

## PAYDIRT PROGRAM INFO



**Question:** *What is PayDirt?*

**Answer:** PayDirt © is a program which provides racers an opportunity to earn points towards the annual EFTA New England Championship Series by volunteering for qualifying trail work or event assistance.

**Question:** *How do I get my PayDirt points?*

**Answer:** All you need to do is participate in a qualifying activity, track your hours worked, and complete and submit the current PayDirt Points Form by the annual deadline.

**Question:** *What constitutes a “qualifying activity”?*

**Answer:** Activities include responsible trail work approved by the specific land owner/manager, trail day events sponsored by organizations such as NEMBA, FOMBA, or IMBA, or direct assistance to EFTA event promoters (whether grooming or marking course, setup or cleanup, parking assistance on event day, marshalling, registration assistance, etc.) If in doubt whether an activity qualifies, just ask for clarification from the EFTA PayDirt Administrator.

**Question:** *Do I need to have the land manager or trail organizer sign a form?*

**Answer:** No. You do need to have land owner or land manager permission to do the work, and they must be aware of your participation on the dates submitted. However, we no longer require them to sign the form.

**Question:** *How do the PayDirt points work?*

**Answer:** You earn 10 points for each of the qualifying trail maintenance activities you work, up to a maximum of 50 points (5 hours work). These points will be added to the race where you scored your lowest NECS points. The revised total for the event cannot exceed 200 points.

Example:

Jack, Al, and Kevin are all in the same class and each volunteer five hours of trail work. All three have done the same number of races.

Kevin’s lowest score was 110---his 50 PayDirt points would be added, yielding a revised total of 160 NECS points.

Jack does well racing---his lowest score in the championship races is 168. His available 50 PayDirt points would be added to his NECS points, but capped at a 200 point total.

Al is in his first year of racing, is having a blast, but doesn’t score any NECS points. He would now have 50 points toward the NECS championship.

All three will have their name entered into a random prize raffle at the end of the season.

**Question:** *Are there any other benefits possible, besides earning points toward the NECS championships?*

**Answer:** Of course! To name a few---There is the great exercise of physical labor, the giving back to the trails that make you happy, the camaraderie of working with others, and the responsible husbandry of resources that allow trail usage by all into the future. Oh, yeah---and the chance to receive recognition and a raffle prize at season’s end.