



**These supplemental rules have been simplified. Most items that are in the CKNA rulebook have been removed. Please make sure to find your answers there!**

### **Important Notices about Spring Nationals Weekend:**

- CKNA will be using RaceSelect Live and Discord for this event. Please make sure to subscribe to our Discord Channel for all relevant updates.
- Anybody arriving before gates open on Thursday or any time afterwards outside of wristband sales hours will be required to remain outside the gate. Plenty of overnight parking is available outside of Gates 25 & 26.
- Wristbands will be sold at Gate 25, and you will enter the track through Gate 26.
- Bicycles, scooters, pit-bikes, skateboards, hoverboards, etc. are not permitted between the time of the first scheduled session and final session of the day. CKNA will confiscate any of these items without warning.
- Due to the large number of competitors, anybody renting a transponder will be required to leave a credit card physically with registration staff while you have the transponder. Your card will not be charged unless your transponder is not returned. **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**
- Only race officials, support staff and people with a medical need approved by CKNA and CMS will be permitted to utilize any type of pit vehicle.
- Anybody camping at the facility outside of the Motorhome Patio will be required to pay a fee. If you have not paid the additional camping fee and intend to camp at the facility, you MUST notify registration and pay the fee that is mandatory at this facility. Parking passes are available from the parking attendants.
- Alcohol is only permitted after the track has gone cold for the day by persons 21 years of age or older. Drugs are not permitted at any time during CKNA events, regardless of local laws. Violations will lead to expulsion from the event.
- If you paid the \$100 deposit online, please bring your balance owed in cash. If you bring a credit card/debit card, you will be charged the amount you received as a discount, plus a additional 3.5% processing fee on the entire balance owed.
- Tow vehicles or personal cars may not be parked in the pit areas. We have a large free parking area inside the NASCAR Roval for everybody to use that is less than a 3 minute walk away. Any vehicle that CKNA or CMS staff determines is in the way will be required to be moved, or towed to CMS's impound area.

**Due to construction at Charlotte Motor Speedway, we will be using a different booth for waivers and wristbands this year.**

**Please see the map below.**

**THE AREA IS GOING TO BE CONGESTED, PLEASE DO NOT LINE UP ON THE ROAD!**

**Use the grass staging area instead:**



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## 2026 Spring Nationals

### Supplemental Rules

#### EVENT FORMAT:

- This event will follow the “National Format” as outlined in the CKNA rulebook, with the exception of how split classes are split, scored, and recombined.
  - Drivers in split classes will remain in their same run groups for Rounds 1 & 2.
  - Grid assignments from Qualifying to Round 1, and Round 1 to Round 2 will be progressive (based on previous session’s finishing order).
  - Heat points will be awarded for each round based on the National Format’s Heat Points table from the CKNA Rulebook. Starting positions for the LCQ’s and Features will be determined by the accumulation of points through Rounds 1 and 2. Qualifying will break any ties.
  - No points will be utilized after the LCQs and Features are populated. The driver who wins the Feature will be named the Spring Nationals Champion!

#### LCQ/FEATURE TRANSFERS:

- Due to the number of entries at the time of these rules being published, the Junior, Sr. Light and Sr. Medium Classes are scheduled for Split Heats and a Last Chance Qualifier. This unfortunately means that all drivers will not participate in the Feature race.
  - The 46 drivers with the most “heat points” after Round 2 automatically transfer to the Feature
  - The remaining entries will compete in the Sunday morning “LCQ” race.
  - The top 4 drivers by finishing position in the “LCQ” will transfer to the Feature, and will start at the back.
- All other classes will have all drivers included in the feature race.
- Additional entries or walk-up registrations that would exceed the class caps will be denied.

#### GRID LOCATION AND PROCEDURES:

- The starting grid will be outside of turns 10/11.
- There is a fenced in walkway leading to the grid. Drivers will be required to enter the grid through this narrow walkway, which will allow us to better control the flow of traffic and verify people are in the correct classes.
  - An emergency entrance to the grid will be provided but may only be used in the event a driver is late for their class and has received permission from the grid staff to enter through the emergency entrance.
- Karts should be dropped at the back of the grid and pushed forward into position.
- Kart stands are to be brought to the scales via the original CMS grid.
- **The fire lanes must be kept clear. CMS security will be on hand to ensure that emergency vehicles have full access to the facilities at all times.**

#### SCALES LOCATION AND PROCEDURES:

- The scales will still be located in the same location as in previous years.
- Drivers should exit the scales and push their karts straight forward.
- The gate in the corner of the Motorhome area that leads to the head of the original grid will remain open all weekend. Kart stands can be brought through this gate, and you can return to the pits by walking back up the original CMS grid.

