

QUALIFYING EXPLAINER



SATURDAY, MAY 16

11:00 AM ET - 2:00 PM ET FS2

2:00 PM ET - 4:00 PM ET FS1

4:00 PM ET - 6:00 PM ET FOX

FULL-FIELD QUALIFYING 11:00 AM ET - 5:50 PM ET

NTT INDYCAR SERIES drivers and teams will attempt to qualify during Day One, Saturday, May 16. All 33 cars attempt to qualify, with positions 16-33 set and will not requalify Sunday.

Once every car in the qualifying order for Saturday has received its attempt, teams may choose from two lanes for second and subsequent attempts with as many attempts as they want until 5:50 p.m. Cars in the priority lane [Lane 1] must withdraw their qualified speed – if the car has one – to receive priority access to the track ahead of Lane 2. Lane 2 is for cars that have already qualified but wish to improve their position without risking their qualified speed.

Final 15 Qualifying [final order of positions 13-15], Top 12 Qualifying [final order of positions 7-12] and Firestone Fast Six [final order of positions 1-6] will be determined during Day Two, Sunday, May 17.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

4:00 PM ET - 7:00 PM ET FOX

FINAL 15 QUALIFYING 4:00 PM ET

Positions 13-15 Determined, with the Fastest Three Advancing

Based on Saturday's speeds, positions 10-15 compete to advance to the Top 12, with the qualifying order based on Saturday times, slowest to fastest. Each car receives one attempt. The fastest three advance to Top 12 Qualifying. Fans will be able to salute the advancing teams during a cool-down period, which will include laps behind the Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X Pace Car. Traveling at 100 mph, the laps will allow air to flow through the air ducts to help cool the engines before the dramatic next round.

TOP 12 QUALIFYING 5:00 PM ET [APPROXIMATELY]

Positions 7-12 Determined with the Fastest Six Advancing

Top 12 qualifying begins with the three advancing cars from the Final 15, slowest to fastest, followed by the nine locked into the Top 12 based on Day One qualifying, slowest to fastest. Each car receives one attempt. The fastest six cars advance to the Firestone Fast Six to determine positions 1-6. Fans will be able to salute advancing teams during a cool-down period, which will include laps behind the Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X Pace Car. Traveling at 100 mph, the laps will allow air to flow through the air ducts to help cool the engines before the dramatic next round.

FIRESTONE FAST SIX 6:30 PM ET [APPROXIMATELY]

Positions 1-6 Determined

Order based on times from Top 12 qualifying, slowest to fastest. Each car receives one attempt. The fastest driver in the Firestone Fast Six will earn the coveted NTT P1 Award for pole and the accompanying \$100,000 prize. The Top 12 qualifiers are also awarded NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship bonus points in descending order from 12 points for the pole winner to one point for the 12th-fastest qualifier.