

Electric Speed Locomotive Competition.

Rules and Regulations!

- 1) The locomotive must be driven by electricity, be controlled remotely by Radio Control, and have a working brake.
- 2) If the radio control system uses channels or spot frequency allocations, then you must bring a clothes peg with you, marked with your frequency allocation, so you can be safely allocated your frequency for your run(s). Before you switch on your radio control equipment, the clothes peg must be attached to a display board that will be provided.
- 3) Any means of moving the locomotive by electricity may be used.
- 4) There are no restrictions on the design of the locomotive.
- 5) The locomotive must be placed on the track before a run and lifted off the track after a run. There must be no means of physically attaching the locomotive to the track for the run.
- 6) Before the start of the first run, the use of the locomotive's brake will be demonstrated to the Contest Directors' satisfaction. If satisfactory, the locomotive will be allowed to run.
- 7) The locomotive shall have the opportunity of three runs.
- 8) The basis of the competition will be that the locomotive must complete two full laps from a standing start, and the fastest time will be the winner.
- 9) The locomotive must use the 5 inch gauge track, and be of sufficiently robust construction to survive the inevitable "offs" that will occur!
- 10) In addition, after completing the two laps, the locomotive must come to a complete stop, and remain on the track. (Suicide runs, not allowed!)
- 11) Should the locomotive leave the track at any time during the attempt, then that attempt is null and void! If this happens, the competitor must ensure that the motor(s) is/are switched off at the transmitter, until the locomotive can be safely recovered, switched off and/or made safe.
- 12) The nominated Contest Directors' word/ruling is final, and their over-riding aim will be the safe running and organisation of the contest.
- 13) If the Contest Director judges that a locomotive is not safe to run, then that decision is final. Any decision regarding the competition by the Contest Director is final.
- 14) Before the contest's commencement, free practice will be allowed, but this will be under the Contest Directors' Control, so that at all times the locomotives are run safely.
- 15) The date, time and location of the competition, and the Contest Director, will be decided by the Club Committee.

At this early stage, it's envisaged that only the clubs' raised track will be used, but in future???

The Model Boating section of the club are willing (and able) to offer any technical help to anyone interested in this competition, having already produced and run a (simple) prototype! We have already collected several Radio Control sets that could be (free) loaned to any interested members.