



COMPETITOR NOTES



DIRTcar Spts. West Region Merrittville Speedway



2371 Merrittville Hwy, Fonthill, ON. L0S 1E6

Saturday, May 30, 2026

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Schedule:

- o Saturday, May 30 Merrittville Speedway DIRTcar Sportsman Series West Region

General Daily Schedule:

- o 5:00 pm – Pit Gates Open (Open early for hauler parking and swept)
- o 5:10 pm – Inspection and Draw Begins
- o 6:00 pm – **Driver's Meeting**
- o 6:35 pm – 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 the top-12 of the 2026 West 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 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 lose a lap of time.

| West Region Series Purse | |
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| Place | Amount (Can. Funds) |
| 1 | \$1,400 |
| 2 | \$850 |
| 3 | \$620 |
| 4 | \$445 |
| 5 | \$375 |
| 6 | \$300 |
| 7 | \$275 |
| 8 | \$245 |
| 9 | \$220 |
| 10 | \$195 |
| 11 | \$165 |
| 12 | \$150 |
| 13 | \$140 |
| 14 | \$140 |
| 15 | \$140 |
| 16 | \$140 |
| 17 | \$140 |
| 18 | \$140 |
| 19 | \$140 |
| 20 | \$140 |
| 21 | \$140 |
| 22 | \$140 |
| 23 | \$140 |
| 24 | \$140 |
| 25 | \$140 |
| 26 | \$140 |
| 27 | \$140 |
| 28 | \$140 |
| 29 | \$140 |
| 30 | \$140 |
| | NOTE: Payout will be at the track's normal payout window (unless othwewise noted) |

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.
- Hoosier D300, D400, D500
- **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.**

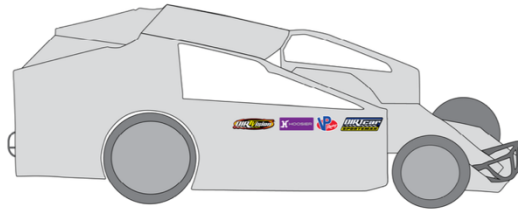
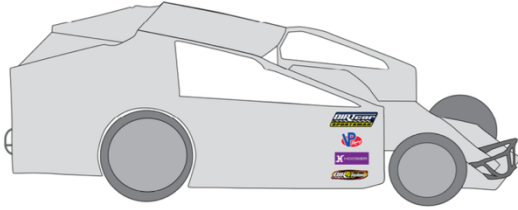
Highly recommended carburetor rollover plate

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 |
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| 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 | | |
| Wednesday, July 1 | Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY | | |
| Wednesday, July 22 | Land of Legends Raceway, Canandaigua NY | | |
| Saturday, July 25 | Fulton Speedway, Fulton NY | | |
| West Region | | | |
| Friday, May 29 | Ransomville Speedway, Ransomville, NY | | |
| Saturday, May 30 | Merrittville Speedway, Thorold, ON | | |
| Wednesday, July 22 | Land of Legends Raceway, Canandaigua NY | | |
| 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 | | |
| Saturday, June 27 | Autodrome Drummond, Drummondville, QC | | |
| Sunday, June 28 | Cornwall Motor Speedway, Cornwall, ON | | |
| Wednesday, July 1 | Can-Am Speedway, Lafargeville NY | | |
| 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 | | |
| Sunday, July 5 | Glen Ridge Motorsports Park, Fultonville, NY | | |
| Championship Series | | | |
| Sunday, August 9 | Glen Ridge Motorsports Park, Fultonville, NY | Championship Series Kickoff | |
| Wednesday, August 19 | Utica-Rome Speedway, Vernon, NY | | |
| Tuesday, August 25 | Ransomville Speedway, Ransomville, NY | Mike Bonesky Memorial | |
| 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 | | | |