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IndyCar announces 17 race schedule for 2022 season

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The 17 race schedule for the 2022 IndyCar Series was officially announced in a press conference on Sunday morning, confirming the return of Iowa Speedway and the street race at Exhibition Place in Toronto – as well as the earliest start to a season in 18 years.

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The season will begin on the streets of St. Petersburg, Florida, on 27 February. It will be the first time that the IndyCar season will begin in February since 2004. The series' annual visit to Texas Motor Speedway has been moved forward, to 20 March. The 1.5 mile superspeedway oval, which held two races in 2021, will go back to a single 600 kilometre race for 2022. Afterwards, the Grand Prix of Long Beach returns to its traditional spring calendar placement for the third round on 10 April, and then Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama will host the fourth round, on 1 May.

The month of May at Indianapolis Motor Speedway will once again feature the spring race around the IMS road course on 15 May, and the crown jewel of the series, the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500, takes place on 29 May.

Immediately after the Indianapolis 500, the series heads to Belle Isle Raceway in Detroit on 5 June. But unlike the double header format of recent years, the Detroit Grand Prix will consist of just one race in 2022. Following that, the series moves to Road

America in Wisconsin, on 12 June.

Following a two week break, a dense second half of the season begins on 3 July at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. The Indy Toronto, which has been omitted from the 2020 and 2021 seasons due to the long-lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, returns to the IndyCar calendar on 17 July. The following week, the series returns to Iowa for a previously confirmed double header, consisting of a 250 lap race on 23 July, and a 300 lap race on 24 July. The series' second visit to the Indianapolis road course will take place on 30 July, again sharing the weekend with the NASCAR Cup Series during their "Brickyard" event. The streets of Nashville, Tennessee will host the second Music City Grand Prix on 7 August.

The season winds down with the 500km race at Gateway Motorsports Park on 20 August, then finishes on the west coast with the Grand Prix of Portland on 4 September, then the Grand Prix of Monterey at Laguna Seca Raceway on 11 September.

"This is an excellent schedule for the 2022 IndyCar Series championship," said Mark Miles, the President and CEO of Penske Entertainment Corporation. "This calendar provides a level of balance between temporary street circuits, road courses and ovals, and that variety and required versatility from our drivers are important, distinguishing attributes of IndyCar Series racing.

"The continuity among our events and the growth in the number of teams showcase our strong positioning and continued momentum."

2022 IndyCar Series Calendar

Date	Circuit
27 February	Streets of St. Petersburg
20 March	Texas Motor Speedway
10 April	Streets of Long Beach
1 May	Barber Motorsports Park
15 May	Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course – IMS Grand Prix
29 May	Indianapolis Motor Speedway – 106th Indy 500
5 June	Raceway at Belle Isle Park
12 June	Road America
3 July	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
17 July	Streets of Exhibition Place, Toronto
23 July	Iowa Speedway Race 1 (250 laps)
24 July	Iowa Speedway Race 2 (300 laps)
30 July	Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course – Brickyard GP
7 August	Streets of Nashville
20 August	Gateway Motorsports Park
4 September	Portland International Raceway
11 September	Laguna Seca Raceway

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One Indy GP would be enough. The GP version is not the best track for IndyCar. They could use different layouts for the two GP races to make it more interesting. I wish they used the banking like F1 did.

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Agreed about not using the same course for the Indy GP. It's fine for places like Detroit for dual races on one weekend, but that many months apart makes me want to see a different layout. And I think going back to the banking like the old F1 course is a slick idea.

Also, not in this article, but the Toronto race will be live only on their Peacock streaming service. Boo! I'm not interested in any of their exclusive content on Peacock. And I hope they don't get really silly and not show the race at all on their family of channels. At least if I can see the race that night on NBC/NBCSN/USA/CNBC I'll be happy.

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For everyone outside the US, the biggest story of this schedule is that an incredible FOURTEEN races will be broadcasted on network TV. My closest equivalent is imagine 14 F1 races on BBC instead of on Sky Sports.

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The lack of Sonoma is a big disappointment.
I also see no point in doing Indy GP track twice.

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