



Firestone

GRAND PRIX OF ST. PETERSBURG

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HISTORY

2026 The Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be the 22nd annual running for INDYCAR racing on the streets of downtown St. Petersburg. This is the 16th time the race will serve as the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season-opening event.

BEGINNING The inaugural Grand Prix of St. Petersburg was in 2005 and won by the late Dan Wheldon, two-time Indianapolis 500 champion and local resident. A Champ Car World Series race was run on the circuit in 2003. No race was held in 2004.

TITLE SPONSOR Title sponsorship partners for the event have included:
Firestone 2014 to present
Honda 2005 to 2013

PAST INDYCAR WINNERS The winners of the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg include:

2025	Alex Palou, Chip Ganassi Racing
2024	Pato O'Ward, Arrow McLaren
2023	Marcus Ericsson, Chip Ganassi Racing
2022	Scott McLaughlin, Team Penske
2021	Colton Herta, Andretti Autosport
2020	Josef Newgarden, Team Penske
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2018	Sebastien Bourdais, Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan
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2016	Juan Pablo Montoya, Team Penske
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2014	Will Power, Team Penske
2013	James Hinchcliffe, Andretti Autosport
2012	Helio Castroneves, Team Penske
2011	Dario Franchitti, Target Chip Ganassi Racing
2010	Will Power, Team Penske
2009	Ryan Briscoe, Team Penske
2008	Graham Rahal, Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing
2007	Helio Castroneves, Team Penske
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2005	Dan Wheldon, Andretti Green Racing
2004	No race held
2003	Paul Tracy, Forsythe Racing (Champ Car World Series sanctioned event)

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- REPEAT WINNERS** Helio Castroneves (three wins: 2006, 2007 and 2012), Will Power (two wins: 2010 and 2014), Juan Pablo Montoya (two wins: 2015 and 2016), Sebastien Bourdais (two wins: 2017 and 2018), and Josef Newgarden (2019 and 2020) are the repeat winners on the streets of St. Petersburg.
- TEAM WINS** Team Penske has the most wins on the streets of St. Petersburg, having won 11 races in the history of the event.
- FASTEST RACE** At a 100-lap race distance, the fastest race was set by Scott McLaughlin on February 27, 2022, with a time of 1:51.27.3466 (96.899 mph). *(Race was shortened from 110 laps to 100 in 2020.)*
- FASTEST QUAL. LAP** The fastest qualifying lap time registered on the streets of St. Petersburg was on March 9, 2024 by Felix Rosenqvist with a time of 59.2706 (109.329 mph).
- FASTEST RACE LAP** The fastest race lap was set by Kyffin Simpson, on March 10, 2024, with a time of 1:00:8779 (106.443 mph).

HISTORIC FIRSTS

Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg has had the privilege to see a number of “firsts” take place on its track. Among them are the following:

- 2026** The NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series will compete on a street circuit for the first time in its history, joining the NTT INDYCAR series in a historic weekend
- 2025** FOX Sports broadcasted its first race as the exclusive U.S. television partner for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES with all other INDYCAR sessions airing on FS1 or FS2
- 2025** NTT INDYCAR SERIES raced with Honda and Chevrolet designed hybrid power units for the first time on the streets of St. Petersburg. This technology - initially introduced in the middle of the 2024 season - offers additional power (+120 horsepower) and enhanced overtake capability (“Push to Pass”)
- 2024** IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge competed on the streets of St. Petersburg for the first time; it also marked the first-ever race for the series on a street course
- 2023** First race of IndyCar’s development series as INDY NXT by Firestone; Series uses Firestone tires exclusively for the first time since 2013
- 2022** Trackside electronic EM Motorsports Marshalling System utilized by NTT INDYCAR SERIES for the first time
- 2022** NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver Scott McLaughlin wins his first race with the series

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- 2020** Site of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season finale for the first time in its history where a new INDYCAR champion was crowned
- 2019** NBC Sports broadcasts its first race as the exclusive U.S. television partner for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES
- 2018** New aerodynamic body kit for the Indy car debuts into INDYCAR competition
- 2018** New chassis debuts for Pro Mazda series (now known as USF Pro 2000 Presented by Continental Tire)
- 2017** Sebastien Bourdais is first IndyCar driver at St. Petersburg to go from last to first to victory while also leading the most race laps
- 2017** Colton Herta becomes youngest driver in Indy Lights history to win a race
- 2015** Street/road course aero kits for the Verizon IndyCar Series make its competition debut
- 2015** The new Dallara chassis for Indy Lights makes its debut
- 2013** Verizon IndyCar Series driver James Hinchcliffe wins his first race with the series
- 2012** The new Verizon IndyCar Series Dallara chassis – known as the DW12 – makes its debut, racing for the first time at St. Petersburg
- 2012** Engine manufacturer competition is reintroduced with Honda, Chevrolet, and Lotus fielding entries
- 2011** First street/road course to see double-file restarts in the Verizon IndyCar Series
- 2009** Graham Rahal is the youngest driver in IndyCar history to qualify on pole position
- 2008** Graham Rahal wins his first IndyCar race, becoming the youngest driver in IndyCar history to win a race
- 2007** The first event to feature both IndyCar and American LeMans Series (now known as the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship) races
- 2005** First event to feature an Indy Lights double-header weekend
- 2005** First non-oval event for the IndyCar Series

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