



# 2024 Official Rule Book

Rules of the Desert Production 4  
“DP4 Racing Championship”

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# DP4 Racing Rule Book Updates as of October 15, 2024

The below changes have been made to the 2024 DP4 Racing Rule Book as of 10/15/2024. Please note that this sheet is designed to point out new changes to the old rule book. All participants are required to be aware of all rule book requirements, regardless of whether or not they are present on this sheet.

Page #	Section	Change
5	3	Added clarification regarding GPS and course markings. Added requirement to record vehicles race tracks.
6	2	Modified protest requirements and timeline.
7	4	Modified protest requirements and timeline.
11	16 Foundation rated fire suit.	Added requirement for fueller to wear an SFI
14	Race Numbers	Modified race numbers to be earned. Modified race color backgrounds to differentiate pro and amateur classes. Established class "identifiers" so that each class has standard number sequences. Inserted DP4 number "Style Sheet."
19	SXS Classes	Removed the section that read "Must use hood, grill, front and rear fenders from the SXS".

# 2024 SXS RULEBOOK

**THE ONLINE VERSION IS THE OFFICIAL RULEBOOK**

The rulebook found online at DP4Racing.com is the official up to date version.

All revisions to rulebook are posted at DP4Racing.com.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Desert Productions 4 Racing (referred to as DP4 hereinafter). Rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to establish minimum acceptable requirements and to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events. Effective January 1, 2024 these rules and regulations will govern all DP4 events. All DP4 members and racers willingly participating in these events are deemed to have read and agree to comply with these rules and regulations. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. These rules and/or regulations are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or any person or persons. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport only.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1: Off road racing is a hazardous sport, and with participation being voluntary, no entrant, pit crew member or vehicle sponsor shall have any claim for damages, expenses, lawsuits or otherwise against promoter, land owner, DP4, its officers, agents or directors arising from damage to any vehicle, personal injury or death, monetary loss of any kind whatsoever. Entrants, pit crew members or vehicle sponsors who voluntarily participate in any racing activities conduct under these rules waive any claim they may have against promoter, track operator, DP4, its officers, agents or directors.
- 2: The director shall have the authority to penalize, disqualify and/or suspend any entrant or crewmember for the violation of these rules including special rulings.
- 3: DP4 may issue special rulings to account for conditions presented by the location of the race, the condition of the course or any other circumstance.
- 4: Supplementary regulations may be issued for each event as necessary to amend, suspend or modify existing rules and regulations.

5: DP4 assumes no responsibility whatsoever for delays, postponements and/or cancellations of all or part of an event because of inclement weather, unsafe course conditions and/or any other reason.

6: DP4 members are not employees of DP4. DP4 participants assume all responsibility for all charges; premiums and taxes payable on any funds they may receive as a result of their participation in any DP4 sponsored event(s).

7: DP4 reserves the right to refuse and/or deny any entry application.

8: No racer is permitted to carry gasoline except for within the machine's fuel tank.

9: Safety equipment and machine eligibility are the sole responsibility of the racer. Racer is required to pass tech at each event.

10: DNF Definition - Racer must start race and make one lap thru the scoring. Racers shall not receive a DNF so long as they compete one lap through the scoring tower.

11: ABSOLUTELY NO PIT RIDING ALLOWED AT ANY EVENT.

12: DP4 reserves the right to uphold all policies and rules written or otherwise.

## **ENTRANTS**

1: Any entrant who fails to fully fill out and sign required entry forms and releases shall be disqualified and shall forfeit any prize money, points and contingencies won in that particular event. Entry forms and releases must be signed in person in front of DP4 entry personnel. Identification may be required.

2: No entrant may enter racing areas until they have signed all releases and/or entry forms. No person shall sign the release or entry forms for anyone other than himself or herself. Proper identification may be required (i.e., picture ID).

3: The entry applications of persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the release form. If a parent is sending their child with a legal guardian, they must use a DP4 minor release form. Must be notarized to be valid. Minor release available at: [DP4Racing.com](http://DP4Racing.com) click on REGISTRATION > MINOR RELEASE FORM.

4: Any entrant who competes on a vehicle that he/she is not registered to ride or permits such action, shall forfeit any and all prize money, points and contingencies won in that particular event. Such action may result in vehicle disqualification.

5: **DRIVER OF RECORD:** The person listed on an official DP4 Racing entry form to be the main operator of a vehicle entered in an event. The driver of record must sign all entry and release forms in person during the normal registration time in order to be eligible for points, prize money, and contingency awards in that event. Identification may be required during registration. The driver of Record is responsible for all actions of his/her team, pit crew and/or anyone associated with Driver of Record / race vehicle number. The Driver of Record must have a current DP4 racing membership prior to registering for a DP4 event. Drivers of Record should bring their DP4 Driver License with them to Sign Ups for Verification at every event. DRIVER WRIST BANDS MUST BE PLACED ON DRIVER IN FRONT OF SIGN UPS STAFF. NO EXCEPTIONS.

6: **CO-DRIVER:** A person listed (up to three co-drivers) on an official DP4 Racing entry form as a cooperater of a vehicle that is eligible to drive or ride during the course of the race. **The co-driver must sign all entry and release forms in person during the normal registration time at the same time as the driver of record is signing all entry and release forms.** No co-drivers will be permitted to be added to an entry after signups are closed. Identification may be required during registration. All Co-Drivers MUST have a current DP4 Co Driver Membership in order to participate in a DP4 event. Co-Driver memberships are transferable among cars. Co-Drivers should bring their DP4 Co-Driver License with them to Sign Ups for Verification at every event. CO-DRIVER WRIST BANDS MUST BE PLACED ON CO-DRIVER IN FRONT OF SIGN UPS STAFF. NO EXCEPTIONS.

