

TODAY AT THE SPEEDWAY



Saturday, November 7, 2020 Day One, Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Qualifications

Daily Preview

Welcome to Pole Day of Qualifications Weekend presented by Pit Lane Parley, building up to the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race presented by Mitchell Transmissions! The time has finally come – pressure-packed qualifications runs to settle the Pit Lane Parley Pole Award winner will be held today, and the field of 33 will be set tomorrow. The final hour of Pole Day will be broadcast live by RaceSpot TV as well!

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN ADJUSTMENT HAS BEEN MADE FROM 2019 QUALS: 6.4.4.4. Drivers must be making a realistic effort to accelerate to racing speed on both the out lap and warm-up laps. Drivers shall take no longer than sixty (60) seconds for a driver to leave pit lane to begin their out lap, to the moment that they cross the start/finish line to begin the warm-up lap. The Race Director will be timing the duration of each driver's out lap, beginning at the pit exit line. OWMS reserves the right to invalidate any qualifications attempt where drivers are not bringing their Car up to speed in a satisfactory manner, and invalidated qualifications attempts will result in one lost attempt for the Driver in question. Any drivers who do not begin their warm-up lap in the 60-second limit will have their attempt invalidated and they will lose that attempt. To view the full rule, please visit <https://open-wheels.com/rulebook/> and go to Rule 6.4.4.4.

Today we will feature four unique qualifications sessions – but you, as a driver, will be eligible for only three: the initial qualifications group you indicated on your entry form, plus the last two sessions of the day (which will be first-come, first-served). If you selected “no group” on your entry form and did not participate in the qualifications draw, you will only be eligible for sessions between 3:00 PM and 5:50 PM Eastern. **As a note, no additional runs will be allowed in initial draw sessions (6 AM to 3 PM ET) after you have made your first run – additional attempts will only be allowed from 3 to 5:50 PM ET on Saturday and then all day on Sunday.**

Group One qualifiers will have their own session from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM ET, while Group Two qualifiers will have their own session from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM ET considering their larger volume of entries. All subsequent qualifying sessions will be first-come, first-served between 3:00 PM and 5:50 PM ET. **Also remember that requests to make additional qualifications attempts can't be made until the Race Director is in the session! Requests must also be made via text chat.**

If you are unsure or can't remember which group you belong to for the initial groups (where you will get an opportunity at your one guaranteed run) please refer to the Discord server, Virtual Paddock, forums, or Media Site.

PLEASE READ THE RACE CONTROL NOTES FOR SATURDAY'S EVENTS. It features a cliff notes version of our Day One qualifying procedures – but remember that all rules included in the rule book are final and binding.

What to Know for Saturday, November 7

Today's Schedule (all times Eastern)

6:00 to 10:00 AM	Qualifications Group One
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Qualifications Group Two
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Qualifications Session Three (Open to All Drivers)
5:00 to 5:50 PM	Qualifications Session Four (Open to All Drivers)

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 qualifications will begin at 6:00 AM Eastern and will last for 11 hours and 50 minutes. Please be respectful to your competitors in all on-track sessions and refrain from altercations, disruptive or abusive language, and unsafe driving.

PLEASE REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR DAY ONE QUALIFICATIONS BELOW

This information comes directly from the OWMS Rule Book. Rule locations are **bolded**.

6.1.8. Any driver who experiences server or internet connection issues that results in an untimed lap will have their Qualifications attempt voided while losing that attempt.

6.4.4. A completed Qualifications attempt shall consist of four (4) consecutively-timed laps.

6.4.4.1. Entrants are to complete one out lap on the exit from Pit Lane plus one full warm-up lap before beginning the four (4) consecutively-timed laps.

6.4.4.2. On the out lap, the Entrant must use the access roads inside the racing surface in Turns 1 and 2 before merging onto the track on the backstretch. Drivers may use the South (between Turns 1 and 2) short chute for acceleration during the out lap but must return to the access road by Turn 2.

6.4.4.3. Drivers entering the Pit Lane on the out-lap and/or warm-up lap will have their attempt invalidated and will lose the attempt.

