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2026 COTA NASCAR Weekend Schedule

Friday, February 27th

Time	Event
8:00AM – 10:00AM	Speedway Children's Charities Laps for Charity (Check in at Lot D)
9:00AM – 11:00AM	NASCAR CUP SERIES GARAGE OPEN
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	MEDIA CREDENTIAL OFFICE HOURS
1:00PM	Fan Parking Lots Open
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Ticket Office Open
2:00 PM - 30 MINS POST TRACK ACTIVITY	Trams Running
2:00PM – 7:05PM	Grand Plaza Gate Open
2:00PM – 2:40PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE PRACTICE
4:00PM – 4:50PM	NASCAR XFINITY SERIES PRACTICE (TIMED - 50 MINUTES)
5:00PM – 6:00PM	NASCAR XFINITY SERIES QUALIFYING (IMPOUND) (GROUP 1&2/MULTI-VEHICLE)
6:30PM – 6:45PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE QUALIFYING (TIMED GSX ENTRIES: 15 MINUTES)
6:50PM – 7:05PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE QUALIFYING (TIMED P3 ENTRIES: 15 MINUTES)

Saturday, February 28th	
7:00AM	Fan Parking Lots Open
7:30AM – 1:30PM	MEDIA CREDENTIAL OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Ticket Office Open
8:00 AM - 1HR POST RACE	Trams Running
8:00 AM - 1HR POST RACE	FAN ASSISTANCE SHUTTLES RUNNING
8:15AM	GATES OPEN (MAIN GRANDSTAND, GRAND PLAZA, GATE 1 & 3)
8:15AM	PUBLIC CLUB & PRIVATE LOFTS OPEN
9:00AM – 10:00AM	NASCAR CUP SERIES PRACTICE
10:10AM – 11:00AM	NASCAR CUP SERIES QUALIFYING
11:20AM – 11:30AM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE PRE-RACE CEREMONIES
11:30PM – 12:15PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE RACE (TIMED 45 MINUTES)
1:30PM	NASCAR O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
2:00PM	NASCAR O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES FOCUSED HEALTH 250 RACE (20/40/65 LAPS = 156 MILES)

5:20PM – 5:30PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE PRE-RACE CEREMONIES
5:30PM – 6:15PM	IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE RACE (TIMED 45 MINUTES)
Sunday, March 1st	
8:00AM	Fan Parking Lots Open
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Ticket Office Open
9:30 AM - 1HR POST RACE	Trams Running
9:30 AM - 1HR POST RACE	FAN ASSISTANCE SHUTTLES RUNNING
10:00AM – 2:30PM	MEDIA CREDENTIAL OFFICE HOURS
10:00AM	GATES OPEN (MAIN GRANDSTAND, GRAND PLAZA, GATE 1 & 3)
10:00AM	PUBLIC CLUB & PRIVATE LOFTS OPEN
12:00PM – 2:15PM	TRACK PASS ACCESS
12:45PM – 1:45PM	NASCAR at COTA Pre-Race Concert featuring THE SPAZMATICS
2:05PM	NASCAR CUP SERIES DRIVER INTRODUCTIONS
2:30PM	NASCAR CUP SERIES DURAMAX TEXAS GRAND PRIX (20/45/95 LAPS = 228 MILES)

**ALL PERSONS AND VEHICLES ON COTA PROPERTY
ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH**

No Speedway Motorsports/COTA employee or volunteer may solicit goods from companies during race week. This includes souvenir items such as caps, t-shirts, jackets, and/or driver autographs. Violation of this policy will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

ACCESSIBLE/ADA:

CAMPING:

Reserved Accessible Camping is in Lot H

PARKING:

Accessible parking available in designated spaces in parking lots A, C, and D.

***Must have a valid, state approved Accessible license plate, hang tag or sticker to park in these areas.

SEATING AREAS:

- Main Grandstand
- Turn 1 Grandstand
- Turn 12 Grandstand
- Turn 15 Grandstand
- General Admission Grounds Pass

ACCIDENTS:

Daytime or Race Day (Command): 512.655.6222 (Ch. Command)

Overnight (Operations): 512.655.6220 (Ch. COTA Security)

In the event of a severe emergency. An injury/accident report must be completed for all injuries on COTA property. Reports should be turned into the command post daily. Reports can be obtained from the Security Department.

Campgrounds (Opens at 10AM on 2/26)

- **Lot N**
- **Lot H**
- **Support Paddock**
- **Premium RV (Back Stretch and Turn 2)**

Quiet Hours: 1AM-7AM

COMMAND POST:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CONCESSIONS: Concessions are managed and operated by **Proof of the Pudding** . Any questions regarding concessions should be directed to Jessica Wellick | jessica.wellick@thecircuit.com | (630) 774-0238

CREDENTIALS:

Credential and parking requests have been submitted by department heads.

