



78th ANNUAL UNIFIED GROUP SERVICES LITTLE 500 PRESENTED BY ED MARTIN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP



May 19th –23rd, 2026 Competition Guide

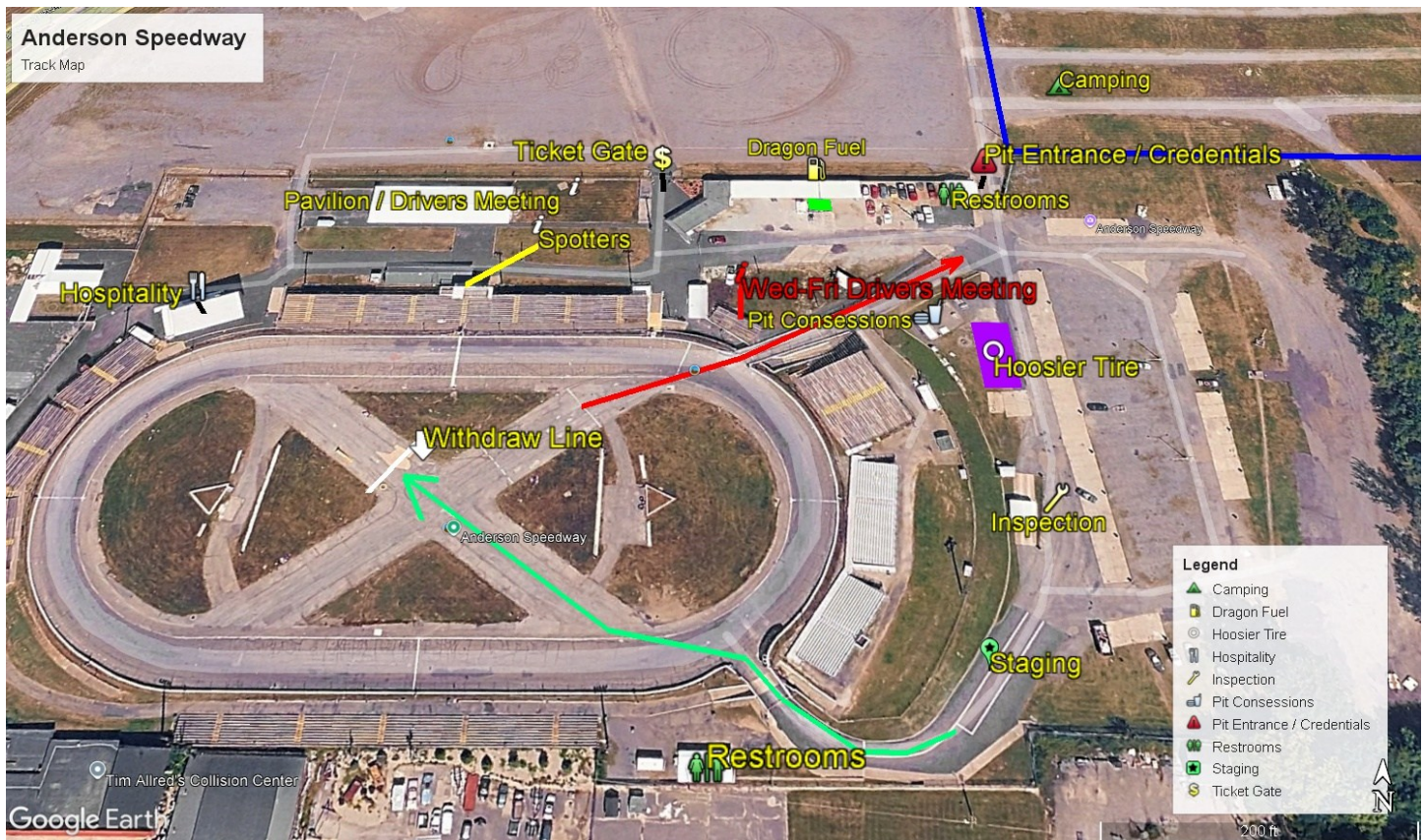
Welcome to the 78th Annual Unified Group Services Little 500 presented by Ed Martin Automotive Group. We are excited for you to be with us at Anderson Speedway for the week of May 19th through May 23rd. This Competition Guide will present you with the needed information to navigate the event. Please review the information and if you have any additional questions reach out to us for help.

