



2026 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of December 02, 01:37 PM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	TRACK OPS	RACING EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY) TRACK HOT
8:30 AM	10:30 AM	NCTS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:30 AM	8:00 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
10:30 AM	11:30 PM	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	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
1:30 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
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 (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
6:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
6:50 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
7:15 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
7:30 PM		NCTS	RACE (STAGES 30/60/134 LAPS = 201 MILES) TRACK HOT
9:00 PM	10:30 PM	TRACK OPS	POST-RACE CONCERT (FAN ZONE)

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, 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
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION RUNS TRACK HOT
9:00 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
9:30 AM	10:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	NOAPS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
12:05 PM	1:00 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
2:40 PM	3:30 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
3:30 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
4:20 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
4:30 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
5:00 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/200 LAPS = 300 MILES) TRACK HOT
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)
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE LAPS TRACK HOT
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	5:15 PM	NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (XFINITY SERIES GARAGE AREA)
5:25 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
6:00 PM		NCS	RACE (STAGES 100/200/300/400 LAPS = 600 MILES) TRACK HOT

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