



TIRE PURCHASING POLICIES FOR 2022

Many unforeseen circumstances have had track management and track participants scrambling for the last couple of years. Not being able to get parts, particularly wheels, has added to the tire dilemma. We are experiencing record high fuel prices and pain at the pump is fueling rumors of racing fuel hitting \$10-\$12 per gallon. We were hit with a 15% increase in tire prices in January and were just informed that effective April 4 we'll be hit with an additional 12% increase. This latest increase adds another \$50 (actual cost) to a set of race tires. And if that wasn't enough, we face uncertainty that tires we order will actually be delivered. This will be a rough stretch for the both drivers and track owners.

Clearly business as usual isn't an option. Many of our racing teams now travel from track to track. With this in mind, going back to the tire impound rules from the early to mid-2000s, recording bar codes or requiring drivers to only buy and race on tires purchased at the Speedway is out of step with the times.

Group Qualifying Changes for the Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models and Street Stock

Cars in these classes will be going through tech to have race tires marked before the qualifying session for each class. Each class will have two sessions; however, qualifying times will only be taken from the second session. Times for all sessions will continue to show on the scoring tower. While not a change in qualifying procedure, the **Outlaw FWD** cars will also have their tires marked in tech prior to qualifying,

Outlaw Super Late Models

Four tires may be purchased per event.

Template Late Models, Street Stocks and Outlaw FWDs

Four tires may be purchased on the first night your class races and we will allow a maximum three tires to be purchased for any of the higher paying events at Kalamazoo Speedway. For standard weekly events, teams may purchase a maximum of two new tires. Teams must supply their own used tires to run on the other two corners of the car. A tire that was scuffed for 8 laps at three-quarter speed the week before is not a used tire. A used tire will have a minimum of 20-25 race laps on it and the center line and the tire wear tabs must show proof of this. Heat races may be run without marked tires; features will be run with the marked tires. Teams that change a tire during qualifying or prior to the feature must have the tire checked prior to going out on the track. Teams that change a tire during a feature should plan on receiving a visit from a track official following the completion of the race.

Let's work together to have a successful season despite the obstacles and not expend energy trying to figure out a way to cheat the system. Speedway officials are committed to offering a level playing field and reserve the right to reject tires not deemed to have sufficient wear to be deemed "used". There will always be used takeoffs outside the tire barn that teams may run. There is no charge for the takeoffs; however, if a team wants the tire mounted, it will be \$5.00.

Zoo Stock

This class will have the same DOT rule that it's had for the last 4-5 years.

One thing that hasn't changed is the Speedway's no soaking/no tire tampering rule. This rule goes for all classes, all of the time. We will be checking random tires throughout the season to keep everyone honest. As established some years ago, we will send tire samples to Blue Ridge labs as needed. Let's keep racing at Kalamazoo Speedway a level playing field; it's going to be a tough year and we hope you'll plan to make Kalamazoo Speedway your favored track for the season.

And, sorry, due to tire allocations from Hoosier there will be no mid-week tire sales. There will be no cash and carry tires sold after a race night to be used at other events and we will be limiting what tires we can sell at our early season scheduled practices. No, we aren't happy about any of this either.

We thank all of you for your understanding; we are all in this together.