



Section 1-General Regulations

- A. Objective: CIFCA main objective is to entertain the fans with a quality funny car show while upholding safety as our main priority. This is achieved by providing a means for affordable funny car racing.
- B. Competitor Dues: \$300 per year; CIFCA Membership expires Dec. 31 of that calendar year. Dues to be paid in full before a member will be allowed to compete in a CIFCA event. Dues are NON-REFUNDABLE. If a member pays dues for a given year and does not compete in the year in which the dues were paid for, then the dues can be reused for the following race year only.
- C. Entry Forms: Required by 5pm, Friday, one week prior to race & must contain contingency information. Can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed.
- D. Entry Fees: No racetrack fee to those that pre-register one week in advance.
- E. Final Authority: Track officials have the last word.
- F. Field Format: Points events will be either an 8 or 16 car elimination ladder. 16 car elimination ladder. 16 car ladder will be: 1) Predetermined by the track promoter or 2) Set if 14 cars are capable of racing prior to 1st round of eliminations. In some rare instances, there may be only one qualifying session for a 16 car ladder. The field format will stay as is after qualifying. Broken cars will be replaced by alternates if available. If we have two competition singles while in eliminations, they will pair up to help with the show for the fans. Lane choice will go to the higher qualified car.
- G. Index: All races are contested on a 7.50 index (1/8 mile = 4.70).
- H. License: Competitor must possess a NHRA license. License Required (Mandatory): Category B Class 4. License Recommended: Category B Class 3.
- I. Break Rule: If a winning car breaks prior to the semi-finals, low ET loser of the previous round will be substituted. Substitutes will collect money/points for only rounds won. If one of the 2 finalists break, rule will not apply. Substitutes do not have lane choice.
- J. Deep Staging: Permitted. Courtesy staging is not mandatory.
- K. Appearance: Cars should be painted and presentable CIFCA decal preferred on both sides of funny car Series Sponsor decals displayed on both sides of funny car Decals of Contingency, Long Deal and Bonus Sponsors of your choice displayed on both sides of funny car Crew Shirts mandatory for all teams; can be as simple as matching T-shirts. Shirts must be worn while teams are on the starting line.
- L. Automatic Starting: Autostart will be used at tracks that offer it.
- M. Protests : All protests must be filed with CIFCA officials before leaving the event in which you are protesting. Failure to do so waives your right to protest that event and the decision rendered will be final.



N. Conduct: Any conduct from a member detrimental to sponsor relations or track relations may result in suspension or expulsion from CIFCA. (All member benefits will be revoked and dues will not be refunded to any expelled members.)

Section 2-Technical & Safety Rules

A. Must meet NHRA Bracket One Rules (7.50-10.99)

B. Fuel: NHRA fuels accepted including Gas, Alcohol, Propane, Natural Gas, and Nitrous Oxide. Nitrous not permitted on supercharged engines, No Nitro.

C. Blowers: Permitted.

D. Weight: No Minimum.

E. Chassis: Certification Required.

F. Body: Any year; Must be a full flip top funny car body. All four wheels must be covered. Alters prohibited. Unusual body styles subject to approval.

G. Rear light: Required.

H. Wheel base: 100" Minimum.

I. Engine Diapers: Mandatory on all cars. Diapers do not have to be SFI certified.

J. 60-1320 Rule: Programmed disruption of engine power between 60 and 1320 is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: electronic throttle stops, stutter boxes, timers, etc...

K. Ignition: No accessories allowed on ANY ignition except for rev limiter or tach converter. Other accessories including, but not limited to rpm switches, six shooters and timing controls are not legal. RPM switches can be used for shift light or Auto shifter only.

L. Data Recorder: The use of data recorders will be permitted in CIFCA. Data recorders will not be allowed to control any function of the race car. Examples: shift lights, ignition systems, high speeds, shift points, etc. DATA RECORDING ONLY.

M. Center Steer Only

Section 3-Rules & Regulations on Tow Money

General: (May be available at certain events)



A. Teams will be notified of amount per mile and details. Tow money is paid to teams that pre enter one week in advance. No tow money if rain out or complete cancellation. Must make a reasonable effort to race to be eligible for tow money.

