

QUALIFYING 101

NASCAR FAST FACTS & FAQs

READY, SET, GO, RESET!

Top laps speeds reset after each round. If you want to advance, you have to continue to go faster than your competition.

PIT ROAD DOS & DON'T'S

Except at Daytona and Talladega, teams can make limited adjustments during each round with one helmeted crew member only. Up to three crew members can make adjustments during each break at all tracks. Adjustments include rear wedge, track bar, tire pressure and tape. Repairs cannot be made on pit road. Vehicles must follow NASCAR's pit entry, pit exit and pit road speed requirements.



BEAT THE CLOCK!

Once the clock strikes zero, the vehicle can pass the start/finish line one time.

KEEP OUT OF THE GARAGE

Once a car re-enters the garage, it is removed from qualifying and positioned in the starting lineup by its top lap speed in its last round competed.

Q. How does this new qualifying impact the Coors Light Pole Award or Keystone Light Pole Award?

A. The fastest driver in the final round of NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series qualifying will earn the Coors Light Pole Award. The fastest driver in the final round of NASCAR Camping World Truck Series qualifying will earn the Keystone Light Pole Award.

Q. How will the cars/trucks be lined up for the first round of qualifying?

A. Cars/trucks will be lined up on pit road based on a random draw.

Q. Where will the cars/trucks that advance go between rounds?

A. Cars/trucks that advance return to their respective pit stalls in preparation for the next round of qualifying.

Q. How much fuel must a vehicle have on board for qualifying?

A. NASCAR Nationwide Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series vehicles must begin qualifying with a fuel cell full of fuel in the first round. The addition of fuel will not be allowed between rounds.

Q. What kind of adjustments can be made on pit road during qualifying?

A. With the exception of Daytona and Talladega, teams in all three national series can make wedge, track bar, tire pressure and tape adjustments on pit road during rounds. Between rounds at all tracks, the same adjustments can be made and oil may be plugged in. Only one helmeted crew member is allowed over the wall during each round. Up to three crew members can make the adjustments between rounds. A team cannot jack up the vehicle or raise the hood.

Q. What happens if a car/truck is involved in an on track incident during one of the qualifying rounds? Are they permitted to return to pit road and/or the garage to make repairs?

A. Repairs are not permissible on pit road or in the garage during qualifying. Once a vehicle returns to the garage, it will not be permitted to return or compete in that qualifying round or any future qualifying rounds for that event.

Q. Will vehicles' top lap speeds carry over between rounds?

A. No. Top lap speeds are reset after each round.

Q. Will NASCAR stop the clock during a qualifying round because of an incident?

A. The clock will stop if the red flag is displayed and it can also be stopped at the discretion of the managing director of the series.

Q. What happens when the clock strikes zero at the end of a round?

A. Vehicles are allowed to cross the start/finish line one time to complete a timed lap.

Q. Does a car/truck have to compete for the entire duration of a session?

A. No, but the vehicle must complete one lap in order to record a qualifying time.

Q. Does the new qualifying format impact provisionals?

A. No. NASCAR's provisional system remains intact and provisionals will be assigned at the end of the first round of qualifying.

Q. What if two or more vehicles finish tied with the same top lap speed?

A. If multiple vehicles are tied with the same top lap speed, their starting position will be determined by the owner point standings. If owner points cannot break the tie, the driver setting the duplicate time first would start in front of the other. Note: Owner points from the previous season will be used to break ties until the completion of the third championship event of the current season.

Q. What happens if qualifying can't be completed because of weather or other adverse conditions?

A. If one or more qualifying sessions are completed, the starting positions will be determined based on the most-recently completed qualifying sessions.

Q. What happens if qualifying is canceled because of weather or other adverse conditions?

A. Starting positions will be determined per the rule book.

Q. Will this format also be used for road courses?

A. This format will be used at all NASCAR tracks across all three national series, with the exception of the Daytona 500 and non-points NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Eldora Speedway.

Q. Will pit stall selections be handled as they have been previously, with the No. 1 qualifier getting first choice, No. 2 qualifier getting the second choice, etc.?

A. The pit stall selection process post-qualifying will remain the same.