Anderson Speedway is located Anderson, Indiana in the heart of Madison County. The street and shipping address:

**1311 Martin Luther King Blvd
Anderson, IN 46016**

Anderson Speedway is located off Interstate 69 at Exit 222. Take Martin Luther King Blvd. North 3.5 miles. Track is on the right side of the boulevard. Our phone number is **(765) 642-0206**. You can find our website at www.andersonspeedway.com or the 500 Sprint Car Tour at www.500sprintcartour.com.

| Hotel Information: | |
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| Best Western Plus Anderson 2114 East 59 th Street Anderson, IN 46013 765-649-2500 | Comfort Inn Anderson 2229 East 59 th St. Anderson, IN 46013 765-649-3000 Mention Anderson Speedway and receive a 15% discount off posted rate. |
| Holiday Inn Express & Suites 6720 South Scatterfield Rd. Anderson, IN 46013 765-374-6553 Mention Anderson Speedway and receive a 15% discount off posted rate. | Tru by Hilton 2410 E 64 th St. Anderson, IN 46013 765-615-4900 Mention Anderson Speedway and receive a 10% discount off posted rate. |
| Fairfield Inn & Suites 2240 E. 64 th St. Anderson, IN 46013 765-615-4900 Mention Anderson Speedway and receive a 12% discount of posted rate. | |
| Directions to Hotels: | |
| Hotels are located off Interstate 69 at Exit 226. The hotels are located to the left and right of Interstate 69 off Scatterfield Rd. | |



Suites: Little 500 suites are sold out for the 2026 event. You may still contact Anderson Speedway for additional events in the 2026 season. Various dates and suite sizes are available.

Camping: Limited camping spots are available outside the back gate. Contact Anderson Speedway for availability. No overnight camping is permitted in the pits. No hookups are available.

Golf Carts and Pit Vehicles: Golf Carts and 4-wheelers are acceptable for use by working team members. These vehicles are used for moving the race car to and from the track and to bring supplies from the outside of the track to the team. Two wheeled vehicles are **not** permitted in the pit area. If used, the track reserves the right to confiscate and impound the two-wheeled vehicle for the remainder of the event.

Credentials: The credential office is located at the back gate of the speedway. Pit passes will be available for one to four days. Pricing is as follows: 5/20-5/23 Individual days are \$30.00. Saturday Only is \$55.00. 4 Day (Wed-Sat) \$140.00, 3 Day (Thurs-Sat) and 2 Day (Fri-Sat) \$85.00. Minors are defined as children 14 to 17. They must have a parent or guardian and a signed Minors Release form.

Parking: Team personal vehicles Must be parked outside the credential gate. Handicap parking is available on the first row of the main parking lot, closest to the Speedway building, on a first come basis.

Garage and Pit Stalls: Garage Stalls are pre-assigned prior to the event. Pit stalls will be selected at the end of each Qualifying Day. Thursday, Day One Qualifying, the Pit Stalls of the top 15 qualifiers will be selected at the Start Finish Line immediately after the end of Qualifications. Pit stalls 16 through 33 will be selected on Friday immediately after the end of Day Two Qualifying. If a team representative is not present at the time of the drawing, that team will have a pit stall selected for them after all other teams have selected for that day.

Event Tires: Hoosier is the official tire of the Little 500. Tire truck will be in the garage area next to the garage concession stand. Tires will be available Wednesday through Saturday. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 5 sets: 5 LF, 5 RF, 5 LR and 5 RR tires must be stamped for the Event. Teams will only be required to purchase one left front tire. The event starts with the first practice on Thursday, May 21st. Teams must start the race on the set of tires they qualified on. You may use ANY tires on Wednesday for Practice. No Tire enforcement. Tires can be brought from home or purchased for the Event.



Sprint Car Tire Selection Procedures: Tire Selection is determined by the order entries were submitted. Up to 2 teams at a time will be allowed in the tire tent at a time to select their tires. There will be a 5 min time limit in the tent for tire selection. Maximum of 2 people, per car, allowed in the tent at one time. If you miss your spot in line, you will go to the end of the line. Tire selection order:

| Car | Driver Name | Car | Driver Name | Car | Driver Name | Car | Driver Name |
|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1 56 | Tyler Roahrig | 11 69 | Billy Wease | 21 71 | Brian Vaughn | 31 32 | Joey Schmidt |
| 2 24 | Jackson Macenko | 12 67 | Kyle O'Gara | 22 7c | Justin Grant | 32 39 | Ryan Newman |
| 3 4 | Donnie Adams Jr. | 13 5 | Michael Lewis | 23 27R | Jake McElfresh | 33 0Z | Cord Ehrhart |
| 4 29 | Jake Trainor | 14 U2 | Derek Bischak | 24 87 | Brady Allum | 34 64 | Rylan Gray |
| 5 57c | CHRIS Schmelzle | 15 3 | David Goodwill | 25 22a | Bobby Santos | 35 18 | Landon Butler |
| 6 20 | Shane Hollingsworth | 16 51 | Logan Seavey | 26 14 | Davey Hamilton | | |
| 7 96 | Mario Clouser | 17 77 | Kody Swanson | 27 55 | Taylor Ferns | | |
| 8 18 | Travis Welpott | 18 42 | Rob Keesling | 28 74 | Tony Main | | |
| 9 0 | Colin Grissom | 19 92 | Anthony Nocella | 29 99 | CJ Leary | | |
| 10 1 | Dakoda Armstrong | 20 93 | Jerold Kobza | 30 17 | Garrett Saunders | | |