7: Race vehicle must be occupied during the entire duration of the event as long as vehicle remains in competition. Seating must be designed in such a fashion to allow all passengers a quick exit.

8: Only entrants that are listed on official DP4 entry form may race the SXS for which they are registered. No entrant may ride any SXS for which they are not registered.

9. Refunds will only be given before a rider has completed (and passed) their tech inspection, or prior to the closing of tech inspection. Racers who fail to show up for tech inspection, or whom do not request a refund prior to the close of tech inspection will not be refunded. There are no refunds for equipment failure, failure to report at your assigned start line time, or other after the vehicle has been tech inspected and/or the tech inspection closes.

10. Tech Inspection must be attended by Driver and Co-Driver. Vehicles who enter tech without both a Driver and a Co-Driver present will be turned back. All drivers/co-drivers must have their wristband on when attending tech inspection. All vehicles must pass tech inspection prior to the start of the race in order to be eligible to start.



## **EVENT COURSE**

1: A GPS course is the official route designated by and marked with official DP4 markings (ribbons/signs/arrows). All vehicles must follow this route during the event. No vehicle may deviate from the GPS/marked course at any time. Short coursing is not permitted and will result in disqualification. Short coursing is defined as any deviation from the marked course resulting in either a time or position advantage. DP4 is not responsible for markings that are damaged or removed. All vehicles must proceed only in the correct direction of the course route or trail. Riding backwards on the racecourse at any time is prohibited. Riding backwards on the course is grounds for penalties of up to and including disqualification. All racers are required to record their tracks and retain the tracks for up to 8 hours after the race. Failure to record the entirety of their GPS racing tracks or provide GPS tracks upon request by director will result in a disqualification

2: Course may include trails, footpaths, roads, hills, or any type of terrain, which can be negotiated by a SXS. Pre-running the course is not allowed. Racer must remain on the marked course. Any time double arrows are posted on both sides of the trail, racer must stay between the arrows. Markers may also include any device placed along the trail to help guide riders, including: ribbons, signs, stakes, hay bales, flags, etc. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the racer must stay on the original marked course.

3: In order to be considered as “on the course” riders must remain within 100 feet of the marked trail at all times. Racers found to be deviated by more than 100 feet away from the marked course will be assessed penalties of up to and including disqualification.

4: Riding backwards on the course is grounds for immediate disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.



## PROTESTS

1: The director, with or without protest, has the right to penalize, fine, disqualify, and/or suspend any vehicle or entrant for violation of any DP4 rules.

2: Another entrant within the same class may make technical protests as the entrant being protested. A \$400.00 cash fee must accompany protests for each item protested. The protest must be in writing along with the fee and be delivered to the director no later than 30 minutes before the end of the race. The decision of the director will be final.

3: Any entrant who has an official protest lodged against his/her race vehicle must submit to an inspection of the protested items. Failure to submit to inspection will result in automatic disqualification and/or suspension. Those attending the inspection(s) will be as follows:

- A. The protester. (Driver of Record ONLY)
- B. The protested competitor.(Driver of Record ONLY)
- C. DP4 Officials.



4: A complaint filed for improper racing or conduct requires a \$400.00 cash fee per protest. The complaint filed in writing and be delivered the director no later than 30 minutes before the end of the race. (Driver of Record ONLY)

## **RULE INFRACTIONS/PENALTIES**

1: The following legend of infraction penalties is a guideline used by DP4 in assessing penalties. These guidelines are not meant to infer that these are the only possible infractions or penalties that may be assessed against any entrant participating in an DP4 sponsored event.

A. Race vehicle traveling on the racecourse in the reverse direction of the race, at any time: disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.

B. Pit support vehicles traveling on the racecourse at any time: disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.

C. Abusive (verbal or physical) conduct toward a race official: Disqualification, suspension, five hundred dollars (\$500) fine or any combination of the three.

D. Short coursing: disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.

E. No pre-running of the race course: disciplinary action immediate disqualification.

F. Passing in the scoring chute: 2 positions.

G. DSQ's are non-droppable and will count towards national championships.

H. DSQ's for a machine cc infraction will mean loss of all points from said class for race season.

I. No outside assistance is permitted unless posted in the event flyer. Any assistance given in any other location outside of the pit location can have disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.

J. All racers must finish in the same SXS that they started in, a racer may not change SXS at any point during a race: Violation of this rule is a DSQ penalty.

## **START/FINISH**

**ABSOLUTELY NO PLAY RIDING IN THE START/FINISH AREAS- KIDS & ADULTS!!**

### **START PROCEDURE**

Event participants will start two by two, or one by one with riders lined up in their assigned rows (row assignment to be listed at Sign Ups). Rows will leave every 20-60 seconds. The start splits will be announced at the riders meeting. Racers may not start until the light turns green for their rows. Racers who start early will be assess a penalty. Rows will not be individually marked, but riders are to locate their specific row by the number of the event participants before and after their row. DP4 Staff will be on hand to help line up the start rows. Riders who miss their scheduled start, will start after the last row has gone.

