

# RACE FORMAT

## WARM UP:

Racing warm-ups are usually the first activity of the evening. This is the stage in which approximately ten cars will enter the track and begin wheel packing. This is done to ensure that the track surface is well packed and ready to race on.

## HOT LAPS:

Next is "Hot Laps" in which each class takes a turn making 5-6 laps on the track at racing speed to make final adjustments to their cars before qualifying begins.

## QUALIFYING:

Qualifying is next, each driver is given the entire track to himself/herself for two laps to race against the clock. Thunderbowl has a state-of-the-art timing clock that contains an electronic eye that times the car within 1/1000 of a second. The qualifying time determines a driver's position in the heat race.

## HEAT RACES:

The heat race is ten laps and the driver's finish determines his placement for the lineup of the semi-main or main event.

## SEMI MAINS:

Semi-mains are used when there is a large amount of cars in the class and not all have automatically transferred to the main event. This is a drivers last chance to transfer to the main event.

## MAIN EVENT:

The main event is the biggest event of the evening. This race is for championship points and prize money (purse). The main event is usually 30 laps but this may be altered by weather or curfew.

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