



COMPETITOR NOTES



DIRTcar Sportsman Championship

Utica-Rome Speedway

5591 NY 5, Vernon, NY. 13476

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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Schedule:

- o Wednesday, August 19 Utica-Rome Speedway DIRTcar Sportsman Championship Series

General Daily Schedule:

- o 4:00 pm – Pit Gates Open (Open early for hauler parking and swept)
- o 4:00 pm – Inspection and Draw Begins (Could be earlier)
- o 5:30 pm – **Driver's Meeting**
- o 6:00 pm – Hot Laps/Timed Hot Laps
- o – Opening Ceremonies followed by racing

Tires/Fuel

- o Hoosier Tires and VP Race Fuel will be available at the track

Credentials

- o 2026 DIRTcar Memberships will be available for purchase. All competitors must have a 2026 DIRTcar License. You can also obtain memberships by visiting www.dirtcarmembers.com/downloads.php

Projected Feature Starting Qualifying Procedure (Subject to Change)

- o 30-car field – Qualify 26 with possible 4 Provisionals
- o Heats will be 8 laps
- o Last Chance Showdowns will be 10 laps
- o Four (4) provisional starting positions will be made available to the first four from Top 18 in current Sportsman Series points should any not qualify.
- o Redraw: If three Heats – Top 3 Redraw/If four or five heats – Top 2 Redraw/If six heats winner redraws. Redraw on frontstretch (*unless otherwise noted*)
- o **** Note – If we have an odd number of provisionals used, the fastest non-qualifier from qualifying could fill

DIRTcar Sportsman Series Qualifying Format (Subject to change)

- o Timed Hot laps/Qualifying in assigned heat groups.
- o 0-31 cars – 3 heats, 32 – 44 cars - 4 heats, 45 cars plus - 5 Heats
- o Number of cars qualify from heats and LCS will be announced at drivers meeting.
- o If you bring out a yellow during your time trial you will only be eligible for just one lap of time.

Championship Series Purse	
Place	Amount
1	\$1,500
2	\$1,000
3	\$600
4	\$450
5	\$325
6	\$275
7	\$225
8	\$200
9	\$190
10	\$180
11	\$170
12	\$160
13	\$150
14	\$150
15	\$150
16	\$150
17	\$150
18	\$150
19	\$150
20	\$150
21	\$150
22	\$150
23	\$150
24	\$150
25	\$150
26	\$150
27	\$150
28	\$150
29	\$150
30	\$150
	<i>Free Hoosier Tire to Feature Starter at Random</i>
	NOTE: Payout will be at the track's normal payout window (<i>unless othwewise noted</i>)

Event Specific Race Procedures

- All starts and restarts will take place in turn four at the *VP Makin' Powersign*
- The leader is the control car on all starts and/or restarts
- The leader has the choice to run inside or outside on the original start and/or all restarts
- One EZ Pass will be awarded in the feature only to the lead car one lap down.
- If scheduled EZ Pass driver brought out the yellow or pitted, no EZ is awarded
- All races will end with a green-white-checker finish
- Caution laps will not count in any race during any DIRTcar Sportsman Series qualifying events
- Feature event will be **30 laps**. Caution laps will not count.
- All restarts up to lap **30** will be double-file with lead lap cars to the front - lapped cars will drop to the inside under caution and rejoin the field beginning after the last car on the lead lap in their order of running on the race track at the time of the caution. Most restarts will be Double File. However, caution comes out before a lap is scored, the ensuing restart shall be a single file restart. Subsequent restarts revert back to double file restarts. DIRTcar and/or World Racing Group Officials reserve the right to change and/or alter this rule, provided the competitors are given notice (in advance and/or via the driver's one-way radio) due to circumstances that require such a change and/or alteration.
- If a lead lap car comes out of the pits or hot pit area while white flag (or one lap to go has been called) that car will start behind lapped cars until next yellow
- If at any time you intentionally stop on the racetrack to cause a caution and pull to the pits and change a tire that was not flat, you will be penalized one lap and will not be eligible for the EZ Pass for the rest of the event.
- World Racing Group or DIRTcar Officials reserve the right to alter the rules of this and/or any event, provided the competitors are given notice (in advance and/or over the one-way radio) due to any circumstance that require such a change or alteration
- One-way radios are mandatory. Two-way radios will not be permitted.