All event participants will be issued a start card at minimum 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the race they are entered in. Start Cards **MUST BE COLLECTED** by the Driver and/or a Driver's representative when called. Failure to have a start card will result in a missed start time. **START CARDS MUST BE VISIBLE TO ALL START AND DP4 PERSONEL AT ALL TIMES.**

### **FINISH PROCEDURE**

The finish line will be marked by a checkered flag and appropriate signage. Prior to being scored, all racers must come to a complete stop prior to entering the scoring chute, when the presence of a "Stop Sign" signals a stop is required. Racers who do not come to a complete stop will be assessed a time penalty by the referee. Racers will cross the finish line (scoring) on each lap before entering the pits. The area immediately after the finishline is a speed controlled zone. Racers who do not obey the marked speed zone will be assessed a penalty. The race will finish when the leader has finished the required number of laps as described at the riders meeting, or when the time limit has expired. All riders will be scored a finish based off of the number of laps completed as long as they finish at least one lap. The race referee may elect to cut a race short in the interest of rider safety if the lap times are longer than expected.

## PITS

### **ABSOLUTELY NO PIT RIDING - KIDS & ADULTS!!**

You may ride your SXS to and from the race course at **15mph** for your race **ONLY** and **must wear a helmet AT ALL TIMES**. Racers must register for the race before riding in their machine anywhere. **ANYONE FOUND PLAY RIDING IN THE PITS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WHITHOUT A REFUND. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

1: At all times, the racer assumes responsibility for the actions of their pit crew members, support crews, and all others associated with their organization. All pitting must be done in the designated pit area. No rider is allowed to carry gasoline except inside his/her machine's gasoline tank.

2: No vehicle shall be towed, pushed, pulled or transported by a non- race entered vehicle on the official course while an event is still in progress. Another race entered vehicle or an official DP4 'ROC Crew' vehicle may push, pull or tow the race-entered vehicle up to the nearest pit stop and/or checkpoint. DP4 officials may assist the vehicle occupants if it is deemed necessary for the protection of the entrants.

3: Any pit support vehicle running on or near the racecourse will result in the entrant being disqualified. Any pit vehicle running backwards on the racecourse will cause race vehicle to be disqualified.

4: All pits must have the equivalent of a UL approved 5-lb. ABC fire extinguisher at all times.

5: All young children and pets must be kept out of the pit area. Pets must be kept on a leash. All campfires must be kept out of immediate pit area. At times, campfires may not be permitted due to federal and state regulations.

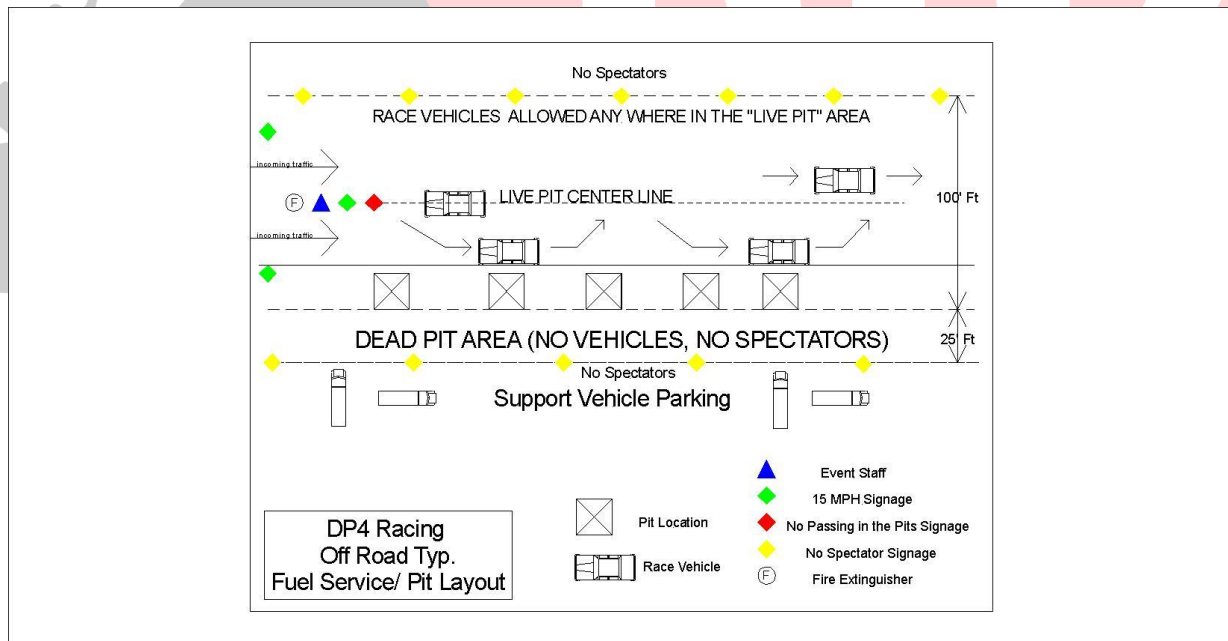
6: All entrants are responsible for cleaning the pit areas they use during the event.

7: The Driver of Record is responsible for all people on their team and in their pits. Entrants, pit crew members, volunteers and family waive any claim they may have against DR4 Racing, it's officials and BLM when voluntarily participating in DP4 Racing events.

