

## **Niagara Speedway: Canada's First Elevated Go-Kart Track Debuts in Niagara Falls, Ontario**

Clifton Hill's world famous street of fun ushers in a new generation of go-kart racing

[Niagara Falls, Ontario] – It's tall, it's fast, it roars with excitement! Canada's first ever elevated go-kart race course is now open. Towering over forty-two feet high, the Niagara Speedway is the latest and most exciting addition to Clifton Hill's Street of Fun in Niagara Falls, Canada.

The Speedway is a world-class attraction that combines the adrenaline inducing thrill of kart racing with the remarkable experience of a roller coaster ride. The course is spread out over four acres with over 2000 linear feet of concrete racing surface, running through a four-story helical spiral followed by a two tiered coaster style ramp that runs into another spiral. Though riders may feel like they are flying over a cliff at certain points during the ride, extensive safety features were built into the Speedway attraction.

To sum it up in a few words, Harry Oakes, President of HOCO Limited states: "it's like go-karts on steroids. You drive on a road course for a portion of the race and then spiral up ... to about 40 feet, and then come down a long hill ... kind of like the way a wooden coaster would be."

Throughout North America, go-karting has seen a major resurgence, leading to advances in modern track design from: multi-level high rises to super competitive long-range courses. Many of these karting trends were built into the Niagara Speedway's unique design, establishing it as the "first of its kind" elevated go-kart track in North America.

The track development was led by a Canadian and American consortium including: HOCO Limited, J&J Amusements of Salem OR, architects: Brent Butler and Roberto Narduzzo and structural design by: VanBoxmeer, Stranges & Antonio of London, Ontario. As well, many local companies were involved in the construction and included: E.S. Fox Ltd., Niagara Concrete Canada, Cotton Inc., Niagara Rigging and Erecting Company Ltd., among others. The karts were provided by J&J Amusements and feature: large 4 stroke Honda motors, boasting 9 HP with a maximum track speed of 32 km/hr. as well as colourful, low profile bodies with advanced lighting systems and open leg areas for ease of loading.

The Niagara Speedway will be open for three seasons: spring, summer and fall; weather permitting. Daily operating hours are 10:00 am to 12:00 am. Tickets are \$12 for drivers and \$4 for riders. Tickets can be purchased on site or call 905-358-4793. For package information, visit [www.cliftonhill.com/packages](http://www.cliftonhill.com/packages)

The Niagara Speedway will be holding media open-house events shortly after the opening the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Additional media information is available at: [www.cliftonhill.com/media/speedway](http://www.cliftonhill.com/media/speedway)  
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