

# TODAY AT THE SPEEDWAY



**Sunday, November 1, 2020**  
**Opening Day, Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Practice**

## Daily Preview

The day is finally here: Welcome to Opening Day for the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race presented by Mitchell Transmissions! We are excited to open the track for our first official practice of the month – and to be back for a second year at the OW500 after a crazy 2020!

We have a handful of events planned for today to get things rolling. At 10:00 AM Eastern (US) time, we will be hosting an Optional Drivers Meeting in the “Community” Discord channel to talk about practice structure and the week ahead – plus answer any questions that you may have. Even though it is optional... I recommend you attend.

At 12:00 PM Eastern there will be a press conference that ceremoniously opens the event, highlighting the key times and dates of these two weeks. Finally, at 2:00 PM Eastern, the track will open for the first official practice – and run for seven hours. And make sure to tune into the first airing of *Today at the 500*, going live at 8:00 PM Eastern – a link will be posted on the forums, Discord, & at the end of this Bulletin.

And one more thing: Back for 2020 is the Open-Wheels 500 Photo Competition! This contest simply asks drivers to submit their favorite iRacing screenshots of cars on-track during the Open-Wheels 500's practice, qualifying and race sessions. A winner will be picked each Tuesday and Thursday night, having their photo displayed on-air during *Today at the 500*. Simply submit them in the contest channel in the Open-Wheels 500 Discord!

The weather for today will be the weather you see throughout the event – 78 degrees and partly cloudy! We will utilize iRacing default weather conditions for all sessions in the Open-Wheels 500, but we will feature Dynamic Sky for race day itself.

We will have complete coverage of all on-track activity for the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race, plus photos and additional special features as the month of November continues. Good luck to all and I will see you later today!

## What to Know for Sunday, November 1

### **Today's Schedule (all times Eastern)**

10:00 AM	Optional Drivers Meeting
12:00 to 12:30 PM	Welcome Press Conference
2:00 to 9:00 PM	Opening Day 500 Mile Race Practice Session (7 Hours)
8:00 to 9:00 PM	<i>Today at the 500</i> Streaming Show Airing

### **Weather Forecast**

Today's temperature for practice will be 78 degrees Fahrenheit under Partly Cloudy skies. The relative humidity will sit at 55% while the winds will blow at 2 MPH out of the North.

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## Notes from Race Control

Today's practice will begin at 2:00 PM Eastern and will last for seven hours. Please be respectful to your competitors in all on-track sessions and refrain from altercations, disruptive or abusive language, and unsafe driving.

When entering the track for a practice run, please use the pit out access roads between Turns 1 and 2 before merging onto the racing surface. When exiting the car after a practice run or an accident, please remove car from the racing line (if possible) and exit the car in an expedient fashion.

Once practice has been completed, the results from today's session will be posted on the Virtual Paddock, Media Site and Discord server.

Drivers who have questions or concerns are instructed to contact Race Control at [RaceControl@Open-Wheels.com](mailto:RaceControl@Open-Wheels.com) or by contacting Tanner Watkins directly in the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Discord server.

## **Useful Links**

Discord Server Invite: <https://discord.gg/aHKhheh>

Timing and Scoring: <https://open-wheels.com/timing/>

Live Practice Coverage: <https://open-wheels.com/tv/>

*Today at the 500:* <https://open-wheels.com/tv/>