8: **NO Alcohol in the pits during all races. Immediate Disqualification will result.**

9: RV's, Toyhaulers, and race trailers must be a minimum of **150'** off the race course. This setback at main pit is marked by yellow flags, everything behind the yellow flags is considered the **Dead Pit**.

10: Your **Live Pit** is a **25'** zone that is **25'** in front of your dead pit making an emergency lane in between your **Live Pits** and **Dead Pit** that will be used by DP4 and BLM Monitors. **This lane must be kept clear of pit equipment.** (cords and hoses are permitted in the emergency lane) –See diagram below



11: No RV's, trailers, or box vans are permitted in the **Live Pit**. **No one under the age of 12 is permitted to be in the Live Pit area** at main or at any other designated pit. This means they are also not allowed to have a **Pit Pass Armband!** Only Pit Crew Members working on the race vehicles should have armbands! DQ will result!

12: All Pit Crew Personnel are required to have **Hi-Vis vests**. VESTS MUST BE PRESENT AT SIGN UPS WHEN PIT CREWS COME FOR WRISTBANDS. Wristbands shall be marked with driver of records vehicle number. Mobile/Chase pits are NOT permitted.

13: **Fuel Containment must be used**. Fuel mats must be placed under fuel cans at all times. Refueling must be done over a fuel mat. Plastic Tarps are not allowed as a fuel mat. Fuel mats are required to be made from an absorbent material (This is a BLM Rule, no exceptions allowed).

14: **Speed Limit through Main Pit, outlying pits, and all road crossings is 15mph. Infractions will result in time penalties assessed to the driver's overall time at the end of the race.**

15: Any pit crew members disregarding these rules will subject their rider to disciplinary action up to and including disqualification.

16: DP4 Racing requirements for refueling personnel / pit crew member responsible (refueler) for inserting the fuel nozzle or dry brake apparatus during a pit stop. The refueling person (s) is required to wear a one piece or two piece fire suit minimally rated to the SFI Foundation. The suit shall cover the crew member from the neck to the ankles and to the wrists. The suit must be free from holes, rips, and tears.

*It is highly recommended that the refueler wear a full-face helmet, and a SFI Foundation rated balaclava, fire-retardant gloves, and fueler apron. This applied to all fuel delivery systems including dump cans.*

## **Speed Controlled Areas**

1. Speed zones are marked by **yellow flags** at the start of the zone, and **green flags** at the end of the zone. You must slow down to **15mph** before you cross any yellow flags and remain at **15mph** until you cross the **green flags**. Speeding penalties will be served during the race at Start/Finish.
2. **The race groove at Main Pit is marked with orange cones**. You are to remain in this groove until you are within **300 feet** of your pit. When you leave your pit you are to get back in the race groove within **300 feet**. When you are outside of the main pit race groove the speed limit is **15 mph**.

3. Absolutely no passing through road crossings and no aggressive passing through pit speed zones.
4. Speed Limit is **15mph** anytime you come within **150 feet of people** on the race course.
5. You may leave the race course and return to a pit to perform repairs on your vehicle, however you may never travel backwards on the race course, and you must also return to the race course where you left it to complete your lap. **DO NOT leave your pit and go through Start/Finish an additional time!**
6. You must come to a complete stop at Start/Finish every lap. Racer may not proceed until instructed to do so by race personnel.
7. If you have a problem during the race it is imperative that you get off the race course as much as possible.
8. Race staging begins **30 minutes** prior to race start. If you are late you will lose your starting position.
9. Please report any spectators that are too close to the race course to DP4 Racing Officials
10. All nerfing incidents need to be reported to Start/Finish by the end of the race. – NERFING IS NOT ALLOWED

### **TECHNICAL INSPECTION**

1: IT IS THE ENTRANTS', RIDERS', OWNERS' AND SPONSORS' FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET ALL DP4 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

2: DP4 reserves the right to subject any vehicle to a technical inspection at the direction of the technical inspector. In the event of a mechanical inspection, the racer will be responsible for removing or repairing the requested items to be inspected as directed. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of entrant and vehicle, and may result in suspension from future DP4 sponsored events.

3: DP4 Tech staff have the right to refuse approval to any vehicle/ participant who is attempting to use unsafe/modified/worn out equipment.

4: All Drivers of Record and Co-Drivers must be present at Tech inspection with their wristbands on and fire suit/helmet present. Drivers who attempt to tech without their co-driver present will be sent to the back of the line.

## **COMPETITION**

The regulations herein apply to all classes unless otherwise noted in supplementary or specific class regulations. Modifications or optional equipment is not permitted unless the class requirements or safety regulations specifically state that it will be permitted. DP4's intent when prescribing specifications for safety equipment for vehicles that will compete under DP4 rules is to provide reasonable protection to all entrants, pit crews, officials and spectators. DP4 encourages all entrants to give full attention to safety requirements. Entrants must wear approved helmet, protective clothing, eye protection and safety equipment when operating a vehicle on the race course at any time.

## **RACE VEHICLE NUMBERS**

All vehicles in competition must be identified with the correct vehicle numbers and be displayed in the proper locations as described herein.

Race numbers will be a minimum of eight (8) inches tall on both sides of the race vehicle and shall feature the DP4 logo on each side. The vehicle should have side "fin" numbers. (Behind the roll cage just above the rear fenders on both sides.) Race numbers will be a minimum of four (4) inches tall on the front of the car above the drivers front window. Extra-large roof top panel numbers are beneficial. Race numbers will be a minimum of six (6) inches tall on the rear of the vehicle and should be in a location as to not be blocked by any spare tire or mounted equipment and/or lights.

