SPUD SPEEDWAY

Caribou, Maine

Date: October 26, 2026
To: Russell Levesque
Subject: Notice of Suspension – 2027 Season

Dear Russell,

This letter is to formally notify you that, due to your recent conduct and violations of Spud Speedway's Social Media Policy outlined on Page 3 of our rule book, you are being suspended from Spud Speedway for the entire 2027 season.

This is not a decision we take lightly. We understand the time, money, hard work, and passion that racers put into this sport. We also understand that people will not always agree with every decision made by track management, and that is okay. We have always been willing to listen to concerns, suggestions, and constructive criticism from our racers.

However, there is a difference between expressing a disagreement and making personal attacks against the track and its owners.

Your recent social media comments regarding the lack of a championship points fund went well beyond expressing disappointment. As has been clearly communicated since the reopening of Spud Speedway, there was never a championship points purse offered or promised. Racers were competing for championship recognition and trophies, not a financial payout.

While we understand that you may disagree with that approach, the public accusations suggesting that ownership is greedy, does not appreciate its racers, or is somehow taking advantage of competitors are both unfair and personally disrespectful.

What makes this situation especially disappointing is that you had already brought your concerns to both owners during the championship trophy presentation, although the conversation included inappropriate language. At that time, rather than dismissing your concerns, we suggested bringing the idea to a drivers meeting where it could be discussed openly and respectfully as a possible consideration for the future.

Unfortunately, rather than taking that approach, you chose to continue making negative and personal comments across multiple social media pages, bringing additional attention and negativity to the situation.

Our Social Media Policy, found on Page 3 of the Spud Speedway rule book, specifically asks competitors to refrain from making negative comments toward the track, fellow competitors, and track officials. It also establishes that while a warning is generally the first step, track officials have the discretion to determine whether fines, suspension, or banning are appropriate based on the circumstances.

Given the personal nature of these attacks, the accusations made against ownership, and the extent to which these comments have been spread across multiple social media pages, we believe this situation has escalated beyond what can reasonably be addressed with a simple warning.

We want to be clear that this suspension is not because you disagree with us or because you believe racers should receive a championship payout. You are entitled to that opinion, and we welcome respectful discussions about ways to improve our racing program. This decision is based on the manner in which those concerns were expressed publicly, the personal attacks made, and the resulting violation of our established rules.

Spud Speedway has worked hard to bring racing back to Aroostook County and provide an affordable, enjoyable place for racers, families, and fans. We certainly don't claim to get everything right, and we recognize there is always room for improvement. But we also believe that everyone involved deserves a basic level of respect, including the people working behind the scenes to keep the speedway operating.

We genuinely wish this situation had been handled differently. Differences of opinion are part of life, and we would much rather sit down and have an adult conversation than find ourselves having to issue a suspension.

Effective immediately and continuing through December 31, 2027, you are prohibited from attending or participating in any events held at Spud Speedway during the 2027 season. This includes attendance as a spectator, competitor, crew member, or in any other capacity. You are not permitted on Spud Speedway property during any event throughout the 2027 season unless you have received prior written authorization from Speedway ownership.

Our hope is that some time away will allow everyone to move forward and that, in the future, we can return to a relationship built on mutual respect and a shared appreciation for racing.

We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Spud Speedway Ownership & Management