B. Mileage Calculations: Miles will be determined from a matrix based on competitor residence and raceway using mapquest.com. All miles are one way.

Section 4-Race Payout & Year End Bonus

A: General: A purse of \$5300 is guaranteed for 16 a car field.

B: Breakdown:

Winner..... \$ 900
Runner up.....\$ 600
Semi Finals.....\$ 500
Qtr Finals.....\$ 300
First Round..... \$ 200

Note: If 8 car field, Remove first round. Pay Out starts with Quarterfinalist: \$300.
Car must stage to receive round money.

C: \$2500 Points Fund. Presented at Awards Banquet

Champion..... \$ 700
2nd Place..... \$ 500
3rd Place.....\$ 300
4th & 5th Place.... \$ 250
6-10th Place \$ 100

Section 5-Points System

A. Structure: Qualify Points:

1.....16pts	5.....8
2.....14	6.....6
3.....12	7.....4
4.....10	8.....2

B. Structure: Round Points:

Winner..... 800
Runner up..... 600
Semi 400
1st Round..... 200
Show up: 100 points



B. 16 car show: All qualifying points will be doubled if full field, otherwise prorated. Round points will be increased by 200 starting with 2nd round.

C. Alternates: No first round points or money. No qualifying points if no qualifying passes made. May be instated if a car fails to appear in the staging lanes within a reasonable amount of time.

D. Substitutes: No additional round points or money for cars that fail to advance during eliminations under the break rule. Must win the round to earn additional money & points. Rule does not apply after semi-finals. Loser will get round money if the run was a predetermined bye.

E. Round Robin: (Rare) Ladder will be based on ET from first two rounds. Two Low ET pair off in a third (final) round. Winner and R/U determined from the third round. 1st and semi finalists are as follows: Qualify 3rd or 4th – Semi Qualify 5th thru 8th - 1st All that show - 100 points.

F. Cancellation: Prior to first round of eliminations 100 points each + Qual Pts.

Completion of a full round ;Completion of a full round points would end with the last round. Example: if the race was canceled after 1st round in a 16 car field the 8 winners would all receive points for their 1st round win and the points would stop there. If this would happen after the semi finals and we are not able to run the final the points would end at the semi finals. The quickest ET would determine the winner and runner up for money and contingency. If final is postponed one day Finalist have the option to run off at a later time. The run off must be ran at a CIFCA sanctioned Points event.

G. Waivers: Competitors will waiver 1 race per every 5 scheduled.(1-4 races = 0 waiver, 5-9 = 1, 10-14 = 2)Waivers will automatically be dropped from the points standing at the end of the season. Waivers may include an event where a team does not show up. Only qualifying & eliminations points will be waived.100 show up points will not be dropped.

H. Ties A tie in the Top 5 will be determined by an alternate points system: Wins 6pts, Runner ups-3pts, Semi 1 point A tie in bonus program will be determined by whom did it first.

Section 6-Qualifying Procedures

A. Sessions: Competitor should make at least one session. Competitor must make 1 pass to receive attempt points.

B. Staging: Must fully stage to be a qualifying pass. A car having a problem prior to staging will be allowed to make another attempt during that round of qualifying if the track allows. The car would be placed last in the run order for that session.

C. Pairing: Teams must alternate lanes during qualifying. Low ET winner from previous round has choice of lane and run position.

D. Run Positions: Low qualifier has choice of run position (i.e. 1st pairing out, etc..).Low ET winner from previous round has choice of lane & run position.



E. Cap: A proportional cap of 7.80 will be in effect during qualifying at all open shows (1/8 mile = 4.90). Basically, this is a .3 seconds penalty (.2 seconds 1/8 mile). Cars breaking out will have the amount of breakout added to 7.80. (Ex. 7.40 pass = 7.90 qualifying ET)

Ladder will be set as follows :

- a. 7.50 - 7.80 elapsed times
- b. Breakouts and slower than 7.80
- c. Those that did not make a pass

Identical ETs will be determined by MPH. Those that did not make a pass will draw numbers for position. No qualifying points to those that make the show without making a pass. Cap also applies to lane choice Quick loser does not have lane choice

Section 7-Bonus Program Rules

A. Burnout Challenge: Judged by the fans and track announcer Conducted during the 2nd qualifying session. When there is only one qualifying session, it will be conducted during 1st round of eliminations.