Technical Inspection

- Safety and General Inspection pre-race at team trailers and post-race at infield scales or designated area(s)
- Teams should be familiar with the 2026 DIRTcar Sportsman Rule Book before attending the event.
- Find the 2026 DIRTcar Sportsman Rule Book and Bulletins here: <https://www.dirtcarmembers.com/downloads.php>

***** Note:** There will be post-race inspection in a designated inspection area or at the Series Trailer following Victory Lane Ceremonies

- Post race weight – 2400 lbs.
- **Tire Rule:** 300/400/500
- **VP Fuel D98 Only**
- All cars must have **Green** verification seal.

Safety and General Inspection

Sonic Testing of Frame

Body Inspection

Helmet Snell FIA 8860-2018, Snell EA 2016, Snell SA 2020, Shell SA2025, and/or a valid SFI 31.1/2020 label

Fire Suit SFI 3.2 A/5 approved.

Head and Neck Restraint SFI 38.1

Drivers gloves SFI 3.3 approved.

Seat Belts SFI 16.5 or SFI 16.1 within two years from date of manufacturer

Drivers Compartment – Fuel valve and master switch must be marked on/off.

All seats must be full containment type per rule book

Fuel cells must either meet FT3 or SFI 28.3 requirements and/or Include: a metal container, foam, top bolted fuel valve plate with an operational open/close flap or roll over check valve.

Fire Suppression is mandatory – **Make sure your bottle is within certification date and in green.**

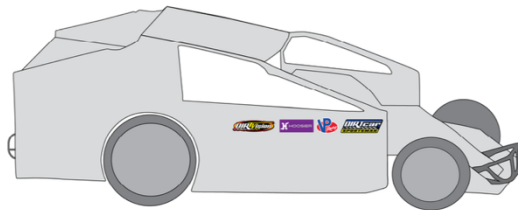
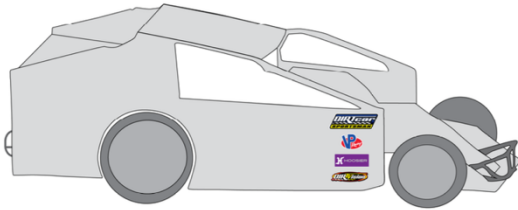
Highly recommended carburetor rollover plate

Tire testing may be done at any time during event.

***** Each race team must meet the requirements in safety inspection or will not be able to compete. Please check all safety aspects before you leave for the event**



Decal Placement



2026 Bulletin regarding DIRTcar Sportsman Series Decal Placement:

To be eligible for contingency awards — based on 2026 contingency agreements — participating manufacturer decals are mandatory. The decal must be the actual decal or proper in size and color that are included in wraps and must be placed as indicated in the accompanying photos. Mandatory decals include, but are not limited to: DIRTcar Sportsman, VP Racing Fuels, Hoosier, DIRTVision.

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2026 DIRTcar Sportsman Series Schedule

