

Our Gang Ice Racing

Summary of Changes for the 2023 Season

Last year our focus at the Annual Meeting was on clarifying changes that were introduced in the 2021 season, and this year our focus was on putting procedures in place that will allow us to limit the number of vehicles on the ice when necessary and rewarding people who are actively involved in making our events happen. For the sake of clarity, we have written up a summary that highlights the main things that you should be aware of.

Registration

- **All entrants must register and pay online by 5:00pm on the Thursday preceding the event. There will be no opportunity to register late or at the lake.**
- The vehicle tech inspection fee is now included with registration. All vehicles must be tech inspected once per season, but there is no longer an additional charge.
- If you wish to cancel your registration or you are unable to make it to the event, a credit can be issued which may be applied to a future race during the same race season. These credits are no longer available once you have checked in at the event. Any credits remaining at the end of the season will be retained by the club. No refunds will be issued at any time.

Work Expectations

All race competitors are required to help run a class that they are not participating in by flagging corners, helping stage, or any other duties necessary to safely run the event, as others will be volunteering to run YOUR class. If you are not prepared or refuse to help out, you may not be permitted to participate.

Entry Limitations Based On Ice Condition

We had to cancel all of our events during the 2022 season as it would have been unsafe for us to have the 50-60 cars that we normally have registered on Sunday out on the ice at the same time. This season, we will be limiting registrations based on ice conditions so that we can hold the events with fewer vehicles on the lake rather than completely canceling them.

In evaluating the ice conditions, we will be taking into consideration the thickness of the ice, as measured in 6 to 10 spots around the lake in addition to how soon the lake freezes prior to the season and how many freeze/thaw cycles the lake is seeing throughout the season. For ideal conditions, we need the ice to be at least 12 inches thick and for the weather to consistently remain below freezing. In early 2022, Georgetown experienced multiple days in the 40s and even one day above 50 degrees, which is detrimental to ice quality, even when the ice is technically over 12 inches thick.

Based on our observations, we will determine how many vehicles the ice can safely accommodate with proper distancing and we will limit registrations based on these determinations. When the number of vehicles needs to be limited, we will limit registrations in the following order:

1. Decrease Sunday Fun Day Track entries
2. Cancel the Sunday Fun Day Track event
3. Only allow vehicles in the active heat onto the lake

4. Reduce class sizes to 12 or 8 participants
5. Cancel the Competition Cheater class for ice preservation

When registrations need to be limited, entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis according to the time that the registration was received. For example, if we need to limit our event to 8 vehicles on the ice and 16 people registered for the Street Bare Rubber class, we will accept the first 8 registrations received and the remainder will be canceled and refunded.

Flagging Points

Each time you help flag a class heat, you will receive one flagging point. Awards will be given out at our Awards Ceremony based on flagging points earned throughout the season. Awards may be based directly on the number of flagging points earned or we may hold a raffle where each flagging point earned represents one entry in the drawing. When you help flag a heat of races, just make sure that the head of staging records your name so that we can award the flagging points!

Active Volunteer Discounts

Previously we provided discounts to our members to thank them for their contributions to the club. Going forward, we will be making these discounts available to all active volunteers, even if they are not members of the club. In order to be added to the Active Volunteer List, you must be nominated by one of our Committee Heads, so you need to get their attention! If you volunteer regularly to help with tech inspection, set up the tracks on Saturday, stage vehicles for races, or with registration check-in each morning, for example, they are sure to notice and get you added to the Active Volunteer List! Everyone on the volunteer list will pay \$16.00 instead of \$26.50 to register for competitive classes at each event.

Sunday Fun Day Track

This new event was a hit for our 2021 season, so we're bringing it back! We understand that some people just want the experience of driving on ice without the pressure of competition, so this event takes place on a practice track set aside specifically for drivers who want dedicated seat time without the constraints and stress of competing in a tournament-style bracket. In short, drivers are able to practice for hours on end without the threat of being eliminated.

- Take as many practice laps as you can make within a 4+ hour window
- Entry fee of \$59.99 per vehicle (up to 4 drivers allowed per vehicle)
- Limited to 32 vehicles (or less, according to ice conditions)
- No brackets, no awards, no pressure
- All vehicles must be licensed, registered, and insured for use on public roads
- Tires must be factory produced and DOT approved for use on public roads

Participants may register for **either** the Sunday Fun Day Track **or** one of the competitive race classes. Once registration closes, participants will not be able to change events. The Sunday Fun Day Track will be reserved only for participants who sign up specifically for this event and participants will not have to worry about competitors who were eliminated from the competitive race brackets coming over and taking time on their track.

NOTE: The Sunday Fun Day Track event filled up between 1-2 weeks early every Sunday in 2021. If you are interested in taking part, we highly recommend planning ahead and registering well in advance, especially since we may need to limit entries based on ice conditions!