



2026 DARLINGTON RACEWAY
OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE
NCS, NOAPS

REVISED as of August 10, 11:45 AM



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	CHARITY TRACK LAPS TRACK HOT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
7:30 AM	7:30 PM	TRACK OPS	EVENT OPERATIONS SET UP
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	NOAPS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)
10:00 AM	3:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	NOAPS	TEAM ACCESS FOR EQUIPMENT SET UP PERMITTED (GARAGE AREA)
11:00 AM	4:00 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
11:00 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)
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION (CONTENT CAPTURE) TRACK COLD
5:00 PM		NCS, NOAPS	DRIVER / CREW CHIEF MEETING (SENT ELECTRONICALLY)
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	NCS	HAULER PARADE
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	NCS	HAULERS ENTER (EQUIPMENT UNLOADING)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
8:00 AM	11:00 AM	TRACK OPS	5K RUN (DARLINGTON RACEWAY) TRACK COLD
10:00 AM	7:30 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
10:30 AM	6:30 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	DRIVER/TEAM TRACK WALK (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES AUTHORIZED) TRACK COLD
11:30 AM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (FIRE & SAFETY BUILDING)
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	BROADCAST	TELEVISION EXHIBITION RUNS TRACK HOT
12:00 PM	11:30 PM	NOAPS	GARAGE HOURS
12:30 PM	12:45 PM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE CALIBRATION (COMPETITION) TRACK HOT
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
1:30 PM	2:20 PM	NOAPS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
2:35 PM	3:30 PM	NOAPS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	NCS	PRACTICE TRACK HOT
5:10 PM	6:00 PM	NCS	QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) TRACK HOT
6:00 PM		TRACK OPS	PIT ROAD TRACK SERVICES MEETING
6:40 PM	6:45 PM	NOAPS	MOVE VEHICLES TO PIT ROAD
6:55 PM		NOAPS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
7:00 PM		NOAPS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
7:30 PM		NOAPS	RACE (STAGES 45/90/147 LAPS = 200.8 MILES) TRACK HOT

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE LOCAL TRACK TIME - EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME
NASCAR CUP SERIES (NCS), NASCAR O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES (NOAPS)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

START	END	SERIES	EVENT
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	TRACK OPS	TRACK ACCESS (SCOUT WALK - PIT ROAD) TRACK COLD
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	RACE CONTROL	NASCAR VIP TRACK LAPS TRACK HOT
12:00 PM	12:15 PM	RACE CONTROL	PACE VEHICLE LAPS (COMPETITION OPERATIONS) TRACK HOT
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	RACE CONTROL	TRACK PREPARATION (COMPETITION OPERATIONS)
12:30 PM	5:00 PM		NASCAR CREDENTIALING HOURS
			MINOR RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO HOT TRACK STATUS
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	RACE CONTROL	PRE-RACE STAGE PARKING & SET UP PERMITTED (TRACK ACCESS) TRACK COLD
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	NCS	TEAM ACCESS TO HAULERS PERMITTED
1:30 PM	5:00 PM	NCS	GARAGE & PIT PASS HOLDER - GARAGE ACCESS PERMITTED
1:30 PM	4:45 PM	TRACK OPS	FAN TRACK ACCESS (FRONTSTRETCH) (DARLINGTON RACEWAY) TRACK COLD
2:00 PM	10:55 PM	NCS	GARAGE HOURS
2:30 PM		TRACK OPS	TRACK SERVICES MEETING (FIRE & SAFETY BUILDING)
3:30 PM		NCS	GRID ACCESS OPEN TO PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED GUESTS (UNTIL END OF ANTHEM) (PIT ROAD)
3:55 PM		NCS	THE DRIVERS MEETING (CUP SERIES GARAGE AREA TENT)
4:20 PM		NCS	DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
5:00 PM		NCS	RACE (STAGES 115/230/367 LAPS = 501.32 MILES) TRACK HOT

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