



2026 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of February 10, 10:36 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
12:30 PM		NCTS	ROOKIE MEETING (SERIES INSPECTION TRAILER)
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
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
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 CREDENTIALIAED 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
8:30 PM	10:30 PM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)

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, OCTOBER 10

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:00 AM	4:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			<i>MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS</i>
7:30 AM	3:30 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION RUNS TRACK HOT
8:30 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
9:00 AM	10:00 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	NCS	DRIVER COMPETITION BRIEFING (FULL-TIME COMPETITORS) (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
10:30 AM	11:20 AM	NOAPS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
11:35 AM	12:30 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
2:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
2:10 PM	3:00 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
3:25 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
3:30 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
4:00 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/200 LAPS = 300 MILES) TRACK HOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TRACK OPS	TRACK LAPS (CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY) TRACK HOT
9:00 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	TRACK OPS	STAGE PARKING (PIT ROAD)
10:30 AM	3:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			<i>MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS</i>
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE SETUP PERMITTED
11:30 AM	3:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE & PIT PASS HOLDER - GARAGE ACCESS PERMITTED
11:30 AM	2:45 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD
12:00 PM	10:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
1:00 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
1:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
1:50 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (O'REILLY SERIES GARAGE AREA)
2:15 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS (PIT ROAD STAGE)
3:00 PM		NCS	RACE (STAGES 80/165/267 LAPS = 400.5 MILES) TRACK HOT

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