

2021 Event #5 – Event Disruption

Dear OTA Competitors

At approximately 2:15pm on August 29th, 2021, during the beginning of Heat #2 of our competition at Shannonville Motorsports Park (SMP), a severe lightning storm moved over the track. As a result, the event had to be temporarily suspended to ensure the safety of our marshals, event staff and competitors. The standard operating procedure for lightning strikes is that a **minimum of 30 minutes must elapse since the last-seen lightning strike before we are allowed to restart our event.**

This officially occurred at **3:20pm.**

At this point in time, the organizers met together to determine whether or not there was enough time to complete the remainder of Heat #2 safely without going over our track rental time (5pm). All factors considered, the organizers ruled that this was not possible. With this in mind, if not all competitors who wanted a second heat could be given a second heat, fairness dictates that no one gets a second heat.

As a result, the organizers moved to only use Heat #1 laptimes for official results to ensure that everyone had a fair competition. The track was released to all competitors for open lapping to make the best out of the remaining track time.

Ontario Time Attack Organizers

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