

Budget Sportsman Class

THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES

Please note that this class is intended to lower the cost of competing in a Modified type race car. Let it be perfectly clear that this class is intended for USED race cars and parts. Race management has no way to police what year car or chassis is used by race teams. Thus there is no rule that says you are not allowed to compete in a new car.

Albany-Saratoga Speedway offers two other open wheel classes if you intend to spend or have the money to spend on new cars or want to buy “high dollar” racing equipment then one of these classes will better suit you. Devil’s Bowl Speedway offers a Modified class that allows for more advanced and/or expensive parts to be used.

Race management will not allow any car or driver to dominate this division. When you sign your membership you will agree that race management is allowed to single out any race team and place restrictions on your race car. Management may add weight, a smaller carburetor or restriction plate below the carburetor that will level out the playing field.

Management may also move or place any driver that dominates the class to the Sportsman or Modified class at any time during the racing season. There will be an overall point champion between the two tracks. There will be no money paid out for the overall points. Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 in overall points.

This is a totally new project for Albany-Saratoga and Devil’s Bowl Speedway. To sit down at a desk and write a fair set of rules is next to impossible. With that said, please be advised that rules are subject to change during the course of the racing season.

We encourage the use of General Motors crate engine (part #88958602) with an approximate cost of \$3,000 to \$3,200; or the use of the CVRA/Noel’s World Product Spec Engine with World Product cylinder heads and spec intake manifold (your total cost for this package should not exceed the \$3,000 mark). With a carburetor the turnkey cost should not exceed \$4,000 for this engine. These engine programs have been in use in the Pro-Stocks for the last several years and have proven to be very successful. The GM crate engine that CVRA owns which pioneered the crate engine programs in the Northeast had almost four complete racing seasons on it before it was rebuilt.

These are several options for you to choose from for your engine that will power your Budget Sportsman, all of which are low compression engines. There will be **NO RACING FUEL ALLOWED** in this class. The use of fuel additives is strictly forbidden. Regular unleaded pump gas with a maximum octane rating of 94 must be used. The savings alone between the cost of racing fuel at about \$7.00 a gallon as compared to under \$3.00 gallon will pay for your weekly pit pass.

Our goal is to have an entry level open wheel modified type division where anyone can field a car that can win races for under \$10,000 total cost. This is possible as the market for used modified cars is extensive and you can purchase decent cars that are complete for under \$6,000. Add an engine that is reliable for around \$4,000 and you are in business.

The purse structure for the Budget Sportsman will be \$200 to win and everyone that starts the feature event will receive some tow money to help pay for towing the car. Anyone that tows to Devil’s Bowl from the Saratoga/Albany area or from any long distance please call Bruce

Richards at the Albany Saratoga Speedway for details on tow money. Bruce may be reached at 518-587-0220.

Race format for Budget Sportsman at Albany-Saratoga:

- Pit gate will open at 4 p.m., the speedway will open at 6 p.m. for warm-ups. The Budget Sportsman will be the second set of warm-ups after Modifieds. This warm-up session will be 6-8 laps long. The warm-ups will be this long because there will be NO Heats for Budget Sportsman at Albany-Saratoga. After the Budget Sportsman tune-up session the rest of the divisions will have their practice.
- The Budget Sportsman will be the first feature of the night with its 20 lap race. Yellow flag laps will not count. You will get plenty of time to have fun!
- This is the same format as was used for the Entry Level Sportsman in 2005. This format worked great. This way our program for our other classes will still start at 7 p.m.

Race format for Budget Sportsman at Devil's Bowl Speedway:

- A 6-lap heat race and a 20 lap feature. Pit gates will open at the Bowl at 5 p.m. and practice will start at 6 p.m.

These programs may have to be adjusted as the class unfolds.

Car numbers are going to be issued on a first come first served basis and the applications are available on the web site now. You may go to www.cvra.com for applications or call Devil's Bowl Speedway at 802-265-3112 or Albany-Saratoga Speedway at 518-587-0220.