



## Chicago Drift Lahti, May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **COMPETITION RULES**

Name of the competition: Chicago Drift  
Date: May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Competition status: National, Invitational. NEZ  
Organizer of competition: Lahten UA and Finn-drift Oy  
AKK Permit number: 19248/DRF/2026

### **I SCHEDULE**

Mar 30<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Competition rules are published  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 23:59 Registration period ends  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 The list of accepted competitors is published on the KIT1 racing service

#### Preliminary schedule:

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 13:00 – 23:00 Paddock open for assembly  
13:00 – 15:00 Media press  
15:00 – 19:00 Media on track  
18:30 – 19:30 Driver photos wearing racing suits  
15:00 – 21:00 Race office open  
15:00 – 19:00 On-site registration at the race office  
16:00 – 19:45 On-site scrutineering  
20:00 – 22:00 Parade  
23:00 Paddock area closes

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 7:00 Paddock area opens  
7:00 – 8:30 Paddock assembly  
7:30 – 21:30 Race office open  
7:30 – 8:10 On-site registration at the race office  
8:00 – 10:15 On-site scrutineering  
8:10 – 8:45 Drivers' briefing 1  
8:45 – 8:55 Photo opportunity  
8:45 Judges meeting  
8:45 Track personnel briefing  
9:00 – 11:30 Practice 3 \* 50 min (Groups 1, 2 & 3)  
11:30 – 12:00 Recess: track maintenance and lunch 30 min  
12:00 Spectator gates open  
12:00 – 14:30 Practice 3 \* 50 min (Groups 1, 2 & 3)  
14:45 – 15:00 Supplementary drivers' briefing for qualifying / Track maintenance  
15:15 – Qualifying  
Halftime show  
16 Tandem tree (qualifying ranking from 25 to 42)  
8 Tandem tree (qualifying ranking from 25 to 42)  
22:00 Paddock area closes  
21:00 – 02:00 Afterparty Festival; Lahti Halli

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10:00 – 22:00 Race office open  
10:30 – 11:00 Drivers' briefing 2  
12:00 Spectator gates open  
11:00 – 14:00 Free practice  
14:00 – 15:00 Recess  
14:30 Drivers fan meeting in front of Lahti Halli stage  
14:40 – 14:55 Halftime show  
15:00 – 17:00 TOP-32 Tandem tree  
17:00 – 18:00 Recess / Halftime show  
18:00 – 18:30 TOP-16 Drivers introduction / Track maintenance  
18:45 - TOP-16 Tandem tree  
TOP-8 Tandem tree  
Finland – Sweden Superfinal  
Distribution of prizes + Grand finale  
21:00 – 02:00 Afterparty Festival; Lahti Halli

#### OFFICIAL NOTICEBOARD: Sportity

##### Race office:

Venue: Lahden Urheilu- ja messukeskus  
Address: Salpausselänkatu 7, 15110 Lahti  
Telephone nr: +358 40 5070 861  
Email: yrjolakirsi@gmail.com  
Race Secretary: Kirsi Yrjölä  
Opening hours: Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 15:00 to 21:00  
Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 7:30 to 21:30 / via telephone all weekend  
Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10:00 to 22:00

##### Media center:

Venue: Lahden Urheilu- ja messukeskus  
Address: Salpausselänkatu 7, 15110 Lahti  
Contact person: Jani Seppälä  
Telephone nr: +358 44 3308 710  
Email: sivuluisumeister@gmail.com

##### Mediamanager:

Johanna Leppänen  
Telephone nr: +358 40 5478 385  
Email: johanna@chicagodrift.fi  
Opening hours: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 13:00 to 19:00  
From May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 9:00 to 11:00 / via telephone  
all weekend

## II COMPETITION

### 1. Organizer

The organizers of the Chicago Drift competition, to be driven between May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, are Lahden Urheiluautoilijat ry. and Finn-drift Oy.

