

# 2026 Kalamazoo Speedway Tire Rules

**In the effort of trying to keep the cost of weekly racing reduced Kalamazoo Speedway will be enforcing a tire impound rule in 2026 for some classes.**

**The following rules will apply to Late Models, Limited Late Models, and Street Stocks.**

## 1. Tires for Competition

**All competitors must have four (4) approved tires registered in impound to compete.**

Kalamazoo Speedway will be keeping a log of the tires identification numbers.

Only registered impound tires may be used in qualifying and feature events.

The four (4) tires for that night must be registered prior to your classes on track activities for the night.

Impound tires are not required for heat races; however, the approved class tires is required.

- I. Race officials reserve the right to randomly check heat race tires for unapproved alterations.
- II. Heat race tires must contain baby powder.

The following tires will be the approved class tire for each class:

Late Models – Hoosier D810

Limited Late Models – Hoosier 980

Street Stocks – Hoosier 890

## 2. Tire Impound Limit

**Each competitor is limited to four (4) tires in impound at any time.**

No Exceptions!

## 3. Tire Approval and Registration

**Tires do not have to be purchased from the track.**

However, all tires must be approved by a race official and logged into your impound before use.

Use of unapproved tires during competition will result in disqualification.

## 4. Weekly Tire Addition Limit

Maximum of two (2) tires per week can be added to your registered impound tires. These (2) tires can be new or used.

If tires are new they will be required to be used as impound tires for that nights racing.

All tire dismounting and mounting must be done by a race official or in the presence of race officials at the tire barn.

Exceptions to weekly limits:

- I. On your classes' first night of competition up to four (4) new or used tires may be approved, registered and used. These tires will then be left for use the next time you compete.
- II. Kalamazoo Speedway special events will allow 4 tires to be removed from impound and four tires may be purchased. Special Events to be announced.
- III. Additional tires may be approved for flats, blowouts, damage or manufacture defects.

## 5. New Competitor Rule

If a competitor is competing for the first time in the class and it is after the opening night of competition for the class, they will only be allowed to purchase (2) new tires.

The remaining (2) tires must be used tires purchased from Kalamazoo Speedway at a discounted rate of \$50 each. A minimum of 2 tires from your first night will be left for your impound tires at Kalamazoo speedway.

This new competitor clause can only be used once per competitor. If a competitor chooses to compete a second time without impound tires, they will have to purchase 4 used tires from the speedway at a cost of \$100 per tire.

## 6. Tire Preparation and Prohibited Actions

No unapproved tires.

No exceeding impound limits.

No unapproved swapping of tires.

No tampering with identification.

**No chemical treatment of any kind.**

**All tires must contain baby powder.**

## 7. Post-Race

All four of your race / impound tires must be returned to the tire barn within 5 minutes of the end of your feature event unless approved by race officials. At this time if you choose to remove 2 tires from your impound you may do so, but the tires must be dismounted by a race official or in the presence of a race official at the tire barn. This is in effort to ensure altering has not taken place.

Top five (5) finishers in the feature event must bring all four (4) tires to the tire barn immediately (within 5 minutes of returning to pits) after the race.

Tires are open for inspection by competitors and owners of cars in the event. This includes durometer the tire and asking for tire to be broken down by race officials for inspection.

If an owner or driver in the event believes that a fellow competitors' tires have been altered, they will have the option to protest and pay \$175 to have a sample submitted for Blue Ridge Racing Labs for testing.

All protested tires at special events will have race winnings held until tire is approved.

The \$175 covers:

\$125 for cost incurred to send sample to Blue Ridge Racing Labs

\$50 for replacement approved Kalamazoo Speedway used tire to be used until results are returned.

If tire fails:

Loss of points, race winnings, \$175 fine and a week suspension for offender(s).

Race winnings and \$175 fine must be paid back to Kalamazoo Speedway prior to returning for competition.

Protestors receive \$175 refund.

If tire is approved:

Protestors lose their \$175.

Approved tires can be returned to tire impound. Maximum of four tires still applies.

Failure to comply with any of the above will result in penalties including disqualification.

**These rules are in effort to save our competitor's from feeling the need to purchase four new tires every night. Please help us help you!**

## **The Front Wheel Drive Classes will not be required to impound tires.**

The rules below apply to tires being used in the front wheel drive classes:

1. Tires allowed will be the Hoosier 790's or DOTs with 200 or more treadwear rating.
  - i. The tread wear rating must be visible on the side of the tire. Track officials have the right to reject any tire. No Z rated, trailer or recap tires are allowed.
2. No tire altering of any kind; including any type of chemical softening or enhancing.

### **Tire Policing Procedure:**

1. After each feature, the top 5 finishing cars will proceed to tech where their four race tires will be marked.
2. Once cars have cleared tech, cars will return to their pit area.
3. The 5 teams will then have 10 minutes to take the marked tires to the designated area at the tire barn.
4. Speedway officials or any Driver / Owner from the feature may inspect the tires; a durometer may be used to check hardness.
5. Officials or any Driver / Owner who competed in feature may put up \$150 to have a tire challenged.
6. A tire sample from any challenged tire will be sent to Blue Ridge Labs for analysis.
7. Event pay and points will be held for any team whose tire is challenged.
8. Tires found to have been altered:
  - I. Driver loses pay and points for the applicable event.
  - II. Driver will incur a 2 week suspension at Kalamazoo Speedway
  - III. Driver will pay a \$150 fine to the track prior to being allowed to race.
  - IV. The \$150 will be returned to the person who paid to challenge the tire. Funds will come from the driver's forfeited pay.
9. Tires found to be clean of any altering:
  - I. The driver/team will receive points and pay from the applicable event.

## **All Race Official Decisions are Final!**

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