

The "Made it thru Four Weeks of the 2024 Season" Driver Bulletin

First off, thank you to all the race teams and spectators who have come out thus far in the 2024 season. Drivers are the Rock Stars of every event. Race families and our fans are Rock Stars. Race families and fans are the reason we can pay the drivers to race each week.

We are making a couple of rule changes and need to touch on several housekeeping areas. Please look these over and shoot Gary a message or text with any comments or questions. As always, getting on Facebook and debating with the Facebook Warriors doesn't help anyone. Thank you all for your support thus far in the 2024 race season!

- 1. Breakout times in Feature Events. Kalamazoo Speedway uses a breakout time of several tenths of a second below a driver's qualifying time. If a driver runs two laps under their breakout time, the driver is black flagged. The heat race procedure will not change: go under your breakout time and you are done for that race. However, this will now be applied to the feature as well: go under your time in any feature event, you will be black flagged and be done for the night. For both heats and features, once black flagged, drivers must safely exit the track.
- 2. FWD Class Classifications. Our goal last fall/winter was to have one front wheel drive class on DOT tires. However, none of the area tracks followed along as we had hoped, so against our better judgement, we went back to two separate FWD classes. We will be enforcing two rules that go along with the return to the two separate FWD classes.
 - A. Drivers cannot drive the same car in both FWD classes. If a driver has two cars and runs one in one class and one in the other, the driver must declare where points will be awarded. Drivers may not accumulate points in both classes.
 - B. Drivers may not switch back and forth with the same car between the two classes, whether it's chasing the big money races or running short of cash to buy Hoosiers. We recognize that drivers may start out in one class and later realize they cannot successfully compete in the class they chose. At track officials' discretion, we will allow a driver to change classes once per season.
- **3.** Victory Lane Celebrations. Our front stretch Victory Lane is a place of celebration for the teams placing in the top three of each feature race. We also do LIVE remote interviews from trackside for the fans to enjoy. Inappropriate language, hand gestures, pushing or physical contact by teams/fans in Victory Lane or behind the Victory Lane fence will not be tolerated in the Victory Lane area or anywhere else on Speedway property. Any driver or team member who can't adhere to these commonsense rules may be subject to loss of pay and points for that event and could face suspension. If you feel that you or your team can't follow these rules, we suggest skipping Victory Lane celebrations.
- 4. Same Car Racing in Two Different Classes at a Single Event. This has not or will not be allowed. A driver can race in more than one class, but not with the same car.

5. Driver and Car Changes.

- A. Whoever drives the first lap of any qualifying session is the registered driver of that car for the entire event. The correct driver, correct car number, car owner and the correct class must be provided at the time a transponder is picked up. If a driver misses their qualifying session and is starting scratch at the tail of a heat or feature race, that driver will be the registered driver. A driver change may be made by <u>first</u> notifying officials (in person) in the infield scoring tower; however, switching driving duties back and forth is not permitted.
- B. Driver and car changes are permitted only prior to the official start of a race. The official start of a race is when the field enters the track and goes on the front stretch. When determining the official start, one lap does not have to be completed. However, scoring for position does not begin until one green flag lap has been completed. All cars' engines must fire and run under their own power out of the make ready chute and enter, still under their own power, the upper pits or the infield from the backstretch in order to receive start money and points. After that point, no change of drivers is permitted.
- C. Any drivers making a change will go to the tail of the field in the lesser race for which the driver/car combination is qualified (e.g., if the driver is qualified for the A Feature and the car is qualified for the Last Chance, the car with the new driver will start tail of the Last Chance). Points earned will be awarded to the driver starting the race.
- D. Failure to notify officials of a change in driver will result in the driver of record for the car (the driver whose name is associated with the transponder for the car) and the substitute driver (when the driver is also competing in any other race during the night) losing all pay and points for the night. Both drivers will be suspended for the next night in which the class or classes are scheduled to race. If races are called off for the night when the suspension is scheduled to be served, the suspension will be served at the next night when the class or classes are scheduled to race. Should the rule be broken at the end of the season, the suspension will be served the following season.

6. Driver/Crew Conduct.

- A. The driver assumes responsibility for the actions of his or her pit crew. Drivers may be issued penalties for pit crew misconduct. Such penalties, if applied, may extend to both the car as well as the driver.
- B. All drivers and teams are expected to act professionally and courteously while at the track as well as on non-race days during the season. Speedway officials ask that drivers and teams be fair and considerate on social media to all involved parties of any racing or other incident. Drivers are the stars of the Kalamazoo Speedway and are followed by thousands of followers, many of whom are children. The use of improper language or gestures as well as negative social media postings may result in suspensions from participating at Kalamazoo Speedway.