

WeatherTech Championship - Rolex 24 At Daytona
Saturday, January 24, 2026
Pre-Race MxM Official


6:00:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage
6:30:00 AM		Yellow Garages and Pit Lane Gates Open
8:15:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	DIS Car Corral Parade Laps (IMSA)
8:30:00 AM	8:45:00 AM	IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage
8:50:00 AM	9:20:00 AM	Race - HSR
9:15:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	WeatherTech Championship - Fuel Rig Inspection
9:25:00 AM		Cued by DIS at the conclusion of HSR Race. Pre-Race Stage moves from Speedway Turn 2, race direction, and parks on Pit Lane as directed by IMSA Officials.
9:30:00 AM		WeatherTech Championship Driver and Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room
9:30:00 AM	10:45:00 AM	IMSA On-Track Activities, IMSA Hot Lap Experience (by invitation only)
10:35:00 AM		IWSC cars are released to Pit Lane to prepare for the Recon Lap
10:50:00 AM		IWSC Pre-Race / Recon Lap
10:50:00 AM		Pit Exit OPEN. All cars commence 1 lap. All classes except GTP grid on pit lane and may fuel ONLY immediately on stopping, before directed to push back by IMSA Officials. All classes except GTP will push back to echelon style, driver's right, grid sign under left front Michelin tire. Only GTP cars stop at false grid on the Skid Pad and may fuel ONLY immediately on stopping, before directed to push back by IMSA Officials and wait for GTP Driver Introductions / Procession to commence (reverse grid order).
		GTP tuggers at Skid Pad Gate 402 are released to their respective GTP cars to refuel by IMSA Officials. After fueling, GTP tuggers exit the Skid Pad via pit lane (fast lane) and stage at the GTP grid positions with stanchions for GTP cars.
10:53:00 AM		Pit Exit CLOSED.
11:10:00 AM		GTD Drivers report behind pre-race stage on pit lane in fire suits for Driver Introductions (Use pits to access)
11:15:00 AM		Open Ballfield and Crossover Gates for Fan Access
11:20:00 AM		GTD PRO Drivers report behind pre-race stage on pit lane in fire suits for Driver Introductions (Use pits to access)
11:30:00 AM	11:55:00 AM	Driver Introductions for GTD, GTD PRO, LMP2.
11:30:00 AM		LMP2 Drivers report behind pre-race stage on pit lane in fire suits for Driver Introductions (Use pits to access)
11:35:00 AM		GTP Drivers report to their cars in fire suits on the Skid Pad for Driver Introductions (Use Gate 402 to access)
11:50:00 AM		Prepare for GTP Driver Introductions and procession from the Skid Pad.
11:55:00 AM		GTP Driver Introductions and procession begin. GTPs released from Skid Pad, drivers walk in front of car, crew push the car in the fast lane and park in grid position, echelon style, driver's right, IMSA grid sign under left front Michelin tire. GTP Cars are required to stanchion off the car once parked in it's final grid position. No tuggers permitted in the GTP procession.
11:55:00 AM		RSP 963, Safety Car 1, Safety Car 2, and Grand Marshal Car follow the GTP Procession in that order. Grand Marshal Car stops at Stage.
12:15:00 PM		After all GTP racecars are parked in grid position on pit lane. FULL grid open to fans.
12:15:00 PM	12:25:00 PM	Engine Warm-Up Period
12:25:00 PM	12:59:40 PM	Open PA / Content
12:59:40 PM	1:00:00 PM	Intro / Pledge of Allegiance: Pathways Elementary School
1:00:00 PM	1:02:00 PM	Intro / Speaking: Frank Kelleher, Daytona International Speedway, President
1:02:00 PM	1:02:15 PM	Intro: President & CEO, Rolex, Luca Bernasconi
1:02:15 PM	1:02:30 PM	Intro Honorary Starter: TBD
1:02:30 PM	1:02:45 PM	Intro Grand Marshal: Lexi Thompson, Rolex Testimonee and LPGA Major Champion
1:05:00 PM		1st Call - Clear the Grid of Non-Essential Personnel
1:12:00 PM		2nd Call - Clear the Grid of Non-Essential Personnel
1:17:00 PM		Final Call - Clear the Grid of Non-Essential Personnel
1:22:00 PM		DIS crossover gates closed
1:22:15 PM		10 Minute Warning - "Please cease all work on cars".
1:22:45 PM	1:23:00 PM	"Teams and Officials in Line Formation" (Facing mid grid), minimum six (6) uniformed Team members
1:23:00 PM	1:23:20 PM	Intro Colors: Crescent City High School
1:23:20 PM	1:23:50 PM	Intro Chaplain and Invocation TBD, Advent Health
1:23:50 PM	1:24:00 PM	Intro National Anthem: Kelly Kwiatek
1:24:00 PM	1:25:55 PM	National Anthem
1:25:55 PM		Flyby TOT: (2) F-35s, The 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base (Turn 4 to Turn 1)
1:25:55 PM		Pre-race stage departs via pit out road to fire compound
1:26:00 PM	1:26:15 PM	"Drivers in your cars"
1:26:15 PM	1:32:00 PM	Music fill
1:27:15 PM		5 Minute Warning
1:32:00 PM		Reintroduce Grand Marshal from Grand Marshal car at mid-grid: Lexi Thompson, Rolex Testimonee and LPGA Major Champion
1:32:15 PM		"Drivers Start Your Engines"
1:32:30 PM		Dispatch Parade Car and Grand Marshal Car (Parade Car at head of grid and Grand Marshal car from mid-grid)
1:33:00 PM		Dispatch Safety Car (2 Formation Laps)
1:40:00 PM	1:40:00 PM	Green Flag - 64th Rolex 24 At Daytona for IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship - 24 Hours