

TODAY AT THE SPEEDWAY



Saturday, November 14, 2020
Day Before the 500, Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race

Daily Preview

Welcome to the Day Before the 500, in preparation for the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race presented by Mitchell Transmissions! Today we are going to have a TON of fun, and in 24 hours we will go green for the second running of the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race.

Starting things off, we will have a special morning edition of *Today at the 500* that will air from 9:00 to 10:00 AM ET. **Following the morning's airing, we will have a drivers meeting at 11:00 AM ET. If you have any questions or concerns about race procedures to be used on Sunday, please be present to ask questions. It is your responsibility to understand the rules and procedures outlined in the rule book, but we are here to help you. I recommend you attend this session on Discord.**

At 12:30 PM ET, our final practice ahead of the Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race will be held for one hour – we encourage all starters to take part in this practice for some simulated three-wide starts and general race running before tomorrow's 500-mile race.

Following final practice, the Veterans 100 support race will go green (at 2:00 PM ET) with 40 laps in the Dallara DW-12. Good luck to all drivers taking part in that race – and keep it clean.

Closing out the day, **we will have a 3:00 PM ET start for the Pit Stop Competition. Again, a 3:00 PM start – that is a change from the original 3:30 PM.** That race will feature a heat-racing format in the Dallara IR-18, and good luck to all of those participants as well.

Brief press conference interviews will be conducted after both the Veterans 100 and Pit Stop Competition for the race winner.

The weather for today will be the weather you see on race day – 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 today in preparation for the race 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 race weekend continues. Good luck to all and I will see you later today!

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What to Know for Saturday, November 14

Today's Schedule (all times Eastern)

9:00 to 10:00 AM	<i>Today at the 500</i> Streaming Show Airing
11:00 AM	Drivers Meeting
12:30 to 1:30 PM	Final 500 Mile Race Practice Session (1 Hour)
2:00 PM	Veterans 100 (40 Laps, 100 Miles on RaceSpot TV)
3:00 PM	Pit Stop Competition (Heat Style on RaceSpot TV)

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.

Notes from Race Control

Today's practice will begin at 12:30 PM Eastern and will last for 1 hour. 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.

As for the Veterans 100 and the Pit Stop Competition, please refer to these guidelines:

Veterans 100

- Race will utilize a double-file race start, and single-file restarts. All cautions will be called by iRacing Motorsports Simulations.
- The race will be 40 Laps (100 Miles) in length, featuring a double-file race start, single-file restarts, race control yellow flag at Lap 20 and no fast repairs.
- The event will be governed by OWMS and all Race Procedure rules and Penalties apply to Entrants in the Veterans 100.
- Drivers may not use access roads or venture below white line in either short chute to advance their position.

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Pit Stop Competition

- All OWSES Members are eligible to enter the Pit Stop Competition. Entrants into the Pit Stop Competition are required to pre-register using the official Entry Form, checking a box that signifies that they plan to participate in the “fun” events on November 14, 2020.
- Entrants will be required to drive the Dallara IR-18 chassis offered by iRacing Motorsports Simulations with the Indianapolis Oval fixed setup provided by iRacing. Setups must pass iRacing technical inspection and cars will run with reduced fuel tank capacity. Final tank capacity number is 17%.
- The race will feature heat-style racing where 48 drivers will be eligible to compete, featuring a double-file race start, no yellow flag periods and no fast repairs.
- The event will feature two-lap qualifications in the race session, where the driver’s two (2) timed laps will be averaged for their final qualifications time. Three (3) heats will feature 16 drivers each, and four (4) drivers from each heat will advance to the finals for a chance to win the competition. Each heat race will last 12 laps, while the finals will be 20 laps. The field in the finals will be inverted.
- The event will be governed by OWMS and all Race Procedure rules and Penalties apply to Entrants in the Pit Stop Competition.

Drivers who have questions or concerns are instructed to contact Race Control at RaceControl@Open-Wheels.com or by contacting Tanner Watkins directly in the Open-Wheels.com 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://youtu.be/9Xv0dKoQ5Yw>

Support Race Coverage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2Tcl6wwGBQ>

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