



## **Black Flag Policy – Effective January 1, 2024**

- The noise level of renters' vehicles shall not exceed the agreed upon decibel level per the Track Rental Agreement, measured at fifty feet (50') from the track driving line, at a time and location determined by Management.
- The methodology and equipment used to measure sound levels shall be at the discretion of LSRA Management and the County of Monterey.
- Any vehicle that violates the sound limit will be black flagged and disqualified for the remainder of the session in order to make mechanical adjustments/repairs.
- If a vehicle fails to pit after receiving a black flag and violates the sound limit for a second lap, it will be assessed as the second black flag.
- Any vehicle that violates the sound limit two (2) times will be disqualified for the remainder of the day. If the same vehicle violates the sound limit on any of the following rental days, that vehicle will be disqualified for the remainder of the rental period.
- If any vehicle continues to operate at higher than the maximum sound level after receiving two sound violations, the Track Rental Agreement may be revoked, and all renter participants shall discontinue track activity. Neither the County of Monterey nor Management shall be obligated to refund any portion of the fees paid.
- The dB level for the day is in effect for all locations within the facilities.
- Any vehicle producing a sound reading exceeding 100dB on a 90 or 92dB limit day will be disqualified for the remainder of the day, first strike.

- Vehicles will be allowed one (1) sound check per day at TRS discretion. Vehicles in violation during a sound check will still be black flagged and required to pit, but it will not be assessed as a strike.
- A time frame for sound checks can be made available from 8:45am – 9:00am. If a vehicle reads above the rental's decibel the black flag will not be counted for the day but the vehicle must make adjustments and go through tech.
- Any group session receiving ten (10) or more sound violations within a session will be black flagged, as a group, forfeiting the remainder of their session.
- Any groups that have been disqualified for sound violations will be required to send each vehicle in violation through tech inspection for the remainder of the rental. Tech inspections will be performed by Grid personnel (WRLS staff) or the Track Rental Supervisor, to ensure that mechanical modifications have been made, or alternative driving techniques will be employed, addressing the sound level of the vehicle.
- After a rental day reaches twenty (20) black flags, they are issued a warning and once they hit five (5) additional flags the track can make the decision to shut down the rental for the day with no credit back to the renter.
- Renters consistently exceeding twenty (20) black flags per day will be prohibited from renting lower decibel limit days in the future.
- Following their rental dates, all renters (except unlimited sound days) will receive a copy of their Sound records in order to better manage the number of sound violations occurring within their respective clubs/groups.