

NCDOT x Ross Chastain: RushHour Event FAQ

When and where is the event?

The event will take place Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at RushHour Karting (5335 Raynor Road, Garner, NC 27529).

What is the event?

NASCAR driver Ross Chastain will join the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program for a special fan event to highlight the dangers of speeding and remind drivers that speed belongs on the track, not on North Carolina roads.

The event will include remarks from Ross and GHSP representatives, fan activities, photo and autograph opportunities and the chance for select attendees to race against Ross.

Is the event open to the public?

Yes. The event is open to the general public. Admission is free. Space and participation in individual activities may be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

What time should attendees arrive?

The event begins at 4 p.m. Attendees interested in participating in the meet-and-greet and/or entering the lottery to race Ross are encouraged to arrive early.

Wristband distribution will begin at 3 p.m., one hour before the official event begins, and continue until all available wristbands have been distributed.

How will wristbands work?

Attendees will receive one numbered wristband* at the designated registration area while supplies last. Wristbands will be used to help event staff manage access to the fan meet-and-greet and enter eligible attendees into the lottery for the chance to race Ross Chastain.

Each attendee may receive only one wristband and must be present to receive it. Wristbands may not be transferred, sold or exchanged.

Once attendees receive a wristband, they will then be asked to sign a waiver to participate in RushHour Karting activities.

**Receiving a wristband provides access to the meet-and-greet process and entry into the racing lottery, but it does not guarantee an opportunity to race Ross.*

How will the meet-and-greet work?

Fans with an event wristband will be invited to participate in the meet-and-greet during the designated time period. A limited number of wristbands will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to help ensure the meet-and-greet can be completed within the available time.

Event staff will organize attendees by wristband number or number range and announce when each group should report to the meet-and-greet line. Attendees should listen for announcements and follow on-site instructions regarding when and where to line up.

To help Ross meet as many fans as possible, each attendee or family group may be limited to:

- One posed photo
- One autograph per person

- A brief interaction with Ross

Attendees who are not present when their wristband group is called may be asked to join a later group, as time and capacity allow. Meet-and-greet access is subject to event timing and may close once capacity is reached.

Will everyone get to race Ross Chastain?

No. Due to time and capacity limitations, only a limited number of attendees will be selected to race Ross. Up to 22 members of the public will be chosen through a random wristband lottery. Separate race spaces will be reserved for invited media and content creators.

How will the racing lottery work?

All eligible attendees who receive a numbered wristband will be entered into a random lottery for the chance to race Ross.

After wristband distribution closes, event organizers will randomly select and announce winning wristband numbers. Attendees must retain their wristbands throughout the event, as a wristband must be shown to claim a winning race spot and to participate in the meet-and-greet.

When will the winning wristband numbers be announced?

Winning wristband numbers will be announced at approximately 4:30 p.m. Attendees should remain on-site and listen for their number. A member of the event team will also be available with a list to confirm winning numbers.

When and where should winners report?

Selected winners must be present and report to the designated check-in area at 5:15 p.m., following the meet-and-greet, for race training and a required safety briefing.

Winners who do not report by the designated time may forfeit their spot, and an alternate wristband number may be selected.

What happens after someone wins the lottery?

Selected attendees must check in with event staff, verify that they meet RushHour Karting's participation requirements and complete any required waivers. Winners will then receive instructions about race timing, safety procedures and where to report for their race. Being selected through the lottery does not override any venue safety or eligibility requirements.

Are there age, height or other requirements to race?

All racers must meet [RushHour Karting's policies and procedures](#) including age, height, health and safety requirements, and comply with instructions from venue staff.

Participants may also be required to sign a waiver before racing. A parent or legal guardian may need to complete documentation for participants under age 18. Attendees should review RushHour Karting's current racing requirements before the event.

Can a winning wristband be given to someone else?

No. Winning wristbands are nontransferable and must be used by the person who originally received the wristband. Event staff may ask participants to confirm their identity or eligibility during check-in.

Can attendees bring something for Ross to autograph?

Yes. Fans may bring one appropriate item for Ross to autograph. Event organizers will also provide a limited number of hero cards while supplies last.

Large, unusual or inappropriate items may not be accepted. Event staff may limit autograph items to keep the line moving.

Are photos allowed?

Yes. Attendees may take photos during the event. Designated staff may assist with photos during the meet-and-greet to help the line move efficiently. Professional photography, extended photo sessions or requests for multiple poses may be limited.

Is racing included with event admission?

Selected lottery winners will receive their race with Ross at no cost.

Additional karting sessions outside the official event races may be available for purchase directly through RushHour Karting, subject to venue availability and standard pricing.

What should attendees wear?

Attendees who hope to race should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes. Loose clothing and accessories may need to be secured before entering the track.

All participants must follow RushHour Karting's safety requirements.

What is the safety message behind the event?

Professional racing takes place in a controlled environment with trained drivers, safety equipment and established rules. Public roads are not racetracks.

NCDOT's Governor's Highway Safety Program is partnering with Ross Chastain to remind North Carolina drivers that speeding puts drivers, passengers, pedestrians and everyone sharing the road at risk. Speed belongs on the track, not on public roads, streets or highways.

Will Ross and GHSP representatives be available for interviews?

Yes. Ross Chastain and representatives from GHSP are expected to be available for scheduled media interviews before and during the event.

Media should contact Lauren French at lfrench@fwv-us.com or 919-675-3329 to coordinate attendance or interview requests.

Will the event schedule change?

Event activities and timing are subject to change based on attendance, venue operations and other circumstances. Attendees should follow on-site signage and instructions from event staff for the latest information.