



**World Famous Highland Speedway – Highland, IL  
2020 Park Street – Highland, IL 62249  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
Track Phone: 618-654-6656 – highlandsspeedway.com**

### **Schedule**

- Saturday, May 16 - \$5,000 to win MARS Late Model Championship powered by FK Rod Ends ~ \$2,000 to win MARS Modified Championship powered by Summit Racing Equipment ~ DIRTcar Pro Modifieds ~ DIRTcar Factory Stocks ~ 600CC Mini Sprints.

### **Daily Schedule for Saturday, May 16**

- 3:00 PM Pit Gates Open / Pit Passes \$40. Kids Ages 12 and under \$25.
- 4:00 PM Draw Opens
- 5:30 PM Drivers Meeting at Series Command Center
- 6:00 PM Hot Laps/Qualifying
- Opening Ceremonies with Racing to Follow

### **Entry Fee**

- Late Model: \$75 ~ Modified: \$25
- \$20 transponder fee if you need to rent one. We use the MyLaps/AMB transponders.
- A valid DIRTcar membership is mandatory. If you do not have one, we will be selling them for \$135.

### **MARS Late Model Championship Powered by FK Rod Ends & MARS Modified Championship Powered by Summit Racing Equipment Format**

- Qualifying – Late Model – 2 Lap Qualifying
  - Modified – Your hot laps are your qualifying – 3 Laps
  - Straight Up Qualifying – (31 cars and less)
  - A & B Group Qualifying – (32+ cars)
  - Late Models will run transponders on the Left Front where the bumper meets the frame. Modifieds will run transponders on the right rear axle tube.
  - Overall Fast Qualifier on front stretch immediately following qualifying. (time permitting)
- Heat Races – Car count determines the number of heats – 8 Laps
  - 3 Heat Races – Top 5 transfer to A-Main (Top 5 scale) (31 cars and less)
  - 4 Heat Races – Top 4 transfer to A-Main (Top 4 scale) (32-47 cars)
  - 6 Heat Races – Top 2 transfer to A-Main (Top 2 scale) (48+ cars)

- Redraw
  - o Will be taken place at the series command center or at the scales. Drivers will be notified at the drivers meeting and over the driver one-way radio on where the location will be for that night.
  - o 3 Heats – Top 2 to Redraw. They will Redraw 1-6.
  - o 4 Heats – Winners to the Redraw
  - o 6 Heats – Winners to the Redraw
- B-Main(s) – Car count determines the number of B-Mains – 10 Laps (if less than 9 cars take the initial green flag, the race will be 8 laps in distance)
  - o 1 B-Main – Top 5 transfer to A-Main (Top 5 to scale) (31 cars and less)
  - o 2 B-Mains – Top 2 transfer to A-Main (Top 2 to scale) (32-47 cars)
  - o 2 B-Mains – Top 4 transfer to A-Main (Top 4 to scale) (48+ cars)
- Provisionals
  - o (2) series provisionals will be added to the field each night. For the second weekend of racing for the MARS Late Model Championship Powered by FK Rod Ends, 1 provisional will be taken from the 2025 MARS Late Model Series point standings and 1 provisional will be taken from 2026 point standings. (2) MARS Modified Championship Powered by Summit Racing Equipment provisionals will be taken from 2026 point standings.
  - o A maximum of (2) provisionals are available to the track at their expense to be added onto the tail of the standard 22 car starting field.
- Feature Event – Late Models – 40 Laps ~ Modifieds – 30 Laps
  - o Top 3 finishers to infield for Victory Lane interviews & photos.
  - o Top 5 to scales.
  - o All cars subject to post race tech at series officials’ discretion if needed.

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## MARS Dirt Series Purse Structure

| <u>MARS Late Model Championship Powered<br/>by FK Rod Ends</u> |                 | <u>MARS Modified Championship Powered by<br/>Summit Racing Equipment</u> |                 |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| 1  | \$5,000         | 1  | \$2,000         |
| 2  | \$2,500         | 2  | \$1,500         |
| 3  | \$2,000         | 3  | \$1,200         |
| 4  | \$1,600         | 4  | \$1,000         |
| 5  | \$1,400         | 5  | \$800           |
| 6  | \$1,200         | 6  | \$600           |
| 7  | \$1,000         | 7  | \$500           |
| 8  | \$800           | 8  | \$400           |
| 9  | \$700           | 9  | \$300           |
| 10   | \$600           | 10   | \$275           |
| 11   | \$500           | 11   | \$250           |
| 12   | \$500           | 12   | \$250           |
| 13   | \$500           | 13   | \$250           |
| 14   | \$500           | 14   | \$250           |
| 15   | \$500           | 15   | \$250           |
| 16   | \$500           | 16   | \$250           |
| 17   | \$500           | 17   | \$250           |
| 18   | \$500           | 18   | \$250           |
| 19   | \$500           | 19   | \$250           |
| 20   | \$500           | 20   | \$250           |
| 21   | \$500           | 21   | \$250           |
| 22   | \$500           | 22   | \$250           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$22,800</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$11,575</b> |
| Non- Transfers   | \$115           | Non- Transfers   | \$65            |

Payout will be at the MARS Command Center each night following the Feature event and post-race inspection.



\* Subject to change due to time, track conditions, or other extreme factors. \*

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