

Welcome to Kalamazoo Speedway, where you will be competing on the fastest 3/8 mile asphalt track in the nation. Kalamazoo Speedway was built in 1949, making 2017 the 68th consecutive season. We are proud to say we are a NASCAR sanctioned track. Our track staff are here to help provide you with a safe and fun day of your dreams! Please do not hesitate to ask questions as they arise throughout the day.



Prior to race day, all participants of the Rent-a-Ride program at Kalamazoo Speedway will be required to meet at the track & go over this safety manual and basic on track instructions. This is mandatory for all participants.

Friday Arrival at the Track:

You should plan to arrive to the track before 4:30 pm. The pit gates open at 4:30. When you arrive Friday you will stop at the ticket office to sign in. Please state that you are here with the Rent a Ride (RAR). When at the window you will be prompted to sign the release waiver, NASCAR temporary license form and receive your pit pass. The minimum age to participate in the Rent –a- Ride Program will be 18 years old. After you have received your pit pass, you may head to the pit area.

You will meet your Rent a Ride Crew Chief (RRCC) in the upper pit area. Upon arrival they will give you your safety equipment for the evening. You will also receive a brief lesson on how to use your Raceceiver.

Pit location:

Your RAR will be located in the upper pit area. You will line up for your qualifying session in the upper pit road way (between the two sides of pit spots.) Once lined up, you will wait for a uniformed race official to release you to head down to the lower pit area. You will be released in turn two and immediately enter the lower pits from the back stretch. Once in the lower pit area, you will be directed to line up in the make ready shoot, by a uniformed official.

You will want to stay in the upper pit area from the time you arrive until after your feature race and all safety equipment has been checked back in. If after your feature, you want to go see your family and friends, in the grandstands, you can exit the pits through the large gate down toward the end of the pits, to your right. This gate will also lead you to the bathroom and concession stand.

Race Day Schedule:

The Flip Flop Cyber Stock class will be the first class to qualify. You line up in the upper pit area roadway (the roadway between the 2 sides of the pits.) Your qualifying session begins at 5:45. You will want to be in line for qualifying by 5:30. After completion of your qualifying, check in with your Rent a Ride Crew Chief (RRCC).

When you are released from the upper pit area, you will enter the track in turn two. Drive to the back stretch entrance. Once you pull into the lower pit area you will be directed, by a uniformed race official, to the front of the make ready shoot. They will line you up 3-4 wide. You will be sent out onto the track by a uniformed race official. Immediately upon taking to the track, your times will be counted for qualifying. You will hear on the raceceiver a track official count down from 5. When he states “green” you will be let onto the track by a uniformed race official. We allow 10 cars on the track at a time. If you are one of the first 10 cars in line you will be sent out immediately. If you are not one of the first 10 cars in line, you will be directed to wait in line until there is room on the track for you. At which time, you will be pointed out onto the track by the uniformed race official. **STAY BELOW THE YELLOW LINE** until up to speed. When you pull out of the pit area, stay low, towards the inside wall until you have gained enough speed to merge into traffic. When you are ready to pull off the track, begin to wave your right hand back and forth indicating to other drivers you are pulling off the track. Begin this

wave coming out of turn four. Stay to the **HIGH** side of the track when exiting. You will see another yellow line painted going into turn one. You should be above this line to exit the track.

You will be lined up in your heat race and feature based off the quickest lap in qualifying. Each driver has a ½ second break out limit. This means if your quickest lap in qualifying is 18.500, you can run no quicker than an 18.000 in your heat race and feature. If you run a lap under 18.000, you will be blacked flagged (see definition under explanation of flags). If this happens in the heat race you are simply done for that race. Your time will be reset for your feature. If you receive the black flag in the feature, you may pull into the lower pit area from the back stretch and reenter the race on the front stretch. **Always SLOW DOWN when entering the pit area. You will be directed by a uniformed race official when it is safe to reenter the track.**

After qualifying is complete, the starting line ups will be posted on the red barn, in the upper pit area. You need to go look at the line ups so you know where you start.

Race Day Lineup – The schedule for race days will always be posted no later than Thursday on kalamazoospeedway.com. It is recommended that teams print out a copy of the schedule and bring it with them to the track. We will post schedules on all three lineup boards (lower pit, upper pit and third pit). We will do our best at sticking EXACTLY to the posted schedule, unfortunately, sometimes weather and/or other circumstances force us to make some adjustments.