The competition will adhere to the regulations outlined in the AKK rulebook, NEZ Drifting series regulations, Drifting Sporting Regulations and these Chicago Drift Competition rules, which AKK-Motorsport has approved with the permission number 19248/DRF/2026. In conflict situations of the translation, the Finnish text shall prevail. **In addition, the competitor information and drivers briefings are binding.**

### 1.1. Race officials

#### Panel of judges

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Locality</b>
Head of judges	Esa-Pekka Järvinen	Varkaus
Judge	Jussi Perälä	Jyväskylä
Judge	Tero Saloranta	Hyvinkää

#### Evaluating judges

Evaluating judge	Robbie Nishida
Evaluating judge	Tarmo Liivamägi
Evaluating judge	Kevin O'Connell

#### Officials

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone nr</b>	<b>Email</b>
Race Director	Teppo Laukkanen	0440 303 066	laukkanenteppo@gmail.com
Competition event director	Kimmo Kojo	0400 778 969	kojokimmo@gmail.com
Head of security	Janne Karvonen	0440 706 097	jannekarvonen@icloud.com
Race secretary	Kirsi Yrjölä	040 5070 861	yrjolakirsi@gmail.com
Head of scrutineering	Juha Pirskanen	045 1822 710	juhamattip58@gmail.com
Paddock manager	Hanna Yrjölä	040 741 3533	hannayrjola@hotmail.com

## III GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Competition and track area

The competition will be held at a parking lot. The address is: Salpausselänkatu 7, 15110 Lahti.

### 2. Competition classes

Class: Drifting national invitational competition / NEZ

### 3. Registration

Chicago Drift -2026 is an invitational competition, to which the organizer will select 67 competitors and five reserve competitors according to the organizer's own deliberation.

A competitor wishing to participate is to apply via the website of the organizer [www.chicagodrift.fi](http://www.chicagodrift.fi).

The organizer using the data of competitors: upon registration to the competition, the competitor accepts that personal information will be processed by the organizer and defined personal information (name, association etc.) will be published in the participation list, results list etc. for competition communication.

### 4. Participation fee

The participation fee is 300,00 €.

The participation fee must be paid to the organizer by the latest April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 23:59.

The participation fee is to be paid via bank transfer to the organizer's Lahden Urheiluautoilijat ry bank account, account number FI59 2280 1800 0303 01

For the message, type the name and Motorsport ID number of the competitor.

If no preliminary qualifications are to be held, it is possible to register for the competition also after the official registration period is over. In such cases, the participation fee is double (600,00 €).

## 5. Paddock

The assembly of the paddock is possible on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 13:00 to 23:00 as well as on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30.

Upon entering the paddock, all instructions from the paddock manager are to be adhered to. In addition to the racing vehicle, only one maintenance vehicle is allowed at the paddock. All extra vehicles and trailers must be relocated to the parking area of the venue or designated trailer area.

**Each competitor must have at least one 6 kg fire extinguisher and a fire blanket within easy reach.**

The fire extinguisher must have been inspected within one year. During scrutineering, safety and rescue equipment will be checked simultaneously.

Each competitor must have a non-permeable tarp under their designated paddock area for containing fuel and lubricant spills, both under the racing vehicle as well as the maintenance vehicle. In addition, each competitor must have an absorption mat to prevent oil spills to the ground. The absorption capacity of the absorption mat must be equivalent to the overall quantity of the oil in the racing vehicle.

**Tents at the paddock area are to be fastened according to instructions from TUKES. For example, a tent the size of 4m \* 8m requires a weight of 30 kg / foot.**

**It is recommended to use the tire changing service free of charge, which is available during the competition. Use of personal tire changing machines is to be negotiated beforehand with the organizer. The organizer wants to assure as equal and steady electric grid for every competitor; therefore the use of personal tire changing machines will affect the location of the paddock spot of the competitor.**

No fuel is available at the competition venue. Fueling is possible only at a designated fueling spot, the location of the fueling spot will be announced in the competitor's information.

Welding is allowed only by permission from the race director.

Smoking is allowed only in the designated smoking areas.

