



2026 Afton Motorsports Park Handicapping Procedure: All Divisions

Please Note: Week-to-week handicap money is associated with a driver, not a car. Handicap dollars are based on the Handicapping Money Won Table, not the actual purse structure.

Simple Explanation: Weekly Handicapping

The driver with the least amount of handicap money earned from the previous **three** races will start closest to the front. The more handicap money won, the further back the driver starts. When heat races are run, the drivers finishing in a handicap position for the feature are lined up using the same formula. Drivers finishing outside of a handicap position in heat races are lined up 'heads-up' behind the drivers earning handicap positions. A driver's position in track point standings has no bearing on weekly handicapping.

For all point events, all* divisions will run heat races and consolations if necessary.

*It is up to track officials to deem if a specific class will run a heat race. Factors such as car count, weather, and time of day could factor in the decision-making process. The decision to run heats or feature only will be made on a class-by-class basis and posted on the pit board.

NEW FOR 2026: IF ANY CLASS HAS LESS THAN 10 CARS, THERE WILL BE NO HEAT RACES (FEATURE ONLY EVENT). LINEUP WILL BE BASED ON DRAW AND/OR HANDICAP AT CURRENT TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Detailed Explanation: Weeks 1-3

A detailed explanation of the handicapping formula for the opening three weeks of the 2026 season follows.

Week No. 1 (Opening Night): All drivers will draw for heat-race (or feature only, depending on discretion) starting positions. Top finishers will redraw for feature starting positions (*two heats – four from each heat redraw; three heats – three from each heat redraw; four heats – two from each heat redraw*). The remainder of the qualified cars from heat races will start 'head's-up' with consolation cars filling the remainder of the 27-car starting field.

Week No. 2: Same as above.

Week No. 3: Handicapping will begin and be based on the combined handicap dollars earned during the season's first two races. Drivers with the least amount of money won start in the front with higher dollars toward the rear. Drivers who have not competed in 2026 to this point will be tagged at the rear of the field in order of sign-in.

Regular Weekly Handicapping

Traditional three-week handicapping begins on Week No. 4 of the season. Drivers will be handicapped based upon the handicap money won from the previous three point races. New drivers who have not competed at the speedway in 2026 will be tagged at the rear of the field.

Heat-race handicap positions and qualified cars will be based upon car count and posted on the lineup board. The following will be used as a **guideline** only, not a rule. We reserve the right to do feature only as needed for time concerns and weather. Consecutive weeks of low car counts will also result in the consideration of feature onlys.

Car Count	Number of Heats	Handicap Cars Per Heat	Cars to Qualify Per Heat
0-15	2	5	ALL
16-20	2	6	ALL
21-30	3	4	6
31-40	4	3	5

Weekly points-paying feature events will start a 24 cars. It is up to race officials to add any cars.

Management has the option to make changes to this format and starting cars with or without notice due to weather conditions, scheduling issues, and car count.

Management reserves the right to adjust a driver's starting position in a qualifying or feature event based on that driver's ability to maintain a consistent line and/or acceptable speed for the safety of all other competitors. Likewise, a driver may elect to start from the rear of the field on their own.

Handicap Money Won Tables

The following tables will be utilized to calculate handicap money for the 2026 season.

Modified

Position	Handicap Dollars
1	2400
2	1300
3	900
4	700
5	650
6	625
7	600
8	550
9	525
10	500
11	400
12	375
13	350
14	325
15	300
16	275
17	250

18	249
19	248
20	247
21	246
22	245
23	244
24	243
25	242
26	241
27	240

Did Not Start/Qualify: 0

Disqualified: 2,401 (win plus 1)

Absent: 2,401 (win plus 1)

Crate Sportsman, Mini Modified, and Factory Stock

Position	Handicap Dollars
1	700
2	400
3	250
4	225
5	200
6	175
7	165
8	155
9	145
10	135
11	125
12	115
13	110
14	105
15	100
16	99
17	98
18	97
19	96
20	95
21	94
22	93
23	92
24	91
25	90
26	89
27	88

Did Not Start/Qualify: 0

Disqualified: 701 (win plus 1)

Absent: 701 (win plus 1)

Limited Sportsman and FWD 4 Cylinder

Position	Handicap Dollars
1	500
2	250
3	175
4	150
5	125
6	120
7	115
8	110
9	105
10	100
11	95
12	90
13	85
14	80
15	75
16	74
17	73
18	72
19	71
20	70
21	69
22	68
23	67
24	66
25	65
26	64

Did Not Start/Qualify: 0

Disqualified: 501 (win plus 1)

Absent: 501 (win plus 1)

General Rules Definitions

Below, you can find definitions as they pertain to the 2026 Afton Motorsports Park Handicapping Procedure.

New Driver: A driver who has yet to compete in the 2026-point season.

Absent Driver: After a driver has competed in one or more point race, that driver is no longer considered a new driver. Absent drivers will be assessed the following handicap dollar amounts toward their three-week total for each event they do not attend: 2,401 (Modified); 701 (Crate 602 Sportsman, Mini Modified, and Factory Stock); and 501 (Limited Sportsman and FWD 4-Cylinders).

Did Not Start/Qualify: A driver unable to qualify or start a feature event will be issued the minimum amount of handicap dollars for that event: 0.

Disqualifications: In the event of a disqualification through post-race technical inspection or to an on- or off-track action, that driver will receive the following handicap dollars: 2,401 (Modified); 701 (Crate 602 Sportsman, Mini Modified, and Factory Stock); and 501 (Limited Sportsman and FWD 4-Cylinders).

Twin 15s/20s Handicapping Procedure

In the event of Twin 15s or 20s, the regular handicapping procedure will be utilized to set the starting lineup for the first feature event. The second event will be lined up according to an invert of four, six, eight or ten from the first feature. Each race will be handicapped as its own race, making up two of the 3 included in the next weeks handicap total. This event makes it exciting for the fans, keeps battles tight, and racing fun for all. We appreciate your participation in these point events. The payout structure is different than a normal night, please see the Twin payout structure on the website.

The speedway will make every attempt to maintain standard Handicapping Procedures throughout the season. Changes or exceptions may be dictated by weather conditions, rescheduled events, etc. In any instance of change, notification will be posted on the website, social media or pit board.