When the line is empty from selecting your 5 sets of tires for the event, we will then open the tire tent up for any additional tire. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 5 sets: 5 LF, 5 RF, 5 LR and 5 RR tires must be stamped for the Event. Teams will only be required to purchase one left front tire. The event starts with the first practice on Thursday, May 21st Teams must start the race on the set of tires they qualified on. You may use ANY tires on Wednesday for Practice. No Tire enforcement. Tires can be brought from home or purchased for the Event.

Technical Inspections: Technical Inspection will be available for teams starting on Wednesday May 20th. Safety inspection will take place Wednesday May 20th at your pit box. Have your Safety Equipment available; Helmet, Gloves, Heck Restraint System, Driver Suit and Shoes ready for inspection. The only time you will be required to go through Technical Inspection is after the car has taken the checkered flag for Qualifying. Exit the track and go directly to the Technical Area in the pits. If you choose to run a back splash for the Little 500, you must have it installed when the event starts on Thursday May 21st.

Fuel: All teams starting the Little 500 will be required to purchase a minimum of 30 gallons of fuel for the race from Anderson Speedway fuel vendor on Saturday, May 23rd. The fuel truck will be available to fuel rigs in the infield between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm on Saturday. The price of fuel will be **\$4.00** a gallon. The rule is to ensure we can obtain sufficient fuel for all competitors for the race. If a team does not purchase the required amount of fuel from the Speedway vendor on Saturday, the amount of the price of 30 gallons of fuel will be deducted from prize winnings. Fuel may be ordered in advance for practice days by contacting Jared Owen by email at jowen@andersonspeedway.com. Fuel may be purchased by Cash, Check or Credit Card.



Qualifications:

Thursday, May 21-Qualifications (Round One)

There will be two sessions of qualifying for this event. Round One: Thursday, May 21, 2026. Pit Office opens at 9:00 am; track opens for practice at 11:30 am; Time Trials start at 1:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time). A maximum of 120 minutes, time starts when officials announce the track is ready. To qualify, a driver will take the green flag and run four consecutive laps with the total time for the four laps being his official time. A driver may wave off before completing his fourth lap if he / she is not satisfied with the time but only three qualifying attempts will be permitted for any car. Taking the green flag shall be considered an attempt. The fastest 15 cars after Round One cannot be bumped from the field. All awards and monies will be determined by Round One qualifiers.

Friday, May 22 – Qualifications (Round Two)

Round Two is open for the 34th qualifier and all slower cars are not previously qualified. Sixteenth position through 33rd positions will be permitted to qualify in round two if they are bumped from the field. All cars will be permitted only two attempts in Round Two qualifications. Taking the green flag is considered an attempt. Once a car is officially qualified it may not be re-qualified. Regardless of change of Owner or driver. The person qualifying the car must start the race as driver of the car unless an exception is granted due to circumstances approved by track officials. Cars qualifying in Round Two forfeit the time recorded in Round One. All cars in the qualifying line at the time at the end of time allotted, and have an attempt left, will be granted one opportunity to qualify.

Additional Qualification Rules:

Once a car has qualified on either day, it cannot be re-qualified on that day. A car may only keep one qualifying time per day. If a car is bumped on Thursday, it may take another qualification time on Friday. A car that has qualified on Thursday may withdraw from the field but will only be permitted to re-qualify on Friday. A car which has qualified on Friday, may not be withdrawn from the field and requalified. A driver who has qualified for the field may not qualify another car. One car per driver. Number changes or ownership changes of a car do not restore additional qualifying attempts for the car. Attempts to circumvent this rule will not be tolerated.

In Round Two qualifying, a pair of orange cones will be set at the start of the turn one leg of the “X” in the infield. Cars may stage in the turn 3 leg of the “X” to stage in the infield for a potential qualifying attempt. Any car that moves from the turn 3 leg to the turn 1 leg, crossing the line created by the two orange cones, will be indication that they are withdrawing their current time and will attempt to set a new time. Once crossing this line, the car will officially have **NO** time.



Safety: Each crew will be required to have at least one 20 lb. dry chemical fire extinguisher in their assigned pit. Seat belts are required to meet SFI 16.1, SFI 16.5 or SFI 16.6 standards and contain valid dates on manufacture production label. Snell Foundation standards of SA2015 SPEC helmet or newer and have the confirmation sticker visible for inspection. Containment seats with head and shoulder support are recommended. All drivers must wear a fire-resistant driving uniform meeting minimum of the SFI 3.2A/5 specification and display a valid Label. **No fluids, besides water or fuel, may be added to a car during the event without consent of a race official.** All cars are subject to safety approval by race officials.

