

Columbus Indoor Winternationals Race Format & Information 2024-2025

24/25 Schedule

November 23, 2024	January 25, 2025
December 7, 2024	February 8, 2025
January 11, 2025	February 22, 2025

Information Regarding Memberships & Registering for our Event

FEE: Entry Fee Per Car Per Class - \$50.00

We require all competitors to have a FULL NASCAR Youth/USAC membership to compete in our event.

This must be done before the first race. We cannot do it for you. Memberships can be obtained here: nascaryouth.racing We will verify memberships when you register. Contact BQMRA with any questions.

NASCAR Youth/USAC membership is through December 31st. Everyone will need to renew their memberships before the January 11th race. We will reverify memberships upon registration.

Drivers turning 9 before the first race of the indoor season must move up to senior classes. If your driver is turning 9 during the indoor season, they may start and finish the season in junior or senior classes, or have the option to move up after their 9th birthday. Anyone turning 9 after the **Buckeye Indoor Winternational's** season is completed will not be able to move up to senior classes.

All registrations will be on-line. Payment can be on-line via Paypal/Venmo or in person with cash. We will not be accepting checks. Register through the link provided on our Facebook page. Deadline to register will be the Friday before the event, at 12 pm. You will still be required to check-in to pick up your team packet. (see below for race day schedule) Any driver/team that fails to check in will equate as a late sign in. Drivers will be put at the tail of their heat(s) and receive no passing points.

Late Sign-Ins: Late sign-ins will be accepted at the track. Each entry(car) will be imposed a late fee of \$15.00. Drivers will start at the tails of their heat(s) and receive no passing points. Free sign-ins will not be accepted for a late sign-in. If you sign in for the wrong class and do not notify us before the end of check ins, you will be counted as a late sign in.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

Friday

- 12:00 PM** Deadline to submit online registration.
- 3:00 PM -9:00 PM** Indoor parking starts at 3:00 PM and goes until 9:00 PM (unless it is full before 9:00). There is no parking inside the building after 9:00 PM on Friday night. There is no general parking or marking of spaces (with tents) before 3:00 PM.
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM** Check ins are open for all classes. Come to the sign in room to get your team packet. Team packets contain class sheets (make sure you have the correct class sheet for your driver), wristbands and a race day schedule.

Saturday

- 8:00 AM** Rookie check in, all rookies need to report to your classroom to check in
- 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM** Check ins are open for all competitive classes. Please come to the sign in room to get your team packet.
- 8:15 AM- 8:45 AM** **Mandatory Rookie Classroom Training** All rookies must bring their cars to the hot chute prior to this class. Drivers should arrive at training in their fire suits and ready to go. Rookie class will move straight from the classroom to the hot chute for their practice or heat race. Rookie director will inform you of when to come back to the classroom for mandatory training number 2 for the day.
- 9:00 AM** **Mandatory Driver/Handler Meeting** All blue rookies, competitive drivers and handlers are expected to attend. Attendance may be taken, and any drivers and handlers not in attendance may be forced to start at the tail of their respective heat races
- 9:00 AM** **Red Rookie Controlled Practice-** Immediately following classroom session #1. Each red rookie group will have 5 minutes of controlled practice. The Rookie Director may make changes as necessary
- Immediately Following Driver/Handler Meeting** **Heat Races-** Heat races will begin with blue rookie immediately after red rookie practice
Rookie Features- Rookie features will begin immediately following the conclusion of heat races
Lowers and Mains- Lowers will immediately follow rookie features, with mains immediately following lowers.

Awards are given for each feature race. All classes, except Rookie, will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for the A- Main events. Awards can be picked up in the sign-in room after cars have been released from tech.

2024-25 will be a Points Championship Series. Awards for the top 3 in each class will be recognized following the last race, unless we have to wait for a tech or a lab item to clear. Championship series points will be based on the points from five of the six races. If a driver competes in all six races in the series they will be allowed one drop.

