

## IndyCar 2025

1. Take advantage of the new rules with hybrid engines, with capabilities of up to ~1000 BHP in some configurations to institute LOTS of changes.
2. Suggested rules changes:
  - a. At Indianapolis 500:
    - i. Trimmed aero, extra HP, and battery optimization for qualifying (goal: NEW TRACK RECORD)
    - ii. Extra wicker and moderate horsepower during the race (goal: more lead changes than the 2012 race)
    - iii. Qualifying is worth a full race worth of points; pole winner is equivalent to a race win, etc. Only one bonus point is available (see below)
    - iv. Enact the “Tom Binford” rule: setting a new single-lap track record earns a bonus point, even if not during pole qualifying. Ergo, the only available bonus point from qualifying is for setting the new track record as of the end of qualifying, but the point can be earned during any of the four days of qualifying by whoever sets the record.
    - v. Two weekends of qualifying (like old rules), but with the following:
      1. Day 1 (first Saturday) – sets fast 15. Every team only gets one attempt on Day 1.
      2. The top 6 return on Day 2 (first Sunday) for Pole Day, and can make as many as three attempts each.
      3. Day 3 (second Saturday) – sets 16-30, and each team can make as many attempts as they want.
      4. Day 4 (second Sunday) is Bubble Day and sets 31-33, also with unlimited attempts.
  - b. Re-introduce standing starts at the eight permanent road courses (not on ovals or street courses) to add more variety. Use of hybrids will reduce issues previously germane to standing starts.
3. 24 race weekends – same as Formula 1 – with two IndyCar double-headers (Toronto, Iowa), and four double-points races (Indianapolis 500, US 500, Las Vegas 500 – the “triple crown” 500 milers, and the Long Beach Grand Prix). With Indy qualifying, means a total equivalent of 30 races worth of points, split exactly evenly between 15 ovals and 15 road courses.
4. Balanced global schedule. Oval races on five continents – Asia, Europe, Africa, and North & South America, with road courses in North America.
5. Balanced track layout. Racing at 11 ovals (three superspeedways, five ~1.5m medium speedways, three short ovals), and 13 road courses (eight permanent road courses, five street courses).

6. Cross-overs: pseudo double-header in Vegas with Formula 1 (F1 + Indy NXT on Strip; IndyCar + USF Pro 2000 on LVMS), actual double-headers with: Formula 1 in Mexico, NASCAR in Canada, IMSA SportsCar Championship at Long Beach, Detroit and Road America, as well as Indy NXT and USF Pro 2000 supporting IMSA SportsCar Championship at Indy in September, and Indy NXT supporting NASCAR in March in Sonoma.
  - a. For the season finale at Las Vegas, there are further opportunities for cross-branding with Formula 1
    - i. VIP experiences, etc., as they are at separate tracks at separate times (F1 on the streets on Saturday night, and IndyCar on the oval on Sunday during the day). Lots of profitability in cross-branding, sponsorship cross-reach, etc.
    - ii. Can also use the behind-the-scenes shows to focus on McLaren and Andretti and get into the effort to support such a colossal effort across multiple racing series.
  - b. NASCAR at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve (instead of Indy) can be an ideal solution for both IndyCar and Canadian branding efforts, as promoters can only use the track twice a year yet manage to squeeze in Formula 1, NASCAR, and IndyCar. Also, better for IndyCar to leave NASCAR to the Brickyard 400 as an oval, and not cross-brand IndyCars with NASCAR at Indianapolis, but rather, somewhere else.
7. Two \$1m bonuses:
  - a. Win one each of:
    - i. Superspeedway (IMS, MIS, Lausitz)
    - ii. One medium/short oval (Phoenix, Motegi, Milwaukee, Texas, Phakisa, Iowa (2x), Goiânia, Las Vegas)
    - iii. One permanent road course (Laguna Seca, IMS, Portland, Road America, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Mid-Ohio, Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, COTA)
    - iv. One street course (St. Petersburg, Long Beach, Detroit, Toronto (2x), Nashville)
  - b. Triple Crown. Win \*all\* of the following:
    - i. Indianapolis 500
    - ii. US 500
    - iii. Las Vegas 500
8. Trophies!
  - a. Borg Warner retained for the Indianapolis 500
  - b. Astor Cup retained for the Overall Championship
  - c. Vanderbilt Cup awarded for the US 500
  - d. Given the balanced nature of points (15 points payouts on each, Ovals and Road Courses), resume the Foyt and Andretti awards, but associate with awesome new trophies and award at Nashville and Vegas.
  - e. Can also have trophy associated with the Triple Crown. Probably no trophy bonus for winning one each of the Superspeedway/short oval/permanent road course/street course, as theoretically there could be three winners a season.

