



Thank you for your interest in covering 2017 Ford Championship Weekend (Nov. 17-19) at Homestead-Miami Speedway, featuring the Championship 4 round of each of NASCAR's three national series – Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR XFINITY Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. Please take note of the following items prior to filling out the online credential form, which can be found at [www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com/About/Media](http://www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com/About/Media).

### Credential Protocols

- All credential requests should be submitted by the outlet's editor, program director or sports director, and should include everyone from that outlet. Submission of application does not guarantee the issuance of credentials.
- Credentials will only be issued to accredited newspapers, news/wire services, publications, and internet sites that regularly cover motorsports; as well as national and local news television and radio networks.
- Homestead-Miami Speedway does not issue credentials to "stock photo" agencies.
- Freelance writers and photographers must be on specific assignment and included on the application submitted by the news agency's editor in order to be considered for credentials.
- Working media credentials are limited and will not be issued to representatives of non-working media, including (but not limited to) representatives of the following firms: marketing, public relations, promotions, sales and advertising. Credentials will not be issued to non-working members of the media outlet (spouses, relatives, guests, etc.).
- Homestead-Miami Speedway reserves the right to approve or deny credential requests, in addition to determining the number of credentials issued.

### Annual Hard Card Holders

Those who possess a NASCAR-issued hard card are required to submit a credential application via the online credential form when requesting stickers and parking for Ford Championship Weekend. Please indicate if you will require a reserved seat in the Media Center Deadline Room 1 and the days that seat is needed (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Seating in the Press Box is not assigned. Please indicate if you are planning to cover any of the three races from the Press Box, which is located on the fifth floor of the tower building.

Applicants will receive an e-mail from Greg Rios at [grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com](mailto:grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com) once the requests have been approved. Sticker and parking requests submitted before **October 20** will be mailed to the address indicated on the form. After **October 20**, stickers and parking will need to be picked up at the Homestead-Miami Speedway Credential Office, which is located off Palm Drive/344<sup>th</sup> St. outside of Turn 3. The Credential Office opens on Monday, November 13, of race week.

### Non-Hard Card Holders

Please submit your request for credentials, stickers and parking by **October 27, 2017** via the online credential form. All media members who require a reserved seat in the Media Center Deadline Room 1 should indicate which days the seat is needed (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) on the credential form. Seating in the Press Box is not assigned. Please indicate if you are planning to cover any of the three races from the Press Box, which is located on the fifth floor of the tower building.

Once credential requests have been reviewed, approved and inputted into the system, the applicant will receive a confirmation e-mail from Greg Rios at [grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com](mailto:grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com). This e-mail will indicate the credentials, stickers and parking for which the applicant has been approved. Non-hard card holders who are approved will need to pick up their credentials from the Homestead-Miami Speedway

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### **Media Photographers**

In addition to submitting request for credentials, stickers and parking via the online credential form, please note if you will need a photo vest. Photographers are required to wear a photo vest at all times while taking photos on the premises. Prior to the first day of taking photographs, ALL photographers must attend a mandatory photo meeting, which will be conducted by NASCAR in the Photo Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at times TBD. Photo vests can be picked up at the Photo Center, located across the street from the Media Center on the North side of the infield.

### **Media Credentials**

All credentialed media will receive a track credential plus stickers to indicate approved access areas, based on media outlet needs and requirements while on assignment.

- **NASCAR HOT/COLD Garage Access:** A limited number of NASCAR HOT/COLD garage passes are supplied to Homestead-Miami Speedway from NASCAR and are available to working media requiring access into the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series (MENCS) Garage at certain times. A COLD pass will allow access into the MENCS garage until **one hour before MENCS cars go on track**. A HOT pass will allow access into the garages at all times. Indicated times for HOT/COLD garages will be available in the Media Center.
- **M (Media) sticker:** This sticker is good for all media, and will grant access into the infield Media Center, Photo Center and Press Box, which is located on the fifth floor of the tower building behind the grandstands. This sticker will also allow for working media photographers to receive a photo vest. Photo vests can be picked up at the Photo Center, located across the street from the Media Center on the North side of the infield.
- **R (Roof) sticker:** A 'R' sticker will be granted to working photographers needing access to the roof of the tower building. Only a limited number of roof stickers are available. Outlets with more than one photographer will only be given one Roof sticker.
- **VL (Victory Lane) sticker:** A 'VL' sticker will allow access to Victory Lane post-race. A limited number of Victory Lane stickers are available. Outlets with more than one photographer will only be given one Victory Lane sticker.
- **TV (Videographer) sticker:** The TV sticker will be required for all broadcasters and videographers on assignment from national and local television stations. All footage of NASCAR cars on track is owned by NASCAR Productions.
- **Parking:** Media parking for race weekend is extremely limited. For those media members assigned a "Park & Ride" pass, a tram will provide transportation from the "Park & Ride" lot into the infield. Parking is free to all guests at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

### **Please Submit Credential Applications To:**

[www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com/About/Media](http://www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com/About/Media)

Thank you for reviewing Homestead-Miami Speedway's credential-request guidelines. We appreciate and look forward to your coverage for all of our race weekend events. It is our goal to make your job covering Homestead-Miami Speedway events pleasant and efficient. If you have any questions related to credential applications, please contact Neal Gulkis at (305) 230-5233, [ngulkis@homesteadmiamispeedway.com](mailto:ngulkis@homesteadmiamispeedway.com) or Greg Rios at (305) 230-5229, [grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com](mailto:grios@homesteadmiamispeedway.com).

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