Speedway Motorsports CREDENTIALS:

Worker Wristbands:

- **Friday Worker** – Required for all employees/contractors/vendors/volunteers who will be on-site Friday, February 27th
- **Saturday Worker** – Required for all employees/contractors/vendors/volunteers who will be on-site Saturday, February 28th
- **Sunday Worker** – Required for all employees/contractors/vendors/volunteers who will be on-site Sunday, March 1st

HARDCARDS:

- **NASCAR Hard Card:** Allows access to the NASCAR controlled infield, pit road and garages
- **SM Hard Card:** Allows access through the exterior gates, suites, lofts and elevators.
- **SM Staff Hard Card:** Allows access through the exterior gates, media center, suites, lofts and elevators

DELIVERIES/SHIPPING:

All deliveries should be made to the Maintenance Building near Lot A. Shipping/Receiving Phone #: 512.655.6246
Teams that have shipments sent to the facility should ensure that all packages are clearly marked with the event name, team/company name, individual name and cell phone number. (For precise instructions please contact shipping/receiving at 512-655-6246). **Hours of Operation SUN-SAT 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

All Shipments should be addressed to:

Circuit of the Americas

EVENT NAME or AREA: ie FANZONE

Team/Company Name

Individual Name and Cell Phone Number

9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd

Del Valle, Texas 78617

DRESS CODE/CONDUCT:

As a representative of Speedway Motorsports/COTA, all employees and event staff are required to present a neat, well-groomed appearance at all times. The following guidelines are established to assist you; however, it is not possible to outline every situation that may occur. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your supervisor.

Uniforms: If a uniform is provided, it should be worn when reporting to work. If a uniform is not provided, you are required to wear khaki or black pants/shorts and a white collared shirt. All shirt-tails must be tucked in.

Incident Weather: You should report to work prepared for any type of weather. Plan to bring extra clothing, e.g., rain jackets, shoes, and an additional layer of warm, dry clothing.

Accessories: All caps (event/uniform hats ONLY) should be worn properly, with the bill or brim faced forward.

Electronic Devices: Electronic devices are prohibited while at your assigned event post. Cell phones may only be used to contact your supervisor or in case of an emergency. _

DRONES:

The use of an unmanned aircraft system of any type is **prohibited** on COTA property unless authorized by the COTA thru its approval process. Such approvals are for media or safety purposes only. No drones will be approved for use by guests. Report the use of such devices to Command (512-655-6222)

ELEVATORS:

Main Grandstand:

Lobby/Velocity/Suites - 2

Service Elevator: (West End) - 1

Pit Building:

Lofts - 2

Service Elevator: (East End) - 1

Race Control: 1

Turn 3: Pedestrian Bridge - 1

Turn 16: Pedestrian Bridge - 1

Tower: Observation Deck - 1

FAN ASSISTANCE:

Getting to Grand Plaza

The path between Main Grandstand and Grand Plaza will go through Tunnel Road this year. Fans will utilize Tunnel 1 and the Pedestrian Bridge by the Turn 15 Grandstand to get to each area. Please help guide these fans walking between the Main Grandstand and the Grand Plaza (Fan Zone)

FAN ZONE (Opening Times):

- Friday –2:00 PM
- Saturday – 8:15 AM
- Sunday –10:00 AM

FIRES:

Open campfires are **prohibited**. All fires must be contained in an appropriate container.

FIRST-AID/RESCUE:

Command: 512.655.6222

Security: 512.655.6220

First-aid is available at the following locations:

- **Grand Plaza**
- **Main Grandstand**
- **Infield Medical Center***

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION EVENT & CAMPER PARTY:

Friday, February 27 in Amphitheater

First Responders will check in at the credential booth OUTSIDE of the Grand Plaza gates. They must check in here to receive their wristbands and tickets.

6PM - Amphitheater Opens

7:15PM Driver Q&A Session Begins with Jose Castillo
& Kenny Wallace

Drivers include: Ryan Blaney, Chase Briscoe, Ross
Chastain, Joey Logano, & Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.

8:15PM Tim Dugger Concert

GOLF CARTS/ATVs:

Speedway Motorsports prohibits the use of non-licensed motorized vehicles, such as golf carts and ATV's, on property. Individuals or companies requesting use of such vehicles, whether owned or rented, will be denied. Only golf carts used by speedway staff and approved vendors will be permitted. All must have the official vehicle permit issued by SMIP. Unauthorized vehicles will be impounded. The golf cart impound lot is located in the back of Lot J. To Report a breakdown please call 980-440-0908 during hours of operation.

Golf Cart Compound Hours:

Wednesday, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (limited sign-outs)

Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 1 hr POST O'REILLY

Sunday 9:00 AM - 3 hrs POST NCS race

GRANDSTAND INFORMATION:

Anyone entering the grandstands must have a ticket. For re-entry into the grandstands, patrons must have their hand stamped before **exiting** the facility.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost & Found items can be turned in at any gate entry point. After the weekend, Lost & Found items will be moved to the COTA Corporate Office. Guests can call to find out if their item was found.

