

## General Experience/Traffic

### 1. How early should we plan to arrive on Sunday?

Michigan International Speedway is a large facility and close to 125,000 fans, workers, and race team members will be in the area all weekend. While MIS does a wonderful job of moving fans in and out of the facility, traffic and congestion will inevitably build each day throughout the weekend. The busiest arrival times are probably between 9:00 a.m. to noon. We suggest that you plan to arrive early (two to three hours before the start of the race is not too early!) and spend that time tailgating, visiting the souvenir trailers, or participating in the many free interactive displays and activities. Spend some time finding your seats and getting to know the layout of the MIS facility, for example, the location of restrooms and food vendors. We suggest that you plan to get to your seats at least 30-45 minutes before the start of the race for the pre-race show, driver introductions, our national anthem, the fly-over, and the command to start the engines.

### 2. What parking lot would you recommend?

The parking lot that you will park in is largely dictated by the road that you use to arrive at the speedway. In order to improve traffic flow into and out of the track there are some traffic patterns that go into effect Sunday on race day and changes to roads to one-way inbound and one-way outbound as you approach and depart the speedway. Those traffic patterns will also direct you into specific parking lots depending on which road you are driving on. We suggest that you go to the MIS website and look at the inbound & outbound traffic flow maps to see where you will end up - <http://www.mispeedway.com/Guest-Guide/Seating-Chart-and-Maps/Inbound-Traffic.aspx> or <http://www.mispeedway.com/Guest-Guide/Seating-Chart-and-Maps/Outbound-Traffic.aspx>.

### 3. Is there handicapped parking?

Yes, the Speedway provides free designated parking areas in all parking lots for guests with disabilities. Vehicles displaying the proper credential will be directed to that area upon entry into the parking lot. Please be sure to approach the Speedway from the inbound traffic pattern that allows access to the parking area of your first choice. All handicapped parking lots are available on a first come first served basis. Accessible parking areas fill early. You may be directed to alternate or overflow parking areas.

### 4. Is there a place to park Motorcycles?

Yes, motorcycle parking is available in all lots. Motorcycles will be directed to the motorcycle area upon entering parking lots.

### 5. How do I meet drivers and get autographs?

The best sure-fire way to see drivers and watch a driver Q & A is by purchasing tickets to the Budweiser Acceleration Club each race weekend. You can check out the scheduled list of drivers and the associated cost at <http://www.mispeedway.com/Get-Tickets/Pit-Passes-and-Fan-Hospitality/Fan-Hospitality.aspx>. The

next best way to meet drivers is to purchase pre-race pit passes for the weekend events. Drivers will frequently sign autographs along the pit road wall on Fridays and Saturdays. Many drivers will also schedule autograph sessions at their souvenir trailers so as you shop the trailers keep your eyes open for signs announcing which drivers will be signing throughout the weekend. Aside from those suggestions, meeting drivers throughout the weekend is mostly being lucky enough to be in the right spot at the right time for a chance encounter. Drivers will sometimes make some appearances throughout the weekend at various sponsor related sites so you might want to look at internet sites for drivers, race teams, and sponsors for scheduled appearances.

6. How long does it take for the parking lots to empty after the race?

The speedway has done a great job working with the State of Michigan and local and state police departments to improve the time to get out of the lots after a race. Most lots will be clear for exit about 60 minutes after the race. You might want to consider tailgating for about an hour after the race and relaxing with your parking lot / tailgating neighbors and you will probably be able to drive right out of your lot at that point.

7. What should I bring with me to MIS?

#### Guest Check List

- EVENT TICKETS!
- Soft sided cooler, one per person (no larger than 10x10x12)
- Favorite snacks and beverages (no glass containers)
- Soft sided bag, backpack, tote, one per person (no larger than 18x18x4)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Earplugs
- Scanner & Headset (leave the scanner bag in the car)
- Personal hygiene products
- Camera (leave the case in the car)
- Batteries
- Rain poncho

- Jacket and long pants (for quick MI weather changes!)
- Binoculars (leave the case in the car)
- Sharpie pen (for autograph opportunities)
- MIS Guest Guide (available at any Guest Information Center or online at <http://www.mispeedway.com/Guest-Guide/Guest-Guide.aspx>.)
- MIS Fan Fun Guide (download from <http://www.mispeedway.com/Guest-Guide/Guest-Guide.aspx> and also available at any Guest Information Center and throughout the facility)
- Tailgating – canopy (please take down before you enter the grandstands), grill, table/chairs, favorite foods / drinks, games, cards.

