



## Checkered Flag Finish!



It happens every year. The weather warms up; time changes so now its lighter later; attendance seems to slip off a bit; and the kids' energy level is through the roof. It must be Spring.

About this time we start thinking about the end of the club year. We order awards and start to plan our closing programs. These are great things. But there is another thing that happens all too often. As the club year winds down our club meetings tend to slow down. By the last night we, clubbers and leaders alike, are just going through the motions waiting, anticipating, and even longing for the year to end.

Don't let this happen!

A club year should end like a NASCAR race – **at 200 miles per hour!**

Here are some tips:

1. Once the AwanaGames are over stop playing the Awana games. Use this time to play team games, line games, or just plain goofy games.
2. When time changes start playing games outside.
3. Plan special contests and theme nights
4. Increase the size, or quantity, of the points and prizes
5. Invite special quests like the fire department or police
6. Restructure you night by rearranging the order of events
7. Of course, plan a closing ceremony with awards and refreshments

Make the last night more exciting than the first. In other words – save your best for last.

Like a NASCAR race the ending is more exciting than the beginning and then suddenly its over. When your club ends like this the clubbers have all summer to anticipate the start of club in the fall. When your clubs winds down and slows down the clubbers have all summer to remember how boring club was.

What do your clubbers thinking about this summer?