PARKING:

PARKING COMPANY: Solutions Event Services

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR PROPER CREDENTIALS WHEN ENTERING RESERVED PARKING LOTS. This is especially important for guests & VIPs. We want to make their experience memorable and smooth!

FREE FAN PARKING

LOT F (General Admission, Turn 12 & Turn 15 Grandstand)

LOT K (Turn 12 & Turn 15 Grandstand)

LOT T (Turn 1 Grandstand)

LOT N (SUNDAY ONLY)

RESERVED PARKING (PASSES REQUIRED)

LOT A (Main Grandstand, Public & Private Lofts, VIP Suites & Loges)

LOT C (Grand Plaza)

LOT D (Grand Plaza & Turn 12 Grandstand)

LOT E (Turn 12 & Turn 15 Grandstand)

HANDICAP PARKING

LOT A (PASSES REQUIRED)

LOT C

LOT F

LOT T

TUNNEL ROAD PARKING - Please make sure your credential is visible in your window at all times if you have a Tunnel Road spot. Make sure you are full out of the fie lane when parked with vehicle traffic, Emergency Vehicles and Golf Carts utilizing this road.

RIDESHARE - Will be at South McAngus Lot. RideShare pick-up and drop-off will not be allowed in any of the parking lots at COTA.

PETS:

All pets should be kept on a leash and within the assigned camping spot. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and should dispose of waste properly. ADA Service animals ONLY are allowed past grandstand gates.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drones – includes any unmanned aerial vehicles
- Fireworks
- Coolers
- Food & Beverage (ONLY 1 Bottle of Water allowed)
- Glass
- Bikes, Scooters, Hoverboards and Skateboards
- Offensive Displays – including flags, signs, clothing and banners that contain the confederate flag
- **Non**-collapsible Chairs
- Weapons of any type
- Any other items restricted by local, state and federal laws or deemed inappropriate by Speedway Motorsport/COTA staff.

RADIOS:

Radios may be picked up and returned to the Racing Electronics trailer located in the golf cart compound adjacent to Turn 11. For event weekend radio issues call Cody Draper 276-732-8860.

Radio Compound Hours:

Wednesday 1PM – 5PM	Thursday 9AM – 5PM	Friday 9AM – 6PM	Saturday 8AM – 1HR POST Race	Sunday 9AM - 3HRS POST Race
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SCALPING:

NO TICKET SALES ALLOWED ON CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS PROPERTY EXCEPT THROUGH NASCAR at COTA TICKET OFFICE. Scalping of tickets or credentials should be reported **immediately** to Command (512.655.6222).

SHUTTLES:

-Tram Stops:

Lot T/Gate 1 – Main Grandstand – Lot N – Lot H – Grand Plaza

-ADA Shuttles: Staged in Lot C and can pick-up by request (dropping off at necessary grandstand with buses)

-Trams being held post event Saturday and Sunday

SMOKING:

Smoking, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers, is not permitted in any grandstand at COTA.

SOUVENIRS:

- All souvenirs must be coordinated and approved by Stacy Strawn (817-714-4580).
- Fan Zone souvenir locations will open at 2:00 PM on Friday and 8:15 AM on Saturday and 10:30 AM Sunday.
- Any souvenir vendors selling in areas other than the designated souvenir stands and souvenir trailers should be reported immediately to Stacy Strawn (817-714-4580).
- Vendor load-in is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, starting at 9am

MAIN GRANDSTAND SUITES:

Opening Times:

Saturday - 8:15 AM

Sunday - 10:00 AM

Outside food and beverage will not be permitted on suite level. **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON SUITE LEVEL**

LOFTS and CLUB:

Opening Times:

Saturday - 8:15 AM

Sunday - 10:00 AM

Outside food and beverage will not be permitted inside the Lofts or Club.

SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE LOFTS AND CLUB. MAY SMOKE WITHIN YELLOW LINE AREA JUST OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

TICKETS:

All fans will use their mobile device to access their tickets. There is no Will Call.

Camping guests should report to their designated campground to check-in with a Camping Mayors.

Any fan with issues accessing their tickets on their mobile device should be directed to the Grand Plaza or Main Grandstand Box Office. A member of the SM ticketing staff will be available to assist. **Ticket booths will be open prior to gate opening times.**

TOW LOT:

Cars/Trucks towed or impounded on COTA property will be reported and logged in Command.

Golf Carts towed or impounded will be taken to the Golf Cart Compound.

TUNNELS:

You must have infield credentials to access Tunnel 1 & 2

WEAPONS:

Speedway Motorsports/COTA prohibits weapons of any type on property at all times regardless of permit.