



**WALTER HAYES TROPHY
1-2 NOVEMBER 2025**

HOW IT ALL WORKS - THE PROGRESSION SYSTEM

The Silverstone National Circuit has a maximum number of starters for a Formula Ford race of 36 cars. Shown here is the Progression System for competitors to reach each qualifying round of the competition and the all-important Walter Hayes Trophy Grand Final.

The first thirteen cars from each of Saturday's four WHT Heats will automatically gain qualification to the Semi Finals.

(26 cars in each Semi Final, 52 cars in total).

Placings 14–18 from each WHT Heat will make up the grid for the Last Chance Race
(20 Cars).

Cars finishing in nineteenth position and lower in each WHT Heat are placed into the Progression Race.

PROGRESSION FORWARD TO THE GRAND FINAL:

The top 16 cars finishing in the Progression Race on Sunday morning will move to the Last Chance Race.

The top 20 finishers of the Last Chance Race will qualify for the Semi Finals and form the rear of the grid in each. Positions 1st 3rd 5th etc. through as 27th–36th in Semi Final One (10 cars).

Positions 2nd 4th 6th etc. through as 27th–36th in Semi Final Two (10 cars).

The top 18 finishers in each Semi Final qualify for the Walter Hayes Trophy Grand Final.
(36 cars).

GRID POSITIONS FOLLOWING THE HEATS:

The winner of the fastest Heat takes pole in Semi Final One, the winner of the second fastest Heat takes pole for Semi Final Two. The next fastest Heat winner lines up alongside pole in Semi Final One graduating back until all the Heat winners are placed then the process starts again with 2nd in the fastest heat.

The Winner of the fastest Semi Final will take the Pole Position for the Grand Final and the winner of the slower Semi Final taking second spot, second in the fastest Semi Final then takes third spot and second in slower Semi Final takes fourth spot etc.

Each heat is not just about winning, it is also important to set a fast race time to ensure the best possible position for the Semi Finals!

Janet Cesar Memorial Trophy for Pre'99 cars (denoted as Class JC):

WHT Heat qualifying times are used for the forming of the Janet Cesar Memorial Trophy Pre Final grid on Saturday, with the result of this race forming the grid for Sunday's Janet Cesar Memorial Trophy Final.

The Carl Hamer Trophy for Pre'82 Cars (denoted as Class CH):

WHT Heat qualifying times are used for the forming of the Carl Hamer Trophy Pre Final grid on Saturday, with the result of this race forming the grid for Sunday's Carl Hamer Trophy Final.

***The organisers reserve the right to alter or amend this system prior to the start of qualifications if deemed necessary.
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