



2026 WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

NCS, NOAPS, NCTS, AMS

REVISED as of December 03, 03:47 PM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
THURSDAY, MAY 7			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
11:00 AM	6:30 PM	AMS	CREDENTIALING HOURS
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	NCTS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
12:00 PM	6:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
12:00 PM	5:30 PM	BROADCAST	BROADCAST SET UP TRACK COLD
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	NCTS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	AMS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
12:30 PM	6:30 PM	AMS	GARAGE HOURS
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK TEXTURE SCANNING (GOODYEAR)
1:00 PM	6:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
1:30 PM		NCTS	ROOKIE MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
2:00 PM		AMS	CREW CHIEF MEETING
5:00 PM		NCS, NOAPS, NCTS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)
5:00 PM	5:30 PM	BROADCAST	BROADCAST CALIBRATION TRACK HOT
FRIDAY, MAY 8			
START	END	SERIES	EVENT
6:45 AM	12:30 PM	AMS	CREDENTIALING HOURS
7:00 AM	9:00 AM	NOAPS	HAULERS ENTER
7:30 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (PAVILION)
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
7:30 AM	5:30 PM	AMS	GARAGE HOURS
8:00 AM		AMS	DRIVER / SPOTTER MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
8:30 AM	4:30 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE CALIBRATION (COMPETITION) TRACK HOT
9:00 AM	3:45 PM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
9:00 AM	10:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	AMS	PRACTICE (TIMED - 45 MINUTES) TRACK HOT
10:30 AM	10:50 AM	AMS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) (TIMED - 20 MINUTES) TRACK HOT
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	NCTS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED (GARAGE AREA)
11:30 AM	4:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
12:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
12:05 PM	1:00 PM	NCTS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
1:15 PM		AMS	DRIVERS REPORT TO VEHICLES (GRID LOCATION)
1:20 PM		AMS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS (DRIVERS STANDING BY CARS)
1:30 PM		AMS	RACE (41 LAPS, 100.45 MILES) TRACK HOT
4:05 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
4:10 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
4:25 PM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
4:30 PM		NCTS	RACE (STAGES 20/40/72 LAPS = 176.4 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), ARCA MENARDS SERIES (AMS)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
6:00 AM	8:00 AM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
7:30 AM	4:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
8:00 AM	3:30 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
8:30 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (PAVILION)
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
9:00 AM	9:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	3:00 PM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
10:30 AM	11:20 AM	NOAPS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
11:35 AM	12:30 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION RUNS TRACK HOT
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	PIT ROAD EQUIPMENT TRANSITION IN PROGRESS
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
2:10 PM	3:00 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
2:30 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
3:30 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
3:35 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
3:55 PM	7:00 PM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
4:00 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 20/40/82 LAPS = 200.9 MILES) TRACK HOT

SUNDAY, MAY 10

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:45 AM	11:30 AM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	NASCAR VIP TRACK LAPS TRACK HOT
10:30 AM	3:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE LAPS (COMPETITION OPERATIONS) TRACK HOT
10:45 AM	11:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	RACE CONTROL	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & SET UP PERMITTED (TRACK ACCESS) TRACK COLD
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
11:30 AM	3:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE & PIT PASS HOLDER - GARAGE ACCESS PERMITTED
11:45 AM	2:45 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD
12:00 PM	8:30 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	TRACK OPS	SPONSOR PARADE LAP
1:00 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (PAVILION)
1:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
1:50 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (MEDIA CENTER 2ND FLOOR - GREAT ROOM)
2:10 PM		NCS	DRIVERS REPORT FOR PRE-RACE (DRIVER INTRO TRUCKS / ADJACENT TO VICTORY LANE)
2:20 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS (PARADE LAP TO STAGE ON START/FINISH LINE)
2:55 PM	6:00 PM	TRACK OPS	ALL COURSE CROSS-OVER GATES CLOSED
3:00 PM		NCS	RACE (STAGES 20/50/100 LAPS = 245 MILES) TRACK HOT

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