### **General Facility/Concert**

1. Can we bring cooler to our seats? What size?

Yes, soft sided coolers no larger than 10" x 10" x 12" they may contain ice, freezer packs and a removable plastic liner. You are also allowed one soft sided bag no larger than 18" x 18" x 4". Soft sided bags may include scanner bags, camera bags, purses, fanny packs, daypacks, canvas tote bags, lightweight backpacks, eco-friendly type grocery bags, clear bags, and bags with souvenir purchases.

2. Can we bring in alcoholic beverages?

Yes, cans and plastic bottles. Please, no glass containers.

3. Can we bring in our own food and snacks?

Yes, all food is allowed but please no glass containers.

4. Is food available at MIS?

Yes, there is a wide variety of choices!

5. Who is performing at the concert? Where is it located?

The location and entertainer are usually announced shortly before the event weekend.

Check [www.mispeedway.com](http://www.mispeedway.com) and Facebook for the announcement.

### **Grandstand Seating/ Pit Passes**

1. What seats would you recommend for the best view?

It is difficult to give a single answer to this because personal preference varies from one fan to another. Some fans like to be right at the start / finish line, some prefer to be in Turn 1 at the exit of pit road, while some prefer to be near Turn 4 near the entrance to pit road. MIS is a large speedway, 2 miles in length. The infield contains suites, garages, and some great infield camp sites. As a general rule most fans seem to prefer to sit high enough to be sure to be able to see over everything and see the cars everywhere on the track. If you get above row 10 will have a great view pretty much everywhere. If expense is no object, and you will be here for the entire weekend, then the Champions Club is a great choice. It is set up as an air conditioned suite but with some stadium style seats outside. So you can choose to sit in the suite and watch the race on TV, or go out into the seats - a great view of the track. That choice is more expensive, but it includes all weekend races, your food, and pit passes for the weekend.

2. How do I purchase tickets for just Qualifying?

Practices and qualifying activities are usually held on Friday & Saturday of the race weekend. You will need to purchase a ticket for the entire day of activities and your ticket will give you access to all on-track activity for that day, including any race, practices, and qualifying. As an example, if you purchase a grandstand ticket for the Friday of race weekend you will be able to watch all on track activity for Friday.

3. What type of seating do you have? Do they have backs?

All of the seats at MIS are aluminum bench-style seats with backs. The exception to this is the seats that come with purchase of the Champion's Club package. The Champions Club seats are multi-colored stadium style pull-down individual seats that you see high above the start finish line in the center grandstands. That package also includes pre-race pit passes, food and drink, an air-conditioned lounge to retreat to if it's really hot, and private rest rooms.

4. Is there handicapped seating? Can I take my wheelchair, crutches, or scooter?

Wheelchair accessible tickets can be purchased in advance or on race day based on availability. One companion ticket may be purchased for each wheelchair ticket purchased.

SECTIONS WHERE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS IS AVAILABLE:

- Center Grandstand.....Even Sections 20 – 56 (Row 54 accessed via switchback ramp)
- Turn 1.....Odd Sections 43 - 111
- Turn 3.....Even Sections 148 - 172
- Champions Club.....Sections 1, 8 and 9

Bench-style seating is provided for the companion in Row 54 of the Center Grandstand, Rows 70 & 21 of the Turn 3 Grandstand and Turn 1 sections 43 - 111. In Grandstands without bench-style companion seating a folding chair is provided. Wheelchairs and scooters are welcome and can be accommodated in wheelchair accessible seating areas only. Please do not plan on leaving your wheelchair or scooter unattended beneath the grandstand while sitting in general grandstand seating areas.

For more information about handicapped tickets please contact 1-800-354-1010

5. Is smoking allowed in the grandstands?

All grandstand seating, mezzanines, areas directly beneath the stands, concession and restroom, buildings, suites and hospitality areas at Michigan International Speedway® are smoke-free. The Champions Club, seating and adjacent patios are also smoke-free. Smokers may choose to smoke in open-air areas behind the grandstands, in the New Holland Fan Plaza, the parking lots and in campgrounds. Anyone who does not adhere to the smoke-free policy will be subject to fines by state and county enforcement officials who are on site during race weekend.

