

TODAY AT THE SPEEDWAY



Sunday, November 8, 2020 Day Two, Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race Qualifications

Daily Preview

Welcome to Bump Day of Qualifications Weekend presented by Pit Lane Parley, building up to the 2020 Open-Wheels 500 Mile Race presented by Mitchell Transmissions! By the end of the day today, we will know who our 33 qualifiers will be – and the three alternates – to set the stage for our 2020 race next Sunday. The final hour of Bump Day will be broadcast live by RaceSpot TV beginning at 5 PM ET.

Today we will feature six unique qualifications sessions – and every one of these sessions are open to all drivers. Each of these sessions today are first-come, first-served. If you have a run or two left in your back pocket, it may not be a good idea to wait until the very final session to try and get in line because there will likely be a line built up by the time we get to the last session.

One additional important reminder: The final run today will start no later than 5:50 PM Eastern time so don't expect to make any runs following that time period. If a driver is already on-track when 5:50 PM ET arrives, they will get to complete their run – and that will be the last of the day. Also remember that requests to make additional qualifications attempts can't be made until the Race Director is in the session, and they must be in the public text chat after the Race Director says they are ready to receive requests.

PLEASE READ THE RACE CONTROL NOTES FOR TODAY'S EVENTS. It features a cliff notes version of our Day Two 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 9:00 AM	Qualifications Session Five
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Qualifications Session Six
12:00 to 3:00 PM	Qualifications Session Seven
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Qualifications Session Eight
5:00 to 5:50 PM	Qualifications Final Session (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.

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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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6.4.7. 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.

6.4.9.2.5. At the conclusion of Day Two Qualifications, qualifiers are lined up – according to their speeds – behind the qualifiers on previous days; these positions will remain unchanged as long as a car continues to be one of the thirty-three (33) fastest.

6.4.9.2.5.1. Once thirty-three (33) cars have qualified, remaining Entrants can win a starting position only by completing a Qualifications run at a greater speed than one or more of the earlier qualifiers. When a previously-qualified entry ceases to be one of the thirty-three (33) fastest, it automatically is forced out of the Starting Lineup and all qualifiers farther back in the field are moved up one notch to fill the vacant spot.

6.4.9.2.5.1.1. Entries “bumped” from the field may withdraw their previously-qualified time in an attempt to improve their consecutive four-lap time – at the expense of an attempt. An Entrant may not re-qualify if they have already exhausted each of the three allotted attempts.

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6.4.9.2.5.1.2. Entries may make an additional Qualifications attempt even if they are already part of the fastest thirty-three (33) qualifiers. The Entrant must withdraw their previously-qualified time and use an attempt. An Entrant may not re-qualify or withdraw a previously-qualified time if they have already exhausted each of the three allotted attempts.

6.4.9.2.5.2. Entries who are part of the fastest thirty-three (33) times across both days of Qualifications are locked into the Starting Lineup.

6.4.9.2.5.2.1. Qualifiers who set their official Qualifications time within the Event's fastest thirty-three (33) on Day One Qualifications will line up in order of fastest (Position No. 1) to slowest.

6.4.9.2.5.2.2. Qualifiers who set their official Qualifications time within the Event's fastest thirty-three (33) on Day Two Qualifications will line up behind the Day One qualifiers, then in order of fastest (First position following slowest Day One qualifier) to slowest (Position No. 33).

6.4.9.2.5.2.3. Qualifiers with the thirty-fourth (34th), thirty-fifth (35th) and thirty-sixth (36th) official fastest Qualifications times over the two days of Qualifications will be considered the Alternates for the Starting Lineup.

6.4.9.2.5.2.3.1. In the event that an Entrant in the original Starting Lineup is unable to participate in the Race, the first Alternate would be the thirty-fourth (34th) place qualifier. If another Entrant was unable to participate in the Race, the second Alternate would be the thirty-fifth (35th) place qualifier. If another Entrant was unable to participate in the Race, the third Alternate would be the thirty-sixth (36th) place qualifier.

6.4.9.2.5.2.3.2. If an Entrant already in the Starting Lineup is unable to participate in the Race, all Entrants in the Starting Lineup following that Entrant on the grid move up one position. The Alternate Entrant entering the Starting Lineup will start in the last available grid position for the Race.

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.

The Pit Lane Parley Pole Award winner and the three members of the front row will be asked to participate in a photo opportunity on Monday, November 9.

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 500 Mile Race Discord server.

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Useful Links

Timing and Scoring: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19SOvrONpssiSq4GDKOp2TFQhbwWmEHLxryU9tZiHR4c/edit>

Live Streaming via Open-Wheels: https://youtu.be/ef_64P2jHMQ

RaceSpot TV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBM8bzcKYM>