

# **Monaco Modified 53<sup>rd</sup> NAPA FALL FINAL**

**Stafford Motor Speedway – Fri., Oct. 2, 2026**

## **Race Procedure & Driver/Crew Chief/Spotter's Meeting Notes**

- **12:30 PM:** Pit Gate Opens
  - **1:00 PM:** Hoosier Tire Corral opens
  - **2:45 PM:** Driver/Crew Chief/Spotter's Meeting - **ATTENDANCE MANDATORY**
  - **3:15 PM:** 45 Min. Practice - one (1) continuous session, **TRANSPONDERS REQUIRED**
  - **5:45 PM:** Group Qualifying
  - **To Follow:** Heat Races (8 laps)
  - 80 green flag laps (caution laps do NOT count), 28-car field
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- This is a MMTTS event – race procedure and rules (including engine/CI, trans., and rear) differ from Stafford's previous Open 80s – including, but not limited to: 4.86 gear rule, mufflers required, cone race (further info included in these notes). Tech questions? See our website for complete rules: <https://monacomodifieds.com/rules/> or contact Ed Bennett @ [732-278-6200](tel:732-278-6200).
  - **To be eligible to collect purse payouts, cars must display ALL series-supplied contingency decals. Decals may not be altered and must be mounted in such a manner that they are clearly visible in photographs (do NOT bury decals under headers/tires/suspensions). Similarly, series-supplied patches are required to be affixed to driver firesuits in a prominent location (upper chest) clearly visible in photographs.**
  - This is a 5-tire race (one change tire is allowed during the feature), total tires purchased are **NOT** limited. Tires **MUST** be scanned before you leave the tire impound. Playing ANY games with tires – for example: taking tires that are not marked for your team, or leaving impound before being scanned, etc. – will result in a penalty commensurate with the severity of the infraction including disqualification from the event, your car starting last in the heat race with no opportunity for a promoter's option, etc. Tires for practice may come from your home inventory.
  - Race control frequency: 461.2000 – **SPOTTERS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO RACE CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!**
  - Transponder times from practice will determine group qualifying *distribution*.
  - The scales will open at the close of practice - *be prepared for a tight turnaround*. All cars must go over the scales with heat race tires. No blocking off noses.
  - Weight allowances will be offered when scaling after the following race day events:
    - After group qualifying: 5 lbs. | After heat races: 15 lbs. | After feature: 125 lbs.
  - During group qualifying, 7 cars will take the green; next time by for three (3) laps, the last two (2) of which are timed laps. **All cars MUST maintain a speed that does not interfere with the car behind for ALL**

**laps.** All cars must complete all timed laps or they will start at the rear of their assigned heat. Any car that causes a caution will start at the rear of the heat.

- After group qualifying, cars will be sent to the backstretch – they will NOT return to haulers.
- Following group qualifying, the following are **prohibited**: adding or removing fuel; adding, subtracting or moving lead; gear changes. The following are **permitted**: tire swap from front to rear/vice versa; chassis adjustments.
- **Due to safety concerns (no outside pit wall), drivers are prohibited from exiting cars following group qualifying to adjust tire pressure, etc. Doing so will result in a last-place heat race start.**

**Top 9 from group qualifying will be inverted for starting heat lineups, with the rest in order of time**

**Top 8 Qualify from each Heat, total of 4 Qualify through a Consi:**

| Heat #1   |      |           |      |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| <b>1</b>  | 9th  | <b>2</b>  | 6th  |
| <b>3</b>  | 3rd  | <b>4</b>  | 10th |
| <b>5</b>  | 13th | <b>6</b>  | 16th |
| <b>7</b>  | 19th | <b>8</b>  | 22nd |
| <b>9</b>  | 25th | <b>10</b> | 28th |
| <b>11</b> | 31st | <b>12</b> | 34th |

| Heat #2   |      |           |      |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| <b>1</b>  | 8th  | <b>2</b>  | 5th  |
| <b>3</b>  | 2nd  | <b>4</b>  | 11th |
| <b>5</b>  | 14th | <b>6</b>  | 17th |
| <b>7</b>  | 20th | <b>8</b>  | 23rd |
| <b>9</b>  | 26th | <b>10</b> | 29th |
| <b>11</b> | 32nd | <b>12</b> | 35th |

| Heat #3   |      |           |      |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| <b>1</b>  | 7th  | <b>2</b>  | 4th  |
| <b>3</b>  | 1st  | <b>4</b>  | 12th |
| <b>5</b>  | 15th | <b>6</b>  | 18th |
| <b>7</b>  | 21st | <b>8</b>  | 24th |
| <b>9</b>  | 27th | <b>10</b> | 30th |
| <b>11</b> | 33rd | <b>12</b> | 36th |