6. What are pit passes and are they worth purchasing?

A pre-race pit pass will give you access to the pit road. Pit passes are an awesome addition to your weekend race experience especially if you are there for the weekend! You can walk right up to the pits, get a good look at the pit boxes, you can talk to and get some photographs with the pit crews. It's also a great spot to run into drivers on Friday & Saturday so bring your camera and don't be caught without a Sharpie for autographs! On Sunday if you time your visit right around the drivers meeting, you can watch the drivers and crew chiefs come into the meeting room and if you get there early enough you can watch and listen to the meeting. There is a nice covered patio at the Turn 1 end of pit road and you can get out of the weather to take a break! On Friday and Saturday all guests are allowed in the paddock area, but guests must be 18 years old or older for admission to the pits. On Sunday all ages are welcome in both the pit and paddock area. Pit road will close about 90 minutes before the race begins so plan to arrive early to enjoy the pit road experience.

## **Camping/Infield**

1. What kind of camping is available?

There is a large selection. Tents to motor homes, roughing it to full amenities, party atmosphere to family camping. The best way to decide is go to the chart at <http://www.mispeedway.com/Go-Camping/Go-Camping.aspx> this will get you to a campground that fits your needs.

2. What campgrounds are kid-friendly?

Graves Farm & Tree Farm are the most kid friendly with playgrounds and 24 hr. security. Dogs are also allowed in these campgrounds.

3. What campgrounds are closest to the track?

All the campgrounds are adjacent to the track. Visit <http://www.mispeedway.com/Go-Camping/Camping-Map.aspx> to view a map of all the campgrounds and their locations. Tram service is available from the

Graves Farm campground to the track. If you want to be part of all the action, on track camping in the infield, inside the track, may be the option for you

4. How do I purchase weekend infield wristbands?

***Prior to Sunday*** infield access is limited to fans that have purchased campsites in the infield. If you are the infield site holder on file with MIS, you are eligible to purchase up to 10 wristbands per site for the event weekend. A wristband is required for adults 13 & up (12 & under free) to enter the infield. Grandstand tickets are not valid for entrance to the infield. Advance purchases may be made by calling 800.354.1010 7 days a week.

***Sunday*** all fans are welcome and wristbands are sold on a walkup basis to adults 13 & up (12 & under free). These wristbands are not sold in advance and may only be purchased starting Sunday morning at the track at any box office all day and at the M-50 Crossover prior to the day's events.

5. When does the M-50 crossover close?

It's open all night and closes before track activity. Times are based on track condition and how much time it will take to get the track race ready.

6. Can I walk out of the Infield, if I'm camping there, to go to the Fan Plaza?

Yes, the Turn 1 tunnel can be accessed all day through Gate 40. Pedestrians only, no bikes are allowed.

## **Fan Plaza/Tailgating**

1. Is tailgating allowed?

Tailgating is permitted in the Michigan International Speedway day parking areas. It's a great way to relax and meet some new MIS friends both before and after the races. Canopies, pop-ups, umbrellas, chairs, tables, etc. may not be left out while the area is unoccupied and should be secured in your vehicle during such times. Personal belongings left out and unattended create a potential safety/security issue in case of an emergency and consequently could be confiscated. Horseshoes and sky lanterns are prohibited.

2. Are grills allowed in the parking lots?

Grills are recognized as an important part of the tailgating experience and both gas and charcoal grills are allowed in the day parking lots. If you are using a charcoal grille just be sure to dispose of any remaining hot coals safely and responsibly.

3. Are bicycles allowed? Is there a place to park them?

Bicycles are allowed however there are no provisions for parking or storing them anywhere in the Fan Plaza. Many guests will lock their bikes to a fence to secure them. Guests can chain bikes to a fence at their own risk, however bikes chained to a fence that are deemed to be interfering with the operations of the facility will be removed. If you need to secure a bike to a fence it is suggested that you do so in a location away from the flow of other fans and facility traffic.

4. Where can I get scanners and how much do they cost?

Scanners and headsets are available for daily or weekend rental at several Racing Electronics display trailers scattered around the Fan Plaza. Prices can vary but they are generally available for rent for approximately \$30-\$40 for the weekend.