



### **2021 Utica-Rome 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, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman and Slingshots will run heat races and consolations if necessary. Four Cylinder Cruisers will run features only.

#### **Detailed Explanation: Weeks 1-3**

A detailed explanation of the handicapping formula for the opening three weeks of the 2021 season follows.

**Week No. 1 (Opening Night):** All drivers will draw for starting positions. Sunoco Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman, Pro Stocks, Limited Sportsman and Slingshots will draw for heat-race starting positions. Four Cylinder Cruisers 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 26-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 2021 to this point will be tagged at the rear of the field.

#### **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 2021 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.

<b>Car Count</b>	<b>Number of Heats</b>	<b>Handicap Cars Per Heat</b>	<b>Cars to Qualify Per Heat</b>
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 26 cars.

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.

### **Handicap Money Won Tables**

The following tables will be utilized to calculate handicap money for the 2021 season.

#### **Modified**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Handicap Dollars</b>
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

<b>22</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>243</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>241</b>

**Did Not Start/Qualify: 0**

**Disqualified: 2,400**

**Absent: 2,400**

**Sportsman**

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

**Did Not Start/Qualify: 0**

**Disqualified: 700**

**Absent: 700**

## Pro Stock, Limited Sportsman, Slingshots & Four Cylinder Cruiser

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 2021 Utica-Rome Speedway Handicapping Procedure.

**New Driver:** A driver who has yet to compete in the 2021 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 (Crate 602 Sportsman); and 500 (Pro Stock, Limited Sportsman, Slingshot & Four Cylinder Cruiser).

**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- of off-track action, that driver will receive the following handicap dollars: 2,400 (Modified); 700 (Crate 602 Sportsman); and 500 (Pro Stock, Limited Sportsman, Slingshot & Four Cylinder Cruiser).

**Thunder on the Thruway Handicapping Procedure**

Three events on the 2021 Utica-Rome Speedway schedule have been designated as Thunder on the Thruway Series events contested between Utica-Rome and Fonda speedways for the Modifieds, Crate 602 Sportsman and Pro Stocks. Each of these events will feature a draw/redraw format. Track points 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.*