



*Pre-Race Schedule  
Saturday, January 28, 2017*

6:30 a.m.	Garages open
6:30 a.m.	UNOH Fanzone opens
7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	DAYTONA 5K Run and Fun Walk
8:45 am - 9:00 am	IMSA T&S Hot Track Laps / Transponder Checks
9:00 a.m.	Stadium gates open
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	IMSA on-track activities
10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	DIS on-track activities
10:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Rolex 24 Heritage Exhibition laps
10:45 a.m.	WeatherTech Championship Driver & Team Manager Briefing – Track Meeting Room
10:55 a.m.	Stage moved onto start/finish line on pit lane from Speedway Turn 2 compound after all clear from tower, leaving lane in front of stage
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	IMSA on-track activities
11:00 a.m.	Seabreeze Marching 100 arrives at the Bill France Room
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	WeatherTech Championship Driver Autograph Session in UNOH Fanzone
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11:45 a.m.	<b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> cars prepared to depart garages for gate 401 at Sunoco pumps in Yellow Garages. Cars to be pushed by crew members. IMSA Officials release <b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> cars in grid order <b>by class</b> to gate 401 at Sunoco pumps in Yellow Garages to stage on False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:00 p.m.	<b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> cars staged in grid order by class at False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:10 p.m. (approx)	<b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> cars pushed into position on the grid echelon style, against predetermined line, driver's right, engines off. GTLM, GTD & PC cars equally dispersed in qualifying order by class, leaving space at Rolex chute, stage & UNOH Fanzone gate 134.
12:15 p.m.	<b>Prototype (P)</b> cars prepared to depart garages to gate 402 behind IMSA Tech to False Grid on Skid Pad. IMSA Officials release <b>P</b> cars in grid order to False Grid on Skid Pad.
12:30 p.m.	Seabreeze Marching 100 departs Bill France Room for infield; stage with <b>P</b> cars at False Grid on Skid Pad
12:30 p.m.	Live on Vision Screens
1:00 p.m.	<b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> drivers (in firesuits) report to back of pre-race stage (notes below) for driver introductions. <b>P cars</b> staged on Skid Pad for driver/team introductions. Gate 402 is <b>ONLY</b> for team/driver access to skid pad. <b>Only crew and drivers</b> are permitted to walk with the cars during pre-race introductions.
1:05 p.m.	Crossover gates A, C, D & E, Rolex chute and garage gates open for fan access to areas behind pit lane or the football field <b>AFTER PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> cars are in place.
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>PC, GTLM &amp; GTD</b> driver introductions begin on the pre-race stage, introduced last to first ( <b>GTD &amp; GTLM, then PC</b> ). All <b>P car</b> drivers (in firesuits) must be staged at skid pad for driver introductions.
1:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.	<b>P car procession and</b> introductions begin, led by the IMSA provided 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 <b>P car</b> (notes below). <b>Only crew and drivers</b> are permitted to walk with the cars during pre-race introductions.  Cars are led onto pit lane by the Seabreeze Marching 100 drumline and members holding flags representing home country of each driver. Two (2) IMSA provided parade cars will follow the last P car and park in the fast lane on the east side of the stage for Grand Marshal and IMSA guests.
1:40 p.m.	The grid on both sides of the stage is opened to fans <b>AFTER</b> all the <b>P cars</b> have been pushed into position, echelon style, against pre determined line, driver's right, engines off. (no longer leaving a lane along the starting grid).
1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Driver interviews on PA while on the grid
2:00 p.m.	PA announcement to clear the football field and pit lane; security begins to help clear.
2:01 p.m.	Intro DIS President Chip Wile ( <i>speaking</i> )
2:02 p.m.	Intro City of Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry ( <i>speaking</i> )
2:03 p.m.	Intro Volusia County Vice Chair Deb Denys
2:04 p.m.	Intro IMSA President Scott Atherton ( <i>speaking</i> )
2:05 p.m.	Intro President & CEO of Rolex Watch USA Stewart Wicht ( <i>speaking</i> )
2:06 p.m.	Intro Honorary Starter: TBD
2:07 p.m.	Intro Grand Marshal: Dario Franchitti
2:11 p.m.	Football field and pit lane cleared; crossover gates closed.
2:12 p.m.	Intro Colors by: Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard
2:12:20 p.m.	Invocation: Senior Pastor of Stetson Baptist Church, Dr. Dan Glenn
2:12:45 p.m.	Introduction of National Anthem
2:13 p.m.	National Anthem: Theresa Thomas from Palm Coast, FL
2:15 p.m.	Stage removed from pit lane; on track and bypass infield, exit at Speedway Turn 2 by the pump house. IMSA provided parade car moved to start/finish line on pit lane for command.
2:21:30 p.m.	Command to start engines: Dario Franchitti (start/finish line on pit lane)
2:21:45 p.m.	IMSA dispatches two parade cars
2:22:15 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.
2:30 p.m.	Start of 55 <sup>th</sup> Rolex 24 At DAYTONA

VERSION #4

## 2017 Pre-Race Driver/Car Introduction Details

Date: Saturday, January 28

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 echelon style, against pre-determined line, driver's right, engines off, 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 lane open for Prototype introductions.

#### Drivers:

Drivers must report in their firesuits to the pre-race stage on the start/finish line of pit lane 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 TBD 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 1:15 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 lane 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 lane, drivers walk to the stairs and across the stage and down the west stairs, rejoining their car on pit lane and walking to their grid location.

The Seabreeze Marching 100 drumline will lead the P car procession. Also accompanying the P cars down pit lane 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](mailto:jgiese@daytonainternationalspeedway.com).

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