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## **2026 Thursday Thunder Schedule**

**Thursday, May 28 – Round 1**

**Wednesday, June 3 – Round 2**

**Thursday, June 4 – Round 3**

**Thursday, June 11 – Round 4**

**Wednesday, June 17 – Round 5**

**Thursday, June 18 – Round 6**

**Wednesday, June 24 – Round 7**

**Thursday, June 25 – Round 8**

**Thursday, July 9 – Round 9**

**Thursday, July 23 – Round 10**

## **2026 Thursday Thunder Division Specific Rules:**

### **Rookie Bandoleros/Chargers**

- Double file starts and single file re-starts
- No points
- Group qualifying (No Inverts)
- 10 Minute + 2 Lap Racing Experience
- Top 3 receive medals (nightly)

### **Bandits, Outlaws, Young Lions**

- Double file starts
- 1 – double file re-start – single file after
- Group qualifying (No Inverts)
- 20-lap feature races
- Minimum 175lbs RF spring for Young Lions
- Points assigned nightly (ONE DROP allowed excluding championship night)
- Top 3 receive trophies (nightly)

### **Semi-Pro, Masters**

- Double file starts
- Choose style restarts
- Group qualifying (No Inverts)
- 20-lap feature races
- Minimum 175lbs RF spring
- Points assigned nightly (ONE DROP allowed excluding championship night)
- Top 5 in the championship at the end of the season will receive a purse pay-out (1-\$1,200; 2-\$800; 3-\$600; 4-\$400; 5-\$250)
- Top 3 receive trophies (Nightly)

### **Pro**

- Double file starts
- Choose style re-starts
- Group qualifying (driver choice for feature starting positions)
- 30-lap feature races
- Minimum 175lbs RF spring
- Points assigned nightly (NO DROPS) [May use ONE stand-in driver excluding championship night]
- Passing points will be awarded for all feature races (2-points for each position advanced from initial starting position to finishing position)
- Top 5 in the championship at the end of the season receive a purse pay-out (1-\$2,000; 2-\$1,200; 3-\$800; 4-\$600; 5-\$400)
- Top 3 receive trophies (Nightly)

## **2026 Thursday Thunder Line-Up Rules:**

### **Group Qualifying Line-Ups:**

- 8 or less cars (1) Group Qualifying Session
- 9-16 (2) Group Qualifying Sessions
- 17-24 (3) Group Qualifying Sessions
- 25 or more (4) Group Qualifying Sessions

\*The number of cars in a group qualifying session may be altered at the Race Directors discretion\*

### **B Main (if necessary):**

- If 25 cars qualify for a single division, a B main will be run
- After group qualifying, the top 20(4) will advance to A main feature, all other cars will create the B main line-up.
- B main will be 15 laps or 10 minutes
- Top 4 finishers advance to the A main feature

\*The number of cars in a B-Main may be altered at the Race Directors discretion\*

### **A Main Feature:**

- A maximum of 24 cars will start A main feature event
- Field will be made up of cars from group qualifying and/or B main
- Field is set with first 20 cars from the group qualifying session along with the top 4 from the B main.
- Lap count/time limit will be listed on the weekly schedule

\*The number of cars in an A-Main may be altered at the Race Directors discretion\*

## **2026 Thursday Thunder Points:**

- Technical disqualifications will be awarded zero (0) points for the event
  - Technical disqualifications will NOT be dropped
- Bandits, Outlaws, Young Lions, Semi-Pro, and Masters may drop one (1) event excluding championship night
- Pro will receive zero (0) drops
  - May have another driver race their car in one (1) Thursday Thunder event excluding championship night

## **2026 Thursday Thunder - REMIND 101 Text Updates:**

- Text @raceams26 to 81010 to sign up for Thursday Thunder updates

## **2026 Thursday Thunder Miscellaneous Rules:**

- **ALL** Young Lions, Semi-Pro, Pro, and Masters must race on a set of INEX approved tires.
- Drivers may use multiple sets of tires throughout the season but **CANNOT** swap their tires after qualifying each night.
- Bandoleros must race on a set of INEX approved tires.
- Once the drivers meeting ends, all tires excluding race tires should be removed from the garages. If you must remove your race tires for any reason, you must first receive approval from a tech official.
- **ALL** legends cars excluding Chargers must run a minimum 175lbs RF Spring.
- Shell 93 or Renegade race fuel are the **ONLY** approved fuels for Thursday Thunder
- The use of two-way radios, cell phones, or any source of communication that would connect a driver to any outside source is NOT allowed at any INEX sanctioned races held throughout the State of Georgia. The only form of communication allowed is a mandatory Raceceiver (channel 454.0000) which is controlled by the Race Director. This rule will be in effect after the drivers meeting including: hot-laps, qualifying, heat races and feature race sessions. Two-way radios MAY be used during "Practice Only" events or sessions.

## **2026 Thursday Thunder Tire Rules:**

### **1- Any Hoosier tire that meets the 2026 rules may be used**

- Tires can't be Altered. No buffing cutting, scraping, soaking or anything you can think of will be allowed.
- If tires are found to be altered you will be fined \$100 per tire and possible loss of tire.
- If altered tires are found you will not be allowed to qualify and start at the rear of the field for the feature. The Tech official's decision is final. You cannot appeal.
- If you get caught more than once during Thursday thunder your tires will be Confiscated and not returned.
- No tire buffing, washing, grinding or cutting equipment will be allowed on the property.
- If equipment is found it will be confiscated.

### **2-Tire Inspection**

- Pro, Semi Pro, Masters, and Young Lions Qualifying tires must be on the car before the drivers meeting.
- Outlaws and Bandit Qualifying tires must be off the car and stacked next to the car before the drivers meeting.
- Chargers and Rookie Bandos are exempt from tire inspection but must run legal INEX approved Hoosier Tires
- No other tires will be permitted in the garage area after the Driver's meeting.
- Inspector's will inspect the tires during the Driver's meeting and before qualifying.
- Qualifying tires must remain on the car after qualifying, unless you have to do repairs. Inform a tech official if you must do repairs. If tires are removed from the car they must be placed in the center of the garage. If you don't pit in the garage area you must come get a tech official to come to your pit, you will be required to bring your tires to the technical inspection area until repairs are finished.

### **3-Tire Protest**

- The tire protest as Per the 2026 INEX rulebook will still be allowed. The protest fee is \$250. And finish on the lead lap.
- The protest must be filed within 10 minutes of the checkered flag.
- You must say which tire you want to protest.
- You must also bring your car to the tech area and submit a tire sample from your car.

