



**OFFICIAL  
2026 QSAC PAVED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE FORMAT  
AND ITINERARY**

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# Welcome to the OFFICIAL 2026 QSAC PAVED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE FORMAT AND ITINERARY

## 1. OVERVIEW

For 2026, QSAC will continue with the general theme of the Paved National Championship week that was started in 2017.

The 2026 QSAC Paved National Championship will be comprised of three, separate races; two preliminary “seeding” races leading into a grand finale. While each race throughout the week will see a winner crowned, the 2026 QSAC Paved National Champions (one from each class) will be determined by the driver that amasses the most points throughout the week.

In addition to crowning the 2026 QSAC Paved National Champions for each class, QSAC will be awarding the QSAC Cup to a group of racers from a representative QSAC sanctioned track. The guidelines for participating and awarding the QSAC Cup for the 2026 QSAC Paved National Championship remain the same as 2019. To be considered for the QSAC Cup, a QSAC sanctioned track must have a minimum of four (4) entries in the Paved National Championship. The four entries could be from two racers, but that is the minimum number of entries required for a QSAC sanctioned track to be in the running for the QSAC Cup. In the interest of including as many racers as possible, if the minimum number of racers is exceeded by all participating tracks, the lowest common denominator will be used for entries (example: if there are five tracks that meet the minimum, and the lowest number of entries from those tracks is seven (7), then seven entries will be used from each track in tallying the total points). Through making this change, this gets away from the QSAC Cup being an attendance award, and will put the emphasis on overall results for the week. This will definitely be “bragging rights” for the year.

The two preliminary races will follow a race format of one heat race and mains. In 2019, we bid a farewell to the “Larry Hopson Pill Draw” or random sort to set the heat races. Instead, Tuesday’s Preliminary race, will have the heat race set by using a racer’s fastest lap turned in the second controlled practice session on Monday afternoon. Wednesday’s Preliminary race will have the heat race set by the final finishing order from Tuesday’s Preliminary race. Following the heat race for the two Preliminary Races, mains will be run. The Finale will be mains only. The starting line-up/field for the Finale is described in detail later in this announcement.

Tie-breakers for starting positions in the Preliminary Race #1:

- 1. Fastest lap turned in the second controlled practice on Monday afternoon – if still tied, then:
- 2. Fastest lap turned in the Heat Race – if still tied, then:
- 3. Second fastest lap turned in *Preliminary Race #1’s* Heat Race(s), etc., etc.

Tie-breakers for starting positions in the Preliminary Race #2:

- 1. Final finishing position from the Tuesday Mains - if still tied, then:
- 2. Fastest lap turned in the Heat Race – if still tied, then:
- 3. Second fastest lap turned in *Preliminary Race #2’s* Heat Race(s), etc., etc.

Setting the field for the starting line-up for the Friday Finale:

The Preliminary Race Winners from each class, from both Tuesday and Wednesday's Preliminary Races, will "lock-in" a starting spot in the Friday Finale "A" Main.

While the winners from Preliminary Race #1 and Preliminary Race #2 will not earn P1 or P2 based on their respective race wins. However, they WILL be guaranteed a starting spot in the Friday Finale "A" Main.

If the "A" main winners from either Preliminary Race #1 or Preliminary Race #2 do not earn enough points to place themselves in the top six in points, they will start P9 and P10 for the Friday Finale and P5 through P8 will be the "bump-up" racers from the "B" main.

*HOW THE "A" Main will line up for the Friday Finale:*

*Scenario 1:*

If the Preliminary Race #1 and Preliminary Race #2 winners DO NOT earn enough points to be in the top six for the Friday Finale:

- P1: 1st in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P2: 2nd in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P3: 3rd in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P4: 4th in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P5: "B" Main Winner from Finale
- P6: "B" Main #2 finisher from Finale
- P7: "B" Main #3 Finisher from Finale
- P8: "B" Main #4 Finisher from Finale
- P9: Preliminary Race #1 winner
- P10: Preliminary Race #2 winner

*Scenario 2:*

If the Preliminary Race #1 and Preliminary Race #2 winners DO earn enough points to be in the top six for the Friday Finale:

- P1: 1st in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P2: 2nd in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P3: 3rd in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P4: 4th in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P5: 5th in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P6: 6th in points from Prelim #1 and #2 combined
- P7: "B" Main Winner from Finale
- P8: "B" Main #2 finisher from Finale
- P9: "B" Main #3 Finisher from Finale
- P10: "B" Main #4 Finisher from Finale

All mains, all week, will start a maximum of 10 race cars.

Points will be awarded in descending order from 100 (1st, 100; 2nd 99, 3rd 98; etc. etc.) for each of the three races final results.

The 2026 QSAC Paved National Championships will be awarded to the driver, in each class, that accumulates the most points throughout all three events.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in Preliminary Race #1, Preliminary Race #2, and the Friday Finale.

