.*

*Any incidents that are judged to be "Deliberate Acts of Aggression," whether on or off the track, under green or caution, will result in disqualification.*

*\*\*Note: Any car that deliberately causes a caution, in the judgement of the series officials or track director, after the pace laps have been started, or under green flag conditions, or as the race is about to go back green, WILL BE SCORED ONE LAP DOWN. The only exception to this rule will be made in the event of a flat tire. If a car is black-flagged, it will not be scored from that point on. Failure to leave the track after being black-flagged may result in disqualification. If given the mechanical flag, scoring may resume.*

## **Time**

All drivers please note: All events will be conducted according to the schedule provided by the host track. Schedules will be posted by the ODLM tent, as well as line-ups. It is your responsibility to be aware of this and to adjust your workload accordingly and be ready when called. If you do not come to the starting line-up in a timely manner, you will start in the rear of your race.

It should be noted that cars must be presented for technical inspection when requested to do so, by the technical inspector or series directors. Delays in getting technical inspection completed, or refusal to unload in a timely manner, will result in offending drivers being denied hot laps.

## **Weigh-In**

All cars will weigh in at the scales immediately following their hot lap session. The first 5 cars must weigh in immediately following their heat races, and last chance races. (B) If only one last chance (B) feature is run, all transferring cars must weigh in.

**Following the A Main, all cars that finish the race must cross the scales and weigh in correctly.**

This includes the winner who must weigh prior to any Winners Interview or Presentation held on the front stretch.

*\*\*Note: all cars must proceed directly from the racetrack to the scales. Any detour, to anywhere, may result in disqualification or the offending driver being relegated to last place.*

Any car that is light at the scales after qualifying heat races, last chance race or feature event, will be relegated to last place for that race.

## **Changes/Substitutions**

At the discretion of the Series director(s), drivers may change cars at any time between the qualifying heat race and the start of the A Main. Only drivers present, who have qualified their car in a heat race, are eligible for this change/substitution. May only occur once in a given ODLM season.

However, any change will result in the driver starting at the rear of the heat race, last chance race or feature. Drivers and teams should remember that once the series officials have been notified of a car change, the car being withdrawn, cannot re-enter the race meet for any reason.

It is the drivers' responsibility to notify the pit assistants or series officials, of any desired changes so that prize money and/or points may be awarded correctly.

Should you borrow someone else's car, you have the choice of running their number or yours. *HOWEVER, points & money will go to the car number that is on the car.*

*If you have a substitute/alternate driver, they must be registered with the ODLM as your alternate driver. They must have paperwork registered with the ODLM officials.*

At all races, once the feature race has pulled away from the starting grid, no car changes will be permitted.

## Decals

There are certain decals that **must** be carried on the car, in order to earn both points towards the season championship and prize money. While the series is aware of, and, has no wish to cause conflicts between drivers, teams and sponsors, it must be realized that these companies are major contributors to the series points fund. Decals must be located in the positions as outlined by the tech inspectors guideline. The ODLM decal must be on the car, both sides of the back window area, at every series race in which the car competes. No exceptions.

## Contingencies

Certain other product manufacturers will be awarding contingency money or prizes to drivers finishing the feature event. These awards will be dependent upon the manufacturers decal being carried on the race car. If you wish to be eligible to receive an award from the manufacturer concerned, it is your responsibility to ensure the correct decal is affixed to your race car. All cars starting and finishing the feature race, will be checked by the series technical official(s) / series directors/volunteers for the appropriate decals.

Any other ODLM series sponsors decals that are carried on the car, must be affixed prominently. There is no mandatory ruling to carry any other sponsors decals, however, it is worth bearing in mind that sponsors only put money into the series to gain exposure for their products – no exposure will eventually mean no money, and therefore smaller purses for races and championships.

## Sign In/Registration

It will be the responsibility of all drivers/teams to sign in, prior to the drivers meeting. All drivers must be **pre-registered prior** to the racing events.

The sign-in will be conducted at the ODLM designated location in the pit area. **ONLY** a driver or crew representative shall be allowed to sign in the car that *is at the track*, prior to the cut-off. (1 hour prior to the start of the race program) Pill draw will be done at that time. Cars will be divided into heat races, according to the pill draw numbers.

If a team does not sign in prior to the drivers meeting, they will start last in the last heat race.

