

Q. Do I have to be a professional?

A. Professional what? Pro IT is a competitive series to test yourself against the best IT and SM racers in the Southeast, and maybe make a little money doing it. None of us have quit our day jobs to retire to Tahiti on our Pro IT winnings... but if you have a good year you can easily offset most, if not all of your expenses and race for free!

Q. Will I have to travel all over creation to have a chance?

A. Absolutely not! This is one of the key advantages to running Pro IT. No more long hauls down I-95 to the middle of nowhere. The majority of races are run at Road Atlanta, with a yearly Labor Day jaunt to Barber in nearby Birmingham AL and for 2011 one race in Nashville, TN.

Q. How do the payouts work? Will I have to pay taxes?

A. Per race payouts are based on the number of cars in class – the full structure is detailed below. Two things are certain and taxes are one of those things, so yes, you'll receive a tax form for your winnings. Life just ain't fair sometimes! But at least you can legitimately write off at least SOME of your racing now!

Payouts are based on 50% of each \$275 Pro-IT entry fee (\$137.50) goes going towards prize money. Half of which is paid out accumulated per event on a 50/30/20 basis, and the other half accumulated for season points standings on a 45/25/15/10/5 basis.

Examples:

Per event:

5 cars in class - 1st: \$171.88, 2nd: \$103.13, 3rd: \$68.75

10 cars in class - \$343.75, \$206.25, \$137.50

15 cars in class - \$515.63, \$309.38, \$206.25

Season points payouts are based on the number of cars in class for the season, plus each class gets a portion of the generosity of our sponsors.

20 cars - 1st: \$618.75, 2nd: \$343.75, 3rd: \$206.25, 4th: \$137.50, 5th: \$68.50

50 cars - \$1546.88, \$859.38, \$515.63, \$343.75, \$171.88

100 cars - \$3093.75, \$1718.75, \$1031.75, \$687.50, \$343.75

(All totals are before sponsor money.)

Q. I don't know if I'll win. Why should I bother?

A. The series points system rewards consistency, so the guy who shows up and runs "Checkers or wreckers" is highly unlikely to beat Steady Freddie in the points at season's end.

Q. Do you crazy Pro IT guys crash into each other all the time like they do over at Lanier, since there's money on the line?

A. Absolutely not! There is no more tolerance for contact in Pro IT than there is in any other series. In fact, we use a single Series Chief Steward who operates each race to ensure consistent justice for all. In most cases there is actually a higher level of mutual

respect, as you end up racing with many of the same core drivers month in and month out, so someone driving consistently out of control is very obvious and not popular.

Q. Does my car need any special prep to run Pro IT?

A. Not at all. Just get the required sponsor decals at the track and you're good to go. The stickers are available at Tech at all events, as well as with Fletcher and Trackside Tim.

Q. Why doesn't the region offer discounts for Pro IT when combined with other events?

A. Payouts! The fee and payout structure is setup to cover costs and sanction fees, with nothing to spare. Therefore, each race must contribute the same dollars to the payout pool to support the structure. In a way, PRO IT drivers already get an indirect discount since they get more racing and track time for the same one-time travel costs to the track.

Q. Why does Pro IT almost always run as the last event of the day?

A. Two reasons: First, it is the "feature" race of the day. Second, because it is more of a local series, the majority of Pro IT competitors have a shorter journey home than the majority of the racers in the other groups. A side benefit of that is you will have a less crowded Paddock area to negotiate as you pack-up and depart the track.

Q. Why does the Pro IT season start in November and finish in September?

A. Finishing in September means we are able to get season trophies and checks ready to give out at the giant Saturday night party at the ARRC. This way your prize check can be distributed in the same year that your race expenses were incurred.