9. Support series:
  - a. Indy NXT would have a 20 race series, mostly in support of IndyCar, with the following exceptions:
    - i. NASCAR in Sonoma, 8 March 2025 (round 2 of 20); IndyCar (and USF Pro 2000) get the week off after St. Petersburg, with IndyCar headed to Japan. This is two weeks after Phoenix, meaning minimal travel on West Coast for Indy NXT teams.
    - ii. IMSA SportsCar Championship at the IMS Road Course, 20 September 2025 (round 16 of 20). IndyCar are in Germany that week.
    - iii. Formula 1 at COTA, 18 October 2025.)
  - b. USF Pro 2000 would have a similar structure, with a 16 race series, also mostly in support of IndyCar, with the following exceptions:
    - i. Indianapolis Raceway Park on 24 May 2025 (Saturday), the day between Carburation Day (and the Indy NXT race) at IMS and the Indianapolis 500.
    - ii. IMSA SportsCar Championship at the IMS Road Course, 20 September 2025 (round 12 of 16). IndyCar are in Germany that week.
  - c. Indy NXT and USF Pro 2000 never leave the US/Canada, and while they never do a “double header” weekend, they’ll race at the following tracks twice:
    - i. IMS Road Course (early May with IndyCar, September with IMSA SportsCar Championship)
    - ii. COTA (mid-October with F1, early November with IndyCar; teams can stay around Austin as there are no races for them between these two events at COTA).
  - d. During the finale weekend, while USF Pro 2000 and the IndyCars are at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Indy NXT will support Formula 1 on the Street Course.

10. Detailed schedule follows:

## Round 1 – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Phoenix Indy 300**

Dates: 21-23 February, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Phoenix Raceway (1 mi)

Capacity: 42,000

Laps / Distance: 300 / 300mi (483km)

Existing Track Record: 183.559 mph (295.41 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 4,948,203

Region: Phoenix Metro, Southwest

Average Temperature: 44°F to 82°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (1 of 20), (no USF Pro 2000)

Events Same Weekend: NASCAR (Las Vegas 400)

Notes: Season opener

## Round 2 (following weekend):

### **Streets of St. Petersburg**

Dates: 28 February-2 March, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Downtown St. Petersburg (1.8 mi)

Capacity: ~250,000 over three days

Laps / Distance: 110 / 200mi (322km)

Existing Track Record: 106.841 mph (177.944 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 3,175,275

Region: Tampa Metro, Southeast

Average Temperature: 59°F to 78°F

Aligned races: USF Pro 2000 (1 of 16), (no Indy NXT)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Bahrain Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Phoenix 500),

FIA World Endurance Championship (Qatar 1812km)

Notes: Strong venue, opening road race.

Between Rounds 2 & 3, Indy NXT (2 of 20) to support NASCAR @ Sonoma on 8 March, 2025

Also between rounds 2 & 3, 12 Hours of Sebring takes place. All drivers from IndyCar would theoretically be available for both the 24 Hours of Daytona (four weeks prior to season start) and the 12 Hours of Sebring, as well as the Daytona 500 (a week prior to season start).

Round 3 (three weeks later):

### **Tokyo 500k**

Dates: 20-22 March, 2025 (Thu-Sat)

Track: Twin Ring Motegi (1.549 mi)

Capacity: 68,156

Laps / Distance: 201 / 311mi (500km)

Existing Track Record: 211.027 mph (339.615 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: **37,194,000**

Region: Tokyo Metro, Japan

Average Temperature: 41°F to 56°F

Aligned races: Formula Nippon? Super GT? (no Indy NXT or USF Pro 2000)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Australian Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (COTA)

Notes: Return to Japan!

