

## Lancaster and Hillside Buffalo Speedways Work Together for Sportsman Challenge

**LANCASTER, N.Y.** (May 30, 2018) - Lancaster National Speedway and Hillside Buffalo, along with East Coast Speed, have come together to announce a special challenge for their respective Sportsman Modified Divisions in 2018. The two-historic tracks are working together via a four-race series consisting of two at Lancaster and two at Hillside, in a winner-take-all dual-track battle.

In addition to the regular purse those nights, each driver that participates in ALL four races will be entered into the "Lancaster-Hillside Challenge." The winner will be determined via best-average finish for the four races and will earn a \$1,000 bonus and a set of tires from East Coast Speed.

The Lancaster Hillside Challenge races are:

June 1 - Hillside Twin 25's

June 16 - Lancaster Summer Slam 75 laps

August 4 - Hillside 75 laps

September 22 - Lancaster U.S. Open 75 Laps

The winner will be presented the \$1,000 check and certificate for their set of tires from Bob Mullen following the final event. For the events, it is planned to have both track's pace cars lead the field to green.

"This collaboration between the two tracks is great for everyone involved," said Tim Packman, Track President of Lancaster National Speedway. "Lancaster and Hillside have been part of the WNY racing fabric for six decades. I have a personal connection to Hillside as I grew up watching my dad, step father and step brother race there and my uncle was the starter at one time.

"This is good for the Sportsman teams because they have an incentive to race at both tracks and one of them will be rewarded for their consistency. Daniel Hutchinson and Nick Johnston have been great to work with and kudos to Bob Mullen from East Coast Speed for wanting to be part of this. I hope the teams and fans enjoy some great racing because of the challenge. The two pace cars leading the field to green should make for a good photo op."

Nick Johnston of Hillside Buffalo has dedicated a great effort to make this challenge take place.

"Being a race fan my whole life bouncing from track to track, it has always been a dream to see the racing community go to the different speedways instead of competing against the same field every week," Johnston said. "When we met Tim Packman, it was a no-brainer that we can work with him and give something special for our fans and drivers. We are trying to create a culture within the racing community that brings some respectful competition, and more importantly a good time".

This may be a small step towards bigger collaborations in the future, but of note this year is the fact Lancaster and Hillside only run against each other on the same night just twice all season.