

ACCORD SPEEDWAY

Handicapping Rules for ALL Divisions

The intent of the Handicapping Procedure is to provide a fair and consistent way of assigning starting positions for heat races and feature events. The Handicapper does everything he can to adhere to these guidelines. The Speedway reserves the right to change the qualifying procedure for any event due to weather conditions, event schedule or low car counts.

Handicapping Points and Procedure

Heat races and features are lined up according to **total handicapping points earned by a driver in the last three races completed**. Lowest point total starts in front, highest point total starts toward the rear.

POSITION IN POINT STANDINGS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH STARTING POSITION!!

For example, if the point leader has two or three weeks of bad finishes, he/she could be handicapped to the front of the field.

Drivers that are present but do not qualify, or miss the feature event because of mechanical trouble or an accident will receive **zero** handicapping points toward their total for that race. Drivers who are absent receive **150 handicapping points** toward their handicapping total. These “phantom handicapping points” help to reward those drivers who consistently make it to the track, while those who frequently miss events start towards the rear.

Opening night: Drivers will draw for starting positions in the heat races, then will use a “head’s up” start for the feature where the winner of the first heat starts on the pole, winner of the second heat starts second, etc.

Week 2: Heat races and features will be lined up according to total handicapping points earned from opening night only. Lowest handicapping points earned will start in the front, highest handicapping points earned toward the rear. New drivers start at the rear of the field.

Week 3: Heat races and features will be lined up according to total handicapping points earned from the first two races. Lowest handicapping points earned will start in the front, new drivers will start at the rear, and so on. The basic handicapping formula continues for the remainder of the season. Heats and features are lined up according the handicapping points earned in the last three races completed. Drivers that were not present for two of the last three races will start at the rear of the handicapped cars.

Assigning cars to heat races: The handicapper has a sheet listing the drivers’ total handicapping points earned from the last three races. As the drivers/cars enter the pits, they check in with the handicapper at the handicapping table. **DRIVERS MUST LET THE HANDICAPPER KNOW THAT THEY ARE THERE!!!** The handicapper will highlight the car number on the sheet. Depending on the car count, the number of heats run will be determined and the cars split up into heat races as they are on the sheet. The handicapper will attempt to make the heat races even by spreading out the top drivers among the heats. The number of cars to qualify and be handicapped will be posted on the pit board with the lineups for the heats. A driver must have been present for at least two of the last three races run to be handicapped in the heat. If not, he will be deemed a “new” driver and will start in the rear.

**(The handicapper should attempt to keep the top five in points spread out evenly among the heats)
(At the promoter’s request, the handicapper will not put family or team cars in the same heat if possible)**

After the heats are completed

Consolation race(s): Drivers that did not finish their heat in a qualified spot will be assigned to a consolation based on their finishing order in the heats (ie. First non-qualifier in the first heat starts first, first non-qualifier in the second heat starts second, second non-qualifier in the first heat starts third – same as a heads up start).

No consolation race(s): The handicapper once again uses the total handicapping points earned sheet from the past three races to determine the lineup for the features. Those who finished the heats in handicapped spots will be put into the lineup with the lowest points earned starting first. Drivers that did not finish their heat in a handicapped spot fill in behind the field of handicapped cars in “heads up” fashion.

After the heats and consolations are completed: The handicapper once again uses the total handicapping points earned sheet from the past three races to determine the lineup for the features. Those who finished the heats in handicapped spots will be put into the lineup with the lowest points earned starting first. Drivers that were not present for two of the last three races and qualified in a handicapped spot will start at the rear of the handicapped cars. Drivers that qualified from their heat in a non-handicapped spot will fill in next (ie. First non-handicapped qualifier from the first heat, first non-handicapped qualifier from the second heat, second non-handicapped qualifier from the first heat, and so on – same as heads up start).

(If requested by the promoter, drivers that did not finish their heat or consi in a qualified spot can fill in at the rear of the field.)

Drivers using guaranteed starter status fill in at the rear of the field.

Any drivers changing cars are assigned to the rear of the field.

Double point races carry single handicapping points.

Open competition shows should use the draw on entry / heads up start handicapping system.

The handicapper reserves the right to assign a driver a starting spot that is farther back in the field, if the driver/car has not shown the ability to start in their handicapped position.

Teams may request a handicapping points breakdown sheet from the handicapper or promoter.

TRACK POINTS BREAKDOWN: 1-60, 2-56, 3-52, 4-50, 5-48, 6-46, 7-44, 8-42, 9-40, 10-38, 11-36, 12-34, 13-32, 14-30, 15-28, 16-27, 17-26, 18-25, 19-24, 20-23, 21-22, 22-21, 23-20, 24+ -20

HANDICAPPING POINTS BREAKDOWN: 1-150, 2-130, 3-115, 4-100, 5-85, 6-70, 7-60, 8-50, 9-45, 10-40, 11-38, 12-36, 13-34, 14-32, 15-30, 16-29, 17-28, 18-27, 19-26, 20-25, 21-24, 22-23, 23-22, 24-21, 25-20, 26-19, 27-18, ETC.

NO SHOW OR DID NOT ATTEMPT TO RACE = 150 handicapping points. You must have a complete race ready car, be ready to race, and make an attempt to race or you are a no show.