

**General Rules:**

1. Caboose needed: Main line trains - must have a caboose:
  - a. Trains travelling around the layout
  - b. Trains delivering cars to local yards
  - c. Trains picking up cars from local yards to return to Humboldt or Big Sky
2. Caboose Not Needed: Switching from yard to customer locations
3. Maximum train length = 8 cars (approximately 40 foot scale length), excluding the caboose
4. All main line trains must abide by the signal lights between Rocktonwood and Barton – only proceed on a green light
5. Superiority of Trains:
  - a. If two trains meet outside of a yard, trains running East will have superiority
  - b. Freight trains have superiority to passenger trains
  - c. Inferior trains, when encountering a superior train, must move to a siding so as to not impede the movement of the superior train
6. Switches on the main line should be left to allow for continuous operation of the main line, thus not impeding main line traffic
7. At all times, trains must be operated at a safe speed, which is reasonable to the location – main line or yard

**Operating Session Rules:**

1. Superiority of Trains:
  - a. Trains working off of the Official Operations Switchlist will have superiority
  - b. Trains not participating in the operations session will be considered an “extra train” and have the lowest priority
  - c. Trains working a specific yard/town from the Switchlist will have priority within the yard
  - d. Main line trains delivering cars to the local yard or picking up cars from the local yard will only have priority on the main, main passing siding, inbound siding, and outbound siding. All other yards tracks will have priority given to the local switcher
  - e. Yard trains cannot go past the Yard Limit (YL) sign
2. Locomotives should not be parked in areas that would impede an operations session – they must be removed from the layout, parked on a siding in Big Sky or Humboldt, in the engine facility, or on a siding where they will not affect operations
3. If the Switchlist says to leave 1 car at an industry, the car closest to the main line (the last car dropped off) is the one to remain
4. When delivering cars, they should be placed in the order listed – left to right – left = closest the main line
  - a. If the switchlist for a specific customer says:
    - Box [Blu,Yel,Grn], Gon, Tnk
  - b. Then, the Blue Box Car should be closest to the main, and the Tnk should be farthest from the main

BOX	CAT	CBM	CHP	FLT	GON	GRN	HOP	INT	REE	TNK
Box Car	Cattle	Centrebeam	Covered Hopper	Flat Car	Gondola	Grain Car	Hopper	Intermodal	Reefer	Tank Car