2026 Las Vegas Bracket Nationals
24th *Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Special*

This event for 2026 will be gate entry no pre-registration

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 24

Credentials Open	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Gates Open	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tech Inspection	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25

Credentials/Gates Open	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tech Inspection:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Time Trials (Run cards will be used – 2 runs per entry):	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Geezer Gambler time trial follows round 1 of time trials:	1 p.m. (approx.)

Geezer Gambler eliminations will then be on 15 minute turn-around

Please note: Time trials will be held on Wednesday only.

Run Order: 1). Sportsman 2). Pro 3). Super Pro 4). Geezer

Thursday (Nov. 26), Friday (Nov. 27), Saturday (Nov. 28) and Sunday (Nov. 29)
Daily Run Schedule (all times are approximate and subject to change)

Credentials/Gates Open: NO CREDINTALS SUNDAY	6 a.m.
Cars called to the lanes:	6:55 a.m.
Start Run-for-the-Money: Sportsman, Pro, Super Pro	7:05 a.m.
Start Round 1 Eliminations: Sportsman, Pro, Super Pro	
Buyback Round	
Continue Eliminations	

Friday, Nov, 28	**Non-Electronics Gambler**	**$200 entry**	**1/8 mile**
Saturday, Nov 29	**High Dollar Gambler**	**$500 entry**	**1/8 mile**
Saturday afternoon	**Die Cast Shootout**	**8 cars directors' choice**	**1/8 mile**

Please note: All days will be contested at 1/8 mile. TruStart timing system will be used for entire event.

All Entry prices are full event no single day entry

	Gate Price
Super Pro	**$450**
Pro	**$300**
Sportsman	**$200**
Crew	**$100**
Kids (13-17)	**$30**
Child (12 & under)	**free**
Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun spectator ticket	**$25**

Purse each day	Win	R/U	Semi	1/4	1/8	run for money
Super Pro	**$5000**	**$2000**	**$600**	**$300**	**$125**	**$1000**
Pro	**$2000**	**$1000**	**$250**	**$125**	**$50**	**$500**
Sportsman	**$350**	**$150**	**$50**			**$200**

2026 Las Vegas Bracket Nationals
24th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Special

Competition Classes
TruStart will be used for the entire event.
1/8th Mile

Super Pro
Compulink Crosstalk will be used. (Place an 'N' **after dial-in** if you do not want to see opponent's top bulb)
.5 Full Tree with optional staging.
Electronics permitted. Electric Vehicles Permitted
Tow vehicles limited to golf cart, UTV, quad (no full-size vehicles)
TruStart will be used.

Pro
.5 Full Tree with optional staging.
No Electronics Permitted. (No data recorders or delay boxes). NO EVs
Transbrake permitted.
Line-Lock: Two-wheel or four-wheel line lock permitted.
Automated Shifter: Permitted. Single function controller only.
Tow vehicles are prohibited.
No burnouts across the starting line.
TruStart will be used

Sportsman
.5 Full Tree with optional staging.
No Electronics. NO EVs
Full-bodied, stock appearing cars only. No dragsters, roadsters, altereds, etc.
Two-wheel line-lock permitted on non-drive wheels only.
No transbrakes, delay boxes, data recorders, or throttle controlling devices.
Single stage rev limiters are permitted.
Automated Shifter prohibited unless stock OEM equipped.
TruStart will be used

All rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the event director.

