

## **Tops Tee Box Indy 500 Overview**

*\*Dates are most likely official, however times may change*

### **Race Info**

#### **Events, Dates, & Times**

Heat Races - Saturday, May 4 (Only for more than 60 cars entered)

Day 1 Quali - Saturday, May 11 - 12:00pm est

Day 2 Quali - Sunday, May 12 - 2:00pm est

Race Day - Sunday, May 19 - 2:00pm est

#### **Heat Races**

Date: Saturday, May 4

##### **Details:**

If there are more than 60 entries, we will split into even groups to determine which 60 drivers will move on to day 1 of qualifying for the Indy 500. The full details for this will be made on the entry deadline of Thursday, May 2. No matter the format, each driver will have a second attempt to make the 60 car qualifying field if they wreck in their first heat.

##### **Format for all first round of heats:**

Practice: 3 minutes

Qualifying: 5 minutes, 2 laps

Race: 15 laps

\*Entry fee should not be paid until you are qualified for the race (Conclusion of May 12 qualifying). In other words, it is free to try to qualify!

#### **Day 1 Quali**

Date: Saturday, May 11

Time: 12:00pm est

##### **Details:**

##### **Initial Qualifying:**

- The top 60 cars from the heat races the week prior will have a chance to qualify for the Indy 500
- The first day of qualifying will feature a 13 hour session. The first hour of the session will be used for two, 30 minute practice sessions featuring half the 60 car qualifying field in each.
- At the conclusion of the second practice session, the 12 hour qualifying session will begin.
- Each driver will be put into a drawing to determine qualifying order (This will be announced the night prior. To find out what time you will be qualifying, each driver's quali will take approximately 165 seconds before the next car begins. A spreadsheet with

estimated qualifying start times for each driver will also be posted the day before the event).

- Each driver will be called over the iRacing voice chat to do their qualifying run. Once called, each driver should do 4 laps, and then return to the pits on their 5th lap. Once it is deemed safe, the next driver will be called to do their 4 laps
- This will continue until all 60 drivers have done their qualifying laps

#### Jockeying:

- After all 60 cars have completed their initial qualifying times, jockeying will begin. Jockeying includes the priority lane (lane 1), and lane 2.

#### Priority Lane:

##### Details:

- The priority lane is for cars willing to risk their initial qualifying time and improve it
- Priority lane drivers get to go before the cars that chose lane 2

##### How it Works:

- To declare yourself in the priority lane, once race control says it is open, drivers should line up on pit exit.
- Once cars are lined up, race control will notify the first car when to go. All other cars will run in the order they get to the pit entrance.
- Drivers will get 4 laps, but their first qualifying run will be invalid, meaning they *must* use their new qualifying time.
- Drivers can go back to the priority lane as many times as they want, but each time they must use their new qualifying time.
- This will continue until the last car in the priority lane finishes their last lap and no other cars are in the priority lane, **or** until time in the session expires

#### Lane 2

##### Details:

- Lane 2 is for drivers wanting to improve their qualifying without risking their initial time
- They must go after drivers in the priority lane

##### How it Works:

- If enough time remains after the priority lane, drivers can line up in the same manner as the drivers from the priority lane
- This time, drivers initial times are kept safe

#### Important notes:

- If the qualifying session ends before all 60 drivers complete an initial qualifying time, a second session will be posted the following day before the official “day 2” qualifying session begins. This will allow the rest of the drivers to complete their laps. After all drivers complete their laps, there will be 2 hours used for jockeying. No matter how much time is left in the session, jockeying will only last for 2 hours

*\*This is only if not all cars can qualify on day 1*

- To move on to day 2 of qualifying you must be top 34 by the end of day 1 qualifying

## **Day 2 Quali**

Date: Sunday, May 12

Time: 2:00pm est

### **Details:**

Day 2 of qualifying will begin with two, 1 hour practice sessions. The first for the top 12, and the second for the bottom 4. This day is used to determine which of day 1's top 12 qualifiers will compete for pole, and will set the qualifying positions for the last row (bottom 3), eliminating 1 more driver. Cars 1-12 and 31-34 from day 1 qualifying will need to attend this session. Cars 13-30 have their positions locked for next week's Indy 500, and 35-60 from day 1 qualifying are eliminated.

### **Top 12:**

- The top 12 from day 1 will have 4 laps to make the fast 6 later that night.
- This is done in reverse order, so starting from 12 down to 1 from day 1 qualifying.
- Each driver will have only 4 laps, and no jockeying.

### **Last Row:**

- Cars 31-36 from day 1 will have 4 laps in their last chance to make the greatest spectacle in racing
- This is also done in reverse order from day 1 qualifying.
- There is jockeying that will last the remainder of the session.

### **Fast 6**

- The fast 6 will have a chance at the \$100 prize and pole position for the Indy 500.
- Each driver has 4 laps done in reverse order from the top 12 qualifying.

## **Race Day**

Date: Sunday, May 19

Green Flag: 2:00pm est

### **Details:**

Green flag for the first annual Tops Tee Box Indy 500 (200 laps) is at 2:00pm est. The session will open at 1:00pm est for a 1 hour practice session before the race. This **will not** be used as a practice however. All cars in the 33 car field should grid on pit road so the broadcast can show each car and interview drivers. The pre race broadcast will last around an hour, until we begin the pre race ceremony. During the pre race ceremony, we will have the singing and playing of "The Star Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", and "Back Home Again in Indiana," along with more. The full race day schedule is below.

### **Race Day Schedule:**

1:00pm est - Session opens for drivers to grid in their pit stalls for the broadcast. Drivers should report to their discord voice channel when they are scheduled to be interviewed (Interview Schedule will be below).

1:50pm est - Cars should remain in the pits for driver introductions (Starting with driver introductions all commentary, up until race start, will also be done through iRacing voice chat. Driver intros, pre race ceremony, etc).

2:00pm est - Cars grid on track and the pre race ceremony begins. Grid time will be extended until ceremonies are over.

2:15pm est - Pre race ceremony ends and parade lap begins. We will start with a 3 wide lap, followed by 3, single file laps, concluding with the final 3 wide pace lap that will lead to the green flag.

2:20pm est - Green Flag

## **Entry Fee & Payment**

### **Entry Fee:**

- Entry fee is \$15 per driver. This should not be paid until you are qualified for the race. That means that qualifying is completely free!

### **Payment:**

- After you are qualified for the race, to be eligible to race, you must send your \$15 entry on Cashapp or Venmo.
- When you send your payment, please put your full iRacing name, which should be your discord server nickname, in the notes, along with the name of the race
  - Ex: "Trevor Kratzer, Tops Tee Box Indy 500"

Payment will open when we ensure we have enough people to run the event.

### **Prizes**

Prizes will be given out to the pole winner and the top 3 finishers in the race. This payment will be sent through your entry fee payment method (Cashapp or Venmo).

- Pole - \$100
- P1 - \$250
- P2 - \$100
- P3 - \$50

## **Broadcast**

The full 2 day qualifying and full race will be broadcasted on our [YouTube](#). We may also stream on Twitch and other possibly streaming platforms.

## **Race Control & Sporting Code**

### **Race Control**

- There will be live race control throughout all stages of the event including heats, qualifying, and the race.

### **Sporting Code & Rules**

- Race control will give out penalties to anything they deem against the [Sporting Code](#).

\*By reading this document including the sporting code you agree to abide by all rules outlined by the race organizers.