

2021 NEMA Lites Driver Profiles:

Michael Pernesiglio

The Pernesiglio name is synonymous with NEMA, for when 14 year old Michael Pernesiglio made his NEMA LITES debut at Waterford in the 2020 season finale it brought in the family's fifth generation of racers to NEMA.

Michael started his racing career in 2015 at the Little T Speedway racing quarter midgets, before moving up to 270 Micro Sprints on the dirt at Greenwood Valley Action Track in 2019.

Seeing the improvement of Michael's ability and his passion for the sport, Randy Cabral gave Pernesiglio the opportunity to make his LITES debut at Waterford.

"My goal that night was to keep the car in one piece. Also learn how to use a clutch. That was probably the most nerve-wracking part," said the Lake Grove, New York native.

"Going into this year, I just have to learn to be more patient and get comfortable in traffic. Once I do that, I know we can win races."

"I wish him the best of luck, and I know he'll make us proud," stated his uncle Derek. "He's in good hands."