- Feature Lineup is initially drafted based on heads-up finish from the heat races. A pill draw will take place to invert the Top 1 through 9 for the actual Feature Starting Lineup. *\*Ties in group qualifying will go to the driver that completed that time first in the session.*
- **Pitting: Long pants required. Helmets are required for the over-the-wall crew. Limited to five (5) over-the-wall crew during pit stops (1 jack, 2 guns).**
- All calls throughout the event (heats, consi, feature) and resulting penalties are at the sole discretion of MMTTS Officials. Calls include, but are not limited to, rough riding, overaggressive driving, etc.
- Initial start and restarts take place within the box; the leader must fire first.
- No passing until after the start/finish line on initial start and restarts.
- Feature only will be a choose cone race. After the initial start (one lap must be completed), drivers will be given lane choice to be selected at such a time when the cone is displayed on the entrance of turn three. Once a decision is made, drivers cannot change lanes without forfeiting position. ***If another green flag lap is not completed, the running order will revert to the original lineup prior to the cone choice, less any accident cars or cars that pit. Lane choice will then again be offered prior to the restart.***

**The decision to eliminate the choose cone and institute single-file restarts will be at the sole discretion of Series officials.**

- Pit stalls will be assigned by starting order. Refueling is prohibited during the feature race.
- Pit road will remain open on green flag runs. Pit road will close on a yellow, until the pace car picks up the leader by the start/finish line. They will reopen once the pace car collects the field.
- Cars are to pit in the order of running – do NOT pull up to pit. Pitting while pits are closed or pulling up to the pace car will result in restarting at the tail end of the longest line.
- Under yellow, cars on the lead lap can pit first time by when the pits are open; lapped cars and the Lucky Dog recipient must wait to pit the second time by (NOT with the leaders).
- **SPEEDING IN THE PITS WILL RESULT IN A DRIVE-THROUGH PENALTY SERVED DURING THE NEXT GREEN FLAG RUN.**
- **Lucky Dog will be used during the feature ONLY (NOT in effect for the heats, consi, or non-qualifiers race):** The Lucky Dog Award will go to the first car one lap (or more) down on each restart, provided the car was not the cause of the caution or does not pit before announcing the Lucky Dog Award. At least one additional green flag lap must be run before awarding the next Lucky Dog. Cars are eligible to be the Lucky Dog recipient an unlimited number of times. *MMTTS scorers will manually give the lap back* (do not pull up to the pace car). Lucky Dog recipient can pit the SECOND time by with the pace car (NOT with the leaders). After receiving the Lucky Dog, the car must restart last on the subsequent restart. No Lucky Dog will be awarded within 10 laps to go (when the scoreboard reaches lap 71).
- On restarts, lapped cars drop to the tail of the field in the order of running.
- Intentional yellows will be called at the discretion of MMTTS Officials.
- Cars receiving a penalty (black flag, etc.) during or resulting in a caution period will not be permitted to change OR even swap tires during any pit stops made during that same caution period.
- If you bring out three (3) cautions (spin or stop on your own) you will be parked.
- Cars missing shift on initial start/restarts - resulting in cautions - can be considered a caution car and penalized accordingly.
- Courtesy laps in the pits will NOT be provided for single-car spins.
- **Functioning radios are required at all times.** Each team is required to have a spotter who must always report to and spot from the designated spotter's area when your car is on the track (practice, group qualifying, heat, consi, feature).
- When shown the passing flag/move over signal, cars should move to the bottom of the racetrack, allowing leaders to pass on the outside, all the way through the field.
- **NO BURNOUTS**

- **\*DO NOT LEAVE TIRES BEHIND IN THE PITS WHEN YOU LEAVE\***
- **ANY AND ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE IN-PERSON DRIVER'S MEETING SUPERSEDES THIS DOCUMENT**