#### FUEL:

- Spec fuel is 87 octane gasoline available at 4521 Morehead Rd, Concord, NC 28027, just outside the speedway. The station is open from 7am – 9pm each day.
- If non-oxygenated fuel is available, it is NOT LEGAL! Please make sure to buy the regular 87 octane fuel.
- **It is HIGHLY advised to follow these steps to ensure you pass fuel tech:**
  - Assuming the previous customer bought a different grade fuel, it is your best practice to put the first gallon of in your vehicle or another container. The hose may contain fuel that **WILL NOT PASS TECH!**
  - Only place spec fuel in a clean and dry gas can. Cans previously containing mixed fuels may be contaminated.
  - Remove and completely empty your karts fuel tank before refilling. Siphoning or disconnecting a fuel line may leave fuel in the tank, which has caused multiple fuel DQ’s in the past including the Grands.
  - Tech will provide complementary fuel tests at any time.

#### STARTING PROCEDURES (all classes except Kid Kart):

- Once released from the grid, the leaders should reduce speed when approaching turn 4 to allow the field behind them to form up behind them. Drivers will proceed straight through turn 5, and finally turn left at turn 7 which will provide a straight approach to the green flag.

#### KID KART STARTING PROCEDURES:

- Parents will push their child’s kart **ON THE KART STAND** from the grid to the starting area (green arrow on map).
- Engines will be fired by the parents and must immediately exit the track. Parents will be directed to exit the track with their kart stands towards the old grid.
- Karts will receive the green flag at the start finish line.

### PRETECH:

- All karts must submit a pretech form and pass pretech prior to **round 2 of practice**. Only late arrivals or those who had issues needing correction will be permitted to pre-tech after that point unless previously approved by tech officials.
  - Various chassis tech stickers and engine tech seals will be installed by CKNA officials. These seals are not to be tampered with by competitors. Any destruction of a seal will be grounds for disqualification.

### ADDITIONAL CLASS AND GROUP STICKERS:

- CKNA officials will be issuing all competitors stickers denoting which class each competitor is registered for as well as which practice group they have been randomly assigned. Practice group assignment is **NON NEGOTIABLE**, and may not be changed or traded amongst competitors. Only extreme circumstances will be considered for changing practice groups. Hint: "My buddy is in the other group" will not be a valid reason to request a change!

### AUXILIARY LIGHTING:

- The Spring Nationals will have a portion of its schedule completed under night racing conditions. Competitors will not be allowed to have any auxiliary lights on their kart or their person during a session. It is advised to turn on the backlight of your data acquisition system's display if you have one equipped.

### PODIUM PROCEDURES:

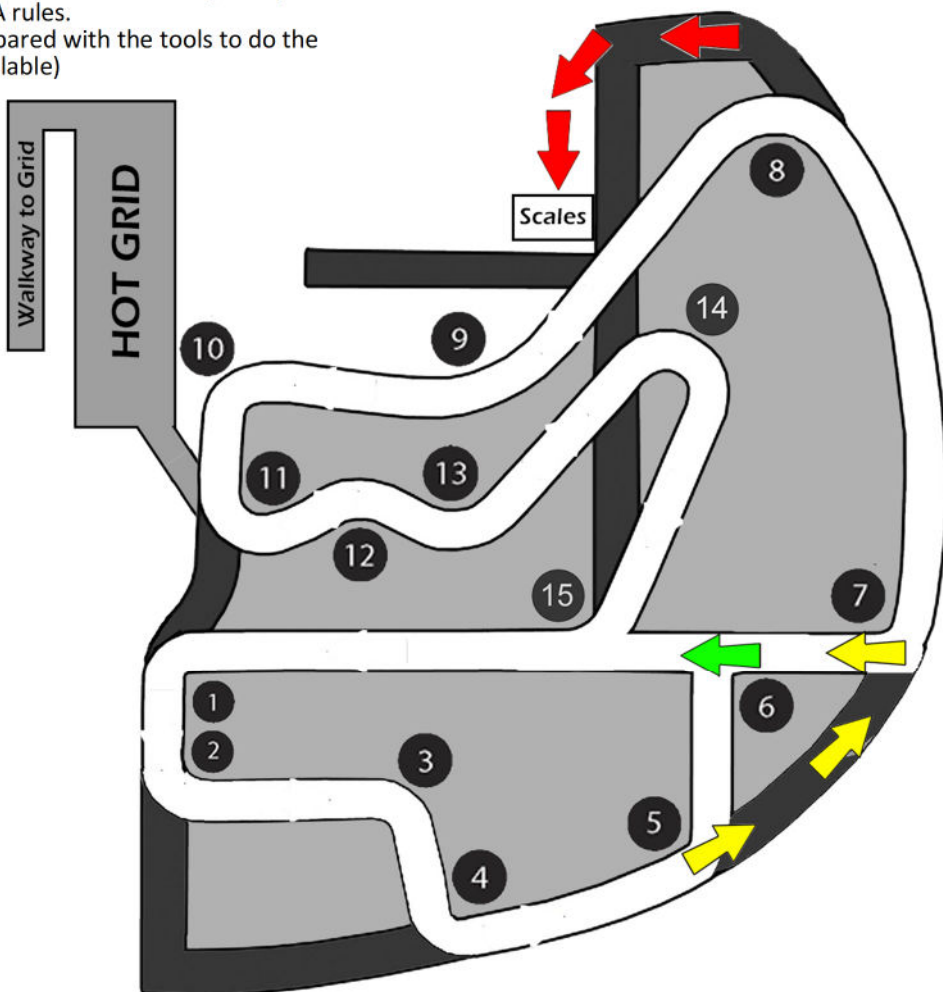
- All podium presentations will be held following the completion of tech in all classes, and after a minimum of 30 minutes has elapsed since the completion of the final race.
- The Podium presentation will take place on the Charlotte Motor Speedway's official podium, located to the South of the garages. It is a bit of a walk, so please head that way early.
- Spring National Champions are welcome to bring their kart to the podium for the presentation. If you would like to do that, make sure to have adequate help to place the kart on the ground quickly as to not delay the podium procedures.
- The top 5 drivers will be recognized in each class.

