


TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD - RULES OF THE ROAD

DEFINITION: In these rules, "Train" or "Trains" means a single Train or a group of multiple Trains.

- 1. ALL TRAINS MUST HAVE BOTH AN ENGINEER AND A CONDUCTOR**, except for speeders and similar single-unit equipment that can be safely removed from the track by one person in the event of a breakdown. This specifically excludes radio-controlled Trains. The minimum age for a conductor is seven, the age of reason.
- 2. SEVEN MILES PER HOUR MAXIMUM SPEED EQUALS TEN SECONDS BETWEEN MILEPOSTS.** Exceptions are posted trackside.
- 3. 210' MINIMUM SEPARATION BETWEEN TRAINS EQUALS TWO MILEPOST LENGTHS TO THE END OF THE NEXT TRAIN.** The absence of signal blocks means that safety requires separation between Trains. A safe stopping distance must be maintained.
- 4. ALL CONDUCTORS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A RED FLAG.** Minimum flag size is 12" x 12".
- 5. CONDUCTOR TO FLAG TWO MILEPOST LENGTHS (210') BEHIND ANY STOPPED TRAIN.** This rule probably prevents more accidents than all of the other rules combined.
- 6. SAFETY CHAINS OR DRAWBARS REQUIRED BETWEEN ALL CARS.** Some grades are more than a mile long. This rule prevents runaway cars.
- 7. ALL TRAINS TO HAVE A FRS RADIO TUNED TO CHANNEL 10, SUB-CHANNEL 0.** It is also recommended that every Train carry a cell phone for those times and places where there is no radio coverage. Someday, one of these devices will save the life of someone who has a heart attack while miles away from Central Station. (Note: Citizen Band Radio Channels are no longer monitored at Train Mountain.)
- 8. SOUND HORN OR WHISTLE (----/----/--/----) AT  SIGN.** These signs are located 60' before the track crosses roads or other tracks.
- 9. SPARK ARRESTORS & ASHPANS REQUIRED ON ALL COAL, OIL & WOOD BURNERS.** The summer fire danger in Klamath County is always "High" and often "Extreme."
- 10. DROP A GREEN BLOCK AT ANY DERAILMENT LOCATION.** Not only does this tell track crews where problems are, it warns the next Train that there is a track problem.
- 11. AFTER ENTERING A SIDING LEAVE SWITCH THROWS LINED FOR MAIN LINE.** This is particularly important when the next Train may have an engineer on his or her first trip on Train Mountain track. This rule does not apply where remote switch stands are installed.

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- 12. WHITE HEADLIGHT MOUNTED ON FRONT OF ENGINE.** Steam engines may need battery-powered headlights.
- 13. RED TAILLIGHT MOUNTED ON REAR OF LAST CAR.** The flashing lights sold in bicycle stores are a popular way of meeting this requirement.
- 14. CONDUCTOR TO USE FLASHLIGHT TO FLAG TWO MILEPOSTS (210') BEHIND ANY STOPPED TRAIN.**