



Indoor go-kart racetrack to open second site in Addison

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A new fleet of cars will race into Addison this summer.

Instead of zooming down Lake Street, though, they will gear up by September inside a building at 2391 W. Army Road.

The 105,000-square-foot site will become the second home to Chicago Indoor Racing, an indoor go-kart racetrack.

Chicago Indoor Racing co-owner Tony Stewart said the larger Addison location will offer similar features to the existing Buffalo Grove location, including two race tracks, a full bar and restaurant and meeting and game rooms.

The Addison facility also will offer a new feature called Cyber Sport, a game similar to Whirlyball featuring newer cars and electronic scoring.

Stewart said this will be the first Cyber Sport in the Chicago area. The 10-player game combines bumper cars with elements of hockey lacrosse, basketball.

"Basically, it's taking Whirlyball to the next level," he said. "It's taking something very popular and fun and tweaked it -- taking all the fun bits but incorporating the latest technology."

Other features in Addison will include two racing tracks that can be combined to make one larger track, and a meeting room that can accommodate up to 400 people for corporate clientele.

Addison officials say Chicago Indoor Racing will compliment attractions like nearby Dave & Buster's.

"It's going to be a nice entertainment venue," Assistant Village Manager John Berley said. "Normally that would just be a warehouse. Now it will bring people to Addison that normally wouldn't be here otherwise."

Village officials also were happy with Chicago Indoor Racing's zero-tolerance policy for alcohol, which requires participants to take a breathalyzer if suspected of drinking before a race. Alcohol will be sold, however, for those who aren't racing or have finished their session.