



COMPETITOR NOTES



61st Season Opener
Albany-Saratoga Speedway
2671 US Route 9, Malta, NY 12020
Friday April 17, 2026



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Schedule.

- o Friday, April 17th Super DIRTcar Series – 61 Laps
- o Saturday, April 18th DIRTcar 358 Series Event at Lebanon Valley

General Daily Schedule (Daily schedules will be posted at trailer, subject to change without notice)

- o 3:00 pm Pit Gates Open (Could be Open early and swept, draw will open early as well)
- o 5:15 pm Draw Closes
- o 5:30 pm Drivers meeting
- o 6:00 pm Heat/Hot Laps with Qualifying to follow
- o Opening Ceremonies followed by Racing

Work Area

- o Suggested work area – Turn 1 behind the pit bleachers

Tires/Fuel

- o Hoosier Tires & VP Fuels will be available

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

61st Season Opener posted purse for Super DIRTcar Series

Saturday, April 17 – 61 Laps	
Super DIRTcar Series	
Place	Amount
1	\$6,100
2	\$4,000
3	\$2,500
4	\$2,250
5	\$2,000
6	\$1,750
7	\$1,500
8	\$1,250
9	\$1,100
10	\$1,000
11	\$850
12	\$700
13	\$600
14	\$575
15	\$550
16	\$525
17	\$500
18	\$500
19	\$500
20	\$500
21	\$500
22	\$500
23	\$500
24	\$500
25	Prov. – Paid - \$500
26	Prov. – Paid - \$500
27	Prov. – Non Paid
28	Prov. – Non Paid

**NOTE: Payout will be at the Super DIRTcar Series trailer each night following post-race inspection
(unless otherwise noted)**

Projected Feature Starting Qualifying Procedure (Subject to Change)

- o 24-car field (Possible 28 with paid/non-paid provisionals **from the 2026 season points – If first two events are run**)
- o Heats will be 8 laps
- o Last Chance Showdowns will be 10 laps
- o Possible 4 provisional positions to highest finishing Platinum point earners from 2026 not qualified
- o Under 32 cars – Redraw 9, 32-47 cars – Redraw 8, 48 cars of more Redraw 6. Redraw on Frontstretch (*unless otherwise noted*)
- o **** Note – If only one Platinum provisional is needed, the fastest non-qualifier from qualifying will fill spot 26

Super DIRTcar Series Qualifying Format

Under 32 Cars:

- o Hot Laps and Time Trials will be in heat groups
- o 3 heat format (6 qualify) – 1 last chance showdown (If required - # Qualify TBD)
- o Time trials will set order of heats (Fast timer pole of heat 1)

32-47 Cars:

- o Group A and Group B format will be utilized for time trials. Draw for order (4 to 5 cars max on track at a time)
- o 4 heat format (5 qualify) – 1 or 2 last chance showdown(s) (# Qualify TBD)
- o Time trial results from Group A will make up heats 1 & 2, Group B will make up heats 3 & 4.
Fast timer of Group A will start pole heat 1.
Fast timer of Group B will start pole heat 2.

Above 47 Cars:

- o Group A & B format will be utilized for time trials. Draw for order (4 to 5 cars max on track at a time)
- o 6 heat format (3 qualify) – 1 or 2 last chance showdown(s) (# Qualify TBD)
- o Time trial results from Group A will make up heats 1, 2 & 3, Group B will make up heats 4, 5 & 6.
Fast timer of Group A will start pole heat 1
Fast timer of Group B will start pole heat 4

**** Note – If you miss your time trial order by more than two positions your time can be no better than 50% of the group +1.
If you bring out a yellow during your time trial you will only be eligible for just one lap of time

Event Specific Race Procedures

- o All starts and restarts will take place in turn four at the *VP Makin' Power* sign
- o The leader is the control car on all starts and/or restarts
- o The leader has the choice to run inside or outside on the original start and/or all restarts
- o One EZ Pass will be awarded in the feature only to the lead car one lap down.
- o If scheduled EZ Pass driver brought out the yellow or pitted, no EZ is awarded
- o All races will end with a green-white-checker finish
- o Caution laps will not count in any race during Super DIRTcar Series qualifying events
- o Feature event will be **61 laps**. Caution laps will count to lap **36**.
- o All restarts up to lap **51** 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, if caution is thrown before a lap is complete after double file Restart, the ensuing restart shall be a single file restart. Subsequent restarts revert back to double file restarts. Super 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
- o 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
- o 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.
- o World Racing Group, Super DIRTcar and/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
- o One-way radios are mandatory. Two-way radios will not be permitted

Technical Inspection

- o Safety and General Inspection pre-race at team trailers and post-race at idesignated area(s)
- o Teams should be familiar with the 2026 Super DIRTcar Series Rule Book before attending the event.
- o Find the 2026 Super DIRTcar Series 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 Weights:

Big-Block Mods = 2,500 lbs.

358 Mods Ported Intake and Optional Exhaust = **2,600 lbs.**

358 Mods Stock Intake & Spec Exhaust = **2,500 lbs.**

W16 Mods = **2500 lbs.**

- o Hoosier D300, D400, D500
- o **VP Fuel D-12 or D-LM+ (358's may use – D109 or D12)**

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 Super DIRTcar 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: Super DIRTcar Series, VP Racing Fuels, Hoosier, DIRTVision.

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2026 Contingency Award Programs

- * More partners and Awards may be added during the season.
- * In order to be eligible for Awards, non-SDCS full-time teams must display decal on left and right side of car in a visible location.
- * If incorporating into wrap - **NO** alterations may be made to decals or logos, includes color, color must remain unaltered, min. size requirement 28 square inches.
- * If the initial winner of an Award is not running the decal, All Awards will shift to the next eligible competitor as specified below.



Mandatory for All competitors on top/forward corner of door (first decal)



Mandatory for All competitors on top/forward corner of door (forth decal)



Mandatory for All competitors on top/forward corner of door (second decal)

- Driver who redraws the highest number will receive one (1) Hoosier Racing Tire (excludes DIRTcar Nationals, Super DIRT Week, and Eastern States)



Mandatory for All competitors on top/forward corner of door (third decal)

- \$50 Cash Award to 8th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for All Rookie competitors – display on left and right side of car

- \$500 MD3 Product Certificate awarded to the highest finishing season-end Rookie in points



Mandatory for SDS Full-time Teams, 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



No Decal Required, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to 11th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to Race Leader (1st Place) with 1 Lap-To-Go, in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for All competitors (Decal Placement – Bottom of the “A” Pillar above the front of the Door Panel)

- \$100 Cash Award to “Fast Time” Award winner at All events



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to 12th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Product certificate to Feature winner or next highest with decal
- \$50 Cash Award to 10th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to 9th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

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



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, 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 (First LCS only) or next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash Award to 6th place finisher in Feature if decal is displayed or to next highest with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

- \$50 Cash award to 2nd place Feature finisher if decal is displayed or to next finishing position with decal
- \$100 Product certificate to Feature winner if decal is displayed or to next finishing position with decal



Mandatory for SDS Full-Time Teams, Available for All competitors

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