

WHAT IS THE 35TH ANNUAL WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP THREE HOUR ENDURANCE RACE®

Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®
Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®
World Figure 8® Championship
Three Hour Endurance Race®
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The 35th Annual World Figure 8® Championship Three Hour Endurance Race® presented by Pure Power Technologies & UAW the Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet® will be held September 8-10, 2011 at the Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®. It is first and foremost the best weekend of short track racing anywhere. The main event is a thrill-ride that never stops for three incredible hours. Skilled drivers guide awesome equipment through the dangerous intersection lap after lap. For tickets call (317) 353-8206. Everyone from the traditional fan to a race rookie will enjoy this weekend.

For those of you new to the sport, we start with the basic question, what is the World Figure 8® Championship? It is the largest and best gathering of crossover competitors in the United States. Top drivers journey from their home tracks to vie for the prestigious title and incredible amounts of prize money. Racers have traveled far distances that include the countries four corners: California, Washington, New York, and Florida. In total, 10 different states have been represented in the over 500 drivers that have attempted the grueling race.

The festivities get underway on Thursday evening with test and tune time for the World Figure 8® Cars. It is a great time for out-of-town talent to get more familiar with the Speedrome and fans to see fresh faces from the surrounding Figure 8 landscape. Friday is an important night. A series of six 25-lap qualifying races are ahead for the racers. Round one has drivers drawing for starting spots in one of four races. The top 4 finishers out of each secure a coveted slot in Saturday's main event. Racers who do not get locked-in will have another opportunity in a pair of second chance contests, one for Speedrome drivers and one for out-of-town competitors.

Saturday afternoon brings three continuous hours of unlimited time trial attempts. The 24 transfer position drivers will seed themselves inside that first 24 with the quickest earning the coveted pole award. The remainder of the over 50 car assembly will push the clock looking for the final 8 starting spots. The final 32-machine grid is set near 5pm. But, the cars not making it in are by no means done making this event unique. They will be lined up as alternates. This roster will serve as "replacement" cars for when someone leaves the track with damage or even a flat tire. The kicker is that the pitting driver can return without removing the alternate making this the only race that can grow in size as the laps wind on.

This gets us to the distance of the World Figure 8® Championship sanctioned by the World Figure 8® Tour. Time is the first factor, a Speedrome derived concept born in 1977. The clock winds for three hours while laps are scored by the drivers. After the checkered flag falls, each car has their tally totaled up and the one with the most circuits completed wins. This brings up another uniqueness of this race. A driver can win without taking the start or even be running at the finish. No racer has won yet in this circumstance, but two have finished runner-up while sitting motionless.

There is also plenty of pageantry during Saturday afternoon's run up to the green flag. The 32 starters will push their cars to the infield. Pit crews will place the well-prepared, high-performance, custom-built machines on the grid. Drivers will be paraded around the facility in convertibles for fans to show their support for the brave gladiators. Various dignitaries will grace the grid as drivers are introduced to the crowd while a list of their accomplishments are read aloud on the public address system and World Figure 8® Network. A sparkling rendition of America the Beautiful and the Star Spangled Banner will be sang bringing the anticipation to a high level just before the command to start engines is given bringing them to life. It is an event that you need to witness to believe, join us for the World Figure 8® Championship.

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