### 2026 POINTS AND HANDICAPPING RULES

- All drivers must register at the pay out window 30 minutes prior to warm ups. Drivers
  must have a car number, transponder ID and driver's name. Failure to register prior to
  the event will result in a penalty of heat position.
- If there is more than one car with the same number you will be asked to add a letter (ex. X, B, M ect.) onto the end of your original car number for scoring purposes
- Handicapping will not start until (1) point race have been completed.
- The first week will be a pill draw; handicapping will start the following points race
- If a driver did not race the first point race, they will be starting in the rear of the qualifying cars to earn points
- Handicapping will be based on a three week average
- Concerns with a driver who is not experienced enough or vehicle capable of starting in their handicapping spot will be addressed on a case by case basis by officials
- Once handicapping starts, the heats will be lined up based on handicapping points. The driver with the least amount of points will start 1st in heat 1 and the next least amount of points will start 1st in heat 2 and so forth. Any driver that has not made an attempt on the season to qualify will start behind all handicapped cars in the heat and feature.
- Attempting to qualify is defined as making an effort to bring your car on the track for
  practice and or heats. In the attempt if your car breaks and you are unable to compete in
  the day's events (determined by race officials) you will be awarded 0 handicapping
  points for the event.
- For drivers that are not in attendance, you are credited with max handicapping points for the races you have missed. Points shown below.
- If the previous weeks feature winner makes the handicapping that driver will start in the last handicapping position in the feature
- If a driver who is not eligible for handicapping qualifies through their heat that driver would start in the last handicapping spot, behind previous weeks winner
- The maximum number of cars to start any given feature will be 24 cars in all divisions
- Max handicapping per event will be 220 points

## **Heat Race Breakdown**

• 8 or fewer cars: 1 heat race - 4 Qualify\*

• 9-12 cars: 2 heats - 3 qualify per heat\*

• 13-15 cars: 2 heats - 4 qualify per heat\*

• 16-18 cars: 3 heats - 3 qualify per heat\*

• 19+ cars: 3 heats - 4 qualify per heat\*

\*The number of heats can be altered at the Race Director's discretion

\* Qualifying for the event means you will be handicapped for the feature starting line up based on the rule above

\*Up to 24 cars will make the feature, if there is more than 20 cars registered for an event there will be a consi unless track management determines otherwise.

# **HEAT AND FEATURE LAPS**

DIVISION	HEAT LAPS	FEATURE LAPS
Rookie 602 Crates	N/A	15
Modifieds	10	25
602 Crates	8	20
Roadrunners	6	20

# **2026 POINTS BREAKDOWN**

#### **HEAT POINTS**

1st 20 Points

2nd 15 Points

3rd 10 Points

4th 8 Points

5th 6 Points

### **FEATURE POINTS**

1st 200 13th 80 2nd 180 14th 75 3rd 160 15th 70 4th 150 16th 65 5th 140 17th 60 6th 130 18th 55 7th 120 19th 50 8th 110 20th 45 9th 100 21st 40 10th 95 22nd 35 11th 90 23rd 30 12th 85 24th 25

NOTE: All drivers who attempt to qualify and did not make the feature will receive 5 points

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE AT THE END OF THE SEASON WITH POINTS THIS BREAKDOWN WILL DETERMINE THE TIE BREAKER

- 1. Amount of feature wins
- 2. Amount of heat wins
- 3. Best finish in a feature (ex: if one driver highest finish is 4th and the other drivers highest finish is 6th, it will go to the driver with the highest finish, so the driver that finished 4th will be awarded the tie breaker)

Any handicapping/scoring questions email bigdiamondspeedwayscoring@gmail.com