Each competitor is responsible for removing their used tires from the venue. Failure to comply, the organizer may set a fine. Each competitor is responsible for their own damage to the track and its surroundings. The competitor is responsible for all their assistants' actions and negligence.

The alcohol limit is absolute 0,00‰. Any consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited in the paddock. Each competitor may be tested.

## 6. Advertising

The organizer reserves the right to use the vehicles and competitors registered to the competition in marketing and advertising of the competition. The organizer reserves the right to allocate an advertisement on the upper edge of the windshield as well as a 10 x 30 cm advertisement in the corners of the front and rear bumpers.

## 7. Competition format

Chicago Drift -competition is held under the permission of AKK-Motorsport ry, according to the national regulations for car races in Finland 2026, NEZ Drifting Series regulations, Drifting sporting regulations and the competition rules for Chicago Drift.

The competition rules for Chicago Driftin deviate from the Drifting sporting regulations as following:

- 67 competitors and five reserve competitors will be invited to the competition
- Tandem only in all practice sessions
- During the qualifications on the first day, each driver will drive only one run
- 24 best qualifiers will proceed directly to the TOP32 Tandem tree to be driven on the second day
- competitors ranked from 25 to 40 after the first run of the qualifications, will participate in 16 Tandem tree on Friday
  - According to the results of this tandem tree, the competitors ranked from 1-8 will participate in the TOP32 tandem tree in the ranks 25-32
  - the ranks from 1 to 4 will be resolved by "finalizing" the Tandem tree on Friday and the ranks from 5 to 8 according to the qualifications results
- An international race between Finland and Sweden is to be driven during the competition
  - One Finnish driver and one Swedish driver with most popular votes
  - One Finnish driver and one Swedish driver with most points from Friday and Saturday
    - reserve driver will be the driver with the second most popular votes and/or second highest points etc.
  - Two representatives from each country will compete against each other (Finland vs Finland / Sweden vs Sweden)
  - Winners will proceed to the final (Finland vs Sweden)

In addition, the technical rules and regulations for Drifting approved by AKK are determinative.

If circumstances require, the competition rules may be altered or specified with any additional regulations deemed necessary. A protest must be made by the latest 15 minutes after each occasion.

### 7.1 Scrutineering

Before participating in the first driving performance, all competition vehicles must pass the scrutineering, confirming that the vehicles meet the technical regulations of their class. On competition day, the decibel limit is 110 dB / 4500 rpm.

Each competition vehicle must have transfer stickers and valid third-party liability insurance for the whole duration of the competition.

The scrutineering will take place in each competitors own paddock spot on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 16:00 to 19:45 and if necessary, on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 8:00 to 10:15.

## 7.2 Drivers' briefing

Each competitor who has registered on site for the competition / spotter / team manager must participate in all drivers' briefings of the day.

### Preliminary schedule for the drivers' briefings:

Friday May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026,	8:10 – 8:45	Drivers' briefing 1
	14:45 – 15:00	Supplementary drivers' briefing for qualifying
Saturday May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026,	10:30 - 11:00	Drivers' briefing 2

## 8. Results

The results will be published in KITI -racing service, on the website [www.chicagodrift.fi](http://www.chicagodrift.fi), Dr1ft.in – service and on the official noticeboard located at Sportity.

## 9. Prizes

Fri May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> prize 2.000,00 € for the winner of 16 tandem tree + memorabilia Qualification winner 500,00 €
Sat May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> prize 11.000,00 € + memorabilia 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize 4.000,00 € + memorabilia 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize 1.500,00 € + memorabilia Finland vs Sweden memorabilia

In addition, special prizes may be awarded.

The number of awardees will be published on the official noticeboard.

### 9.1. Award ceremony

The award ceremony will be held at the venue immediately after the competition is over. Each competitor must participate in the award ceremony. Only the race director may give permission for absence due to compelling reasons.

## WELCOME TO LAHTI!

Teppo Laukkanen  
Race Director, Radalle UA

Niko Pesonen  
Finn-Drift Oy