Oil Recycling: Oil recycling is located next to the Tech Building in the Garage.



Purse Payout:

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| 1 st | \$25,000 | 8 th | \$3,200 | 15 th | \$2,700 | 22 nd | \$2,630 | 29 th | \$2,560 |
| 2 nd | \$10,000 | 9 th | \$3,100 | 16 th | \$2,690 | 23 rd | \$2,620 | 30 th | \$2,550 |
| 3 rd | \$7,500 | 10 th | \$3,000 | 17 th | \$2,680 | 24 th | \$2,610 | 31 st | \$2,540 |
| 4 th | \$5,000 | 11 th | \$2,900 | 18 th | \$2,670 | 25 th | \$2,600 | 32 nd | \$2,530 |
| 5 th | \$4,500 | 12 th | \$2,850 | 19 th | \$2,660 | 26 th | \$2,590 | 33 rd | \$2,520 |
| 6 th | \$4,000 | 13 th | \$2,800 | 20 th | \$2,650 | 27 th | \$2,580 | Total Position Payout | |
| 7 th | \$3,500 | 14 th | \$2,750 | 21 st | \$2,640 | 28 th | \$2,570 | \$129,690 | |

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| *First Alternate | \$500 | New Four Lap Record | \$500 |
| *Second Alternate | \$300 | New One-Lap Record | \$500 |
| Qualifying Awards | \$3000 | Rookie of the Race | \$1,000 |
| Hard Luck (Media Vote) | \$300 | Fred Jones Hard Charger Award | \$1,000 |
| Robbie Stanley Sportsmanship Award | \$500 | Long Haul Award | \$500 |

TOTAL PURSE: \$137,790

*Alternates Must be Present and Ready to Race at Race Time to be Eligible for Awards.

*Additional Awards Will Be Posted Prior to the Race.

Track Information:

Single-Lap Track Record: Tyler Roahrig – 10.799 sec
Four-Lap Track Record: Tyler Roahrig – 43.477 sec

Timing and Scoring: Race Monitor App
Raceceiver Channel: 464.5500
Streaming Partner: Racing America

Last Years Event:

Entries: 44
Qualifying Top 3: Tyler Roahrig – 43.865
 Davey Hamilton Jr. – 44.666
 Colton Bettis – 44.690

76th Annual Little 500 Top 3: Jake Trainor
 Kyle O’Gara
 Davey Hamilton Jr.

Time of Race: 2 Hours: 31 Minutes: 42 Seconds
Margin of Victory: 3.572 Seconds
Most Laps Led: Davey Hamilton 167 Laps
Two- year Race Average Time: 2 Hours: 35 Minutes: 33 Seconds



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PRACTICE DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

8:00 AM Open Pit Area
11:30 AM Driver's Meeting/Pit Grandstand
12:00 PM Practice Begins
4:00 PM Practice Ends
5:00 PM Crew Bash and Hall of Fame Banquet

BUMP DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

9:00 AM Open Pit Area
11:00 AM Little 500 Driver's Meeting/Pit Grandstands
11:30 AM Little 500 Practice Begins
1:15 PM Little 500 Practice Ends
1:30 PM Little 500 2nd Round Qualifying Begins
3:30 PM Little 500 2nd Round Qualifying Ends
3:40 PM Pit Selection at Start Finish Lin

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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

9:00 AM Open Pit Area
11:00 AM Little 500 Driver's Meeting/Pit Grandstand
11:30 AM Little 500 Practice Begins
1:15 PM Little 500 Practice Ends
1:30 PM Little 500 1st Round Qualifying Begins
3:30 PM Little 500 1st Round Qualifying Ends
3:40 PM Pit Selection 1-15 at Start Finish Line

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

9:30 AM Pit Gates Open to set up Infield Pits
12:00 PM Fueling Rig In Infield Until 3:00 PM
3:00 PM Front Gates Open
3:00 PM Little 500 Driver's Meeting (Mandatory)
In Pavilion
3:45 PM Chapel Service- Pavilion
4:15 PM All Cars Must Be in Infield and Pits Set-Up
4:30 PM Warm Up Session (West End First, Then East)
5:30 PM Spotters Meeting
5:30 PM Driver's Autograph Session (Mandatory)
6:15 PM Cars Must Be Gridded On Track
6:30 PM Safety & Push Truck Meeting (Infield)
7:00 PM Pre Race Activities Begin
7:20 PM Driver Introductions
7:53 PM Invocation, Taps & National Anthem
8:00 PM Command to Start Engines of the 78th

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