2026 QSAC National Championship trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers overall finishers in each class; ECM, Grand National, Limited Sportsman, Sportsman, Sprint Car, 305 Sprint Car, and Super-Truck.

Tie-breakers for the overall National Championship will be determined based on the following, in this order:

- 1. Finishing Positions in the Mains (*this includes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday's Mains, at any level ([A, B, C, etc.])*- if still tied, then:
- 2. Finishing Positions in the Heat Races from *Tuesday and Wednesday's Preliminary Races 1 and 2* - if still tied, then:
- 3. Fastest Lap in the Mains (*this includes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday's Mains, at any level [A, B, C, etc.]*).

## **2. RACE PROCEDURE BULLET POINTS:**

### **• FIVE MINUTE RULE – DEFINITION AND OVERVIEW**

- This is a provision for a grace period prior to the start of any MAIN throughout the QSAC Paved National Championship.
- Each main that is run will have the allowance for one (1) call or request for a five (5) minute grace period.
- The call or request for a five minute grace period may be made at any point prior to the dropping of the green flag of the race.
- Only one (1) call or request for a five minute grace period is allowed per main.
- EXAMPLE: If racer "1" requests a five minute grace period and something happens to racer "2" after the initial five minute call, racer "2" will not be allowed to call or request a second five minute grace period for the given main.
- NOTE: all five minutes will be exercised regardless of whether needed or not.

### **• INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- While we have a provision to shift/move a race day or days to occupy the open day on Thursday, the intention is to complete a given day's program on the same day. Our strong preference is to NOT CARRY OVER a given day's event to the next day. In fairness, there are far too many scenarios to outline here; the intent is to document our intention to do our best to NOT CARRY, if at all possible.
- If we are forced to call a day's events, the final finishing order will be determined based on where the races have been completed at that point (example: if the qualifying heats have been completed, final finishing order will be based off of those results).

### **• END OF RACE / CAUTION**

- If there is a caution within the last three (3) laps of any race, the race will end under caution.
- NOTE: There are NO GUARANTEES that a race will receive the green flag if there is a caution outside of the last three laps; that will depend greatly on the racers getting organized and lined-up for a restart.
- Racers being attentive and following direction from the race director will be crucial to eliminate as many caution laps as possible.

## **3. PRE-RACE TECH INSPECTION OVERVIEW:**

- NEW FOR 2026: Pre-Race Tech Inspection will be a more formal process – all race cars will need to go through the pre-race technical inspection process prior to any on-track activity on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-Race Tech Inspection will start at 9:00 AM, Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A pre-race tech station and necessary tools will be available and accessible for all competitors to use to evaluate legality of their race car(s).
- IQSR track crew members will be available for questions and verification, if and when needed.
- NOTE: In the case of a RF tire NOT having a wear indicator mark, verification and approval must be received from the staff at the Pre-Race Tech Inspection station before the tire can be used in competition during the week.

## **4. ENTRY FEE PRICING OVERVIEW:**

- Entry fee, per event: \$50 (this is for the individual that shows up the day of the race or the day before one of the events during the week).
- Entry fee, per event, IF PREREGISTERED: \$35 (this is for the individual that would only attend two of the three events).
- Entry fee for all three events, IF PREREGISTERED: \$100
- Fuel fee: \$15 per class (flat rate/figure, no discounts); this is in addition to the race entry fee(s).
- Multiple class discount(s): \$10 reduction in Entry Cost, per each additional class
  - Example: Racer X pre-registers for four classes, for all three races:
  - Entry Cost(s): \$100 (1st class), \$90 (2nd class), \$90 (3rd class), and \$90 (4th class), \$370 total
  - Fuel Cost(s): \$15 (1st class), \$15 (2nd class), \$15 (3rd class), and \$15 (4th class), \$60 total

## 5. LAP COUNTS FOR ALL EVENTS DURING THE QSAC PAVED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- There will be two rounds of Heat Races on Tuesday's Preliminary Race #1, and Wednesday's Preliminary Race #2.
- Each heat race will be 45 laps.
- The Friday Finale will only have Mains.

| ALL HEAT RACES, FOR ALL CLASSES WILL BE 45 LAPS |         |         |           |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
| CLASS                                           | FEATURE | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY |
| ECM                                             | A MAIN  | 90      | 90        | 120    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| GRAND NATIONAL                                  | A MAIN  | 120     | 120       | 180    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| LIMITED SPORTSMAN                               | A MAIN  | 90      | 90        | 120    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| SPORTSMAN                                       | A MAIN  | 100     | 100       | 120    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| SPRINT                                          | A MAIN  | 90      | 90        | 120    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| 305 SPRINT                                      | A MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 90     |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
| TRUCK                                           | A MAIN  | 90      | 90        | 120    |
|                                                 | B MAIN  | 75      | 75        | 75     |
|                                                 | C MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |
|                                                 | D MAIN  | 50      | 50        | 50     |

## 6. SCHEDULE AND ITINERARY FOR THE 2026 QSAC PAVED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**NOTE: NO ENGINES ALLOWED TO BE FIRED BEFORE 9:00 AM – NO EXCEPTIONS, PERIOD!**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH:**

Host facility is open, starting at 5:00 PM local track time, to allow racers to claim pit spots, and set-up their respective pit areas.