Round 4 (two weeks later):

### **Monterey Grand Prix**

Dates: 4-6 April, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Laguna Seca (2.238 mi)

Capacity: 70,000+

Laps / Distance: 90 / 200mi (322km)

Existing Track Record: 122.295 mph (196.815 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 7,753,000

Region: Monterey Metro, California Bay Area

Average Temperature: 47°F to 64°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (3 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (2 of 16)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Japanese Grand Prix), NASCAR (North Wilkesboro)

Notes: First standing start of the season; history worthy of promotion

Round 5 (two weeks later):

### **Milwaukee 300**

Dates: 18-20 April, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Milwaukee Mile (1 mi)

Capacity: ~37,000

Laps / Distance: 300 / 300mi (483km)

Existing Track Record: 185.5 mph (298.533 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 1,574,731

Region: Milwaukee Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 39°F to 50°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (4 of 20), (no USF Pro 2000)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Chinese Grand Prix), NASCAR (Talladega 500), FIA World

Endurance Championship (6hrs of Imola)

Notes: oldest operating racetrack

Round 6 (following weekend) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Long Beach Grand Prix**

Dates: 26-27 April, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Streets of Long Beach (1.968 mi)

Capacity: ~192,000 over three days

Laps / Distance: 300 / 300mi (483km)

Existing Track Record: 106.331 mph (171.123 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 12,870,000

Region: Los Angeles Metroplex, Southern California

Average Temperature: 55°F to 73°F

Aligned races: IMSA SportsCar Championship (100 Minutes of Long Beach), Indy NXT (5 of 20),

USF Pro 2000 (3 of 16)

Events same weekend: NASCAR (Dover 400), FIA Formula E (Monaco ePrix), IMSA SportsCar Championship (100 Minutes of Long Beach, co-located on site)

Notes: Largest US metro served by any racing, long history (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); Double Points.

Round 7 (following weekend):

### **Indianapolis Grand Prix**

Dates: 1-3 May, 2025 (Thu-Sat)

Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course (2.621 mi)

Capacity: 250,000+

Laps / Distance: 82 / 200mi (322km)

Existing Track Record: 124.711 mph (200.703 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 1,881,000

Region: Indianapolis Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 52°F to 73°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (6 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (4 of 16)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Miami Grand Prix), NASCAR (Kansas 400)

Notes: Return to Indy!

Round 8 (all of the next three weekends) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **The 109<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 Mile Race**

Dates: 6-25 May, 2025 (Tue-Sun + two weeks)

Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway (2.5 mi)

Capacity: **400,000+**

Laps / Distance: 200 / 500mi (805km) (Qual: 4 / 10 (16.1km))

Existing Track Record: 239.26 mph (385.052 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 1,881,000

Region: Indianapolis Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 52°F to 73°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (7 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (5 of 16 – at Indianapolis Raceway Park)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Monaco Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Coca-Cola 600)

Notes: See numerous notes above regarding rules changes proposed. Qualifying worth full points, plus double points race.

Round 9 (following weekend):

### **Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix**

Dates: 30 May-1 June, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Detroit Street Circuit (1.645 mi)

Capacity: ~150,000 over three days

Laps / Distance: 100 / 164.5mi (265km)

Existing Track Record: **95.730** mph (154.063 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 6,191,000

Region: Detroit Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 60°F to 74°F

Aligned races: IMSA SportsCar Championship (Detroit Sprint Cup), Indy NXT (8 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (6 of 16)

Events same weekend: NASCAR (Gateway), IMSA SportsCar Championship (Detroit Sprint Cup, co-located on site)

Notes: Double header with IMSA SportsCar Championship.

Round 10 (two weeks later):

### **Texas 500**

Dates: 12-14 June, 2025 (Thu-Sat)

Track: Texas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi)

Capacity: 154,861

Laps / Distance: 333 / 500mi (804km)

Existing Track Record: **239.553** mph (385.523 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 7,800,000

Region: Dallas Metro, North Texas

Average Temperature: 73°F to **92**°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (9 of 20), (no USF Pro 2000)

Events same weekend: NASCAR (New Hampshire), FIA World Endurance Championship (24hrs of LeMans)

Notes: One of the fastest venues; could see phenomenal racing, under the lights at night.



