

Get Geared Up for ASPE Racing at Indy

We are pleased to announce that the Eastern Michigan Chapter will be hosting ASPE Racing at Indy during the 2022 ASPE Convention & Expo, and all Chapters are invited to participate.

WHAT IS ASPE RACING AT INDY?

ASPE Racing at Indy is similar to a pinewood derby event of Scouts BSA. It will be a timed race in which each car will race four times once in each lane of the four-lane track, thus eliminating any lane advantage. The four race times will be totaled and averaged through a computerized timing system to provide an official race time for each car that will be used in determining awards and prizes. Eastern Michigan Chapter members will serve as the pit crew for the event, and the Chapter's VPL, William Grayzar, CPD, GPD, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

OFFICIAL RACE CAR KIT AND SPECIFICATIONS

A car kit will be supplied to each Chapter free of charge by the Eastern Michigan Chapter. The car kits will be the same as those used in the Scouts BSA program.

Racecars are to be constructed within the following parameters. (Also see the instructions included with your official car kit.)

CAR #: You will be provided with an official car number that must appear in some fashion on the top and/or side(s) of your race car.

WEIGHT: 5 ounces maximum (but can be lighter)—minimum weight of 4 ounces is suggested.

LENGTH: 7 inches maximum (but can be shorter).

WIDTH: 2¾ inches maximum, and 1¾ inches minimum between the front wheels and the same between the rear wheels; otherwise, your car will not fit over the track quide rail.

CLEARANCE: 3/8 inches minimum from the bottom of the car to the track (rail) top; otherwise, your car will not clear the track guide rail.

WHEELS: You must use the wheels supplied with your official car kit (or similar BSA official racing wheels available at your local scouting shop).

AXLES: Axles do not necessarily have to be placed in the pre-drilled slots, but the axles (nails) supplied in your car kit MUST be utilized.

- No bearings, moving, or loose parts are allowed ANYWHERE on or in the car.
- >> The car shall not ride on any kind or type of spring.
- >> Graphite (or dry lubricant) may be added to the wheels until the car is registered and weighed in, but not after. No liquid or oil-based lubricants will be allowed as they can ruin the racing surface.
- >> Magnets are not allowed anywhere on the car as they may interfere with the timing system.

REGISTRATION AND WEIGH IN

- All cars must be registered and weighed in to be eligible to participate in the event. Members of the Eastern Michigan Chapter will weigh in and collect and impound the racecars during check-in and registration at the ASPE Convention & Expo.
- If a car is not in compliance with the specifications outlined above, it will be disqualified and will not be eligible to receive awards and prizes. However, at the discretion of the race official, the car may still be allowed to race.
- If you can't be present for the registration and weigh in period at the Convention & Expo but still wish to participate, please contact the Eastern Michigan Chapter to make arrangements to register and weigh in your car.
- Cars will be collected and impounded (retained) by the race staff until completion of the event, at which time they will be returned to the participants.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bill Grayzar at bill@dsdonline.com. The Eastern Michigan Chapter looks forward to racing with you at Indy in September!

