

GROUP QUALIFYING PROCEDURES



- ✿ Event schedules are usually posted on the Kalamazoo Speedway website no later than the day before the event and posted on all lineup boards on race day. Each event schedule lists when the pits open, times and the order of events. It is highly recommended that drivers print the schedule and bring it to the track on race day.
- ✿ Drivers must read and sign the applicable rules for the class(es) in which they plan to race and complete the Driver Information Sheet (both on the driver info tab at www.kalamazoospeedway.com) prior to practicing or qualifying for the first time in the season. Drivers who are new to Kalamazoo Speedway may wish to review the tutorial on the driver information page of the website for additional information about procedures and what to expect while onsite.
- ✿ Officials are available to assist you. If you don't know the correct mounting position for the transponder and/or need some other direction, please ask for assistance. Having your transponder mounted correctly is your responsibility, if we do not get a lap time on you or miss occasional laps because the transponder was mounted incorrectly you will not be allowed to re-qualify.
- ✿ Calling of the first group scheduled to qualify usually occurs about 15 minutes before the first session. Drivers whose pit stalls are in the upper pits will be directed to the infield. Cars will lineup in the make ready chute.
- ✿ When the green light is turned on, qualifying starts and all lap times are counted. A line is painted on the entrance to the front stretch (similar to the line coming out of the top pits) that competitors should stay below when merging on to the track. Competitors already on the track should stay above that line to avoid collisions with merging cars. Track officials will get cars safely out on the track as quickly as possible to take full advantage of every second of the session.
- ✿ When the session begins officials will make note of the last car in line and ready to qualify. That car and all cars lined up ahead of it will be guaranteed at least two green flag minutes of qualifying time (provided the driver takes to the track when officials allow), meaning that if the session clock reaches two minutes and that car is still not on the track; the session clock will stop until that car goes on the track. The session clock will also stop if there is a caution and/or red flag after that car gets on the track. Cars not in line when the session begins will have no guarantee for time. Once the two-minute clock has expired on the "guarantee car" the session will be considered official should rain or another factor force qualifying to end before its scheduled conclusion. If a division has two qualifying sessions for an event, qualifying will be considered official once the two-minute clock expires on the "guarantee car" in the second qualifying session.
- ✿ When a driver pulls into the upper pits during the qualifying session and desires to make another qualifying run (during the allotted time), the top pit steward will coordinate with the infield pit steward to give drivers as equal as possible time to qualify.
- ✿ If at any point the track is empty during a session and track officials do not see any teams appearing as though they are making an attempt to make another pass, the session may be called to allow more time for other sessions. If a driver's team is trying to get back out and notices the track is empty, a team member should try to communicate to an official another run is being attempted.
- ✿ Drivers should not expect a push start.
- ✿ The driver who runs the first lap in any given car will be scored as the driver of that car for the entire qualifying session; no driver changes during qualifying. Crossing the finish line one time will be considered running one lap. There will be no switching cars, testing each other's cars, etc. No driver will be allowed to qualify more than one car in any given class. If a driver experiences a crash, engine failure, etc., in Car A and will be switching to Car B, that will be allowed, but not until after the qualifying session.
- ✿ Kalamazoo Speedway officials have the right at any time to tech a car, including a post qualifying inspection. Any car(s) failing post qualifying tech will lose their qualifying points and starting position and that driver will start scratch for the night.