



2026 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of April 10, 04:04 PM



<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 20</b>			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 21</b>			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & ROUTING REHEARSAL <b>TRACK COLD</b>
12:00 PM	5:30 PM	<b>BROADCAST</b>	<b>BROADCAST SET UP TRACK COLD</b>
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	<b>RACE CONTROL</b>	<b>TRACK TEXTURE SCANNING (GOODYEAR)</b>
5:00 PM		NCS, NOAPS, NCTS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 22</b>			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	TRACK OPS	<b>RACING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY) TRACK HOT</b>
8:30 AM	10:30 AM	NCTS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:30 AM	8:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			<i>MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS</i>
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	NCTS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
10:30 AM	12:30 PM	NOAPS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
11:00 AM		NCTS	ROOKIE MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	<b>DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD</b>
1:30 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	<b>TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)</b>
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	RACE CONTROL	<b>PACE VEHICLE CALIBRATION (COMPETITION) TRACK HOT</b>
3:30 PM	4:20 PM	NCTS	<b>PRACTICE TRACK HOT</b>
4:35 PM	5:30 PM	NCTS	<b>QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT</b>
6:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
7:00 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
7:05 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
7:30 PM		NCTS	<b>RACE (STAGES 30/60/134 LAPS = 201 MILES) TRACK HOT</b>
9:00 PM	10:30 PM	TRACK OPS	POST-RACE CONCERT (FAN ZONE)

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE LOCAL TRACK TIME - EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME  
 NASCAR CUP SERIES (NCS), NASCAR O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES (NOAPS), NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES (NCTS)

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
6:00 AM	8:00 AM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
7:30 AM	4:30 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>BROADCAST</b>	<b>TELEVISION EXHIBITION RUNS TRACK HOT</b>
9:00 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>RACE CONTROL</b>	<b>DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD</b>
9:30 AM	10:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>RACE CONTROL</b>	<b>TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>11:50 AM</b>	<b>NOAPS</b>	<b>PRACTICE TRACK HOT</b>
<b>12:05 PM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>NOAPS</b>	<b>QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>NCS</b>	<b>PRACTICE TRACK HOT</b>
<b>2:40 PM</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>NCS</b>	<b>QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT</b>
3:30 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
<b>4:10 PM</b>		<b>NOAPS</b>	<b>GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)</b>
<b>4:20 PM</b>		<b>NOAPS</b>	<b>DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>		<b>NOAPS</b>	<b>RACE (STAGES 45/90/200 LAPS = 300 MILES) TRACK HOT</b>
9:00 PM	10:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & SET UP PERMITTED (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE SETUP/REHEARSAL (FRONTSTRETCH)
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	TRACK OPS	MILITARY PRE-RACE LANDING PRACTICE (BALLFIELD - FRONTSTRETCH ACCESS RESTRICTED)
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>RACE CONTROL</b>	<b>TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>RACE CONTROL</b>	<b>PACE VEHICLE LAPS TRACK HOT</b>
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	TRACK OPS	CMS BALLFIELD PREPARATION (STAIRS, GATES, MILITARY STATIC VEHICLES) TRACK COLD
1:30 PM	6:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
2:00 PM	6:00 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
2:30 PM	6:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE & PIT PASS HOLDER - GARAGE ACCESS PERMITTED
2:40 PM	5:30 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE ENTERTAINMENT (FRONTSTRETCH)
3:00 PM	11:55 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	TRACK OPS	CONCERT (FRONTSTRETCH)
4:00 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (GOODYEAR BUILDING)
4:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
5:00 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (O'REILLY SERIES GARAGE AREA)
5:25 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
<b>6:00 PM</b>		<b>NCS</b>	<b>RACE (STAGES 100/200/300/400 LAPS = 600 MILES) TRACK HOT</b>

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