2026 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY
OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE
NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of October 10, 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	6:00 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	NCTS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:00 AM	2:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	NCTS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED
10:00 AM	3:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
12:00 PM	***5:30 PM***	***BROADCAST***	***BROADCAST SET UP*** **TRACK COLD**
1:00 PM	***3:00 PM***	***RACE CONTROL***	***TRACK TEXTURE SCANNING (GOODYEAR)***
3:00 PM	***4:00 PM***	***RACE CONTROL***	***DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK*** **TRACK COLD**
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & ROUTING REHEARSAL **TRACK COLD**
5:00 PM		NCS, NOAPS, NCTS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:30 AM	10:30 AM	NOAPS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
9:30 AM	5:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED (GARAGE AREA)
10:30 AM	3:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
11:00 AM	***12:00 PM***	***RACE CONTROL***	***DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED)*** **TRACK COLD**
11:00 AM		*TRACK OPS*	*TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)*
11:00 AM	9:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
11:30 AM		NCTS	ROOKIE MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
12:00 PM	***1:00 PM***	***RACE CONTROL***	***TRACK PREPARATION***
12:00 PM	***12:15 PM***	***RACE CONTROL***	***PACE VEHICLE CALIBRATION (COMPETITION)*** **TRACK HOT**
1:00 PM	**1:50 PM**	**NCTS**	**PRACTICE** **TRACK HOT**
2:05 PM	**3:00 PM**	**NCTS**	**QUALIFYING (IMPOUND)** **TRACK HOT**
4:35 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM)
4:40 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
5:00 PM		**NCTS**	**RACE (STAGES 30/60/134 LAPS = 201 MILES)** **TRACK HOT**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
			NOAPS & NCS PRACTICE/QUALIFYING SESSIONS CANCELED (LINEUP SET PER RULE BOOK)
			NOAPS RACE POSTPONED TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
5:00 AM	**11:00 AM**	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
7:00 AM	**11:00 AM**	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS

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)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
10:30 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 (PIT ROAD) **TRACK COLD**
10:30 AM	3:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
11:00 AM		*NCS*	*THE DRIVERS MEETING (TEN TENTHS MOTOR CLUB)*
11:00 AM	3:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS / GARAGE AND PIT PASS PASS HOLDER ACCESS PERMITTED
11:30 AM	2:45 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) **TRACK COLD**
12:00 PM	**4:00 PM**	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
12:00 PM	10:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
12:30 PM		*TRACK OPS*	*TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)*
1:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
2:35 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS (PIT ROAD STAGE)
3:00 PM		**NCS**	**RACE (STAGES 80/165/267 LAPS = 400.5 MILES)** **TRACK HOT**
4:00 PM	**11:45 PM**	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
7:20 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
7:25 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
8:00 PM		**NOAPS**	**RACE (STAGES 45/90/200 LAPS = 300 MILES)** **TRACK HOT**

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