



2024 “Handicapping Rules

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Heat Race

1. Championship points will no longer be given for heat races.
2. The heat lineups will be set by a random draw as drivers check in with the handicapper.
3. Random Draw will work as the following.
 - a. The lowest number drawn will be pole in the 1st heat and the 2nd lowest will be pole in the second heat and so on.
 - b. All drivers must check in and draw a pill before practice.
4. Drivers will receive Finish Points and Passing Points during the heat races.
5. These are for handicap purposes only and don't count towards the championship and will be called feature points.
6. The sum of the 2 numbers will set the feature lineup.
7. If we Qualify through Time Trials Championship Points will NOT be given.
8. Time trials for the The Ted Christopher Cup series, 100 Lap Crate Mod Race. All other Triple Crown Races will follow the new formula without TT.

Finish Points

Will be as follows for heats: Top 3 will get extra finish points 13,12,11. 4th on down will be 9,8,7 etc. 1st 13 points 2nd 12 points 3rd 11 points. 4th 9 points 5th 8 points 6th 7 points 7th 6 points 8th 5 points 9th 4 points 10th 3 points. There is not a qualified spot in the heat race. 1st through last will be set the same way.

Passing Points:

We will use a plus minus system. Any driver that gains a position from where they start will get passing points. This is only from where they start vs finish. Repassing somebody does not count for passing points. If any driver LOSES a spot in the heat, they will get negative passing points. Lapping a car is not worth a passing point.

Feature Winners:

Feature Winners during the season CANNOT start higher than 6th for the feature for 3 non Triple Crown Races after you win. You can still start 7th or worse. After you complete 3 non Triple Crown Races you're eligible for the pole. Example you win and take 3 races off the 3 week penalty doesn't go away. It's 3 races you compete in. This rule does not apply in the heat race as we don't want the formula



affected. The winner penalty will be waived for Miller Lite Triple Crown Series Races and Islip 300 weekend.

New for 2024; The TC Races will NOT count as one of the 3 races.

Example: You win Opening Night and Race 4 is a Triple Crown Race. The handicap penalty remains in effect through Race 5. You can only start on the pole in race 4 during that stretch.

Feature Lineup:

Feature Lineup will be set by the sum of Finish Points and Passing Points. The sum will be called Feature Points. The driver with the highest total points between the 2 numbers will be on the pole and so on. Please see the chart below for every scenario for how the Feature Points will be calculated.

		Start									
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Finish	1st	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	2nd	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	3rd	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	4th	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	5th	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6th	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7th	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	8th	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9th	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
	10th	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3

60 points and penalties:

ALL rookies and drivers without 60 points will no longer be penalized. If a driver without 60 points from the previous year draws pole, they will get to start 1st and not drop back. If you miss a race or the last race you will no longer receive a penalty.



Dropping to Rear:

The lineup will not be official until the green flag is waved in the heat race.

In the event a driver elects the rear they will not be given passing points and will only get finish points. If it is your first time racing at Riverhead or if your car has a problem and is approved by tech you may be eligible to get Passing Points after dropping to the rear but it's not guaranteed.

In the event of a driver electing the rear during pace laps the row will move up. Ex. The 2nd place car on the outside drops back, 4th will move up to 2nd. 6th to 4th etc. If a driver elects the rear in staging we will crisscross. 2nd to 1st 3rd to 2nd etc. A driver **MUST** tell the handicapper you are electing the rear otherwise you will start dead last for the feature or Consci.

Penalties:

Avoidable contact penalties may result in a loss of passing points but absolutely not limited to that. Passing off the racetrack is not permitted. Tech has the right to assess penalties. In severe instances you may be ineligible for passing points or have the winner penalty.

Tiebreakers:

Tiebreaker will not be finish position, but most cars passed in the heat. If tied drivers have the same number of cars passed, then it will be the best heat finish between the 2. If still tied it will be the driver highest in points. For Opening Day and the Islip 300 a 4th tiebreaker will be which driver drew the lowest number that day. **Consolation Race:** This formula will set the Consi lineup. The Winner of the Consi and one provisional will get the final 2 spots.