These events follow, and individuals are expected to follow, the rules and regulations specified in the **2024 NASCAR Youth/USAC rule book** unless otherwise stated. **We will not adopt 2025 rule changes for the 24/25 indoor season.** Please see NASCAR Youth/USAC's website for updated rules and bulletins. The race director, assistants and/or flagger can make disqualification calls based on the USAC rule book. These events will be conducted in compliance with common quarter midget policies and regulations with these noted differences. We also have the authority to uphold any suspensions handed out by any governing body.

PER STATE OF OHIO AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL:

NO FUEL CANS ALLOWED INSIDE OF BUILDING; CARS MUST BE TAKEN OUTSIDE TO BE FUELED.

Fuels cans may be stored in the designated area on the loading dock only! **If you are found to have fuel cans inside the building or in your trailer (in the building), you will be issued a verbal warning. Second time found with fuel cans: your entire team will be disqualified for the day. Third time found with fuel cans: your entire team will be disqualified for the remainder of the indoor season.** Penalties will carry over from each race. Anyone found tampering with fuel on the docks will be suspended from all future BQMRA events.

All trailers that are parked inside are required to have a fire extinguisher and smoke detector.

Absolutely no kerosene heaters, propane tanks, or kerosene inside the building. No Exceptions!

Electric heaters are allowed. Propane heaters may be used, but the tank must be located on the outside of the building. A hose can be run through a window, but the hose must not go across walkways. This applies to pit spots along the perimeter of the building only. All heaters and tanks may be checked for safety purposes. If it is found to be unsafe, BQMRA reserves the right to remove it from the building.

NO SMOKING OR VAPING of any kind inside the building under the laws for the STATE OF OHIO-NO EXCEPTIONS! This includes No Smoking in the designated fuel area on the loading dock.

Tech Information

FUEL STOP: The designated fuel stop is the SPEEDWAY gas station at Weber Road and I-71 EXIT, which is 2 exits North of the fairground. 87 Octane fuel only! Fuel is not provided at the track.

TIRE COMPETITION GUIDELINES

2024-2025 Buckeye WinterNational Indoor Series - Tire Competition Guidelines.

All participants can review this guideline on our website and will sign that they will abide by these rules when completing registration.

- Hoosier A35 NY1 right side is the only approved compound that will be allowed for the entire season
- Hoosier A35 left side is the only approved compound that will be allowed for the entire season
- Tire samples may be taken at any time. BQMRA will **NOT** reimburse for this.
- Tires must be in As Manufactured condition.
- No grinding, disfiguring, chemical covering or permanent altering of SIDEWALL.
- No covering of compound numbers. Must be easily visible at scales when checked by a BQMRA official.
- No tire tread replacement is permitted.
- Tire warmers are not permitted.
- Durometer readings may be compared to a measurement benchmark at any time.
- BQMRA reserves the right to change the tire competition guidelines at any time without prior notice.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO TIRE TREATMENTS** or tire warmers of any kind may be applied to tires. If found doing so, you will be subject to disqualification and possible banishment from all future Columbus Indoor WinterNational racing events.

SAFETY AND TECH REMINDER: It is your responsibility to be in compliance with safety and technical requirements laid out in the current NASCAR Youth/USAC Rule Books. Spot safety and tech inspections can happen at any time during the event by BQMRA Safety and Tech directors. Tech penalties will be enforced. A tech violation may result in being banned from all future Winternationals events.

Race Procedures

LENGTH OF RACES:

Red Rookie – timed controlled practice of 5 minutes for each group. Red Rookie Feature 15 Laps.

Blue Rookies – Heats 15 laps, A-Main's 20 laps.

All competitive classes– Heats and Lower Mains 20 Laps, A-Main's 25. (Laps may be reduced due to car count.)

Time Limits

(Dependent upon car count & BQMRA discretion)

All Races – 20 Minutes (subject to change at BQMRA discretion).

If car count is above 201- heats and lowers will be reduced to 12 minute times, A-Mains will remain at 20 minutes.

1-minute Warm Up prior to heat races.

Roll-n-go for Lowers.

30 second Warm Up prior to A-Mains.