The racing show beings at 7:30 pm. Check with your RRCC to see the order of events to know when your heat race will be. You should be getting into your safety equipment, strapped into your car and ready to go two races before your heat race. Head down to the lower pit area, when instructed by a uniformed race official (exiting the upper pit area in turn 2, entering lower pit area on the back stretch). Once in the pits, a uniformed official will direct you to your starting spot. You can wait to put your helmet on until you are in your starting position, otherwise you may roast in it!! After your heat race, check in with your RRCC. Stay close to your car. The heat races go by quickly. You won't want to miss your feature because you're sitting in the grand stands.

The Flip Flop Cyber Stock feature will be the first feature in the lineup. Listen for your RRCC or the race officials, in the upper pit area, to tell you to get lined up. They will line you up in the upper pit roadway, until being sent into the lower pits. You may have to go through the tech line before your feature. A uniformed official in the lower pit area will point you toward the tech line. If it is backed up, they will point you to circle around the inner loop, counter clock wise. After tech they will line you up for your feature, in the make ready shoot.

Your feature....the moment you have been waiting for all day! We can't tell you how to race, so do your best. Remember the following items: watch the flagman, know what each flag means and watch the caution lights. Make sure your Raceceiver is on and tuned to the correct channel. Have respect for you, your car as well as the competitor's cars. Be alert, be aware and GOOD LUCK!

Pit Direction:

When entering the track from the upper pit area, stay on the right side of the roadway. When exiting the track into the upper pit area, you need to get above the yellow line painted on the track. You will make a hard right at the end of the concrete wall. **THIS IS A BLIND TURN. YOU SHOULD BE DRIVING NO FASTER THAN 5-10 MPH.** Once in the upper pit area, on the upper pit road way, always drive on the right side of the roadway.

When entering the lower pit area, pull into the pits on the back stretch. You will be pointed by a race official to either go straight to the front of the make ready shoot, or you will be directed to head straight and then turn left around the inner pit area. Whenever you are in the lower pit area, always make sure you are driving counter

clockwise.

Explanation of Flags

When the green flag is displayed, it means the race has started. You may begin to try to pass cars. However with the green flag being displayed, that will also mean cars will begin to pass you.

The yellow flag is thrown when there is an accident on the track, debris that needs to be picked up or a car is leaking fluid. Listen carefully to your Raceceiver. When you see the yellow flag or yellow lights **SLOW DOWN**. Do not slam on your breaks, but simply lift off the accelerator and proceed with caution. Keep an eye out for the safety truck as they will be rushing to the scene of any accident. Whenever a caution comes out, keep to the bottom of the track. The top lane is where the safety truck drives. **THE TOP LANE MUST BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE SAFETY CREW!**

The red flag indicates a serious accident. When you see this displayed, again do not slam on your brakes. Come to a stop just as you would if you were stopping at a red light on the street. Again, watch for the track safety truck because they will be rushing to the scene of the accident.

The black flag is thrown if a car needs to get off the track. Watch the flagman. If your car is smoking, leaking or if you have broken out of your qualifying time you will be blacked flagged. If you receive the black flag get above the yellow line starting in turn 1. Do not shoot up the track to exit the track. You can pull off the track in turn 2 to go to the upper pit area. If you are unable to get above the yellow line to exit the track, you can drive around the track on the shoulder and pull into the lower pit area.

The white flag is used two different times in each race. When you enter the track before your heat race and feature, there will be a couple of pace laps. You will be following the pace car, around the track. Before the start of the race, the flagman will waive the white flag. This means one lap until the green flag is waived. The lights on the pace car and the caution lights will also be shut off. The white flag is also waived when there is one lap to go in the race.

The checkered flag is waived to indicate the end of the race. After the checkered flag is waived the yellow caution lights will come on. Release your foot from the accelerator and again get above the yellow line to enter into the upper pit area. Pump the brakes a few times to make sure you have brakes. If you feel you won't be able to slow down to make the turn into the upper pit area, circle around the low side of the track and pull into the pits on the back stretch.

Explanation of Caution Lights:

There are lights mounted on the wall in all 4 corners and down the back stretch. There is also a set of lights on the flag stand. Pay attention to these! You will only be able to see the flagman from turn 4 to the middle of the front stretch. The lights are visible from all areas of the track. If the yellow or red flag is waived, the lights will also be turned on. When you come to take the green flag watch for the green light to turn on if you're starting towards the back. You can begin to pass as soon as the green flag is waived or you see the green light.

