



2026 DARLINGTON RACEWAY
TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE
NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of November 25, 11:22 AM



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
12:00 PM	5:30 PM	BROADCAST	BROADCAST SET UP TRACK COLD
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK TEXTURE SCANNING (GOODYEAR)
5:00 PM		NCS, NOAPS, NCTS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	BROADCAST	BROADCAST CALIBRATION TRACK HOT
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	TRACK OPS	CHARITY TRACK LAPS (DARLINGTON RACEWAY) TRACK HOT

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	NCTS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	NOAPS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:30 AM	7:30 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	NCTS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED (GARAGE AREA)
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED (GARAGE AREA)
10:30 AM	11:45 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
11:00 AM		NCTS	ROOKIE MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
11:00 AM	4:00 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
1:30 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (FIRE & SAFETY BUILDING)
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE CALIBRATION (COMPETITION) TRACK HOT
3:30 PM	4:20 PM	NCTS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
4:35 PM	5:30 PM	NCTS	QUALIFYING TRACK HOT
6:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
7:05 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM)
7:10 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
7:30 PM		NCTS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/147 LAPS = 200.8 MILES) TRACK HOT

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:00 AM	9:00 AM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
8:30 AM	5:30 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION (CONTENT CAPTURE) TRACK COLD
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
10:00 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (FIRE & SAFETY BUILDING)
10:30 AM	9:00 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
12:00 PM	12:50 PM	NOAPS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
1:05 PM	2:00 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
3:30 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
3:40 PM	4:30 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
4:30 PM	4:45 PM	NOAPS	MOVE VEHICLES TO PIT ROAD
4:55 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
5:00 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
5:30 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/147 LAPS = 200.8 MILES) TRACK HOT
SUNDAY, MARCH 22			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:15 AM	8:00 AM	TRACK OPS	TRACK WALK (SCOUT WALK - PIT ROAD) TRACK COLD
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	NASCAR VIP TRACK LAPS TRACK HOT
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE LAPS (COMPETITION OPERATIONS) TRACK HOT
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & SET UP PERMITTED TRACK COLD
10:30 AM	3:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
11:30 AM	2:45 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) (DARLINGTON RACEWAY) TRACK COLD
11:30 AM	3:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE & PIT PASS HOLDER - GARAGE ACCESS PERMITTED
12:00 PM	8:45 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
1:00 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (FIRE & SAFETY BUILDING)
1:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
2:00 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (CUP SERIES GARAGE AREA TENT)
2:25 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
3:00 PM		NCS	RACE (STAGES 90/185/293 LAPS = 400.2 MILES) TRACK HOT

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