

## **2026 Tazewell Speedway Protest Rules**

The track reserves the right to check cars at any time without payment of a fee. ONLY CARS FINISHING IN THE TOP FIVE MAY BE PROTESTED, AND ONLY BY THE DRIVERS THAT FINISH IN THE TOP FIVE. If the driver did not finish on the lead lap, the driver cannot file a protest. Drivers cannot protest cars behind them in the finishing order, except in the case of a counter-protest.

If you refuse to teardown, you will be suspended for two weeks. The protesting car will get ALL their money back. The car refusing teardown will have the option to take the suspension or pay the track tech fee for the protest to avoid the suspension. He will also have to start at the rear for two races regardless of what he chooses to do. A second refusal will result in a one-year suspension from the date of the last refusal. If a driver wishes to file a protest, they must drive straight to the scales. If you drive by the scales, you will not be allowed to protest. The driver must file the protest with the tech man. You will have 3 minutes to file your protest after the feature race you competed in ends. If the protested car is the winner and goes to Victory Lane, he will be allowed to protest the car that protests him but will have only 3 minutes to do so after he has been notified.

Only the driver will be able to put up money to protest. (NO CREW MEMBERS, CAR OWNERS, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO PUT UP MONEY TO PROTEST, DRIVER ONLY.)

Protest money must be paid in cash to the Tech Man within the three minutes from completion of the race. Once protest money has been paid, protest cannot be withdrawn, only disallowed by an official. All protest decisions will be made by track officials and are final. Track officials have the authority to hold protested parts for further evaluation and testing for two business days. If a decision cannot be made immediately, payoff for that class will not be made until the next week's event.

During tear down, only the driver and two crew members on the car being inspected are permitted to be in the teardown area along with Tazewell Speedway officials.

When the protested part is ready for inspection, the driver and one crew member from the protesting team will be permitted to witness the inspection. If the protested car is illegal, the protest fee will be returned minus the tech fee. If protested car is legal, that car receives the protest fee minus the tech fee.

Failure to cooperate with any protest policy can result in disqualification for either driver/team involved with the protest. One warning will be issued, failure to comply with warnings and the protest will be stopped, and penalties applied at the track official's discretion.

When any car is found illegal in the inspection or protest following a race, that car and driver will forfeit all moneys and points accumulated that day/night. If found illegal a second time, or for a blatant violation of rules, driver is subject to a one or two race suspension depending on the severity of the violation. Track officials will make final decision.

Any discrepancies in the finishing order must be taken up with the Race Director within ten minutes from the time the finishes are posted.

Any parts claims/buy rules must occur after the feature event. Only drivers finishing in the top 5 on the lead lap will be permitted to make a claim. You can only claim from cars finishing in front of you, unless you are being claimed and choose to claim the same part from the driver claiming your part. Claims must be made at the scales following the event, 5 minutes to make claim after race, driver must have money in hand. Drivers refusing to sell will only forfeit finish position, money, and points.

### **Standard Protest Information**

\*\*Pull Head v8: \$350, Includes intake manifold, carburetor & spacer, lifter, cam, bore/stroke, valve lift, distributor, rocker arm, piston, and head. Track fee is \$100.

\* 4cyl. Division: Head pull \$150, \$25 track fee.

Complete tear down to crank (v8): \$850, Track fee \$150.

Visual - \$50 Must be done prior to the start of any feature events. \$25 Tech Fee.

Any class that is limited by a C.I. or a C.C rule will have a P&G protest rule. P&G protest will be \$75 with \$25 going to the track. Track reserves the right to P&G at any time.

\*No P&G in 4cyl.

\*\*Crate engines that are factory sealed, or certified sealed, complete tear down \$1200. Track fee \$150. Non-sealed crate engines will fall under standard protest pricing.

\*\*Crate engines that are factory sealed, or certified sealed, pull head protest \$750. Includes Intake, carburetor and spacer, lifter, cam, bore/stroke, valve lift, distributor, rocker arm, piston, head. Track fee \$100.