Round 11 (two weeks later):

### **Portland Grand Prix**

Dates: 27-29 June, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Portland International Raceway (1.967 mi)

Capacity: 30,000

Laps / Distance: 102 / 200mi (322km)

Existing Track Record: 122.944 mph (197.859 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 2,200,000

Region: Portland Metro, Pacific Northwest

Average Temperature: 53°F to 73°F

Aligned races: FIA Formula E Portland ePrix, USF Pro 2000 (7 of 16), (no Indy NXT)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Austrian Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Streets of Chicago), FIA Formula E (Portland ePrix, co-located on site)

Notes: Aligned with the Rose Festival

Round 12 (following weekend) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **US 500**

Dates: 4-6 July, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Michigan International Speedway (2 mi)

Capacity: 137,243

Laps / Distance: 250 / 500mi (805km)

Existing Track Record: 234.949 mph (378.114 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 6,191,000

Region: Detroit Metro (roughly), Mid-West

Average Temperature: 66°F to 83°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (10 of 16), (no USF Pro 2000)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (British Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Atlanta 500)

Notes: Double points, Vanderbilt Cup Awarded; Triple Crown Race.

Round 13 (two weeks later) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **South African 500k**

Dates: 12-14 June, 2025 (Fri-Sun) – Night race on Sunday

Track: Phakisa Freeway (1.5 mi)

Capacity: 60,000

Laps / Distance: 207 / 310.5mi (500km)

Existing Track Record: N/A

Metropolitan Area Population: 63,743; Bloemfontein + Johannesburg = 11,741,431

Region: Between Bloemfontein & Johannesburg, South Africa, Africa

Average Temperature: 36°F to 69°F

Aligned races: No Indy NXT or USF Pro 2000.

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Hungarian Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Richmond 400)

Notes: Not even Formula 1 goes to Africa. Immense marketing opportunity.

Round 14 (two weeks later):

### **Road America**

Dates: 1-3 August, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Road America (4.048 mi)

Capacity: ~150,000

Laps / Distance: 50 / 202.4mi (325.73km)

Existing Track Record: 144.290 mph (232.200 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 1,574,731

Region: Milwaukee Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 66°F to 76°F

Aligned races: IMSA SportsCar Championship (Road America Sprint Cup), Indy NXT (11 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (8 of 16)

Events same weekend: IMSA Sports Car Championship (Road America Sprint Cup, co-located on site)

Notes: Classic venue, amazing track.

Round 15 (following weekend):

### **Toronto Doubleheader**

Dates: 8-10 August, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Exhibition Place (1.755 mi)

Capacity: ~50,000 over three days

Laps / Distance (each): 85 / 150mi (240km)

Existing Track Record: 109.34 mph (175.966 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 6,700,000

Region: Toronto Metro, Canada

Average Temperature: 64°F to 80°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (12 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (9 of 16)

Events same weekend: NASCAR (Brickyard 400)

Notes: Double-header, great promotion. Would definitely de-conflict TV with NASCAR.

Round 16 (following weekend) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Montreal 300k**

Dates: 15-16 August, 2025 (Fri-Sat)

Track: Circuit Gilles Villeneuve (2.71 mi)

Capacity: 100,000

Laps / Distance: 69 / 187mi (301km)

Existing Track Record: 144.290 mph (232.200 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 1,574,731

Region: Milwaukee Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 66°F to 76°F

Aligned races: NASCAR Cup Series Round 24, Indy NXT (13 of 20), (no USF Pro 2000)

Events same weekend: NASCAR (Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, co-located on site)

Notes: Double header with NASCAR

Round 17 (two weeks later) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Hy-Vee Iowa Doubleheader**

Dates: 29-31 August, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Iowa Speedway (0.875 mi)

Capacity: 30,000

Laps / Distance (each): 250 / 218.75mi (352.188km)

Existing Track Record: 186.81 mph (300.642 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: **566,000**

Region: Des Moines Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 64°F to 84°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (14 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (10 of 16)

Events same weekend: Formula 1 (Italian Grand Prix, with Formula 2), NASCAR (Darlington 500;

Playoffs Round of 16, race 1 of 3), FIA World Endurance Championship (Lone Star Le Mans @ COTA)

Notes: Amazing promotion.

