



INDYCAR MEDIA ACCREDITATION 2026

INDYCAR welcomes and appreciates at-track coverage of the NTT INDYCAR® SERIES and the INDY NXT® by Firestone series from accredited members of the media.

Media credentials or single event credentials for each NTT INDYCAR SERIES and INDY NXT by Firestone series race weekend are issued by INDYCAR or the event's track or promoter. Credential contacts for all NTT INDYCAR SERIES and INDY NXT by Firestone series venues are listed in the Tracks section of the 2026 INDYCAR Media Guide and on the INDYCAR content site content.indycar.com.

INDYCAR issues annual media credentials (i.e. "hard cards") to media covering a substantial number of races and on assignment from an accredited outlet. Consideration for an INDYCAR annual media credential may be based on proof of coverage (e.g. press clips, audio clips, and digital/video stories, etc.).

Additionally, INDYCAR will issue a limited number of annual media credentials to content creators/new media across the 2026 racing season. These content creators/new media must:

- Have followings that meet or exceed the reach of key major INDYCAR outlets.
- Produce ancillary episodic content that is recognized as key new media – for example, a recurring podcast series.

Content creators receiving annual media credentials are accredited news media that must abide by the same professional standards required of traditional media in terms of news reporting integrity and appropriate conduct and must abide by all INDYCAR and event track or promoter policies.

Ultimately, an annual credential will be furnished at the sole discretion of INDYCAR and additional determining factors it deems appropriate including but not limited to whether a new content creator has covered INDYCAR for a full season. INDYCAR may consider previous behavior of an individual or interactions within the paddock. Credentialed media including content creators **MUST** contact the individual racetrack to request media center access, parking passes and any other special needs.

Terms and Conditions

- 1) Media credentials are for working media only, for the primary purpose of gathering news for the timely coverage of the event for a recognized media organization or approved channel. With the expected demand for media credentials, INDYCAR cannot guarantee that all requests will be approved. Requests must come from an assigning editor, producer or director. Freelance media (photographers, journalists, etc.) must be on a specific assignment from a recognized media organization.
- 2) Each individual is required to pick up their own credential, sign required agreements and liability releases and provide valid photo identification.
- 3) Credentialed media, including photographers and videographers and content creators, must adhere to all INDYCAR policies including the Photography-Videography Policy 2026.
- 4) Media members are expected to always behave professionally. False information given to obtain credentials and or the misuse of credentials will result in the suspension of that person's credential and can affect further consideration, as credentials are a privilege. Misuse includes but is not limited to: obtaining autographs or taking photographs/"selfies" with drivers, officials, media and celebrities for any use, transferring credentials, or duplication of credentials.

Conduct Policy: Threats, verbal abuse or physical violence of any kind will not be permitted at INDYCAR events. Anyone involved in any harassment at, but not limited to, media centers, pit road, paddock areas and other INDYCAR hosted functions will be subject to a review and potentially asked to return their credential and denied access at future events

- 5) All credentialed photographers and videographers are required to attend the mandatory photo meetings as directed. A mandatory pre-season initial photo meeting will take place virtually prior to the first race weekend of the year. The initial photo meeting of the specific race weekend will take place virtually on the Wednesday before an event. Additional meetings may be held at race events and dates and times for those meetings will be posted in the media center.

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

The accredited organization or channel and the bearer of a media credential understand that bearer's presence at the event involves certain risks, including but not limited to, personal injury (including death). As noted above, the execution of required agreements and liability releases ("Releases") is a condition to receipt of media credentials. IN ADDITION TO THE TERMS OF THE RELEASES (AND WITHOUT LIMITING ANY SUCH TERMS), by requesting access the accredited organization or channel and the bearer voluntarily ASSUME ALL RISKS, HAZARDS AND DANGERS including, without limitation, the risks of personal injury (including, without limitation, death), exposure to communicable diseases, sickness, lost, stolen or damaged property, and economic or other losses, whether occurring before, during, or after the event, however caused (including without limitation if caused by negligent conduct); agree that INDYCAR has no responsibility for any equipment in use; WAIVE AND RELEASE any and all claims and potential claims and liability related to the above risks, hazards and dangers (including without limitation claims/potential claims and liability resulting from the negligence of INDYCAR and/or all others involved in event(s)); and agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDYCAR from and against all claims, liability, loss, damage and expense (including costs and attorneys' fees) arising out of the use or issuance of the credential or the bearer's presence at the event (including without limitation those resulting from the negligence of INDYCAR and/or others).

INDYCAR reserves the right of final approval of media credential applications. No one under age 18 will be granted media credentials.