General safety rule sheet:

DRIVERS WILL NEVER ENTER THE TRACK WITHOUT THE DIRECTION OF A UNIFORMED RACE OFFICIAL.

Pit speed should not exceed 10 MPH.

During a race, if you need to pull into the pit area and are unable to exit the track in turn two, ride around the bottom apron of the track. Pull off of the track on the back stretch. If the car can't make it that far, it is okay to

pull off the track on the front stretch.

The only two ways to enter the track are from the upper pit area in turn two (where you will usually be entering the track from) and the front stretch, in the lower pit area. **Never enter the track from the back stretch.** If you do, you will be black flagged. When entering the track during hot laps or the race, be sure to pay attention to the pit official. He will tell you when it is safe to enter the track.

If you enter while the race is green from the lower pit area stay on the low side of the track until you are up to speed. If you enter the track from the upper pit area in turn two, while the race is under green, be sure to stay high on the track until you are up to speed.

Whenever a caution comes out, keep to the bottom of the track. The top lane is where the safety truck drives. **THE TOP LANE MUST BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE SAFETY CREW!**

Please always keep an eye out for cars driving through the pits. The same goes for you when driving, please look out for people walking in the pit area.

The use of any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance is prohibited while in the pit area. If a driver is found consuming an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance he/she will forfeit the privilege to race that evening.

Explanation of basic driving techniques:

These are racecars not demo derby cars. We want you to BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN. We recommend staying 2-3 feet away from the car next to you. When coming out of turn two, your car will want to push up the racetrack. The same goes for when you come out of turn four. Keep your distance from the car next to you. Take it easy during your hot laps and heat race; we would hate to have the car wrecked before your feature event. If you're a race fan, you've heard "rubbing is racing" although that may be true, try and keep your car bumper off of other cars.

Safety equipment:

To make this experience fun and safe, you will be provided a helmet, fire suit and racing gloves. You will also have a disposal head cap to wear under your helmet. Your RRCC will make sure each item is worn, for each event you are in today. If you go out on the track without any of these items on, you will be blacked flagged. There is a window net on the car. Your RRCC will be available to help you put it up. Once in your car, it would be a good idea to take the net down and put it back up, in case you need to exit your car quickly. If you go onto the race track for an event without the window net secured, you will be black flagged. You will also have a five point harness seatbelt. Your RRCC will be available to help you with any of this safety equipment. **If you don't know how to properly buckle the belts, or strap on your helmet please ask!** Don't just assume you know how. **Safety is our number one priority.** Before entering the track, pull on your shoulder and lap belt straps to make sure they are tight. If a caution comes out, give them another tug just to make sure they are still tight.

What to do if you are involved in an on track accident.

Throughout the entire day, if you are ever involved in an accident out on the track, **STAY IN YOUR CAR, WITH YOUR SEAT BELTS BUCKLED AND YOUR HELMET ON** until the safety truck arrives. A safety official will check with you first to make sure you are okay. If you are experiencing any severe pain let them know immediately. If not, they will then look over your car to see if you are able to continue. If the car has any minor damage, like a dragging

bumper or flat tire, they will alert you to go to the pit area. If you are able to continue on, listen to the Raceceiver. Someone in the scoring tower will tell you where to line up. There is also an official on the front stretch; he will help you get in line also. The official is NOT there for you to argue with about where you restart. He is simply receiving directions from the scoring tower.

Any time the yellow or red flag is displayed, **listen to your Raceceiver**. Someone in the scoring tower will be directing you where to line up.

If your car overheats or starts to smoke slow down, pull your car down onto the bottom apron as quickly as possible. This will allow the safety truck to get to you. Rest assured the track safety truck will be rushing to you.

Please keep in mind, we encourage you to bring family and friend support into the pit area with you. However, you are responsible as a driver for their actions. We do not tolerate physical violence or verbal altercations. If an issue does arise, and you (driver only) would like to discuss it with a pit official, please come find one after the races. They will be more than willing to sit down and discuss the incident with you. Thank you for choosing to race at Kalamazoo Speedway. After reading the manual, please make sure you know and understand each rule. We expect you to respect them. Please **have fun, be safe and ask questions** as they arise throughout the evening.

I hereby sign this document, acknowledging I have read and understand this document.

X _____ Date _____ Witness: _____