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To 2026 DIRTcar Late Model Competitors —

Thank you for supporting the 41st annual DIRTcar Summer Nationals. Please see below for detailed information about this year's tour.

1. The 2026 points funds will be paid out exclusively based on your performance each calendar week. The total point fund for this year equals \$150,600. If one driver sweeps the five weekly points battles, they would pocket \$60,000 in just point fund money.
2. FOR POINT FUND ELIGIBILITY: The driver must notify Sam Driggers (704) 467-7786 within ten (10) days prior to the first week you are planning on running. You must run every race during that week. Drivers must be a DIRTcar Member in good standing. If races are lost due to weather, the weekly point fund may be adjusted. Weeks with 5 races could be adjusted by 20% per race unless made up. Weeks with 6 races could be adjusted by 15% per race unless made up.
3. This year's schedule will contest 33 races in 34 days. If you win every Summer Nationals event you will collect \$217,500 in first-place purse money. You will have also driven approximately 5,337 miles and 86 hours.
4. The tow money program is in effect again for 2026. Drivers will receive \$500 for each 500 miles they drive. If you complete the entire schedule, you will receive \$5,000 in tow money. Drivers MUST have perfect attendance in order to be eligible for the tow money program.
5. Each DIRTcar Summer Nationals and Summit Modified Nationals event will be broadcast live on DIRTVision. For subscription information, visit DIRTVision.com.
6. We welcome back our great product and contingency partners. Many of these awards are cash contingencies and only require simple decal placement. A driver could earn from \$25 to \$200 per night in additional awards and sponsorship money. Over \$36,000 will be awarded in cash and product contingencies.

Thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Driggers".

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2026 DIRTcar Summer Nationals Schedule

Week 1

Date	Track	City, State	To-Win	Miles	Time
6/9/26	Brownstown Bullring	Brownstown, IL	\$5,000	START	START
6/10/26	Kankakee Co. Speedway	Kankakee, IL	\$5,000	176	2.5 hours
6/11/26	Peoria Speedway	Peoria, IL	\$5,000	120	2 hours
6/12/26	Tri-City Speedway	Pontoon Beach, IL	\$10,000	168	2.5 hours
6/13/26	Fairbury Speedway	Fairbury, IL	\$10,000	195	3 hours
6/14/26	Sycamore Speedway	Maple Park, IL	\$5,000	91	2 hours

Week 2

6/15/26	Wilmot Raceway	Wilmot, WI	\$5,000	59	1.5 hours
6/16/26	West Liberty Raceway	West Liberty, IA	\$5,000	232	3.5 hours
6/17/26	Davenport Speedway	Davenport, IA	\$5,000	42	1 hour
6/18/26	Dubuque Fair Speedway	Dubuque, IA	\$5,000	72	1 hour
6/19/26	Farmer City Raceway	Farmer City, IL	\$10,000	234	3.5 hours
6/20/26	I-55 Raceway Park	Pevely, MO	\$10,000	200	3 hours
6/21/26	Lincoln Speedway	Lincoln, IL	\$5,000	157	2.5 hours

Week 3

6/22/26	Poplar Bluff Motorspts. Park	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$5,000	282	4.5 hours
6/23/26	Benton Speedway	Benton, MO	\$5,000	66	1 hour
6/24/26	Quincy Raceways	Quincy, IL	\$5,000	252	4 hours
6/25/26	Springfield Raceway	Springfield, MO	\$5,000	256	4 hours
6/26/26	Paducah Int'l Raceway	Paducah, KY	\$10,000	298	5 hours
6/27/26	Tri-State Speedway	Haubstadt, IN	\$10,000	154	2.5 hours
6/28/26	Windy Hollow Speedway	Owensboro, KY	\$5,000	52	1 hour

Week 4

6/29/26	Camden Speedway	Camden, TN	\$5,000	172	3.5 hours
6/30/26	Old No. 1 Speedway	Harrisburg, AR	\$5,000	202	3 hours
7/1/26	Farmington Speedway	Farmington, MO	\$5,000	177	3 hours
7/2/26	LaSalle Speedway	LaSalle, IL	\$5,000	296	4.5 hours
7/3/26	Red Hill Raceway	Sumner, IL	\$10,000	237	3.5 hours
7/4/26	Highland Speedway	Highland, IL	\$10,000	110	2 hours
7/5/26	Macon Speedway	Macon, IL	\$7,500	92	1.5 hours

Week 5

7/6/26	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
7/7/26	Montpelier Speedway	Montpelier, IN	\$5,000	254	4 hours
7/8/26	I-96 Speedway	Lake Odessa, MI	\$5,000	177	2.5 hours
7/9/26	Butler Motor Speedway	Quincy, MI	\$5,000	77	1 hours
7/10/26	Crystal Motor Speedway	Crystal, MI	\$10,000	115	2 hours
7/11/26	Oakshade Raceway	Wauseon, OH	\$10,000	155	3 hours
7/12/26	Wayne County Speedway	Orrville, OH	\$5,000	167	2.5 hours



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2026 DIRTcar Summer Nationals Event Format

1. **31 cars or less**

1. Group Qualifying (against heat race cars).
2. 3 heat races – top 5 transfer to the Feature.
3. 1 consolation race (if needed) – top 3 transfer to the Feature.
4. 4 provisionals – 2 DIRTcar Summer Nationals, 1 DIRTcar National, 1 Track.
5. 22 car starting field.