Round 18 (following weekend):

### **Honda Grand Prix of Ohio**

Dates: 5-7 September, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (2.4 mi)

Capacity: ~75,000

Laps / Distance: 90 / 200mi (322km)

Existing Track Record: 125.870 mph (202.568 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: ~4,000,000

Region: Cleveland/Columbus Metro, Mid-West

Average Temperature: 58°F to 81°F

Notes: Classic venue

Aligned races: Indy NXT (15 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (11 of 16)

Events same weekend: NFL season (Week 1), NASCAR (Kansas 400; Playoffs Round of 16, race 2 of 3)

Round 19 (two weeks later):

### **German 500k**

Dates: 19-21 September, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: EuroSpeedway Lausitz (2.023 mi)

Capacity: 120,000

Laps / Distance: 154 / 311mi (500km)

Existing Track Record: 210.364 mph (338.548 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 6,144,600

Region: Brandenburg/Berlin Metro, Europe

Average Temperature: 52°F to 72°F

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 3), Formula 1 (Singapore Grand Prix), NASCAR (Watkins Glen; Playoffs, Round of 12, race 1 of 3), IMSA SportsCar Championship (Indianapolis Sprint Cup), Indy NXT (16 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (12 of 16) will be at IMS Road Course in support of IMSA

Notes: Amazing promotion.

Aligned races: In Germany – TBD. German Touring Car? NASCAR Whelen Euro Series?

Round 20 (three weeks later):

### **Brazilian 500k**

Dates: 10-12 October, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Autódromo Internacional Ayrton Senna (Goiânia) (1.67 mi)

Capacity: ~100,000

Laps / Distance: 193 / 311mi (500km)

Existing Track Record: N/A

Metropolitan Area Population: 2,206,734

Region: Goiânia, Brazil, South America

Average Temperature: 69°F to 89°F

Aligned races: In Brazil – TBD. NASCAR Brasil Sprint Race?

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 6), NASCAR (Las Vegas 400; Playoffs, Round of 8, race 1 of 3), IMSA SportsCar Championship (Petit Le Mans; Season Finale)

Notes: Lots of crossover opportunity.

Between Rounds 20 & 21, Indy NXT (17 of 20) and USF Pro 2000 (13 of 16) to support Formula 1 @ COTA on 18 October, 2025

Round 21 (two weeks later) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Mexican Super Grand Prix**

Dates: 24-25 October, 2025 (Fri-Sat)

Track: Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez (2.786 mi)

Capacity: ~400,000

Laps / Distance: 154 / 311mi (500km)

Existing Track Record: 118.395 mph (190.616 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 21,919,000

Region: Mexico City, Mexico

Average Temperature: 49°F to 75°F

Aligned races: N/A

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 8), Formula 1 (Mexican Grand Prix, co-located on site), NASCAR (Martinsville 500; Playoffs, Round of 8, race 3 of 3)

Notes: Amazing promotion, even though the IndyCars are actually the supporting series.

Round 22 (two weeks later) – MAJOR PROMOTION; NASCAR season ends the weekend in between.P

### **Grand Prix of the Americas**

Dates: 7-9 November, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Circuit of the Americas (2.786 mi)

Capacity:

Laps / Distance: 60 / 204.6mi (329.3km)

Existing Track Record: 116.96 mph (188.229 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 5,022,903

Region: Austin/San Antonio Metro, South-Central Texas

Average Temperature: 50°F to 71°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (18 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (14 of 16)

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 10)

Notes: Amazing track; Indy NXT and USF Pro 2000 consecutive racing on the same track.

Round 23 (following weekend) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Music City Grand Prix**

Dates: 14-16 November, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Nashville Street Circuit (2.17 mi)

Capacity: 150,000

Laps / Distance: 80 / 173.6mi (279.5km)

Existing Track Record: 103.13 mph (165.97 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 2,072,283

Region: Nashville Metro, Southeast

Average Temperature: 40°F to 61°F

Aligned races: Indy NXT (19 of 20), USF Pro 2000 (15 of 16)

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 11)

Notes: Amazing track.

Round 24 (following weekend) – MAJOR PROMOTION

### **Las Vegas 500**

Dates: 21-23 November, 2025 (Fri-Sun)

Track: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi)

Capacity: 80,000

Laps / Distance: 333 / 500mi (804km)

Existing Track Record: 226.491 mph (364.502 km/h)

Metropolitan Area Population: 2,699,000

Region: Nashville Metro, Southeast

Average Temperature: 35°F to 70°F

Events same weekend: NFL Season (Week 12), Formula 1 (Las Vegas Grand Prix, pseudo co-located)

Aligned races: Indy NXT (20 of 20) – on Streets of Las Vegas, USF Pro 2000 (16 of 16)

Notes: Double points. Season finale, at Las Vegas same time as Formula 1 on the streets. Astor Cup awarded for Championship.