

 **NASCAR**

ENHANCED FORMAT

OVERVIEW



2017 NASCAR National Series Enhanced Format Overview

For which series were these enhancements designed? The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series™, the NASCAR XFINITY Series™ and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series™.

How many Stages are in a race? Three – Stage 1, Stage 2 and the Final Stage.

How long is Stage 1 and Stage 2? Approximately 25-30 percent of the event's total length. Stage lengths will be determined prior to the event.

What are Points? They are the points awarded to the top-10 finishers of Stage 1 and Stage 2, and all finishers of the Final Stage. They are immediately added to a driver's points total following a stage.

What are Playoff Points? They are points awarded to the winner of each of the stages, as well as the top-10 drivers in points following the regular season. They will be added to a driver's reset total only if that driver makes the playoffs.

Who earns Points in Stage 1? Drivers who are running first through 10th at the conclusion of Stage 1 will receive points. Additionally, the winner of Stage 1 will receive one playoff point to carry into the playoffs.

STAGE 1										
Finishing Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Playoff Points	1									

How does Stage 2 work? At the conclusion of Stage 1, there is a caution period in which teams may opt to pit. Stage 2 will then begin with the starting order determined by the race off pit road (if cars have chosen to stay out during pit stops, those cars would then lead the field to green).

Who earns points in Stage 2? Same as Stage 1: Drivers who are running first through 10th at the conclusion of Stage 2 will receive points. Additionally, the driver who wins Stage 2 will receive one playoff point to carry into the postseason.

STAGE 2										
Finishing Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Playoff Points	1									

What is the Final Stage? At the conclusion of Stage 2, there is a caution period in which teams may opt to pit. The Final Stage will then begin with the starting order determined by the race off pit road (if cars have chosen to stay out during pit stops, those cars would then lead the field to green). The Final Stage produces the race results, so the end of the final stage is the end of the race. Whoever crosses the start/finish line first at the checkered flag is the race winner. Points are then awarded to the entire field based on finishing order. The race winner also receives five playoff points.

FINAL STAGE										
Finishing Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	40	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27
Playoff Points	5									
Finishing Position	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Points	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
Finishing Position	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Points	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
Finishing Position	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

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What flag will be waved to signal the end of a stage? A green checkered flag will be waved at the end of Stage 1 and Stage 2. A traditional black and white checkered flag will wave at the end of the race.

Will pit road close toward the end of a stage? Yes, under green flag conditions, pit road will close with two laps remaining in the stage.

Can a stage end under caution? Yes.

Do caution laps count towards the total laps run during the Stages? Yes.

What is the breakdown of 'Playoff Points'? The playoff points breakdown for each race: Stage 1 win = 1 Playoff Point; Stage 2 win = 1 Playoff Point; Final Stage win = 5 Playoff Points

The playoff point breakdown for the regular season top 10 is:

REGULAR SEASON										
Standings Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Playoff Points	15	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

How will the playoff points be added? Once the playoffs begin, points will be reset to 2,000 for the drivers who qualify for the playoffs, with each driver's accrued playoff points tacked onto that total. If a driver earns playoff points in any round of the playoffs, those playoff points will be added at the start of the next round if that driver advances.

What happens to a driver's playoff points if he doesn't make the playoffs? Nothing. They will not be added to any points totals.

What happened to The Chase? NASCAR's post season is now referred to as the playoffs.

Does winning a race in the playoffs still qualify that driver for the next round, regardless of points? Yes.

Can playoff points be carried through the playoffs? Yes, if a driver continues through the playoffs, he will start each round with every playoff point he has accrued.

Will playoff points carry over to Miami? No. Miami is the lone exception. All four drivers competing for the championship will start with the same amount of points. There will be no playoff points for this race for those final four drivers. First to the finish line wins the title.

Are there bonus points for leading a lap or leading the most laps? No

If there is inclement weather, when is a race official? At the conclusion of Stage 2.

If race is stopped due to weather during the Stage 2 break, will Stage 2 and Final Stage points be awarded or just one? Yes, both Stage 2 and the Final Stage points will be awarded simultaneously.

If weather forces the race to be called after Stage 2 is complete and during the Final Stage how will points be awarded? The first two stages will be awarded as normal and the Final Stage points will be awarded based on the field's running position.

Are the driver and owner points systems the same? Yes.

Has the playoffs structure changed? No, overall structure of the playoffs will remain the same. Eligibility is determined by race wins and then total points. The number of teams eligible and the structure of rounds will be the same.

Will drivers be reseeded after each round in the playoffs? Yes, at the conclusion of each round in the playoffs, drivers will be reseeded by their total playoff points.

If a driver is eliminated from the playoffs, does he keep his playoff points? Yes. An eliminated playoff driver will have his points reset to the 2,000-point tier + points earned in each race in the playoffs + any playoff points that were awarded.

Will Stage 1 and Stage 2 playoff points be awarded to the Championship 4 drivers at Homestead? No.

Will drivers earn points in the Can-Am Duel at Daytona? Yes, the top 10 finishers in each Duel race will earn points (the winner will earn 10 points, second receives 9, third receives 8, and so on). The Duel will not have stages, and the winner will not receive playoff points.

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If a driver who finishes in the top 10 has declared for points in another series, do the points roll over, or do you move to the next increment? The driver points do not roll over. However, owner points will be awarded to each of the top 10 stage finishers.

Example:

X = Ineligible Driver

STAGE 1 DRIVER POINTS										
Finishing Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	X	X	8	7	6	X	4	3	2	1
Playoff Points	0									

STAGE 1 OWNER POINTS										
Finishing Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Playoff Points	1									

If a driver who has declared for points in another series wins a stage or a race, how will playoff points be awarded? The playoff points will not be awarded to the driver, but the car owner will receive the points and playoff points in the owner standings.

How are the Dash 4 Cash races being formatted? The top two finishing eligible drivers in Stage 1 and the top two remaining eligible drivers in Stage 2 will earn a spot in the Dash 4 Cash. The top finisher among those four drivers in the Final Stage will win the Dash 4 Cash. The four tracks that will host the Dash 4 Cash in 2017 are Phoenix, Bristol, Dover and Richmond.

Does the winner of a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race get 40 points? Or 32 points? The points systems will be the same across all three NASCAR national series – a sliding scale with the winner receiving 40 points, second-place receives 35 points, third-place receives 34, etc. The 32nd-place (last position) finishing driver in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series™ will receive 5 championship points.

Will there be a Caution Clock in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series? No.

Is there still a NASCAR Overtime? Yes NASCAR Overtime can occur to complete the Final Stage.