Day/Date	Location	Race Winner	Hoosier Tire Winner
Central Region			
Sunday, May 3	Weedsport Speedway, Weedsport, NY	<i>Hunter Hollenbeck</i>	<i>Mike Fowler</i>
Monday, May 25	Thunder Mountain Speedway, Center Lisle, NY	RAINED OUT	
Friday, June 26	Brewerton Speedway, Brewerton NY	<i>Cody Manitta</i>	<i>Joe Trichilo</i>
Wednesday, July 1	Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY	RAINED OUT	
Wednesday, July 22	Land of Legends Raceway, Canandaigua NY	<i>Richard Murtaugh</i>	<i>Austin Germinio</i>
Saturday, July 25	Fulton Speedway, Fulton NY	<i>Richard Murtaugh</i>	<i>David Hackett</i>
West Region			
Friday, May 29	Ransomville Speedway, Ransomville, NY	<i>Cody McPherson</i>	<i>Sam Hoxie</i>
Saturday, May 30	Merrittville Speedway, Thorold, ON	<i>Cody McPherson</i>	<i>Jeff Panute</i>
Wednesday, July 22	Land of Legends Raceway, Canandaigua NY	<i>Richard Murtaugh</i>	<i>Austin Germinio</i>
North Region			
Friday, April 18	Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY	<i>Brennan Moore</i>	<i>Owen Bird</i>
Saturday, June 20	Brockville Ontario Speedway, Brockville ON	<i>Gavin Eisele</i>	<i>Dan Ferguson</i>
Saturday, June 27	Autodrome Drummond, Drummondville, QC	<i>Jacob Nadeau</i>	<i>Shane Pecore</i>
Sunday, June 28	Cornwall Motor Speedway, Cornwall, ON	<i>Jacob Nadeau</i>	<i>Bryan Preville</i>
Wednesday, July 1	Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY	RAINED OUT	
East Region			
Saturday, April 18	Lebanon Valley Speedway, W. Lebanon, NY	<i>Tim Hartman Jr.</i>	<i>Bodie Marks</i>
Saturday, May 23	Bear Ridge Speedway, Bradford, VT	<i>Joey Scarborough</i>	<i>Brian Chaffee</i>
Thursday, June 11	Airborne Raceway Park, Plattsburgh, NY	<i>Michael Wright</i>	<i>Taylor Wason</i>
Sunday, July 5	Glen Ridge Motorsports Park, Fultonville, NY	<i>Connor Crane</i>	<i>Phil Arnold</i>
Championship Series			
Sunday, August 9	Glen Ridge Motorsports Park, Fultonville, NY	Championship Series Kickoff	<i>Derrick McGrew Jr.</i>
Wednesday, August 19	Utica-Rome Speedway, Vernon, NY	SummerFAST	
Tuesday, August 25	Ransomville Speedway, Ransomville, NY	Championship Series	
Sunday, September 6	Weedsport Speedway, Weedsport, NY	Sportsman Classic	
Saturday, September 12	Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY	Showdown in September	
Friday, September 18	Mohawk International Speedway, Akwesasne, NY	Mohawk in Fall Showdown	
Saturday, September 19	Land of Legends Raceway, Canandaigua, NY	Gerald Haers Memorial	
Friday, Sept. 25	Albany-Saratoga Speedway, Malta, NY	Massive Malta Weekend	
Saturday, October 10	Oswego Speedway, Oswego NY	53rd Super DIRT Week	
Friday, October 16	Brockville Ontario Speedway, Brockville ON	Fall Nationals	
Home Track Bonus + Regional Bonus + Championship Series Points = Series Champion			

2026 DIRTcar SPORTSMAN SERIES

as of 8/9/26

	No	Driver	Total	Series	Reg Bonus	Reg	HT Bonus	Diff
1	92T	Tristan Ladouceur	644	144	500	N	0	0
2	33	Richard Murtaugh	638	138	500	C	0	-6
3	07	Taylor Wason	635	140	495	E	0	-9
4	78Jr	Nigel Pendykoski	624	134	490	W	0	-20
5	11VT	Joey Scarborough	618	118	500	E	0	-26
6	916	Nick Brundige	611	126	485	E	0	-33
7	33M	Bodie Marks	608	128	480	E	0	-36
8	52	Jessica Power	607	122	485	N	0	-37
9	26	Derrick McGrew Jr.	605	150	455	E	0	-39
10	6	Cody Manitta	599	124	475	C	0	-45
11	Fox28	Tyler Stevenson	597	132	465	C	0	-47
12	711	Chris Crane Jr.	596	136	460	E	0	-48
13	82	David Hackett	592	112	480	C	0	-52
14	51	Bryan Preville	592	102	490	E	0	-52
15	16	Matt Barbour	585	130	455	N	0	-59
16	2	Greg Henry	571	106	465	N	0	-73
17	10	Trevor Houghton	563	108	455	C	0	-81
18	711x	Connor Crane	557	142	415	E	0	-87