Race numbers shall be designated by DP4 Racing personnel. Numbers will be assigned by class for the year and earned based off of the previous years earned points. (Example the driver finishing first in their class in the previous year will have the number '1' as their designated number with the class identifier immediately proceeding their earned number.)

Numbers for pro classes shall feature a black background with white numbers.

Numbers for amateur classes shall feature a white background with black numbers.

Class identifiers for each class shall be as follows:

DP4 Pro Class - (no identifier) – Ex (1), (2), or (20)

DP4 Pro NA Class - 100 series – Example (101), (102) or (120)

DP4 Pro Unlimited Class – 200 series – Example (201), (202), or (220)

Production Turbo Class – 300 series – Example (301), (302), or (320)

Production 1000 Class – 400 series – Example (401), (402), or (420)

Stock 1000 Class – 500 series – Example (501), (502), or (520)

Earned numbers are posted at [www.DP4Racing.com](http://www.DP4Racing.com) under the “earned numbers” tab.

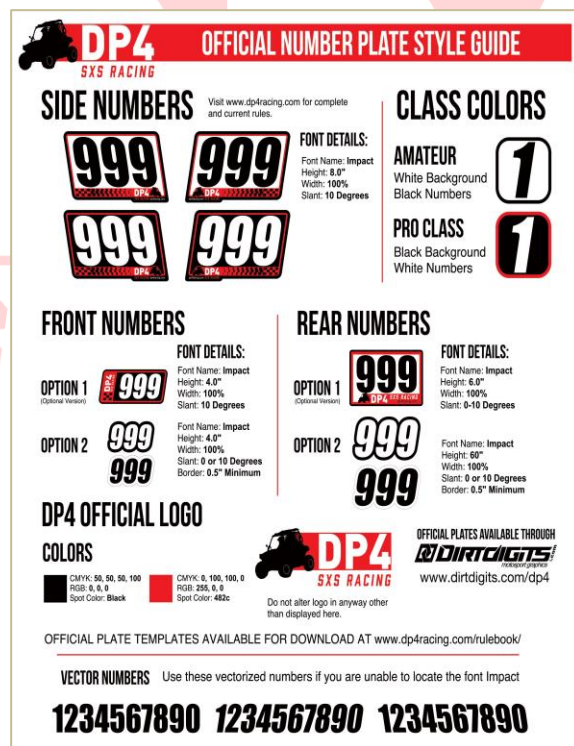
See DP4 Number style sheet below (also available for download at [www.dp4racing.com/numbers](http://www.dp4racing.com/numbers)).

Note that DP4 Racing has partnered with Dirt Digits to have a readily available number package for all race vehicles. Racers are NOT REQUIRED to purchase from Dirt Digits, however Dirt Digits has a kit which is in compliance with the DP4 Racing number requirements. Contact Dirt Digits via their website at [www.DirtDigits.com/DP4](http://www.DirtDigits.com/DP4)

**NOTE:** Racing with incorrect numbers will result in a penalty and/or up to disqualification.

**NOTE:** DP4 assumes no responsibility for scoring SXS with unrecognizable numbers. It is the racer's responsibility to have proper numbers and for keeping numbers recognizable.

*DP4 reserves the right to change race SXS numbers and/or background colors designations.*



**DP4 SXS RACING OFFICIAL NUMBER PLATE STYLE GUIDE**

Visit [www.dp4racing.com](http://www.dp4racing.com) for complete and current rules.

**SIDE NUMBERS**

Font Name: Impact  
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**CLASS COLORS**

**AMATEUR**  
White Background  
Black Numbers

**PRO CLASS**  
Black Background  
White Numbers

**FRONT NUMBERS**

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OPTION 2 999

**REAR NUMBERS**

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OPTION 2 999

**DP4 OFFICIAL LOGO**

**COLORS**

CMYK: 50, 50, 50, 100  
RGB: 6, 6, 6  
Spot Color: Black

CMYK: 0, 100, 0, 0  
RGB: 255, 0, 0  
Spot Color: 482c

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**VECTOR NUMBERS** Use these vectorized numbers if you are unable to locate the font Impact

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## **DISQUALIFICATION**

1: Drinking intoxicating beverages in designated pits, on the race course or in the surrounding areas by any person is strictly forbidden. The use of narcotics, (amphetamines or any other stimulants, barbiturates or other depressants) is forbidden. Any entrant or crew member in an event that shows evidence whatsoever of being under the influence of any of the aforementioned shall be subject to suspensions from all future DP4 events. Violator must leave the premises immediately at the direction of the director.

2: Any entrant who makes false statement on a contingency or entry form shall be disqualified and shall forfeit all prize money, points and all contingencies won in the race. Entrant may also be suspended from future events for a period of one year.

3: Any entry application containing a falsified signature will cause entrant to be disqualified and shall forfeit all prize money, points and contingencies won in that event. Entrant may also be suspended from future events for a period of one year.

4: Any entrant disqualified from any event for a reason whatsoever forfeits any and all rights to prize money, points and contingencies. Entrant will not be entitled to a refund of all or any portion of his/her entry fee/s.

