

FAST LAPS, TOUGH TRAFFIC



With GTLM cars lapping incredibly fast, under 50 seconds in last year's qualifying, and with the GT Daytona class not far off thanks to driver aids like ABS and traction control, traffic management is vital to success at Lime Rock.

A single slip-up can affect the race. GTLM polesitters Corvette Racing led 140 of 178 race laps in 2018, but when Jan Magnussen ran wide exiting the Downhill, Turn 7, it opened the door for Joey Hand to pass in his Ford GT. Hand said Michelin did a great job in 2018, and tire wear issues didn't occur throughout his final stint.

"Traffic will be a challenge," explained Ken Payne, technical director, motorsport, Michelin North America. "Strategic calls in the pit box to either address a traffic problem or take advantage of a track position problem are going to be really important in Lime Rock. We've seen times where we go remarkably caution-free, and we've seen the opposite!"

Lime Rock's "bullring" nature hasn't favored any one brand in either GTLM or GTD since IMSA returned to the track in 2015. Corvette, Porsche and Ford have won in GTLM the last three years, while BMW, Audi, Porsche and Lamborghini have claimed the GTD wins the last four years.

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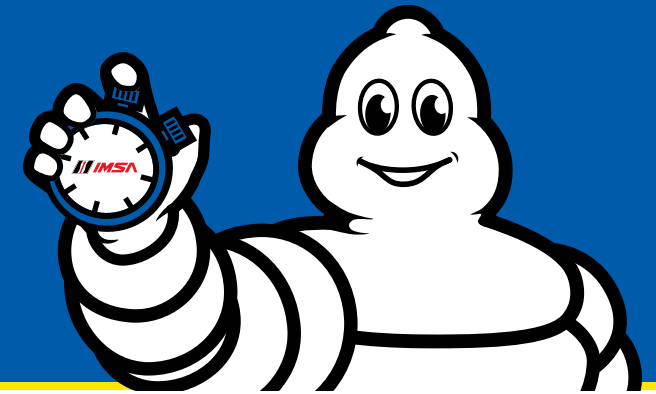
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Northeast Grand Prix

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**FRIDAY,
JULY 19 –
SATURDAY,
JULY 20,
2019**

ROUND 8

**IMSA WEATHERTECH
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ROUND 6

IMSA MICHELIN PILOT CHALLENGE

LIME ROCK, CONN.

**MICHELIN®
50 FOR 50
SWEEPSTAKES**



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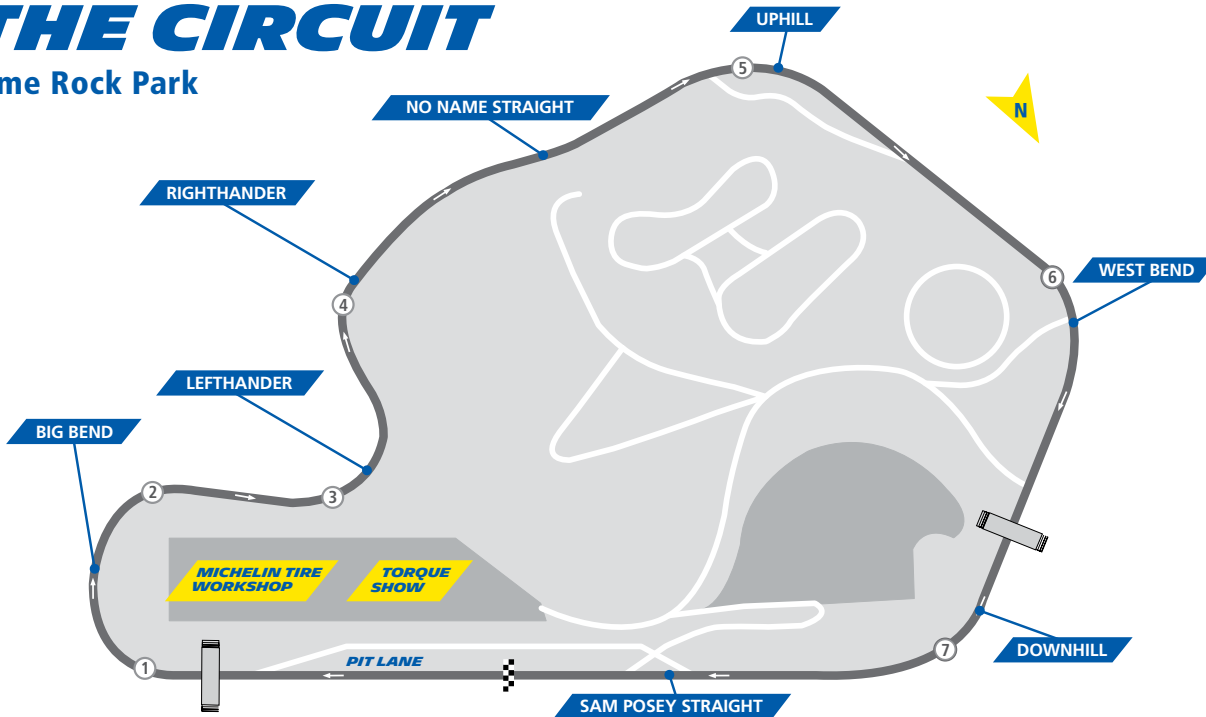


