



# DRIVER'S BRIEFING NOTES

## 2026 Pro Tour Spring Nationals Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati

Thank you for coming out to race with us. Below are the main points for you to review and be aware of heading into these rounds of competition. We all have responsibility in making every race successful, and a big part of that is maintaining an understanding of the expectations.

### THE BASICS

- **Act respectfully** - Your interactions with others, cleanliness of the facility, etc.
- Be familiar with the SKUSA Rulebook.
- Understand the Protest and No-Call Protest Process.
- WhatsApp DM's are for questions and clarification only.
- All penalties and announcements will be posted in SKUSA WhatsApp channel - please wait until race results are posted before inquiring about in-race calls, etc.
- Yellow flags are not a suggestion.

### THE SPECIFICS

- An effort will be made to post warnings during practice, helping identify concerns officials witness, to promote better racing throughout the weekend, which may lead to penalties being enforced in qualifying if there are recurring issues. Final Practice penalties will also be enforced in qualifying.
- Drivers cannot be assisted during qualifying with the exception of Micro and Mini classes
- Lap 1/Turn 1 Start - Incident Responsibility is automatically a 10 second minimum "Reckless" penalty.
- "Push to pass" will continue to be monitored and officiated closely in an effort to improve respectable racecraft.
- Whenever there is a battle for position, both drivers must allow "room to race" for their fellow competitor.
- **Race Starts and Restarts**
  - All starts, including Full-course Yellow re-starts, take place within the *Start Zone*.
  - Racing will go straight to green - the out lap is the formation lap. The *Formation Cone* will be near T11, and the *Commitment Cone* will be near T15.
  - When Karts reach the commitment cone drivers must be double file getting ready for the start of the race.
  - All race starts will be thoroughly reviewed for lane violations, jump starts and pushing/contact. The removal of the PBB for X30 classes puts increased responsibility on those fields to manage starts safely and professionally.
  - **Aborted starts procedure**- If a start is aborted, all track staff will have a double standing yellow. Drivers must return to a pace lap speed and in their starting position to reattempt the start.
- Race Directors will be available for any questions during the "RD Questions" time slot on the event schedule.

Thank you