



Race Format

The inaugural Winter Heat Sprint Car Showdown will utilize a unique racing format for its four-day event in 2015.

Cocopah Speedway Promoter Greg Burgess and Event Competition Director Tommie Estes decided on a format that will reward passing every time a driver hits the 3/8-mile track during the 410ci sprint car extravaganza next Jan. 2-3, 6th and Jan. 9-10.

Drivers will start each night by drawing a random pill, which will determine the lineups for the heat races. Passing points will be calculated based on the results of the heats. The qualifiers will have an inversion, which will be based on car count. The combined points earned through the heat races and qualifiers will then determine the feature lineups.

“This format really equals things out,” Burgess said. “In many cases track conditions can vary by as much as two or more seconds from the beginning to end of time trials. Going early or late in time trials can pretty much dictate how a racers night will go. Adding the qualifiers after the heats essentially eliminates the luck of the draw. With the combined points from both heat races and qualifiers, the drivers will have to race their way into the feature.”

The format also provides spectators multiple opportunities to cheer for their favorite drivers, who will be on the track for at least hot laps, a heat race, a qualifier and a feature.

All four weekend nights of the Winter Heat Sprint Car Showdown will pay \$12,000 to win, \$6,000 for second place, \$3,500 for third place and at least \$1,000 to start. Tuesday will pay \$5000.00 to win & \$400.00 to start. The complete payout can be found at <http://www.CocopahSpeedway.com> in the “Winter Heat” section.