5: Any entrant, respective pit crews or support crews seen or reported traveling on the course in other than race-registered vehicles participating in the event before the end of the official race time limit may subject entrant to penalties of disqualification and/or suspension.

6: There is no outside assistance permitted on the course or near the course during the event except for those DP4 designated areas for pits and/or gas stops. DP4 retains the right to assess each situation and respond accordingly. (Situations involving safety are at the discretion of the race directory).

7: Any race entrant or their support personnel who subject any DP4 official,

other race entrants or their support personnel to verbal threats and/or physical abuse will be brought before the director. The director will make the decision of disqualification and/or suspension of the rider and the offending support personnel for said offenses. Acts of physical abuse may be reported to the proper authorities and may lead to legal action.

8: Deliberate vehicle contact shall be reason for penalty, disqualification and/or suspension at the direction of the director.

9: Racing in a class with higher displacement than the legal limit for said class. This will mean a total loss of points for entire race season and racer will be placed on probation.

10: If a racer is DQ'ed for a displacement violation, all points for that class will be forfeited for the season.

11: DQs are non-droppable and will count towards championship points.

12: In the event a SXS breaks down on the course the following options are approved by DP4. Any deviation from these options may result in entrant being disqualified.

A) A racer (driver) with a SXS in breakdown status may NOT walk away from the vehicle (Unless there is an injury).

B) Another race entered vehicle may pick up equipment or parts (GAS NOT ALLOWED) at the DP4 designated pit stop (General Parking is an extension of the pits as it pertains to this rule), and then deliver that equipment or parts to the broken- down vehicle. The race vehicle picking up the equipment or parts must travel in the proper direction on the course. Traveling backwards on the course will subject both entrants to disqualification. Any pit support vehicle or other than race entered vehicles delivering parts to a broken-down vehicle will subject entrant to disqualification.

C) DP4 ROC Crew may assist inoperative side by sides on the race course.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

All membership must be done online at [DP4RACING.COM](http://DP4RACING.COM), or at the event signup. Please allow extra time for membership sign up when doing so at an event.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Pro	\$50.00
Amateur	\$25.00
Co-Driver (Same for Pro/Amateur)	\$25.00
Membership benefits are subject to change. Please visit website for up to date DP4 member benefits.	

## POINTS SCHEDULE

DP4 points will be awarded to DP4 members.

<b>SCALE</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>
25 Point Scale	All classes

Ties for class championship will be broken by the most first place finishes first, then by most second place finishes, third place, fourth place, fifth place and so on until the tie is broken. Points should not be transferable by classes. Please send email to [DP4RACING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DP4RACING@GMAIL.COM) for any questions regarding points, results, or class championships.

## POINTS TABLE

Points will be awarded to all championship classes using the following scale.

1st	25 Points	11 <sup>th</sup>	10 Points	21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Point
2 <sup>nd</sup>	22 Points	12 <sup>th</sup>	9 Points	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Point
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20 Points	13 <sup>th</sup>	8 Points	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Point
4 <sup>th</sup>	18 Points	14 <sup>th</sup>	7 Points	24 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
5 <sup>th</sup>	16 Points	15 <sup>th</sup>	6 Points	25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
6 <sup>th</sup>	15 Points	16 <sup>th</sup>	5 Points	26 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
7 <sup>th</sup>	14 Points	17 <sup>th</sup>	4 Points	27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
8 <sup>th</sup>	13 Points	18 <sup>th</sup>	3 Points	28 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
9 <sup>th</sup>	12 Points	19 <sup>th</sup>	2 Points	29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point
10 <sup>th</sup>	11 Points	20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Point

## Volunteer Points

The driver of record has the ability to earn an addition 1 point at each race event by volunteering two people (18yrs or older) to work an event post, i.e.: check, road crossing, or pit duties for the entire race day. The points earned will be used at the end of the racing season when calculating the yearly points.

Volunteers must be scheduled two weeks in advance of the event. The driver of record must submit their volunteer request to the DP4 Racing email address DP4Racing@gmail.com. All volunteers must be accompanied by the driver of record at registration, where their duty assignments will be issued.

Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to and from their duty assignment. DP4 will issue all required equipment and safety vest. All issued items must be return to DP4 at the end of the volunteer's duty assignment, if not the volunteer "point" will not be awarded nor earned. All volunteers must attend the volunteer briefing (see event schedule for time and location).

All volunteers are required to sign the liability release form before any involvement within the racing event. Volunteers are not an employee, contactor nor ruling official of DP4, and are not entitled to any compensation for their volunteering services.

## RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio communications are authorized.

Radios as Follows:

All SXS are required to have a race radio within their car (portable / mobile). Radios must be on DP4 Channel during the start proceedings only; frequency (to be provided at sign ups). Race participants and pit crews are permitted to use radios for communication on pit crew channels. Please only transmit on DP4 Channels for emergency situations.

## **SXS CLASSES (Side by Side)**

**Production SXS Definition** - The SXS production class vehicles are built using production SXS's, manufactured by registered companies, i.e. Yamaha, Polaris, Can-Am that issues Vin #'s. Companies must produce a minimum of 500 units per year to be accepted. SXS's must have at minimum 2 seats, unless manufactured as a single seat vehicle. OEM engines must be used. Maximum engine size is 1000cc. The stock center cases must remain for the engine. Stock frame must have stock geometry. All other changes are allowed.

