



Pre-Race Schedule
Saturday, January 30, 2016

6:30 a.m.	Garages open
6:30 a.m.	Sprint FANZONE opens
7 a.m.	DAYTONA 5K Run and Fun Walk
8 a.m.	Rolex 24 Heritage Exhibition Display at the FPL Solar Patio inside Sprint FANZONE
8:30 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	IMSA on-track activities
9 a.m.	Stadium gates open
9:30 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	Ferrari Challenge Race #2
10:20 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	DIS on-track activities – Ford GT Parade Lap
10:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Rolex 24 Heritage Exhibition laps
10:55 a.m.	Stage moved onto start/finish line on Pit Road from Speedway Turn 2 compound after all clear from tower, leaving lane in front of stage
11 a.m.	WeatherTech Championship Driver & Team Manager Briefing – Track Meeting Room
11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Sponsor hot laps (tri-oval; loading at gate 110)
11:30 a.m.	Seabreeze Marching 100 arrives at Velocitorium
12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Autograph Session in Sprint FANZONE

11:45 a.m.	PC, GTLM & GTD cars prepared to depart garages for gate 401 at Sunoco pumps in Yellow Garages. Cars to be pushed by crew members. IMSA Officials release PC, GTLM & GTD cars in grid order by class to gate 401 at Sunoco pumps in Yellow Garages to stage on False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:15 p.m.	Prototype (P) cars prepared to depart garages to gate 402 behind IMSA Tech to False Grid on Skid Pad. IMSA Officials release P cars in grid order to False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:30 p.m.	Seabreeze Marching 100 departs Velocitorium for infield; stage with P cars at False Grid on Skid Pad
12:35 p.m.	PC, GTLM & GTD cars staged in grid order by class at False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:45 p.m.	PC, GTLM & GTD cars pushed into position on the grid (GTLM & GTD east side of the stage & PC west side of the stage), in qualifying order by class, leaving an opening at the Sprint FANZONE gate to allow fans to access the grid.
1:00 p.m.	PC, GTLM & GTD drivers (in firesuits) report to back of pre-race stage (notes below) for driver introductions. P cars staged on Skid Pad for driver/team introductions. Gate 402 is ONLY for team/driver access to skid pad.
1:05 p.m.	Crossover gates A, C, D & E/Sprint FANZONE and garage gates open for fan access to areas behind pit road or the football field AFTER PC, GTLM & GTD cars are in place.
1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	PC, GTLM & GTD driver introductions begin on the pre-race stage, introduced last to first (GTD & GTLM, then PC). All P car drivers (in firesuits) must be staged at skid pad for driver introductions.
1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	P car procession and introductions begin, led by the Safety Car, with teams pushing the cars from False Grid along pit lane into position on the grid, drivers walking in front of the car; cars introduced single file in reverse grid order, starting with lowest qualifying P car. (notes below) Cars are led onto pit road by the Seabreeze Marching 100 drumline and members holding flags representing home country of each driver. One (1) parade car will follow the last P car and park in the fast lane on the east side of the stage.
1:40 p.m.	The grid on both sides of the stage is opened to fans AFTER all the P cars have been pushed into position (no longer leaving a lane along the starting grid).
1:40 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Driver interviews on PA while on the grid (Sprint Vision)
2:10 p.m.	PA announcement to clear the football field and pit road; security begins to help clear.
2:11 p.m.	Intro DIS President Joie Chitwood III (<i>speaking</i>)
2:12 p.m.	Intro City of Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry (<i>speaking</i>)
2:13 p.m.	Intro Volusia County Chairman Jason Davis (<i>speaking</i>)
2:14 p.m.	Intro Scott Atherton, IMSA President (<i>speaking</i>)
2:15 p.m.	Intro Stewart Wicht, President & CEO of Rolex Watch USA (<i>speaking</i>)
2:16 p.m.	Intro Honorary Starter: Racing legend and two-time Rolex 24 At Daytona champion A.J. Foyt
2:17 p.m.	Intro Grand Marshal: Sports Car Endurance Legend Tom Kristensen (<i>speaking</i>)
2:20 p.m.	Football field and pit road cleared; crossover gates closed.
2:22 p.m.	Intro Colors by: Volusia County Sheriff's Office Color Guard
2:22:20 p.m.	Invocation: Ronnie Barton, First Baptist Church of South Daytona
2:22:45 p.m.	Introduction of National Anthem
2:23 p.m.	National Anthem: Melissa Trumble from Palm Coast, FL
2:25 p.m.	Stage removed from pit road; on track and bypass infield, exit at Speedway Turn 2 by the pump house. Parade lap car moved to start/finish line on pit road for command.
2:31:30 p.m.	Command to start engines: Sports Car Endurance Legend Tom Kristensen (start/finish line on pit road)
2:31:45 p.m.	IMSA dispatches three parade cars

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2:32:15 p.m.

IMSA dispatches Safety Car; cars roll off (7:45 for two (2) pace laps), cars directly on track to Turn 1 and bypass Bus Stop.

2:40 p.m.

Start of 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona

2016 Pre-Race Driver/Car Introduction Details

Date: Saturday, January 30

Time: 12:45 p.m.

GTD/GTLM/PC

Cars:

Cars are released inside the WeatherTech Championship garage area at the direction of IMSA officials and should be ready to push into grid position through gate 401 no later than 11:45 a.m. Teams push their car out of the garage to the False Grid and then onto the Starting Grid at the direction of IMSA. Once all cars are in place, fans will be permitted access to this portion of the grid, leaving the fast lane on pit road open for Prototype introductions.

Drivers:

Drivers must report in their firesuits to the pre-race stage on the start/finish line of pit road by 1:00 p.m. DIS and IMSA staff backstage have large signs identifying car numbers and the starting order. Drivers report to the staff member holding the sign corresponding to their car number. Drivers are introduced across the pre-race stage in reverse grid order, starting with the 54th car. Once introduced across the stage, drivers exit the stage towards Speedway Turn 4 and walk to their car on the grid.

PROTOTYPES (P)

Cars & Drivers:

Cars are released inside the WeatherTech Championship garage area at the direction of IMSA officials and should be ready to push out to the skid pad through gate 402 behind IMSA Tech to stage no later than 12:15 p.m. All cars and drivers (in firesuits) must be in place on the False Grid at the Skid Pad no later than 1:10 p.m. Cars and drivers are introduced in reverse grid order.

Following the completion of PC driver introductions on the pre-race stage, the P cars are pushed down the length of pit road into grid position with the drivers walking in front of the car (approximately 1:30 p.m.). Only crew and drivers are permitted to walk with the cars during pre-race introductions. Family and friends should plan to meet the car & team on the grid once the car is in position.

When the car reaches the east end of the pre-race stage on the start/finish line of pit road, drivers walk to the stairs and across the stage and down the west stairs, rejoining their car on pit road and walking to their grid location.

The Seabreeze Marching 100 drumline will lead the P car procession. Also accompanying the P cars down pit road are additional members of the Seabreeze Marching 100 carrying flags representing the home country of each driver on the team. If your driver's country is different from what is on the entry list, please let DIS know ASAP by emailing jgiese@daytonainternationalspeedway.com.

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