Michelin is giving away 50 sets of tires to fans this year to recognize and pay tribute to IMSA's 50th anniversary season in 2019. To enter for a chance to win, go to <https://pages.michelinman.com/Michelin-50for50-Sweepstakes>.



THE CIRCUIT

Lime Rock Park



"MIX-AND-MATCH" OPPORTUNITIES

At a shade under 1.5 miles, Lime Rock Park packs a lot of action into an incredibly short distance. With only seven turns, six of them being right-handed, the left-side MICHELIN® tires take on the most abuse throughout a day.

In the past, Michelin's technical partner teams in the GT Le Mans class have opted for a "mix-and-match" approach at the track that's abrasive on tires.

High heat generally factors into play too, as GTLM teams seek the best choice of their confidential soft-, medium- and hard-compound tires in IMSA's only open-tire category.

"It's usually a scorcher!" says Ken Payne, technical director, motorsport, Michelin North America. "So the ability to change only rears or only left sides will likely come into play at Lime Rock. Given it's mainly a clockwise track, it works the lefts so much harder than the rights.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see GTLM teams take advantage of the multiple compounds they have and doing 'mix-and-match' between corners of the car. In other classes, it wouldn't surprise me if they're hard on rears and just change the rears, or perhaps just a left corner."

Last year's race ran caution-free for 178 laps. In a two-stop race, this can create long-stint lengths of up to 80 laps on a single set of tires. Any unscheduled stops will generally cost at least two laps.

LIME ROCK TIRE ALLOCATIONS:

WeatherTech Championship	
GTLM	10 Sets – GTLM Range
GTD	6 Sets – MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport GT S9M
MICHELIN Pilot Challenge	
GS	5 Sets – MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport GT S9M
TCR	4 Sets – MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport GT S9M

7 TURNS	1.474 MILES	1956 YEAR OPENED
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FRIDAY, JULY 19

10:05–11:05 a.m.	MICHELIN Pilot Challenge Practice #1
11:25 a.m.–12:25 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Practice #1
12:45–1:30 p.m.	MICHELIN Pilot Challenge Practice #2
1:55–2:55 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Practice #2
3:15–4:15 p.m.	MICHELIN Pilot Challenge Practice #3/ Qualifying
4:55–5:55 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Practice #3

SATURDAY, JULY 20

9:05–9:25 a.m.	WeatherTech Championship Warm-Up
9:35–10:15 a.m.	WeatherTech Championship Qualifying
11:10 a.m.–1:10 p.m.	MICHELIN Pilot Challenge Race
3:10–5:50 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Race

2018 RACE RESULTS

2018 POLESITTERS

GTLM	Antonio Garcia, 49.754 seconds, No. 3 Corvette C7.R
GTD	Patrick Long, 51.491 seconds, No. 58 Wright Porsche 911 GT3 R
GS	Spencer Pumpelly, 55.025 seconds, No. 28 RS1 Porsche Cayman GT4 MR
TCR	Tom O'Gorman, 55.747 seconds, No. 12 eEuroparts.com Audi RS3 LMS TCR

2018 WINNERS

GTLM	Joey Hand, Dirk Mueller, No. 66 Ford GT
GTD	Bryan Sellers, Madison Snow, No. 48 Paul Miller Racing Lamborghini Huracan GT3
GS	Owen Trinkler, Hugh Plumb, No. 46 TGM Mercedes-AMG GT4
TCR	Stephen Simpson, Michael Johnson, No. 54 JDC-Miller Audi RS3 LMS TCR

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