ODLM officials/volunteers may draw for drivers/teams not at the track under exceptional circumstances and only if the team notifies the ODLM officials of their lateness. Should they arrive after the drivers meeting, or the driver misses the drivers' meeting, they will start at the rear of their heat race.

**It is a condition of entry, that the drivers registration form and the last page of this rule package, is completed and handed in, mailed in, emailed in, faxed in, etc prior to the drivers first series race of the season, to Debbie Brush. Box 1727 Blenheim, ON. N0P1A0**

A fee of \$50 is due prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, it shall be \$75. Payable to Debbie Brush, with a memo of ODLM registration fee. Please include your list of membership cards you require for your team. Maximum number shall be 6, included with your membership. After that, it is \$10 per card.

It is also the responsibility of the teams/drivers to fill out the sponsorship registration card upon registering or sign-in. These cards will be used for the announcement and publication of sponsors throughout the season. If there is a change in sponsorship, it is the teams/drivers responsibility to notify the ODLM series officials/volunteers.

### **Raceceivers**

Raceceivers or a similar brand of oneway radios is mandatory for all race events. Failure to ensure you have a working radio will result in your failure to start the said event. Frequency will be written on the pit board, as well as verbally relayed at the drivers meeting.

### **Technical Inspection**

Technical inspection will be held at an area designated by the technical inspectors, and all cars must sign in and pass through technical inspection before going out onto the track. No exceptions. Failure to follow this procedure may result in forfeiture of your starting position in the qualifying heat race. When the car is presented for technical inspection, the hood must be removed.

All race cars must pass through technical inspection before the drivers meeting. All race cars must pass technical inspection before a technical sticker is issued. Any changes, or alterations required must be completed, and the race car returned to technical inspection before hot laps. *No sticker, mean no hot laps. No exceptions.*

After a race car has passed technical inspection, and sticker has been issued, no alterations may be made to the race car – any changes to spoiler height, deck height, quarter panels, doors or any other part of the body will result in loss of position in either heat races or last chance races.

Spot-checks can be made by the technical inspector at any time, and penalties will be applied to cars found illegal after tech stickers have been issued. If a car is found illegal, they shall start last in their heat race. If a car is found illegal after their heat race, they shall start last in the last chance race or A main.

No changes can be made on the grid. Cars must return to the pits. Failure to follow this procedure will result in immediate disqualification, and the grid being filled with the next alternate. If a driver decides that changes need to be made to his car, (such as changing tires) once it has been put in position on the starting grid, he may not leave the grid to make the changes until the field has been sent off on the warm-up laps. When the driver returns, he/she must start at the rear. No exceptions.

**\*\*Additional Notes** - *Templates will be used, to speed up Tech. Inspection Process (dimensions taken from the UMP website), tire softening is illegal and tires will be tested for compound and a chemical agent sniffer has been purchased.*

## **Drivers Meeting**

It is the responsibility of ALL drivers to attend the drivers meeting. In most circumstances, the drivers meeting will be held prior to hot laps at the ODLM tent or the pit stewards main location. Time for such meeting will be posted by the ODLM tent at the time of signup.

Any rule, format or schedule changes will be discussed at the drivers meeting.

All drivers will be responsible for information discussed at the drivers meeting. The drivers meeting is not a social gathering, your attendance and attention are mandatory.

Failure to attend a drivers meeting will result in that driver starting the tail of his respective heat race.

## **Hot Laps**

All hot lap sessions are up to the discretion of the host race track. Opportunity is given, as per the ODLM contract with the track. Hot lap session times will be posted at the ODLM tent, at the time of signing in. It is the drivers responsibility that you be aware of those times.

## Race Format

Pill draw will determine the line-ups for heat races. All drivers must run a heat race or last chance race in order to transfer to the A Main. Heat races shall be 10 laps, unless otherwise notified in the drivers meeting. The number of heat races shall be determined by the number of cars in the pits.

19 or less cars, there shall be 2 heats.

