

*Isn't racing dangerous?* This is a question race car drivers are asked repeatedly. Although injuries can occur in any sport, people are especially wary about racing, and motor sports in general, because of the extreme speeds and close quarter racing. Here at ACMS safety is a top priority. There are safety guidelines integrated into in every aspect of our sport, from the build of the cars, to the driver's attire, and the general pit rules. Here is a crash course on some of the things that keep our drivers and crew members safe.

**1. Driver equipment:** While racing, drivers wear a wide array of safety gear from head to toe. As you can see just by taking a look in the pits, the drivers wear fire retardant suits, gloves, and shoes. The thickness of the suit depends on the division in which the driver is competing. For example, a two layer suit must be worn by Super Late Model Drivers, while Pro Truck drivers can race with a single layer suit. The drivers also wear helmets and neck restraints. The most common neck restraints used at ACMS are the Hans Device and the Defnder, although some drivers use the Hutchens. The Hans and Defnder are very similar and work the same way. The carbon fiber restraint is tightened under the driver's 5 point harness, while two tethers from the back of the restraint attach to the helmet. The Hutchens uses the same principle, except it has a series of straps that the driver puts on rather than the carbon fiber base. The Hans, Defnder, and Hutchens reduce head and neck injuries by stopping the head from snapping forward on impact.



Defnder



Hans



Hutchens

**2. The car:** Some of the race cars that you see at ACMS began their life as a street car, therefore, to become a race car they must be stripped of all flammable and unnecessary parts, such as the seats. A roll cage, racing seat, and window net are just a few of the things added to the cars to increase safety. In the past eight years of racing at ACMS, we have seen a few different drivers end up on their roof. This is the reason we have roll cages in the cars. The cage is used to strengthen the car and prevent it from collapsing in the event of a rollover. Thankfully, all of the drivers who have endured a rollover at our track have walked away from the accident relatively unharmed. The window net is, of course, used to keep objects from hitting the driver but it is also a very important signal used by racers. After an accident, the driver putting his or her window net down is a commonly used signal to officials and safety crews that the driver is okay. So, next time you're at the races and you see a driver take down his window net after an accident, you will know that he is signalling that he is alright.



**3. General rules and guidelines in the pits:** There are several rules and guidelines in place to keep crews, drivers, and officials safe in the pits. For example, everyone in the pits must wear closed toed shoes. Dress code is important to stop preventable injuries such as burns and cuts to bare skin. Another rule is that each pit must have a fire extinguisher available, so that in an emergency it can be easily reached. At times, it can be easy to forget the basic principles of safety in the pits. For example, if a car gets in an accident and rushes to the pits (never exceeding the pit speed limit of 5mph, of course), the crew's goal is to get their car back out on the track as soon as possible. At times like this, the little things, such as putting a jack stand under the car after jacking it up can be forgotten. This can be fatal as the car could slip off the jack and land on the crew member working under it.

Although Mario Andretti is correct in saying, "If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough", without our safety crews we would not be going at all. Thank you to the safety crews, paramedics and officials for keeping our drivers, crews and fans safe.

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## RACE DAY SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**5:00pm** – Front Gates Open

**5:30pm** – Legends Qualifying  
(4 at a time)

**6:00pm** – National Anthem(s)

**6:05pm** – Sask. Legends Series Heat “A”

Sask. Legends Series Heat “B”

Bandoleros Heat Race(s)

Kreepy Kritterz Pest Control  
Mini Stock Heat Race(s)

Mid West Combustion  
Sportsman Heat Race

Bandoleros Qualifier Race

Sask. Legends Series Heat “C”

Sask Legends Series Heat “D”

Kreepy Kritterz Pest Control  
Mini Stock Qualifier Race

Mid West Combustion  
Sportsman Qualifier Race

### INTERMISSION

Bandoleros Feature

Sask. Legends Feature

Kreepy Kritterz Pest Control  
Mini Stock Feature

Mid West Combustion  
Sportsman Feature

Pits open to public

Social on Concourse



Mini Stock		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#95 Robin Boomsma	200
2	#92 Brennan Kirton	192
3	#41 Jamie Tataryn	183
4	#4 Shawn Magee	178
5	#1 Scott Barrand	171
6	#25 Tanner Reimer	125
7	#23 Cole Nixey	118
8	#88 Tom Smith	71



Sportsman		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#12 Matthew Shirley	55
2	#21 Nick Allen	54
3	#07 Casey Randall	48
4	#94 Jason Hankewich	41
5	#04 Tim Kammer	35
-	#77 Shane James	35
7	#5 Kirk Senger	32
8	#27 Rick Schurmanns	27
9	#93 Neil Schneider	14
10	#53 Scott Kessler	11

Bandoleros		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#24 Jaxen Gervais	54
2	#22 Kelsey Toth	53
3	#93 Ryley Schneider	46
4	#14 Ty Stewart	41
5	#33 Jasmine Speidel	36
6	#8 Braxton Clewes	1



Sask. Legends Series		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#90 Danny Meier	78
2	#13 Chelsey Wilson	77
3	#21 Blake Erb	71
4	#84 AJ Morrison	69
5	#2 Kerry Neufeld	62
6	#27 Jody Stewart	61
7	#48 Roger McConnell	60
8	#82 Cale Siemens	57
9	#88 Troy Stewart	54
10	#20 Audra Cooper	48
11	#98 Matt Bradley	47
12	#51 Matt Neufeld	38
13	#02 Darrell Buckingham	3
-	#24 Brad Blumer	3
15	#11 Jerry Sabine	1

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