

SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE FORMAT

The Podium TKC Sprint Championship uses a qualifying, two-heat, and final race format. Drivers compete against different opponents throughout the event, earning points in each session to determine their starting positions for the finals and their overall championship standings.

The format is designed to give every driver multiple opportunities to compete while keeping the racing fair across all groups.

Format

Every driver participates in the following sessions:

- **Warm-Up + Qualifying:** 10 minutes
- **Heat 1:** 7 minutes
- **Heat 2:** 7 minutes
- **Final:** 12 minutes

Qualifying determines starting positions for the heats. Heat grid order is determined by qualifying times. Points earned in qualifying and both heats determine starting positions for the finals.

All three sessions, plus the final, contribute points toward the Sprint Championship standings.

Warm Up & Qualifying

Each driver participates in a combined 10-minute warm-up and qualifying session.

- First 5 minutes: Warm-up
- Final 5 minutes: Qualifying

Only lap times recorded during the qualifying portion count toward qualifying results.

Drivers are ranked against the other drivers in their qualifying group based on their fastest qualifying lap.

Qualifying Points

Points are awarded based on finishing position within each qualifying group. (1st = 14 points, 14th = 1 point). For example, a driver who qualifies 3rd in Group 1 receives 12 points, regardless of how their lap time compares to drivers in Group 2.

Qualifying times also determine which starting position a driver receives in their heat races.

Race Groups - A, B, C, D, E & F

After qualifying, drivers are divided into race groups identified by letters.

These groups are used to rotate opponents throughout the two heat races.

For Junior Sprint and Senior Heavy, there are four race groups:

A, B, C and D

For Senior Sprint, there are six race groups:

A, B, C, D, E and F

Each heat combines two race groups on track. Drivers compete against different groups in Heat 1 and Heat 2.

Junior & Senior Heavy

Heat 1:

- Group A vs Group B
- Group C vs Group D

Heat 2:

- Group A vs Group C
- Group B vs Group D

For example, a driver in Group A races against Group B in Heat 1 and Group C in Heat 2.

Senior

Heat 1:

- Group A vs Group D
- Group B vs Group E
- Group C vs Group F

Heat 2:

- Group A vs Group E
- Group B vs Group F
- Group C vs Group D

This system allows drivers to race against different opponents throughout the event rather than competing against the same drivers in every session.\

Heat Races

Each driver competes in two 7-minute heat races.

Starting positions are determined by qualifying results, with drivers starting in approximately the same position in both heats.

Each heat contains two lettered groups (A vs B), with a maximum of 14 drivers competing on track.

Points are awarded based on finishing position within the entire heat, not just within a driver's lettered race group (1st = 14 points 14th = 1 point).

For example, a driver finishing 5th in Heat 1 earns 10 points. If they finish 1st in Heat 2, they earn another 14 points. Their total heat points would be 24.

Determining Final Starting Positions

After both heats have been completed, each driver's points are combined.

Qualifying Points + Heat 1 Points + Heat 2 Points = Final Ranking

Drivers are ranked by their combined points total.

The driver with the highest total starts from pole position in the final, followed by the second-highest driver, and so on.

The Final

The finals are the last races of the event and feature up to 26 karts on track.

Starting positions are determined by the combined points earned during qualifying and both heats.

Junior & Senior Heavy

Each class competes in a 12-minute final, with the highest-ranked drivers qualifying for the 26-kart starting grid.

Senior

Senior Sprint uses two finals due to the larger number of competitors.

- **A Final:** The top 26 drivers in the combined rankings.
- **B Final:** The next 26 drivers in the combined rankings.

Drivers are assigned to their respective finals based on their qualifying and heat points.

The A Final determines the top finishing positions for the event, followed by the B Final.