

FLKC 2026 Championship Drop Policy

Applicable to all FLKC Race Weekends

To provide flexibility for competitors while preserving the integrity of the championship, FLKC will utilize a race-day drop system. Because each race weekend consists of separate Saturday and Sunday point-scoring events, competitors may apply drops at the individual race-day level or effectively drop an entire weekend by using both of their allowable drops on the same event. This approach is intended to accommodate unforeseen circumstances such as mechanical failures, scheduling conflicts, illness, or other unavoidable issues, while ensuring that championship standings continue to reflect consistent performance throughout the season.

1. Championship Drop Structure

The FLKC championship consists of five (5) race weekends, with championship points awarded separately for the Saturday and Sunday events.

Each driver will be permitted to drop a maximum of **two (2) individual race days** from their championship points total, subject to the following conditions:

- The two drops may come from the same race weekend (effectively dropping the entire weekend).
- The two drops may come from two different race weekends (e.g., one Saturday from Race 2 and one Sunday from Race 3).
- A drop applies only to a complete race day and cannot be split among qualifying sessions, heats, pre-finals, or finals.
- Drivers are not required to declare their drops in advance. Eligible drops will be automatically applied to maximize the driver's championship points total at season end.

2. Eligible Race Days for a Drop

The following race days are eligible to be dropped:

- Missed race days due to scheduling conflicts, illness, travel, or personal reasons.
- Race days impacted by mechanical failures or accidents.
- Race days resulting in low point totals due to poor performance or race incidents.
- DNS (Did Not Start) or DNF (Did Not Finish) results, provided the race day does not become ineligible under Section 3.

3. Ineligible Race Days for a Drop

A race day may **not** be dropped if the driver receives any of the following penalties in that day's Final:

- Technical Disqualification (DQ)
- Failure of post-race technical inspection
- On-track Disqualification
- Sporting or conduct-related Disqualification

Any race day resulting in a Final-session disqualification must remain in the driver's championship score and cannot be used as one of the allowable drops.

This clarification is specific to FLKC Supplemental Regulations, as the USPKS rulebook does not specifically address championship drop eligibility for Final-session disqualifications.

4. Non-Final Session Penalties

Penalties or disqualifications incurred during qualifying, heats, or pre-finals will be assessed according to the applicable event regulations and USPKS rules.

Provided the driver is not disqualified from that day's Final, the race day remains eligible for use as a championship drop.

5. Championship Points Calculation

At the conclusion of the season:

1. All points earned during the ten (10) championship race days (five Saturdays and five Sundays) will be totaled.
2. Any race day containing a Final-session disqualification will remain in the standings and may not be dropped.
3. Up to two eligible race days will be removed from the championship calculation.
4. The remaining race days will determine the driver's final championship standing.

6. FLKC Authority

FLKC reserves the right to review unusual circumstances and make final determinations regarding championship points, penalties, classifications, and drop eligibility. All decisions of race officials and series management shall be final.

7. Examples

Example A – Dropping an Entire Weekend

A driver scores the following points:

Weekend	Saturday	Sunday
Round 1	200	190
Round 2	185	195
Round 3	0	0
Round 4	205	200
Round 5	190	210

The driver missed both race days during Round 3. The Round 3 Saturday and Sunday scores are used as the driver's two allowable drops, effectively removing the entire weekend from the championship calculation.

Example B – Dropping Two Separate Race Days

A driver scores:

Weekend	Saturday	Sunday
Round 1	200	195
Round 2	35	190
Round 3	205	210

Round 4	195	40
Round 5	200	205

The driver suffered a mechanical failure on Round 2 Saturday and a race incident on Round 4 Sunday. Those race days (35 and 40 points) become the driver's two drops, while all other race days remain in the championship total.

Example C – Disqualification Not Eligible for Drop

A driver receives a Technical DQ during the Final on Round 4 Sunday and scores zero points for that race day.

Because the zero-point result was caused by a Final-session disqualification, that race day cannot be dropped. The driver must count the DQ in their championship total and may only use their allowable drops on other eligible race days.