NOTE: Entrance to the park will require lining up on the road leading into the park. Exits from the park CANNOT be blocked. Patience is important. A representative from Ingalls Motor Speedway will coordinate with racers once the park has given the clearance to allow entrance and subsequent setting up of the pit areas for the week. Please reach out to Paul Covington will any and all questions.

Track and facility are closed.

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH:**

Host facility is open to allow racers to claim pit spots, and set-up their respective pit areas.

A pre-race tech station and tools will be available from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM - Track will be open for UNCONTROLLED practice.

**NOTE:** while the uncontrolled practice sessions will NOT be monitored, they will be broken down into time allotments for each class. Duration and class sequence will be available upon arrival at IQSR's Ingalls Motor Speedway.

6:00 PM - Track will remain closed for the remainder of the day.

PLEASE NOTE: all racers must be registered for the event prior to being allowed on the race track.

- **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST:**

Registration is open from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM.

Open, uncontrolled practice from 9:00 AM until 10:50 AM.

A pre-race tech station and tools will be available from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

NOTE: **ALL** racers **MUST** be registered and have an event participation sticker (included in each racer's registration packet) placed on their race car prior to being allowed to participate in controlled practice session(s); THIS ALSO INCLUDES a PRE-RACE TECH ENGINE STICKER.

NOTE: the event participation sticker is NOT a pre-race tech inspection approval sticker; it is only a sticker to acknowledge that a given racer/vehicle has been registered for the event.

Controlled practice from 11:00 AM until complete; practice will be broken into two (2) rounds of controlled sessions, differentiating between ECM, Grand National, Limited Sportsman, Limited Sprint Car, Sportsman, Sprint Car, 305 Sprint Car, and Super-Truck (class order to be set at the beginning of the event on Monday per IQSR's direction).

NOTE: The second round of controlled practice will be used to set-up the heat race line-ups for Tuesday's races; this will be accomplished by using the fastest lap from each racer in the second round of controlled practice.

After the two rounds, practice will continue but will be "OPEN" or uncontrolled.

Track will be shut-down at 5:00 PM.

Parade of Cars at 5:15 PM followed by dinner provided by TBD and a town hall meeting at 6:00 PM.

Following the town hall meeting, the track will re-open for "OPEN" or uncontrolled practice until 9:00 PM.

Giveaways will also be provided to the racers during the evening.

- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND:**

Preliminary Race #1 of the 2026 QSAC Paved National Championship

8:30 AM: Driver's Meeting and National Anthem

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM: One (1) Round of Heat Races

4:30 – 5:00 PM: Track Closed while Mains are being set-up

5:00 PM: Mains start

If time allows... Track is open for UNCONTROLLED practice until 9:00 PM

The finishing order from the Tuesday Mains will be used to establish the heat race line-ups for Wednesday's race program (1<sup>st</sup> place starts #1 in heat race #1; 2<sup>nd</sup> place starts #1 in heat race #2; etc., etc.).

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD:**

Preliminary Race #2 of the 2026 QSAC Paved National Championship

8:30 AM: Driver's Meeting and National Anthem

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM: One (1) Round of Heat Races

4:30 – 5:00 PM: Track Closed while Mains are being set-up

5:00 PM: Mains start

If time allows... Track is open for UNCONTROLLED practice until 9:00 PM

- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH:**

No formal competition. Track is will be available for "OPEN" or uncontrolled practice from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Some possible considerations for the off-day:

- Indy Zoo
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway / Museum
- Indy Speedrome (racing starts at 8 PM on September 19<sup>th</sup>)

- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH:**

2026 QSAC Paved National Championship Finale! Mains Only!

Late entry racers are still eligible to participate, but will start at the lowest starting spot in the lowest main. In the case of multiple racers entering late, they will be placed at the bottom, with the earliest entered getting placed in the order in which they entered.

8:30 AM: Driver's Meeting and National Anthem

9:00 AM: Mains will be run until completion

AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL MAINS:

Upon completion of Tech Inspection, Awards will be presented for all three events; Tuesday Preliminary Race #1, Wednesday Preliminary Race #2, and the Friday Finale, followed by the presentation of the 2026 QSAC Paved National Championship awards.

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