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As the rules in each class clearly state, there is **Absolutely No Tire Soaking or altering of the tire of any kind allowed at Kalamazoo Speedway**. It doesn't say that teams can go down to a certain softness or Durometer number—**NO TIRE SOAKING PERIOD!** We have been checking tires, both cold and hot, and with only three short weeks into the season, we suspect this rule is not being followed by all teams.

Effective May 24, 2019, any team will be subject to the track confiscating a tire(s) of our choice off the driver's car. We are in no way accusing a team or driver that they have soaked tires; we are simply trying to keep an even playing field between all cars. If an official is sent over to a car and tells a driver that one or more of their tires are going to be tested, the team is expected to cooperate fully without any incidents or backlash from team members. The driver or team member will remove the chosen tire and without allowing the tire to touch the ground, we will instruct the driver or team member to place the tire in the back of a golf cart where it will immediately be taken to the tire barn.

In front of the tire barn, and with at least one person from the team whose tire is being tested (driver, crew chief, car owner, etc.) present, we will follow the step-by-step directions sent to us from Blue Ridge Lab Tire Testing. We will cut two samples out of the tread of the suspected tire with a sterile razor blade knife and immediately seal it in an evidence bag. The sealed bag will be signed, dated (with the time noted) by a track official; the team representative will sign off on the evidence bag as well. The bag will then be sent to Blue Ridge Labs in Hudson, North Carolina and results will be returned to the track within 5-8 business days. The driver of the suspected tire will be allowed to race the following week if the results are not back yet. The results from Blue Ridge labs will be final with no exceptions—this testing procedure is a black and white process; there will be no appeals.

If Kalamazoo Speedway chooses to confiscate a tire(s) for testing, that driver's pay and points for the entire event will be held until the test results have been returned. If the tire sample sent in is found to have been altered, the driver will forfeit their earned money and points from that night of racing as well as receiving a four-week suspension from participating in the next four events scheduled for that class. The driver will then pay a \$500 fine before being allowed to race at Kalamazoo Speedway. If the tire sample sent in is found to be clean, all points, money and a new tire will be given to the driver.

If you refuse to allow a tire to be confiscated by the track, the driver will forfeit his/her pay and points for the night and have a four-week suspension from participating in the next four events scheduled for that class.

Again, our rules are very clear that state **Absolutely No Tire Soaking of Any Kind**. The tire soak game is not healthy, its expensive and its illegal.

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