2017 Rockford 200 - Race Rules

The legendary Rockford 200 returns to its rightful spot as FARC's championship race after its latest absence. However, despite this race's turbulence, a colossal number of teams is expected to flood the quarter-mile in Loves Park, Illinois, and do battle over a long weekend for just 60 spots in the 200-lap, three-stage feature. A smorgasbord of points is up for grabs throughout the weekend, greatly rewarding the teams that are able to fight their way into the 200, and possibly creating some miracles in the championship fight.

Day 1 - ProLaps Pole Qualifying

All cars will be split into groups for timed sessions.
The top 20 overall teams will be locked into the Rockford 200; 10 for each of the first 2 stages, alternating by odd & even positions. Everyone else will have to qualify for the race on Day 2.
Bonus points will be awarded to the top 50, from 50, 49...1.

Day 2 - Alphabet Soup Qualifying

A series of qualifying races will be run, split into tiers with 2 races each.
Race 1 always feeds into Race 1 of the next tier, and Race 2 always feeds into Race 2 of the next tier.
Bonus points will be awarded in each tier, with more points up for grabs higher up the ladder.
The top 10 in driver points, all 2017 race winners, and the FARC Super Series and Truck Series champions will be allowed one mulligan, allowing them to automatically advance to the next tier as an extra starter if they finish outside of a transfer spot.
The mulligan may not be used if its recipient fails to finish their race, and it may not be used to transfer from the B-Mains to the Rockford 200, but it may be used to transfer from the B-Mains to the LCQ.

<u>B-Mains (40 Laps)</u>
28 cars: 21st-50th from Pole Qualifying (15 each) + Top 13 C-Main finishers
Top 16 advance to the Rockford 200
17th-20th advance to the LCQ
Bonus Points - 1st: 20; 2nd: 15...16th: 1

<u>C-Mains (25 Laps)</u>
26 cars: 51st-78th Qualifiers (14 each) + Top 12 D-Mains
Top 13 advance to the B-Mains
14th-16th advance to the LCQ
Bonus Points - 1st: 15; 2nd: 12; 3rd: 10...12th: 1

<u>D-Mains (20 Laps)</u>
24 cars: 79th-102nd Qualifiers (12 each) + Top 12 E-Mains
Top 12 advance to the C-Mains
13th & 14th advance to the LCQ
Bonus Points - 1st: 10; 2nd: 8; 3rd: 7...9th: 1

<u>E-Mains (18 Laps)</u>
22 cars: 103rd-126th Qualifiers (12 each) + Top 10 F-Mains
Top 12 advance to the D-Mains
13th advances to the LCQ
Bonus Points - 1st: 6...6th: 1

<u>F-Mains (16 Laps)</u>
22 cars: 127th - 150th Qualifiers (12 each) + Top 10 G-Mains
Top 10 advance to the E-Mains
Bonus Points - 1st: 5...5th: 1

G-Mains (15 Laps)
20 cars: 151st - 170th Qualifiers (10 each) + Top 10 H-Mains
Top 10 advance to the F-Mains
Bonus Points - 1st: 5...5th: 1

H-Mains (14 Laps)
20 cars: 171st - 190th Qualifiers (10 each) + Top 10 I-Mains
Top 10 advance to the G-Mains
Bonus Points - 1st: 3; 2nd: 2; 3rd: 1

I-Mains (12 Laps)
18 cars: 191st - 210th Qualifiers (10 each) + Top 8 J-Mains
Top 10 advance to the H-Mains
Bonus Points - 1st: 3; 2nd: 2; 3rd: 1

J-Mains (10 Laps)
18 cars: 211th - 230th Qualifiers (10 each) + Top 8 K-Mains
Top 8 advance to the I-Mains
Bonus Points - 1st: 2; 2nd: 1

K-Mains (8 Laps)
16 cars: 231st - 246th Qualifiers (8 each) + Top 8 L-Mains
Top 8 advance to the J-Mains
Bonus Points - 1 point for winner

L-Mains (6 Laps)
16 cars: 247th - 263rd Qualifiers (8 each) + Top 8 M-Mains
Top 8 advance to the K-Mains
Bonus Points - 1 point for winner

M-Mains & Below (6 Laps)
12 cars: 6 Qualifiers each + Top 6 Previous Tier
Top 6 advance to the next tier
Bonus Points - 1 point for winner

Day 3 - LCQ & Rockford 200

A 20-lap Last Chance Qualifier is contested by teams that finished just outside of transfer spots in qualifying races B-E, plus two Wild Cards and any remaining drivers with mulligans.
Only the top 2 finishers will advance to the 200. The LCQ does not pay any bonus points.
6 teams that failed to advance through qualifying are randomly awarded Wild Card spots, three for stages 1 and 2 each, rounding out the 60-car field.
All three stages pay full race points.

Stage 1: Laps 1-60

Row 1: P1 Pole Q & P3 Pole Q
Row 2: P5 Pole Q & P7 Pole Q
Row 3: P9 Pole Q & P11 Pole Q
Row 4: P13 Pole Q & P15 Pole Q
Row 5: P17 Pole Q & P19 Pole Q
Row 6: P1 B-Main 1 & P2 B-Main 1
Row 7: P3 B-Main 1 & P4 B-Main 1
Row 8: P5 B-Main 1 & P6 B-Main 1
Row 9: P7 B-Main 1 & P8 B-Main 1
Row 10: P9 B-Main 1 & P10 B-Main 1
Row 11: P11 B-Main 1 & P12 B-Main 1
Row 12: P13 B-Main 1 & P14 B-Main 1
Row 13: P15 B-Main 1 & P16 B-Main 1
Row 14: P1 LCQ & Wild Card 1
Row 15: Wild Card 3 & Wild Card 5

The top 14 plus one Wild Card advance to Stage 3, forming the inside line for the restart.

Stage 2: Laps 61-120

Row 1: P2 Pole Q & P4 Pole Q
Row 2: P6 Pole Q & P8 Pole Q
Row 3: P10 Pole Q & P12 Pole Q
Row 4: P14 Pole Q & P16 Pole Q
Row 5: P18 Pole Q & P20 Pole Q
Row 6: P1 B-Main 2 & P2 B-Main 2
Row 7: P3 B-Main 2 & P4 B-Main 2
Row 8: P5 B-Main 2 & P6 B-Main 2
Row 9: P7 B-Main 2 & P8 B-Main 2
Row 10: P9 B-Main 2 & P10 B-Main 2
Row 11: P11 B-Main 2 & P12 B-Main 2
Row 12: P13 B-Main 2 & P14 B-Main 2
Row 13: P15 B-Main 2 & P16 B-Main 2
Row 14: P2 LCQ & Wild Card 2
Row 15: Wild Card 4 & Wild Card 6

The top 14 plus one Wild Card advance to Stage 3, forming the outside line for the restart.

Stage 3: Laps 121-200

The remaining 30 cars race to the finish.
The pole for Stage 3 is given to whoever had the faster top lap time between the Stage 1 and 2 winners.
The Stage 3 winner is declared the winner of the Rockford 200.