

# CHASE FACTS & FAQs



## CHALLENGER ROUND

3 Races / 16 Drivers

Chicagoland .....	9/14
New Hampshire .....	9/21
Dover .....	9/28

**Fast Facts:** The 16 drivers on the Chase Grid will vie for the 12 spots available in the Contender Round. Challenger Round drivers who win a race in this round automatically advance to the next round. The rest of the Top 12 will be set by points and all drivers who advance will have their points reset to 3,000.

## CONTENDER ROUND

3 Races / 12 Drivers

Kansas .....	10/5
Charlotte .....	10/11
Talladega .....	10/19

**Fast Facts:** The Top 12 drivers will vie for the 8 spots available in the Eliminator Round. Contender Round drivers who win a race in this round automatically advance to the next round. The rest of the Top 8 will be set by points and all drivers who advance will have their points reset to 4,000.

## ELIMINATOR ROUND

3 Races / 8 Drivers

Martinsville .....	10/26
Texas .....	11/2
Phoenix .....	11/9

**Fast Facts:** The Top 8 drivers will vie for the 4 spots available in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship. Eliminator Round drivers who win a race in this round automatically advance to the finale. The rest of the Top 4 will be set by points and all drivers who advance will have their points reset to 5,000.

## SPRINT CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

1 Race / 4 Drivers

Homestead-Miami .....	11/16
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**Fast Facts:** The 36th and final race of the season will be the "NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship." Simply stated, the first to the finish line among the remaining four eligible drivers will win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title.

## FAQs

### Q. Does this new Chase format emphasize winning?

A. Absolutely. The easiest way to make the new Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup is to win. And winning is also the fastest way to advance in the Chase and become one of the four drivers competing in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

### Q. How will the Chase Grid drivers be selected?

A. Positions 1-16 on the Chase Grid will be determined by the drivers with the greatest number of NASCAR Sprint Cup Series wins after the first 26 races. However, the 16th position is reserved for the points leader if he/she does not have a win.

### Q. How will the Chase Grid be seeded?

A. All drivers will have their points total reset to 2,000 points. Drivers receive 3 additional bonus points for each win during the first 26 races.

### Q. Is there a minimum points standing that a driver who records a win during the first 26 races must achieve to make the Chase Grid?

A. Yes. A driver must be in the Top 30 in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series points following the first 26 races AND have attempted to qualify for all of the first 26 races.

### Q. What if a driver is prevented from competing in one or more of the first 26 races due to injury or illness?

A. NASCAR, for rare instances, can waive the requirement of attempting to qualify for all of the first 26 races as long as the driver is in the Top 30 in points.

### Q. Which races are the advancement races?

A. Once the field is reset after the 26th event, there are advancement races following the 29th event (Dover); 32nd event (Talladega); and 35th event (Phoenix). There will be four drivers competing for the Sprint Cup Championship at Homestead.

### Q. Will lap leader bonus points still be applied?

A. In all but the final race, bonus points for laps led still will be awarded in the Challenger, Contender and Eliminator Rounds. However, at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship, the four drivers will start the race tied and there will be no bonus points for laps led, etc. The highest finisher among that group will be the champion.

### Q. What happens to a Chase Grid driver's points if he/she doesn't advance to the next round?

A. Drivers who don't advance to the next round will have their point totals reset to the Chase-start base of 2,000 (with any regular-season wins bonus points), plus the additional points they've earned during the Chase.