B. Quick Reaction Time (QRT): Awarded to the team with the QRT during eliminations Overall QRT Champion will be determined by each drivers average reaction time during eliminations over the course of the season. The driver with the lowest average reaction time at the end of the year will be crowned The Enderle Quick Reaction Time Champion. Driver must compete in more than half of the CIFCA events in that season to qualify.

C. Rookie of the Year: Awarded to the rookie driver (not team) with most points. Must be inaugural season with CIFCA. If competed in less than half of the races, will be eligible in 2nd season.

Best Package: *Awarded to the team that is closest to the index (no breakouts) and to a perfect reaction time (no redlights). Example: a 7.510 and a .410 reaction = .020 Package

Section 8-Competitor Benefits

The following apply to CIFCA Competitors

A. General: One that has paid the annual dues is an Active Competitor Membership runs from January 1st thru December 31st

- B. Benefits: Right to compete at CIFCA events
No racetrack entry fees
Free crewmembers admittance (limited)
Special lodging rates
Various Discounts (Long Deal, Jobber, etc)
Color Poster Calendars
2 Vinyl Graphic Decals



Any of the above privileges may be revoked if abused.

Section 9-Officers & Elections

A. General: The following positions are voted upon annually:

1. President: Responsible for overall organization Negotiate race schedule and money Call meetings (Officers & Drivers) Arrange lodging discounts Draw up agendas.
2. Publicist: Represent CIFCA at special events Educate newcomers to CIFCA Benefits and Bylaws Coordinate with track announcer. Write and mail press releases (usually monthly) Contact local newspaper and radio stations prior to events
3. Race Director: Keeps track of qualifying and eliminations Notify competitors of lanes, times & pairing Verify all entries for contingencies (Tech is the responsibility of the racetrack)
4. Sponsor Coordinator: Contact current and potential sponsors Assist Race Director in verification at track Mail contingency forms to sponsors after race Collect points fund donations from sponsors Will handle a limited number of sponsors

B: Terms: All terms begin January 1st and end December 31st

C: Nomination: Nominations will be done during the month of November. Phone/mail nomination accepted. An office can be held by any person (i.e. non member).

D: Voting: Must be competitor or active officer to vote. Ballots will be incorporated in the annual surveys. Results will be announced at the annual Awards Banquet.

Section 10- Contingency Program Rules

- A. General: Contingencies are posted by manufacturers, retailers, and other businesses in the forms of cash, discount & product.
- B. Objective: To reward the racer that uses a certain product.
- C. Eligibility: Majority of contingencies requires: Product used during entire event & Decal posted on both sides of Funny Car
- D. Verify: Race Director will check all cars prior to qualifying. Sponsors may require proof of purchase.



- E. Advertising Release: Competitor relinquishes all rights of photos & videos to CIFCA, Sponsors and photographers.
- F. Payout: Winner and Runner up entry forms are mailed to posting sponsors. Sponsors pay the competitor direct.
- G. Penalty: Competitor found guilty of supplying false information or cheating faces suspension from the association.
- H. Records: Members are advised to keep accurate records of all contingencies due them. It is the competitors responsibility to follow up on any unpaid contingencies, if necessary.

Section 11- Competitor Benefits for Long Deal Parts Ordering

- A. General: Discounts are negotiated as privileges for CIFCA teams. They are to be used for the funny car & may not be bought for resale
- B. Verification & Ordering Active competitors contact the company direct & mention that he would like to purchase products thru CIFCA Long Deal program. You must be on their active CIFCA list. Several manufacturers require ordering thru CIFCA.
- C. Listings: Active Competitors will receive a list of sponsors with contact names.
- D. Eligibility: Competitors status must be current to be eligible for discounts There are No Exceptions
- E. Abuse: These privileges may be revoked at any time if abuse is detected.