Super Pro Purse

Win:	$5,000
R/U:	$2,000
Semi:	$600
¼:	$300
1/8:	$125

Pro Purse

Win:	$2,000
R/U:	$1,000
Semi:	$250
¼:	$125
1/8:	$50

Sportsman Purse

Win:	$350
Runner-Up:	$150
Semi:	$50

Basic Competition Information / Procedures

- All races will be contested at 1/8 mile. **Please be aware of this BEFORE entering the event.**
- **TruStart** timing system will be used for entire event.
- Driver must have dial-in properly displayed on **left side** of car prior to reaching the ready-line (Big Red Line) behind the tower. Any car not having their dial-in displayed will receive the same dial-in as the previous round. If it is first round we will make one up for you. No changes permitted to dial-in after the ready line unless approved by the event director in the event of an oil-down or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Buy backs will be available to purchase for *First Round Only* (**NO Buy Backs Thursday)**. Buy backs will be cash only: Super Pro $80 – Pro $40 – Sportsman $20, and can be purchased in the tower. Cars who buy-back will run each other. The winners will then advance to round 2. Buyback policy may be adjusted due to time constraints, car counts, etc.
- All lane choices will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- Eliminations will be random pairings. Provisional bye for first round will go to the winner of the Run-for-the-Money. All other provisional bye-runs will go to the best reaction time on a winning run from the preceding round. Provisional bye does not carry over. The winner of the provisional bye gets lane choice if he does have to run with someone.
- All classes will receive a first call, a second call and a final call to staging. We are not responsible for someone missing the call to the lanes. The class ends when the provisional bye winner reaches the ready-line for either his single or paired run. Don't come to the lanes at the last minute and expect to race.
- Once a pair has been made at the front of staging the race is set. Any delays, breakages, etc. past the front of staging will result in disqualification.
- Participants will have approximately 35 seconds from the start of burn-out to stage the car. In an effort to save time, burnouts past the 60 foot mark will not be permitted. Auto-start will be used.
- If you plan on going deep, don't write it on your window and expect us to wait for you. It is your responsibility to get in deep.
- We do not enforce courtesy staging for this event. Just get in the beams.
- Left lane receives the right of way when exiting the track.
- In the late rounds of eliminations all classes will be on a 10 minute turn-around. It is November so there shouldn't be an issue with cool-down time.
- Please, please, please listen to the public address system on 106.1 FM. We don't want you to miss a round.
- We have put fairly simple rules in place for this event in an effort to have a good time. We want to keep things simple, follow the same program we've had for a long time and close out the year on a high note. For that reason, we ask that you focus on having a good time.
- If a driver has a concern or a complaint, then the driver needs to be the one coming to the tower. Do not send your family or crew to act as your spokesperson. We will only address issues with the driver.
- Drivers may enter multiple cars in the event; however, a car can only be used one time per class, per day. If a driver wishes to use another driver's car for bonus races, the Ultimate Gambler, etc. they will need to come to the tower and sign the tech card for the class. The same car can be utilized for competition in multiple classes, as long as it is registered in that class.
- All cars used for bonus races (Ultimate Gambler –or- Geezer Gambler) must be entered into the event and must complete tech inspection. If a substitute driver is used, that driver must sign the release waiver and sign the tech card.

Run-for-the-Money:
Each morning a run-for-the-money event will be held. Entry fee is $20 cash only. Event pays $1,000 to win for Super Pro, $500 to win Pro and $200 to win Sportsman. Closest to the dial-in without breaking out wins. In the event of a tie, reaction time will be used to determine winner. Second tie break will go to whoever does it first.

Breakage Policy:
Cars that break prior to a single run in eliminations will be granted a credit toward the 2020 event.
No refunds or credits will be issued once a car has attempted a burnout in eliminations.

Rain/Weather Policy:
In the event of a rainout day the purse will not roll-over. If any one day is completed then the event will be considered complete and no rain checks or refunds will be issued. This is due to the one day price of participation being the same as a weekend entry. (This policy has been in place since the 2001 event and has only come into play two times in 24 years). The race director reserves the right to consider a day complete and do an even split of racers remaining in competition once the event has reached a minimum of the round of 16 or fewer. If this occurs, checks for the amount of the split will be mailed following the event.

Geezer Gambler:
$50 cash entry payable in staging lanes prior to the Geezer Gambler time trial run on Wednesday. Open to racers age **60** and older only. .5 Full Tree. Cross-Talk will **not** be used. 1/8 mile format. Winner will receive the Geezer Gambler *NHRA TV Challenge* Wally. Payout is $500 to win, $150 to runner-up and $75 for semi-finalist.

Check Policy:
LVMS will not accept *any* checks. We do accept cash and all major credit cards at the credential gate.

Payout Policy:
Payouts will take place Friday through Saturday at 2 p.m.-5 p.m. And then Sunday from 10 a.m. to an hour after the races finished. The only racers who will be eligible to claim purse checks are racers who have submitted a W-9 (US Citizens) or W-8 (Non-US Citizens) to Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Please submit the appropriate form to the tower when you arrive so that we will be able to process your payment in a timely manner. You can also find the form online at: http://www.lvms.com/dragstrip/racers. We do need a new form filled out each year so please keep this in mind if you have not received a payout during the 2026 season.

Notice to all racers: Due to very stringent policies regarding tax information, it is your responsibility to make sure that all of the information on your tax forms is up-to-date, accurate and match up with what is on file with the Internal Revenue Service. We will not release prize money without accurate information. Purse money not claimed by January 31, 2027 will be considered unclaimed.