### GENERAL:

- Although every attempt has been made in the creation of the CKNA ruleset to be as complete as possible, not every circumstance can be accounted for; The Race Director has full authority to implement/modify rules that he/she feels are imperative to maintaining the spirit and safety level of the event.

### REMINDERS FROM OUR TECH STAFF:

- Whether you have raced a CKNA event before or not, please make sure to read the rulebook prior to the event.
- Special attention will be given by tech staff to ballast being safely and securely mounted to the kart per CKNA rules.
- If you are called to tech, please be prepared with the tools to do the following: (loaner tools will not be available)
  - Remove engine side nerf bar / side pod, fan cover, valve cover, exhaust, air filter, Carb and Intake manifold, black upper heat shields (both), engine from the kart.
- Mechanics in restricted classes should have a screwdriver on hand at all times for spot slide checks.
- Ballast must be painted with a high visibility color, and include the drivers kart number and name or initials.





## 2026 Spring Nationals Schedule Overview

For Thursday load-in, we will begin parking people at 11:00am in the order they are lined up in at the entrance. No one will be admitted without a wristband for parking. Wristbands will be sold at **Booth 1**, and you will enter the track through **Gate 13**.

### Thursday:

- Wristband Sales: 11:00am - 8:00pm
- Gates open: 11:00am and remain open all weekend if you already have a wristband.
  - *(Competitors without pit-passes arriving after 8:00 pm will have to park outside the gates until the next morning.)*
- Parking: 11:00am – 7:00pm
- Registration open: 12:00pm – 7:00pm
- Tire Pick-up: 12:00pm – 7:00pm
- Pre-Tech: 12:00pm – 7:00pm

### Friday:

- Wristband Sales: 7:00am - 6:00pm
  - *(Competitors without pit-passes arriving after 6pm will be required to park outside the gates until the next morning.)*
- Parking: 7:00am – 8:30am
  - *(People are welcome to park afterwards. Please see registration to receive assistance in finding your spot)*
- Registration open: 7:30am – 12:30pm
- Tire Pick-up: 8:00am – 12:45pm
- Tire Scanning: 8:00am – 12:45pm
- Unofficial practice begins: 9:00am
- Pre-Tech: 8:00am – 10:45am
- “Happy Hour” session: 3:30pm
  - *(sets qualifying grid positions)*

### Saturday:

- Wristband Sales: 7:00am - 6:00pm
- Registration open: 7:00am – 7:45am *(Day-of arrivals only)*
- Tire Pick-up: 7:15am – 8:30am *(Day-of arrivals only)*
- Tire Scanning: 7:15am – 8:30am *(Day-of arrivals only)*
- Warm-up session: 8:00am
- Mandatory Drivers Meeting: 10:00am
- Qualifying Begins: 11:00am
- Heat Racing Begins: 2:20pm
- Under The Lights: 6:00pm
  - *We will be turning on the lights around the track around 6pm. It is expected to be dark enough to require lights by 6:30pm. If your class is scheduled to race after that time, it is highly advised to bring a clear face shield / visor.*

### Sunday:

- Wristband Sales: 7:00am - 12:00pm
- LCQ Warm-up session: 8:30am
- LCQ's: 9:05am
- Warm-ups: 10:00am
- Features: 11:20am
- Podium Ceremony: 3:00pm (estimated)

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