

Mound Hounds IndyCar Pick'em League: Rules and Regulations

Welcome to the **Mound Hound IndyCar Pick'em League**! Please read the following rules and regulations carefully to ensure a fun and competitive season.

1. Registration & Buy-In

- **Registration:** All participants must register before the commencement of the season's first race to be eligible to submit weekly selections.
- **Buy-In:** The season buy-in is **\$20**, payable at the time of registration.
- **Prize Pool:** 100% of these fees contribute to the prize pool for weekly and championship winners.

2. Driver Selection Process

- **Weekly Forms:** A "Pick'em" form will be emailed to registered participants and posted in the "GP of Indy Mound Hounds" Facebook group before each race.
- **Availability:** The form is deactivated at each race deadline and reactivated no less than 48 hours before the next submission deadline.
- **Grouping:**
 - Drivers are grouped based on current championship points (or the previous season's standings for the season opener).
 - Standard races feature **six (6) groups**, while the **Indianapolis 500** features **eight (8)**.
 - Groups 1–5 will always contain four drivers each; remaining drivers are allocated to the final group.
- **Deadlines:**
 - **Standard Races:** Submissions must be received before the start of qualifying.
 - **Indianapolis 500:** Submissions must be received before the start of the race.
 - **Late Entries:** Any submission timestamped after the deadline will not be accepted.
- **Missed Submissions:** If a participant fails to submit a form, they will be assigned the "lowest score". Calculated by taking the lowest scoring driver in each group, and summing their total.

3. Scoring System

- **Points:** Points are awarded based on the official IndyCar points system for each selected driver's finishing position.

- **Official Results:** Once league results are communicated, scores are final. Subsequent IndyCar penalties or point deductions (e.g., post-race disqualifications) will not result in alterations to league scoring.
- **Tiebreaker:** Participants must estimate the race winner's **average speed** without exceeding it. In the event of a points tie, the participant closest to the average speed (without going over) earns **one (1) additional point** and is declared the winner.

4. Prize Distribution

- **Weekly Payouts:** Each race winner receives **\$20**, except for the Indianapolis 500 winner, who receives a special **\$100** payout.
- **Championship Purse:** The remaining buy-in funds (after weekly payouts) form the championship purse:
 - **1st Place:** 60%
 - **2nd Place:** 30%
 - **3rd Place:** 10%

5. Notifications & Conduct

- **Results:** Official league results will be sent via email and posted on Facebook within 24 hours of each race.
- **Sportsmanship:** Cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to disqualification at the discretion of the league administrator.
- **Refund Policy:** Disqualified participants are only eligible for a buy-in refund if they have not won a race payout during that season.
- **Modifications:** The league reserves the right to modify rules as necessary; all changes will be communicated promptly.

Good luck to all participants—let the races begin!