20 – 24 cars, shall be 3 heats

25 – 30 cars, shall be 3 or 4 heats

30 - 40 cars shall have 4 heats

**Redraw** shall depend on how many heats there are.

2 heat races – top 3 from each redraw

3 heat races – top 2 from each redraw

4 heat races – top 2 from each redraw

Redraw shall take place **5 minutes after the last heat race**. All drivers or a team representative, must proceed to the ODLM tent to participate in the redraw. Failure to appear for the redraw, will have you start the last position in the redraw position. ie 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

Depending on how many cars are in the pits, will determine if there is a last chance race event. If there are more than 26 cars in the pits, a last chance race will take place. The format for this will be determined once all the cars have signed in, and heat race numbers determined. Then a decision will be made by the track officials and the ODLM officials as to how many cars from the heat races will transfer to the A Main, and the remaining cars will be a B main, or last chance race. This will be written on the pit board by the ODLM tent, as well as verbally relayed at the drivers meeting.

A maximum of 26 cars *may* start the A Main, working in cooperation with the track management.

B Main or Last chance race event shall be 15 laps.

A Main Event may be 30 or 35 laps, depending on the contract details of each track.

## Provisional Starts

A maximum of two provisional starters will be allowed in any Main Feature. Provisional starters will be the highest points score from the points standings, with attendance throughout the 2010 season and who did not qualify for the A Main. The other shall be the 2009 ODLM Points Champion. All teams wanting to take a provisional must have attempted to compete in at least one preliminary event leading to the feature. All provisional starters must start at the rear of the field. Maximum of 1 provisional per registered driver, per ODLM season.

## Points Breakdown

### Heats

1 <sup>st</sup>	10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	1

### A Feature Event

1<sup>st</sup> – 60 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – each placement drops at 2 point intervals

Cars present that do not make the A Main, will receive 10 points

### Attendance

1<sup>st</sup> event attend – awarded 25 points

2<sup>nd</sup> event attended – awarded an additional 10 points

3<sup>rd</sup> event attended – awarded an additional 15 points

4<sup>th</sup> event attended – awarded an additional 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> event attended – awarded an additional 30 points

Therefore, if you attend 1 event, you receive 25 additional points in addition to your on-track points. 2=35, 3=50, 4=70 & 5=100

## 2010 Point Fund Criteria

ODLM stickers must be run the entire season. (As specified in decal location)

Driver or car owner must be present at the 2010 awards night, date, time and place to be announced, in order to claim any monies, trophies or other awards. All award night information will be given by the first scheduled event.

## **Purse Money**

All monies that are paid to the ODLM as per the track contract will be paid out the night of the event, in Canadian funds. Should a track pay by check, it is understood that the checks will be accepted by the individual teams. Any American wishing to have their purse money transferred over to U.S. funds, will indicate to an ODLM official in writing, and a U.S. check will be sent out the following business day. (Exceptions may occur, due to travelling time) All purse money distributed after the completion of the race will be signed for by either the driver, owner or significant other. Should there be a pending ruling of a penalty, the money earned by that driver will not be distributed until a decision has been made. If a penalty does occur, that money earned by that driver, will either go to the year end point fund, or for the ongoing fan development we are developing for this year. Should the penalty not occur, a check will be mailed to the individual within 5 business days of the said occurrence date.

## **Rookie of the Year**

The Rookie of the Year will receive a bare; all chrome Moly Lazer Late Model Chassis.

\*must race car minimum of 8 times in 2011 with the ODLM

\*must display 2-10" x 20" Lazer Decals on car

\*must Purchase the following from B.R.C. Inc.

- A. Complete Front Suspension Kit #5100
- B. Complete Rear Suspension Kit #5300
- C. Complete Brake Kit #5900
- D. Q.C. Rear w/ Aluminum Tubes
- E. Sweet Power Rack & Pinion

Part Purchase Price \$5995.00 US

Total Package Value \$12,000.00 US

Leaf Racewear will award a \$100 gift certificate to the Rookie.

Bolt-on Performance will award a \$125 gift certificate to Rookie of the Year

**The specifics for the 2010 Rookie of the year are the following**

**Must be a new driver to the ODLM.**

**Not have raced more than 1 event in the calendar years of 2008 & 2009 with the ODLM.**

**Has not previously run for Rookie of the year with ODLM.**

**Has not previously won an ODLM race in any year.**

**Has not previously won a track dirt late model championship.**

If you intend to be considered a rookie for the ODLM, send in the downloadable form from the website, sign and send to the race coordinator, Debbie Brush, before the first race of the season.

## **Race Procedures and Rules**

Standard flagging procedures will be used for each event. If, for any reason, the race is run one lap short or long, the race is officially over when the checkered flag falls. After an on-track incident, the car or cars that *cause* the caution will be sent to the rear of the field. Any cars that stop or spin out to avoid running into an incident will be allowed to keep their position in the line.

