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## **NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES 2008 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

***36-race, 22-track, 19-state slate starts with 50th running of the Daytona 500 Feb. 17***

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Sept. 26, 2007)** – The 2008 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule was announced today, a 36-race slate that kicks off with the 50th running of the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 17 at Daytona International Speedway. The 2008 season also marks NASCAR's 60th year as stock car racing's longest operating sanctioning body.

Following the "Great American Race" the series travels to Southern California, then to the bright lights of Las Vegas before returning to the southeast for races at Atlanta and Bristol. The first scheduled off date for the series will be in March during the Easter holiday. Following the race in Martinsville, the series makes another swing to the southwest, racing at Texas and Phoenix in early April. The second scheduled off weekend occurs in mid-April. The series then picks back up with races at Talladega, Richmond and Darlington prior to the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Challenge at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"By running five consecutive points events before the first scheduled break in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, the 2008 schedule is designed to be even more fan friendly," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France.

Another adjustment to the 2008 schedule is that the Chicago race will be run Saturday night. "Night racing provides an additional element of intrigue and excitement," said France. "Running under the lights at Chicagoland on a Saturday night will be even more exciting for the fans in the stands as well as those watching from home."

Other key dates:

- The 30th annual Budweiser Shootout at Daytona will be held on Feb. 9.
- On Sunday, July 27, the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard will be held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 6, Richmond International Raceway will be the last opportunity for drivers to qualify for the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup.
- The week after Richmond, on Sunday, Sept. 14, New Hampshire again will have the kick-off event in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup, which covers the season's last 10 races and determines the series champion.
- On Sunday, Nov. 16, Homestead-Miami Speedway will again host the season finale, where the 2008 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion will be crowned.

*(The 2008 schedule follows on a subsequent page. Starting times and television information will be announced at a later date.)*

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## 2008 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Feb 9	Budweiser Shootout at Daytona – Daytona International Speedway*
Feb 17	Daytona International Speedway
Feb 24	California Speedway
Mar 2	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Mar 9	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Mar 16	Bristol Motor Speedway
Mar 30	Martinsville Speedway
Apr 6	Texas Motor Speedway
Apr 12	Phoenix International Raceway
Apr 27	Talladega Superspeedway
May 3	Richmond International Raceway
May 10	Darlington Raceway
May 17	NASCAR Sprint All-Star Challenge – Lowe’s Motor Speedway*
May 25	Lowe’s Motor Speedway
Jun 1	Dover International Speedway
Jun 8	Pocono Raceway
Jun 15	Michigan International Speedway
Jun 22	Infineon Raceway
Jun 29	New Hampshire International Speedway
Jul 5	Daytona International Speedway
Jul 12	Chicagoland Speedway
Jul 27	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug 3	Pocono Raceway
Aug 10	Watkins Glen International
Aug 17	Michigan International Speedway
Aug 23	Bristol Motor Speedway
Aug 31	California Speedway
Sep 6	Richmond International Raceway
Sep 14	New Hampshire International Speedway
Sep 21	Dover International Speedway
Sep 28	Kansas Speedway
Oct 5	Talladega Superspeedway
Oct 11	Lowe’s Motor Speedway
Oct 19	Martinsville Speedway
Oct 26	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Nov 2	Texas Motor Speedway
Nov 9	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov 16	Homestead-Miami Speedway

*\*Non-championship points events*

*Tentative-Subject to Change*