**Production Unlimited SXS Definition** - The SXS production Unlimited class vehicles are built using production SXS's, manufactured by registered companies, i.e. Yamaha, Polaris, Can-Am that issues Vin #'s. Companies must produce a minimum of 250 units per year to be accepted. SXS's must have at minimum 2 seats. OEM engines must be used. Maximum engine size is 2000cc. The stock center cases must remain for the engine. Stock frame must have stock geometry. All other changes are allowed.

**Stock SXS Definition** - The SXS stock class vehicles are built using production SXS's, manufactured by registered companies, i.e. Yamaha, Polaris, Can-Am that issues Vin #'s. Companies must produce a minimum of 500 units per year to be accepted. SXS's must have at minimum 2 seats. OEM engines must be used. Maximum engine size is 1000cc. Must use hood, grill, front and rear fenders from the SXS. All stock suspension mounting points must remain in the stock/OEM location. No motor or transmission modifications may be done and all motor/transmission mechanical components are to remain OEM and within OEM tolerances for the current model year and same model unit per vin#. Stock frame must have stock geometry. The full factory air intake system from the primary air box housing to the engine must remain stock OEM. **The air box lid is to remain as delivered by manufacturer.** Stock/OEM exhaust system must be used. Stock/OEM exhaust system cannot be changed nor modified in the stock class. All other changes are allowed.

## Supplemental Rules and CLASSES

There are 6 National Championship Race classes of SXS in DP4 race series.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. DP4 Pro Class         | Pro Skill Classification |
| 2. DP4 Pro NA Class      | Pro Skill Classification |
| 3. Production Unlimited  | Pro Skill Classification |
| 4. Production 1000 Turbo | "A" Skill Classification |
| 5. Production 1000       | "A" Skill Classification |
| 6. Stock 1000            | "A" Skill Classification |

A. Once a driver chooses to drive a Pro SXS class, they are only eligible to drive "Pro," unless they petition DP4 and are allowed back into an "A" Skill class at DP4 official's discretion. All participants whom have earned "pro payout money" are NOT ELIGIBLE to move down to the "A" skill classification.

B. Note that all classes require a Driver and a Co-Driver in order to start their race.

C. Drivers in the stock class may petition DP4 for vehicle changes that pose an identifiable safety concern. Petitions shall be made in writing to DP4 prior to tech'ing the vehicle. Petitions will be reviewed on a case by case bases.

## Safety and General Rules for SXS classes.

The following SXS Safety and General rules apply to all classes except as noted otherwise.

1. All vehicles must pass technical inspection prior to going to starting line. Failure to do so will result in loss of starting spot.
2. Once a vehicle goes thru technical inspection it is treated as if it has already raced.
3. Failing technical inspection for displacement or the stock class definition will result in DQ. The DQ is for all races prior to that date

for the current racing season. Further, all race pro purses/contingencies paid at the DQ'd events to said violator must be paid back to DP4 within 10 days.

4. All factory suspension a-arm, trailing arm pivot points must remain in stock location.
5. Nitrous or any other pressurization/injection type system will not be allowed in any class.
6. All vehicles must have two fire extinguishers (one mounted inside of the SXS and one mounted outside for emergency crew access) and or automatic fire extinguishing systems with two nozzles one facing the driver and one facing the engine. Must be readily accessible to the driver and co-driver. Must be mounted with a quick release type mechanism. A first aid kit is required to be stored within the SXS.
7. Aftermarket well-built roll cages made for racing are required. No factory stock roll cages will be allowed. Front Intrusion bars are required.
8. Metal or plastic roof panels are required.
9. Lockable side protection doors must be mounted in a way as to not be able to pop open during racing. Factory doors with secondary locking mechanism are approved.
10. Driver & Passenger side nets are required.
11. 2" wide, 4 (four) point restraint system for both driver and occupant are required. The 5 (five) point system that includes an antisubmarine belt that is at least 2" wide is recommended.
12. Full personal safety gear must be worn to include:
  1. Fire retardant suits with a minimum fire rating of SFI must be worn that cover from neck to ankles.
  2. Helmets, gloves, goggles racing shoes or boots. Helmets must be of approved by Snell or DOT. Straps must have D-ring fasteners only. No snaps or velcro will be permitted. The interior and exterior areas of the helmet must be free of defects (i.e., the padding must be in good condition and the exterior of the helmet must not be damaged). Open face helmets are not permitted. Neck braces/support are required for all competitors. Neck braces should provide adequate support, in good or like new condition.
  3. Motorcycle type race gear will **NOT** be allowed as it is extremely flammable.
  4. DP4 staff have the right to keep any participant (Driver/

co-driver) from operating if safety equipment is in unsafe/worn/dangerous condition.

13. Tech hours will generally be as follows: Friday 3-6pm and Saturday 7am-10am. Hours may change at any given time before or during an event weekend. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RACER to have their vehicle go through tech and vehicles must complete Technical Inspection prior to staging.
14. Starts at all events will be determined by a random drawing after the closing of signups. Starts will be by class. All pros will start before any other classes, and all amateur classes will start before any exhibition classes.
15. There is no passing/touching in the scoring chute. Passing in the chute will result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification. Destruction of the scoring chute will result in time penalty, monetary fine and or disqualification.
16. All SXS Racers and/or representative must attend and sign in at the mandatory drivers meeting at posted scheduled times at registration. Failure to attend will mean loss of staging position. If the driver meeting is posted online, viewing is mandatory for all.
17. All SXS must have front and rear fixed loop (minimum 2 inch) towing access points. Wrapping around front or rear bumper as well as suspension is not an applicable towing point.
18. All SXS drivers and handicapped drivers must get out of their vehicle when flipped over; and assist in the roll over if capable. Any driver that does not exit their vehicle will be assessed a 30 second penalty unless they are unable to exit the vehicle. Any variance to this will be discussed at the drivers meeting.