6.4.4.4. Drivers must be making a realistic effort to accelerate to racing speed on both the out lap and warm-up laps. Drivers shall take no longer than sixty (60) seconds for a driver to leave pit lane to begin their out lap, to the moment that they cross the start/finish line to begin the warm-up lap. The Race Director will be timing the duration of each driver's out lap, beginning at the pit exit line. OWMS reserves the right to invalidate any qualifications attempt where drivers are not bringing their Car up to speed in a satisfactory manner, and invalidated qualifications attempts will result in one lost attempt for the Driver in question.

6.4.5. Entrants are allowed a total of three (3) Qualifications attempts across the two (2) tentatively-scheduled days of Qualifications. **(This means that you get three (3) attempts for the entire event – not each day!)**

6.4.5.1. If an Entrant has already posted a completed Qualifications attempt and chooses to re-attempt a Qualifications run, the previous attempt will be withdrawn and the Entrant will not have an official time tied to their Entry until a newly-completed Qualifications attempt is finished. The previously-completed time will be officially withdrawn when the Entrant leaves Pit Lane for an additional Qualifications attempt.

6.4.6.3. When an Entrant is signaled by OWMS to begin a Qualifications attempt, the Entrant has thirty (30) seconds to leave Pit Lane and begin an out lap. If that time period has passed and the Entry has yet to begin the out lap, one final call for the Car will be made before OWMS makes the determination to skip that Entry's attempt to qualify.

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6.4.6.4. OWMS can only guarantee an attempt to qualify if an Entry is present for their designated spot in the Day One Qualifications Order. Following the Day One Qualifications Order there will be no guaranteed time for an additional Qualifications attempt.

6.4.7. OWMS or an Entrant may terminate a Qualifications attempt before completion at any time prior to the point where the Car crosses the start/finish line at the conclusion of the fourth (4th) consecutively timed lap if the sanctioning body believes that attempt is not competitive enough to qualify in the current field. The Car and Entrant will be charged with an attempt and must exit the track immediately.

6.4.8. After each Car completes a Qualifications attempt, each Car must safely exit the track by either returning to the Pit Lane under their own power or by safely exiting the racing surface without impeding the progress of the next Entrant attempting a Qualifications run. Violation of this rule is subject to penalty.

6.4.9.1.1.5. Drivers are not to enter the incorrect initial draw Qualifications server from what they selected on the Entry Form. Registering for an incorrect Qualifications server may result in penalty for the driver in question, which includes loss of one (1) Qualifications attempt.

6.4.9.1.1.6. The final attempt during Day One of Qualifications may begin no later than 5:50 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, November 7th. Additionally, no attempt can be made with less than five (5) minutes remaining in any qualifications session. This is to avoid the session ending and not counting a driver's final lap(s).

6.4.9.1.7. To request an opportunity to re-qualify following the Day One Qualifications Guaranteed Attempt period, an Entrant must communicate to the Race Director the intent to re-qualify and withdraw any previously-qualified times. The Entrant will then be placed at the end of the list containing any previously-waiting Entries in chronological order.

6.4.9.1.7.1. Entries may request an opportunity to re-qualify via the Instant Message system located within the iRacing server once the Race Director has entered the session and has indicated they are ready to start receiving qualifications requests. The Race Director will determine order of Qualifications attempts following the initial draw, posting the waiting line in chronological order.

6.4.9.1.8. At the conclusion of Day One Qualifications, the qualifier with the fastest (lowest cumulative four-lap time) Qualifications attempt will be assigned the pole position.

Additionally, when a session expires and it is time to move into the next session, the current waiting order for the qualifications line will remain intact and carry over to the next session. Drivers are expected to leave the expiring session and move to the new session to keep their place in line. New sessions give other drivers the chance to qualify when existing sessions may fill up. This is why we are doing this. Once qualifications have 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 or by contacting Tanner Watkins directly in the Open-Wheels.com 500 Mile Race Discord server.

Useful Links

Timing and Scoring: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19SOYrONpssISq4GDK0p2TFQhbwWmEHlxryU9tZiHR4c/edit>

Live Streaming via Open-Wheels: <https://youtu.be/yKjI8ZVHQAc>

RaceSpot TV Final Hour Broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lqrg07drRQc>