



2026 Fonda Speedway 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, Modifieds, Sportsman, Pro Stocks and Limited Sportsman will run heat races and consolations if necessary. Four Cylinders will run features only.

Detailed Explanation: Weeks 1-3

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

Weekly Event No. 1 (Opening Night): All drivers will draw for starting positions. Modifieds, Sportsman, Pro Stocks and Limited Sportsman will draw for heat-race starting positions. Four Cylinders will draw for feature starting positions. Top finishers will redraw for feature starting positions (*two heats – four from each heat redraw; three heats – four from each heat redraw; four heats – three 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 24-car starting field. The highest driver from 2024 points unable to qualify will receive a provisional (*half green money*).

Weekly Event No. 2: Same as above, current 2026 points utilized for provisionals.

Weekly Event 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.

Procedure A: 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.

Car Count	Number of Heats	Handicap Cars Per Heat	Cars to Qualify Per Heat
0-13	1	4-6	ALL
14-20	2	4-6	ALL
21-30	3	4	6
31-40	4	3	5

Weekly points-paying feature events will start 25 cars (*24 qualifiers plus one provisional*).

Management has the option to make changes to this format with or without notice due to weather conditions or scheduling issues.

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.

Procedure B: Regular Weekly Handicapping (*Timed Hot Lap Option*)

In the interest of efficiency – or for special events – Fonda Speedway management may utilize Procedure B for weekly handicapping. In this case, hot laps will be timed. The feature lineup will revert to handicapping for the fastest eight to 12 cars based on the three-week average (see *chart above*). The remainder of the field will start 'head's-up' based on times from hot laps. Heat races will not be run.

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

Did Not Start/Qualify: 0

Disqualified: 2,400

Absent: 2,400

Sportsman & Pro 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

Did Not Start/Qualify: 0
B-Main Participant (Crate 602 Sportsman): 80
Disqualified: 700
Absent: 700

Limited Sportsman & Four 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: 500

Absent: 500

General Rules Definitions

Below, you can find definitions as they pertain to the 2026 Fonda Speedway 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: 2,400 (Modified); 700 (Sportsman & Pro Stock); and 500 (Limited Sportsman & Four Cylinder).

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: 2,400 (Modified); 700 (Sportsman & Pro Stock); and 500 (Limited Sportsman & Four Cylinder).

Fonda Speedway-Lebanon Valley Challenge Handicapping Procedure: One event on the 2026 schedule has been designated as a Fonda Speedway/Lebanon Valley Speedway Challenge event. This event will utilize a draw/redraw format for Modifieds, Sportsman and Pro Stocks. Each of these events will feature a draw/redraw format. Show-up points (25) will be awarded.

Twin 20s Handicapping Procedure: In the event of Twin 20s, the regular handicapping procedure will be utilized to set the starting lineup for the first 20-lap event. The second event will be lined up according to an invert of four, six or eight from the first 20.

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.