



Future Champions Development Series has announced more details for the 2008 racing season at Altamont Motorsports Park in Tracy, CA.

The Future Champions Development Series is a new developmental Late Model program for drivers ages 14-16. The series will take place on the Altamont Motorsports Park quarter- and half-mile ovals, with nine races and five practice dates.

Races will take place at NASCAR Whelen, USAC, Westcar, SRL, and NASCAR Grand National events, putting the drivers on display in front of top touring teams each race.

The season will begin with competition on the quarter-mile, with the young drivers then transitioning to the half-mile later in the season.

A rule book has been established to allow any Late Model to compete in the series, with adjustments for parity. SRL and WLM-type cars will be the preferred car for the series. All cars will run the 8 inch Hoosier slick tire, a 5600 rpm rev limiter chip, and a required gear ratio.

The series will offer the insurance, pit passes for the driver and one crew member, a competitor license, and entry fees for the full 14 day calendar for \$3500.

Cars are available for rent as well, with potential renting teams being urged to contact Altamont Motorsports Park General Manager Jeff Macey at (530) 846-4545 or [jmacey@altamontracing.com](mailto:jmacey@altamontracing.com)

As the series prepares to launch its new website, teams are asked to contact series PR and Web Director Steven Blakesley at (916) 316-4854 or [steven@norcalmedia.com](mailto:steven@norcalmedia.com) Blakesley will be setting up driver profile pages for each driver on the new site, as well as coordinating promotional plans.

Future Champions Development Series is a new program being launched in 2008, and this season promises to be just the beginning. Eventually the program hopes to be the ultimate driver development series. Teams joining in 2008 have an opportunity to join an unprecedented program for youth racers on the West Coast.

**2008 Future Champions Development Series rules:**

1. Emphasis will be placed on developing drivers and not cars.
2. Any available Late Model is legal at series discretion.
3. All cars will run a required gear ratio and 5600 rpm rev limiter chip.

*Preferred car options:*

**Option 1:** Western Late Model-type car, with GM 604 crate engine. 2900 pounds and 56% left-side weight (54% for straight-rail cars).

**Option 2:** SRL tour car at 3150 pounds with 8 inch rims (to be able to run series tire). Cars are required to run SRL-spec track width not exceeding 64 inches.

**2008 Future Champions Development Series schedule**

March 22 – Practice

April 26 – Race

May 17 - Practice

May 24 – Race

June 28 - Practice

July 5 – Race

July 12 – Race

July 19 - Practice

July 26 – Race

August 16 - Practice

August 23 – Race

August 30 - Race

September 13 – Race

September 27 – Championship Race