If time is stopped under red flag conditions, once yellow is back out, the tower will give the line up. Once the line up is good, the time will start again. We will not wait till the green is thrown to start the timer.

If time expires while the green flag is displayed, the race will continue until a checkered flag, yellow flag, or red flag is thrown. The race finish will be the last completed lap with adjustments for calls and/or DOT's.

If time expires during a yellow flag the race is over and the checkered flag will be displayed. The race finish will be the last completed lap with adjustments for calls and/or DOT's.

Exception/clarification to the NASCAR Youth/USAC Rule Book, DNA's will receive no points for their heats.

MOVE UP RULE:

We use the move up rule at Indoors. If you are late out/in the pits at the end of your warm up, all remaining cars on the track will move up one spot, within the same row they started. Odd starting spots stay in the inside row and even starting spots stay in the outside row. Ex. Ten car field, if the 4 car comes in, he or she will come back out in the 10 spot. Cars 6, 8 & 10 move up. If for some reason the restart goes to single file, the cars stay in the same order but single file. Cars do not go back in the original order, they stay in the order they were in, only now single file. Example:

Starting line up after the 4 car come in to pits: If single file, line up would be:

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12

3 6

5 8

7 0

9 4

WORK RULE

5 LAPS once line up on the track is correct.

NUMBERS:

All cars should have 4 numbers on their car.

Location: hood, left front panel, and both sides of tail cone.

If you do not have all 4 numbers, your driver could risk not getting scored properly.

CLASS STRUCTURE/RACE ORDER:

(Subject to change, depending upon car count)

- Red Rookie
- Blue Rookie
- Formula Mod
- Jr Honda
- Sr Honda
- Heavy Honda
- Jr 160
- Lt 160
- Heavy 160
- Lt. World Formula
- Heavy World Formula
- Jr Animal
- Sr Animal
- Unr Animal
- AA (One class at 300 lbs. Combined weight)

NO REFUELING FOR ANY CLASS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FORMAT CAN BE MODIFIED AT ANYTIME BEFORE/AND/OR DURING RACING EVENT.

LINE UP SUMMARY

Maximum car count will be 11. Heat races will have a maximum car count of 8, lowers will be 10. If 11 cars sign in, all will go to the A Main. Exception to this will be red rookies. The Rookie committee will have discretion to set car counts for practices and mains.

1-11 CAR CLASS COUNT (2 Heats, all 11 to Feature) **12-17 CAR CLASS COUNT** (2-3 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 1 lower main, transfer 4) **18-23 CAR CLASS COUNT** (3 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 2 lower mains, transfer 4) **24-29 CAR CLASS COUNT** (3 -4 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 3 lower mains, transfer 4) **30-35 CAR CLASS COUNT** (4-5 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 4 lower mains, transfer 4) **36-41 CAR CLASS COUNT** (5-6 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 5 lower mains, transfer 4) **42-47 CAR CLASS COUNT** (6 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 6 lower mains, transfer 4) **48-53 CAR CLASS COUNT** (6-7 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 7 lower mains, transfer 4) **54-59 CAR CLASS COUNT** (6-8 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 8 lower mains, transfer 4) **60-65 CAR CLASS COUNT** (8-9 Heats, top 6 in points to Feature; 9 lower mains, transfer 4)

There must be 3 cars to constitute a class. If there are less than 3 cars signed in, the class may not run. We will give those involved the choice to run or not. Refunds will be given.