2. **32 cars or more**

1. A/B Group Qualifying.
2. 4 heat races – top 4 transfer to the Feature. 5th, 6th, & 7th, transfer to LCS, balance transfer to the consolation race.
3. 1 consolation race – top 3 transfer to the LCS.
4. 1 last chance showdown – top 2 transfer to the Feature.
5. 4 provisionals – 2 DIRTcar Summer Nationals, 1 DIRTcar National, 1 Track.
6. 22 car starting field.
7. Group A will be Heat Races 1 & 2 and the inside row of consolation races, last chance showdown and Feature events.
8. Group B will be Heat Races 3 & 4 and the outside row of consolation races, last chance showdowns and Feature events.

3. Non-Transfer cars will receive a minimum of \$75. Drivers that transfer from the consolation race to the LCS will forfeit their consolation race purse. Drivers that transfer from the LCS to the Feature will forfeit their LCS purse.

4. **Provisionals**

1. Position 19 – Top driver in current DIRTcar Summer National points not qualified after the LCS.
2. Position 20 – Top driver in 2024 DIRTcar Late Model National Points not qualified after the LCS.
3. Position 21 – Promoters choice option with approval of method by DIRTcar officials prior to the driver's meeting.
4. Position 22 – Next eligible driver in current DIRTcar Summer National points not qualified after the LCS.
5. Unless announced at the driver's meeting – additional provisionals will not be considered.
6. To be eligible for a provisional, drivers must attempt to participate in all scheduled races the driver has qualified for. DIRTcar officials must approve any waiver to participate in the case of damage or extenuating circumstances. This request must be made to DIRTcar officials in person, officials will not make assumptions regarding your ability to participate in an event.
7. Promoters may add additional starting positions as announced at the driver's meeting.



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5. Laps

1. All heat races – 8 laps
2. Consolation races – 8 laps
3. Last Chance Showdown – 10 laps
4. \$5,000 to win Feature – 30 laps
5. \$10,000 to win Feature – 40 laps
6. All laps are subject to change based on track size and/or approval by DIRTcar officials prior to the event.

6. Technical Rules

1. All DIRTcar Summer National events will be conducted under the 2026 DIRTcar General Rules and 2026 DIRTcar Late Model Technical Rules.
2. The droop rule will be enforced at all events. Droop will be subject to check at any point throughout the night.
3. Minimum weight rule is 2350 at all times – no burn-off will be allowed.
4. All cars must scale during qualifying.
5. Transfer cars will scale from the heat races, consolation races and last chance showdown. The top 5 from the feature event will scale.

7. Tire Rules

1. Left Front – Any (90) Hoosier
2. Right Front – Hoosier NLMT2 (90)
3. Left Rear – Hoosier NLMT2 (90)
4. Right Rear – Hoosier NLMT3 (92) or Hoosier NLMT4 (92)
5. Grooving and Siping will be permitted.

8. General Procedures

1. All drivers will register and draw each day.
2. Series decals will be available at pill draw and must be placed on the car before entering the racing surface.
3. Drivers arriving late will be added to the group with the least number of cars at the discretion of DIRTcar officials.
4. All drivers MUST be a DIRTcar Member in good standing to race.
5. Driver one-way radios and transponders are MANDATORY at all DIRTcar Summer National Events. MyLaps (red/gray) transponders and Westhold (yellow) transponders will be used for each event. Drivers are encouraged to use their own transponder. Transponders will be available during registration if needed.
6. Drivers must provide their own driver radio – the default channel 454.000 will be used at all events unless otherwise posted.
7. All transponders borrowed from DIRTcar must be returned each night. Purse money will be withheld until the transponder is returned. Failure to return a transponder will result in a \$600 fine.



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9. Hot Laps

1. Drivers will hot lap in their respective group as posted. Failure to make your group will result in no hot laps, unless otherwise approved by a DIRTcar official.

10. Qualifying

1. Multi-car qualifying
2. Drivers will get two (2) consecutive green flag laps.
3. Drivers will get a three (3) position grace during qualifying. Failure to follow the draw order will result in no qualifying.

11. Heat Races

1. Heat races will be lined straight up based on your qualifying time with no inversion.
2. Heat race winners will redraw for Feature starting position.

12. Consolation and Last Chance Showdowns

1. Consolation and LCS events will be lined straight up based on heat race finishes.

13. Feature

1. Drivers will be lined up based on redraw order, heat race finish, consolation/last chance showdown finish, and provisionals.