During any process where DP4 staff are on the race course to recover or assist another race vehicle the 100 feet before and 50 feet after are considered a safe zone. The max speed in this area is 15mph. Racers cannot gain on other racers in this same area. Any violation of this safety zone will mean automatic disqualification of the racer.

**HORNS:** All vehicles must have a loud sounding horn. Horn must be



very audible from a distance of 100 feet in front of the vehicle. Sirens are permitted, in addition to a horn, during the actual racing portion of the event.

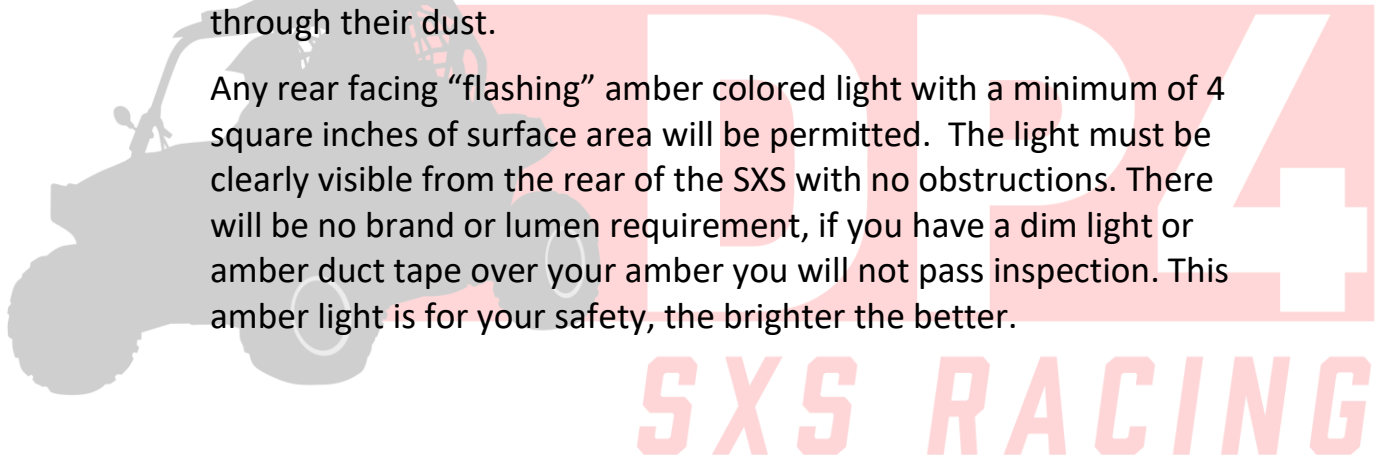
**SEATS:** All seats must be securely mounted to frame of vehicle and be properly reinforced in such a manner as to keep seat from moving in relationship to the frame. Adjustable track type seats must be securely mounted as to allow no lateral or vertical movement.

**EXHAUST SYSTEMS:** All exhaust systems are required to have a spark arrestor.

**MIRROR:** All SXS are required to have one rear view mirror.

**REAR LIGHT:** All classes are required to run a rear facing flashing amber light to help identify slower paced vehicles when coming through their dust.

Any rear facing “flashing” amber colored light with a minimum of 4 square inches of surface area will be permitted. The light must be clearly visible from the rear of the SXS with no obstructions. There will be no brand or lumen requirement, if you have a dim light or amber duct tape over your amber you will not pass inspection. This amber light is for your safety, the brighter the better.



## SXS CLASSES

CLASS	DISPLACEMENT	NOTES
DP4 Pro Class	Max 1000cc	Minimum 12 years old first day of event. Production based class. Superchargers and Turbos allowed in this class (Not Required). Naturally aspirated cars allowed.
DP4 Pro NA Class	Max 1000cc	Minimum 12 years old on first day of event. No Superchargers or Turbos allowed. Production based class.
Production Unlimited	Max 2000cc	Minimum 12 years old on first day of event. Superchargers and Turbos allowed in this class. Production based class.
Production 1000 Turbo	Max 1000cc	Minimum 12 years old on first day of event. Amateur class. Superchargers or Turbos allowed in this class.
Production 1000	Max 1000cc	Minimum 12 years old on first day of event. Amateur class. Stock class. No Superchargers or Turbos allowed. Production based class.
Stock 1000	Max 1000cc	Minimum 12 years old on first day of event. Production based class. No Superchargers or Turbos allowed.

Racers under the age of 16 must be able to demonstrate their abilities to safely control their vehicle (must be able to reach all controls while seated with belts strapped).

**Note that in all SXS classes, drivers under the age of 16 will ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RACE IF THEIR CO-DRIVER IS OVER THE AGE OF 18.**

# 2024 SXS RULE BOOK

## THE ONLINE VERSION IS THE OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

The rulebook found online at DP4Racing.com is the official up to date version.

All revisions to rulebook are posted at DP4Racing.com.

This rulebook, if printed, should only be used as a quick reference only.

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