

Club Racing

RUNOFFS SCHEDULE PROCESS

TO BE CONSIDERED

- **Driver expectations**
- **Volunteer expectations**
- **Spectator needs**
- **TV preferences**
- **Sponsor desires**
- **VIP treatment**
- **Financial viability**

CURRENT SCHEDULE CONSTRAINTS

- **25 Classes included**
- **Race days must be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday**
- **Event runs Monday-Sunday**
- **Must be run in daylight hours**

SCHEDULE CONSIDERATIONS

- **Maximize effective track time for drivers**
 - **Determine driver preference for number, type and length of sessions**
- **Place final practice and/or qualifying sessions in race order as much as possible**
- **Mix of open, closed and sports racer classes on each of the racing days**
- **Alternate open and closed wheel sessions**
- **Allow adequate clean-up time between sessions**

Schedule Considerations

- **Back-to-Back groupings that cause T&S challenges (larger groups take longer to close out)**
- **Back-to-Back groupings that cause challenges for Tech**
 - **What is being checked will vary by class**
 - **Don't want all the same category classes next to each other (ie. all production classes in the am)**
 - **Tech assigns staff by category**
- **Size of the fields – since this is televised and a spectator event, an attempt is made to keep the paddock looking as full as possible**

SCHEDULE CONSIDERATIONS

- **Vary race days by class over time**
 - **Don't put same class on same day every year**
- **Vary time of day each class is on track**
- **Spectator Prime Time (larger more competitive sessions scheduled during this time)**
- **Allow full lunch hour each day to accommodate worker lunches & VIP activities**
- **Ensure competitors have time to make adjustments between on-track sessions**

SCHEDULE CONSIDERATIONS

- **If combined groups are desired**
 - **Combine a single group with only 1 other group (T&S requirement)**
 - **Anticipate entry numbers so the combined group doesn't exceed track limit**
 - **Ensure combined groups are eligible to be combined**

SCHEDULE PROCESS

- **“Time Slot” schedules created following the current year’s event**
- **Input taken from all sources including:**
 - **Drivers**
 - **Executive Stewards**
 - **Chief Steward**
 - **NA Timing and Scoring**
 - **NA Tech**
 - **Host venue**
 - **TV**
 - **Sponsors**
 - **Staff**

SCHEDULE PROCESS

- **Final schedule approved by CRB**
- **Schedule sanctioned**
- **Schedule posted as early as possible, but by April 1st at the latest**

DISCLAIMER

A “Perfect Schedule” has not been found that satisfies all the criteria. Each year tweaks are made based on the previous year’s learning with the goal of continuous improvement.