



2026 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

NCS, NOAPS, NCTS

REVISED as of May 23, 10:45 PM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
6:00 AM	8:00 AM	TRACK OPS	EXHIBITION RUNS (NASCAR) TRACK HOT
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	TRACK OPS	NASCAR CONTENT CAPTURE (NO VEHICLE LAPS) TRACK COLD
8:00 AM	8:00 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
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	TRACK OPS	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & ROUTING REHEARSAL TRACK COLD
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	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)
5:41 PM		NCTS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:00 AM	11:00 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	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
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)
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	TRACK OPS	TRACK LAPS (NASCAR) TRACK HOT
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 (CANCELED) TRACK HOT
4:35 PM		NCTS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) (CANCELED - LINE UP SET PER RULE BOOK) TRACK HOT
6:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
6:00 PM		NCTS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
6:20 PM		NCTS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
7:00 PM		NCTS	RACE (POSTPONED) TRACK HOT
8:30 PM		NCTS	HAULERS RELOCATE (ZMAX DRAGWAY)

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
5:30 AM	5:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			<i>MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS</i>
5:30 AM	10:00 AM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
6:00 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
6:00 AM	8:00 AM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	10:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
10:00 AM		NCTS	GARAGE CLOSURES
11:00 AM	11:50 AM	NOAPS	PRACTICE (CANCELED) TRACK HOT
12:05 PM	1:00 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) (CANCELED - LINE UP SET PER RULE BOOK) TRACK HOT
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
2:40 PM	3:30 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) (CANCELED - LINE UP SET PER RULE BOOK) TRACK HOT
4:15 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
4:25 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
5:00 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/200 LAPS = 300 MILES) TRACK HOT
6:30 PM	11:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
9:00 PM		NCTS	RACE (POSTPONED) TRACK HOT

SUNDAY, MAY 24

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:00 AM	6:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			<i>MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS</i>
8:00 AM	1:00 PM	NCTS	GARAGE HOURS
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
10:00 AM		NCTS	RACE (STAGES 30/60/134 LAPS = 201 MILES) TRACK HOT
12:30 PM	Approx	RACE CONTROL	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & SET UP PERMITTED (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	TRACK OPS	MILITARY PRE-RACE LANDING PRACTICE (BALLFIELD - FRONTSTRETCH ACCESS RESTRICTED)
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	TRACK OPS	CMS BALLFIELD PREPARATION (STAIRS, GATES, MILITARY STATIC VEHICLES) TRACK COLD
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
2:30 PM	6:00 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) TRACK COLD
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)
3:30 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (MEDIA CENTER MEETING ROOM)
4:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
5:00 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (O'REILLY 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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