14. Race Procedures

1. Original Starts – side by side – pole position is the control car and can start the race anywhere inside the start zone. If a driver is out of line, or jumps a start, it will result in a two (2) position penalty.
2. Restarts – DIRTcar Double-File. Race leader will be out front, 2nd place can choose inside or outside, 3rd place will fill. 4th place and even running cars are always on the inside, 5th place, and odd running cars will always be on the outside. The leader will be allowed to restart the race anywhere between the middle of turns 3 and 4. All restarts will be double file except for the last five (5) laps of any Feature event.
3. If a car drops out prior to the original green flag of any event, cars will move straight forward. If multiple cars drop out, the lineup will be adjusted accordingly.
4. Original Start Cautions
 1. First Start – complete restart.
 2. Second Start – complete restart minus the cars in the caution.
 3. Third Start – single file based on the original lineup minus the cars in the caution.
5. A yellow flag means your wheels aren't turning, if you make contact with a car that has caused a caution you will go to the tail with them. If you spin to avoid and do not make contact, you will get your spot back.
6. If the yellow flag is displayed for a car or cars and the drivers do not stop but keep moving, they will blend back into the lineup where they picked up at.



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7. Do not race back to the yellow flag. When the yellow flag is displayed, slow down and get in line single file. The lineup will be adjusted as needed based on electronic timing and scoring. Failure to lineup correctly will result in disqualification from that race.
8. Once one (1) lap is completed, during a yellow or red flag, the lineup will be based on the current running order. Split scoring will be utilized – drivers that cross under green flag conditions will be lined up according to that lap, drivers that cross after the yellow or red has been displayed will be lined up according to the previous lap. A completed lap is the race leader plus one (1).
9. In any event, drivers are allowed two (2) unassisted caution. After two (2) unassisted cautions the driver will be asked to leave the racing surface.
10. Lapped cars will fall to the tail of the running field all night. Lead lap cars that are involved in a caution will be placed in front of lapped cars.
11. All races will end in Green-White-Checkered regardless of the lap count.
12. Backup cars will be allowed – car will move to the tail of the field in the next scheduled event.
13. Crews may use colored gloves and sticks – lights and pit boards are prohibited.
14. Work area will be for Feature events only. Location will be announced at the driver's meeting each day. Drivers will get two (2) laps for repair once they arrive in the work area.
15. Fighting will not be permitted. Minimum penalty for fighting will be immediate expulsion from the property.
16. Payoff will be nightly at the series command center, the following day during registration, or mailed at the conclusion of the 2026 DIRTcar Summer Nationals.
17. DIRTcar Officials may change, modify, cancel, and/or adjust procedures and/or events due to weather and/or track conditions.
18. DIRTcar Officials may suspend and/or reprimand any driver, team member, and or crew member for violations of competition as outlined in the DIRTcar General Rules.



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1. Grand Total Point Fund = \$150,600
2. Drivers competing for weekly points fund payout must attempt to qualify for all races during that week.
3. If events are lost due to weather, the weekly point fund may be adjusted.
4. Weeks with 5 races could be adjusted 20% per race unless made up.
5. Weeks with 6 races could be adjusted 15% per race unless made up.

2026 Contingency Awards

Total Posted Awards = \$36,465

Total Cash Awards = \$9,900

Total Product Award = \$26,565

- * More partners and Awards may be added during the season;
- * In order to be eligible for Awards, teams must display decal on left and right side of car in a visible location;
- * No alterations may be made to decals and logos may not be reproduced or incorporated into wraps;
- * If the initial winner of an Award is not running the decal, All Awards will shift to the next eligible competitor as specified above (EXCEPT Wieland);
- * To be eligible, driver must be a DIRTcar Member as of the date of the race.



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- No specific Award, point fund sponsor



Mandatory for Contingency Awards (unless competitor's decal is displayed), Available for All Competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to 4th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal
- \$50 Product Award to 14th place finisher or next highest with decal



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- \$50 Product Certificate to 7th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal



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- \$50 Cash Award to 10th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- \$50 Certificate to 1st place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal



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- \$50 Cash to 3rd place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



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- \$500 Product Award (WEEKLY) to points leader, each week of DIRTcar Summer Nationals (5 Weeks)



Mandatory for Contingency Awards (unless competitor's decal is displayed), Available for All Competitors.

- \$50 Cash Award to 5th place Feature finisher if decal is displayed or to next finishing position with decal
- \$50 Product Award to First non-qualifier or next highest with decal



Mandatory for Contingency Awards (unless competitor's decal is displayed), Available for All Competitors.

- \$100 Certificate to 1st place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- \$50 Certificate to 11th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- \$25 Certificate to 13th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal



Mandatory for Contingency Awards (unless competitor's decal is displayed), Available for All Competitors.

- \$50 Cash Award to 2nd place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- \$40 Gift Card to the Hard Charger in the Feature (driver who advances the most positions)
- \$40 Gift Card to the B Feature Winner if decal is displayed or next highest with decal



Mandatory for All Competitors (unless competitor's decal is displayed)

- \$50 Cash Award to 8th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- 5 Gallon Fuel Certificate (approx. \$50 value) to 2nd place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- 5 Gallon Fuel Certificate (approx. \$50 value) to 12th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal
- 5 Gallon Fuel Certificate (approx. \$50 value) to 13th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or next highest with decal



Mandatory for Contingency Awards (unless competitor's decal is displayed), Available for All Competitors.

- Three (3) sheets of aluminum to Feature Winner, only if decal is displayed (\$200 value)