

~ GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ~  
Put-In-Bay Sports Car Races ~ 2025  
(11/6/24)

**I. Purpose:**

Vintage Racing is an amateur sport where the pleasure of "Taking Part" must exceed the desire to "Win at All Cost." All competitors must know the limits of their skills and of their machines.

**II. Vehicle Eligibility:**

**Automobiles:**

1. Sports cars and sedans in production prior to 1963, as appropriate for the original races held at Put-In-Bay between 1954 and 1963. The original races had a limit of 1500cc for sports cars and 2000cc for production cars.
2. Prewar cars; no displacement limit.
3. Formula Vee, Formula III, Formula Jr and Formula Ford.
4. Cars as described in (1) but built between 1963 and 1990.
5. Production sports cars & sedans displacing less than 3.0L produced prior to 1990.
6. Modifieds & Sports Racers displacing less than 2.0L produced prior to 1990.
7. Exceptions will be considered upon application.

**Acceptance:** Vehicles should have a current VMC logbook. Potential entrants without a logbook or unknown to the organizers should submit a *Race Car Information Sheet (RCIS)* along with a photo of the car.

**Information:** Questions regarding eligibility and preparation should be directed to:  
Kurt Byrnes  
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**III. Vehicle Preparation:**

Appearance of the car and authenticity of its configuration is a vital component for acceptance.

**Brakes:** Brakes must be in excellent condition.

**Tires:** Tires must be in excellent condition and be suitable for high speed. No "slicks" or "baldies" are permitted. Tires with thin treads will not be permitted.

**General:**

1. Windshields may be removed or folded provided a suitable aero-screen is installed.
2. Leakage and Caps - No leakage of fuel, lubricants, or coolants will be allowed. A catch can is required on all openings or vents that could expel fluids. Coolant overflow should have a separate catch can.
3. Coolant MUST not contain Anti-Freeze or other slippery solutions.
4. All cars, except formula cars, must have at least one working brake light.
5. All cars must have mirrors fitted that provide clear view to the rear, and along both sides of the car.
6. Competition numbers must be displayed legibly and neatly on both sides of the car, using a minimum height of 8" and a stroke of 1.25", fixed on a contrasting background.
7. Headlights and other glass lenses must be covered or taped.
8. All cars may use racing or aviation fuel.
9. Bumpers may be removed.
10. Hub caps must be removed.

**IV. Driver Eligibility:**

**Driver:** Must hold a valid Vintage competition license issued by a recognized authority. Drivers not holding a current license that can prove proper racing experience will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Current Medical:** Drivers must show proof of a physical examination within the past 2 years.

**Acceptance:** PIBRRR reserves the right to exclude any participant for unspecified reasons.

**V. Responsibility:**

It is each competitor's responsibility to understand proper behavior relevant to an event of this nature. Overly aggressive driving will not be tolerated.

**VI. Safety Equipment:**

**A. Seat belts:** All cars must be equipped with racing or aircraft quality seat belts having metal to metal latches. Shoulder harnesses are required in cars having a proper roll bar. All belts should be in excellent and unsoiled condition.

**B. Arm restraints:** Properly adjusted arm restraints are highly recommended in all cars.

**C. Roll Bars:** Suitable roll bars are required on all cars. The top of the main hoop should be 2" inches above the driver's helmet. The actual design is left up to the car owner, but should follow sound engineering standards. There should be a padded headrest within 3" of the driver's helmet. All parts of the car or roll bar that could come in contact with the driver's head must be padded. Certain cars may be exempted from the roll bar requirement by design or agreement.

**D. Fire Extinguishers:** All cars must be equipped with a dry chemical or Halon fire extinguisher of at least 2 pounds, securely mounted with a metal quick-release device, in the cockpit within reach of the driver. On-board fire suppression systems are highly recommended. All systems should have been certified within the past two years.

**E. Fuel Cells:** All cars must have a fuel cell that meets FIA FT-3 specification unless specifically granted a waiver. The fuel cell vent should have a one-way check valve, such as a PCV valve, to prevent fuel overflow.

**F. Helmets:** It is required that all drivers wear an automobile (SA) rated racing helmet of SA2015 or later Snell approval or FIA specification 8860-2010. "M" rated motorcycle helmets are not allowed. All drivers must wear adequate eye protection. The driver's name, DOB and any special medical information should be clearly labeled on the back of the helmet.

**G. Suits:** All drivers must wear the equivalent of a two-layer suit that covers the body from the neck to the wrists and ankles. The suit and any underwear must be made of an approved fire resistant material such as Nomex, etc. All drivers must wear gloves and shoes of a fire resistant material. Drivers with facial hair must wear a fire resistant hood.

**H. Head & Neck Restraints:** A Hans device or similar certified head/neck restraint system is highly recommended for all race and exhibition drivers.