All original starts will follow the hosts' tracks procedures.

Brake checking on a start or restart will not be tolerated. If you change your pace coming to the green flag on a start or restart and cause damage to another car, you will be subject to be disqualified from that race with no warning.

Once the green flag drops, the race is officially underway.

Any driver that stops on the track in order to cause a caution **without cause** is subject to being black-flagged from the event. Causing a caution for the avoidance of being lapped, to gain a restart, or any other reason not related to a mechanical difficulty will be considered without cause.

## **Spin Rule**

Any driver that is involved in two single car spins incidents resulting in a caution will be black flagged from the race event and sent to the pits.

## **Heat Race Assignments**

No car will be allowed to change heat race or B main race assignments. If it is deemed by the ODLM series officials to be a rare and/or uncontrollable circumstances the series reserves the right to allow someone to change their assignment but will start from the rear. Only in rare circumstances will this be allowed by the series directors.

## **Alternates**

Any driver in the feature, who is unable to start, will lose his position to an alternate. Alternate drivers will be notified of their positions, and if you are not ready to go, it is fairly certain that the other alternates will be! Once an alternate has been called forward to take your position, you may not reclaim that position.

No alternates will be allowed to start after the field has pulled away from the starting grid. In the event that a driver is unable to take up his assigned grid position, the following cars will be moved forward to fill that position. The grid will not be crossed and realigned. Alternates will join on at the back of the field, and not in the vacated position.

## **Caution Procedures**

There will be no racing back to the caution.

In the event of a caution, the car, or cars, involved in the incident that comes to a stop on the race track, will be sent to the rear. All cars that are indirectly involved in the accident will be given their position back. In the event of either a caution or a red flag, after one lap has been scored, any car that goes into the pits will rejoin the field at the rear. In the event of a caution or a red flag on the starting lap, drivers may enter the pits for repair, and assume their original grid positions, provided that they have rejoined the track before the one to go signal has been given. In all cases, either starts or restarts, if the one lap to go signal has been given, those rejoining after the one to go signal, must join the field at the rear.

In the event of a caution, all lapped cars will line up for the restart at the rear of the field by position on the racetrack, and according to the previously completed lap.

## **Attention all Drivers, Team Owners & Team Members**

Please remember that we are here because of the fans, promoters and the sponsors. If they don't benefit....we won't. While we understand that this competition involves substantial financial stakes, there is no excuse for bad or unruly behaviour, which would tend to bring the Series into disrepute.

The Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series is a professional organization and will conduct itself in its dealings with everyone, including fans, drivers, team members, series sponsors, tracks and the press. The Series therefore expects the same from its drivers, team members and sponsors. The Series organizers and officials therefore reserve the right to take disciplinary action against anyone who brings the Series into disrepute by their actions, either on or off the track.

The series organizers and officials also reserve the right to request the removal of any derogatory or distasteful statements on any race car or hauler. Failure to comply with this request for removal may result in disqualification from some or all of the Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series events.

The decisions made, and the disciplinary actions taken, by the Series organizers and officials hereunder shall not be appealed by the driver, team member or team sponsor affected thereby.

**PLEASE NOTE:** By entering, qualifying and/or racing in an Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series event, you are accepting these rules and regulations, being those under which you are prepared to race.

**Any driver entering an competing in an ODLM Association Series event, acknowledges and accepts the following: ODLM Association and its assignees, may use the drivers names, pictures, likeness and performances in any way, medium, or material. Including without limitations by and through, television, radio air-wave: cable and satellite broadcasts, film productions, videotape reproductions, audio-tape reproductions, transmissions over the internet and public and private on-line service authorized by Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series and the like, before, during and after the event for promoting, advertising, recording or reporting in the event or any other ODLM Association Series sanctioned event, and do hereby relinquish all rights thereto for these purposes, provided however that the car owner and driver shall retain the exclusive use of its or his name, picture and likeness in connection with product endorsements and the sale of products, services, concessions and merchandise.**

I \_\_\_\_\_(drivers name) have read all the above and agree to abide by & with all the said information, as outlined on the preceding pages, as outlined by the Ontario Dirt Late Model Association Series Rules & Regulations.

**Failure to sign this last page will result in failure to race.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_