Important Information

PIT/HOT CHUTE/WRISTBANDS: Handler Limitation. There are to be only two (2) handlers per car in the hot chute/pit area. Your team will receive 2 wristbands at check in. Wristbands are to be worn and are required in order to gain admission onto the track or into the PIT/HOT CHUTE area. The pit/hot chute area is subject to a wristband check at any time, any individual present in this area must be able to provide a current USAC license upon request by BQMRA board members. Must be over the age of 16, with the exception of USAC approved individuals. These individuals must provide BQMRA with a copy of the USAC approval letter prior to the first race. Engine, Chassis builders and BQMRA board members can be in the hot chute at any time. Please see the check in team for a wristband. We reserve the right to limit the number of people in the hot chute in all cases.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: All attendees of the 2024-2025 Indoor Winternationals are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner that will be a credit to all quarter midget racers. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Those that cannot control their behavior can be disqualified and/or banned from the Columbus Indoor Winternationals series/events. (Including unsupervised children) Please see our zero-tolerance policy.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS: Please supervise your children in the facility and especially near the PIT/HOT CHUTE area. Children under the age of 16 found in the PIT/ HOT CHUTE area will be asked to leave the area immediately. **If your child is found to be causing damage to fairground property (i.e., tables, chairs, doors, walls, bathroom facilities, etc.) you could be liable for the costs of said damage.**

ROOKIE TRAINING PROGRAM: The Columbus Indoor Winternationals is proud to be able to offer this fine program. This is a mandatory program for all rookie classes (Red & Blue) regardless if they have previously raced indoors or outdoors. All Rookies should check in either on Friday 6-8 PM or Saturday 8 AM. Rookie training begins at 8:15 AM Saturday in the classroom. Rookies will have more classroom time during heats/lower mains. Your rookie director will inform handlers when to be back in the classroom.

ROOKIE AWARDS: All Rookie classes are learning classes and are not recognized as competitive racing classes; therefore, all Rookies will receive participation awards. If this is your first time on a track, please notify our sign-in-crew so that a First Time on Any Track award can be presented with your Participation award. (This is for 1st Time racers only, not for drivers who have never raced indoors.) Awards can be picked up after the Rookie feature races in the rookie training room and once completion of Rookie tech. This will be handled by someone on the rookie committee.

PARKING: Ohio State Fairgrounds – Parking fees set by the fairgrounds.

All parking inside the O’Neill Building is handled by a BQMRA official and is at their discretion. All indoor trailer parking (O’Neil Building) is free and MUST be coordinated by the Buckeye Indoor Winternationals Officials. Spots will not be reserved or saved, indoor parking is on a first come, first serve basis and may be restricted due to projected car counts.

Parking Inside: Anyone wishing to park their trailers inside the building must do so the day prior to the event, starting at 3pm. Tents are also not able to be set up prior to 3pm. There will be NO indoor trailer parking after 9 PM Friday or on the day of the event. Anyone wishing to leave the day’s event before ALL racing is over, **MUST park outside the building. We cannot open & close the large doors while racing.** Outside parking in designated areas only. There can be no trailer parking outside on the East Side of the building. All pit areas inside the building, including trailers and tents, must be cleaned up/removed from the building within 1 hour of the completion of awards.

ELECTRIC HOOK UP/CAMPING: Please be aware that anyone that parks an RV/Camper outside the building may be subject to an overnight stay charge at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. These are enforced by the Ohio Expo Center parking department and not by BQMRA. We (BQMRA) will not be held responsible for any issues with parking of vehicles, campers, motorhomes and trailers outside on fairground property.

APPROVED VENDORS: With our continuing growth of car count, any and all vendors wishing to set up and sell their products, services, goods, must be approved. Contact Karah Nuckles at 614-563-7350. There will be a \$100.00 vendor fee assessment per event and must be paid at the time of setup. Any non- approved vendors will be asked to leave.

LOCATION & DRIVING DIRECTIONS

OHIO STATE FAIRGROUNDS 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211 at the O'Neill Building (Swine barn)

- *From the North*

Take I-71 South to 17th Avenue/Exit 111. Signs and parking attendants will direct guests to the proper parking areas.

- *From the South*

Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111. Signs and parking attendants will direct guests to the proper parking areas.

- *From the West*

Take I-70 East to I-71 North. Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111. Signs and parking attendants will direct guests to the proper parking areas.

- *From the East*

Take I-70 West to I-71 North. Take I-71 North to 17th Avenue/Exit 111. Signs and parking attendants will direct guests to the proper parking areas.

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CONTACTS

CLUB PRESIDENT: Karah Nuckles (614) 563-7350

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Larry Ebert

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