



**NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series  
and  
NASCAR iRacing.com Series World  
Championship**



**2011**

# Introduction:

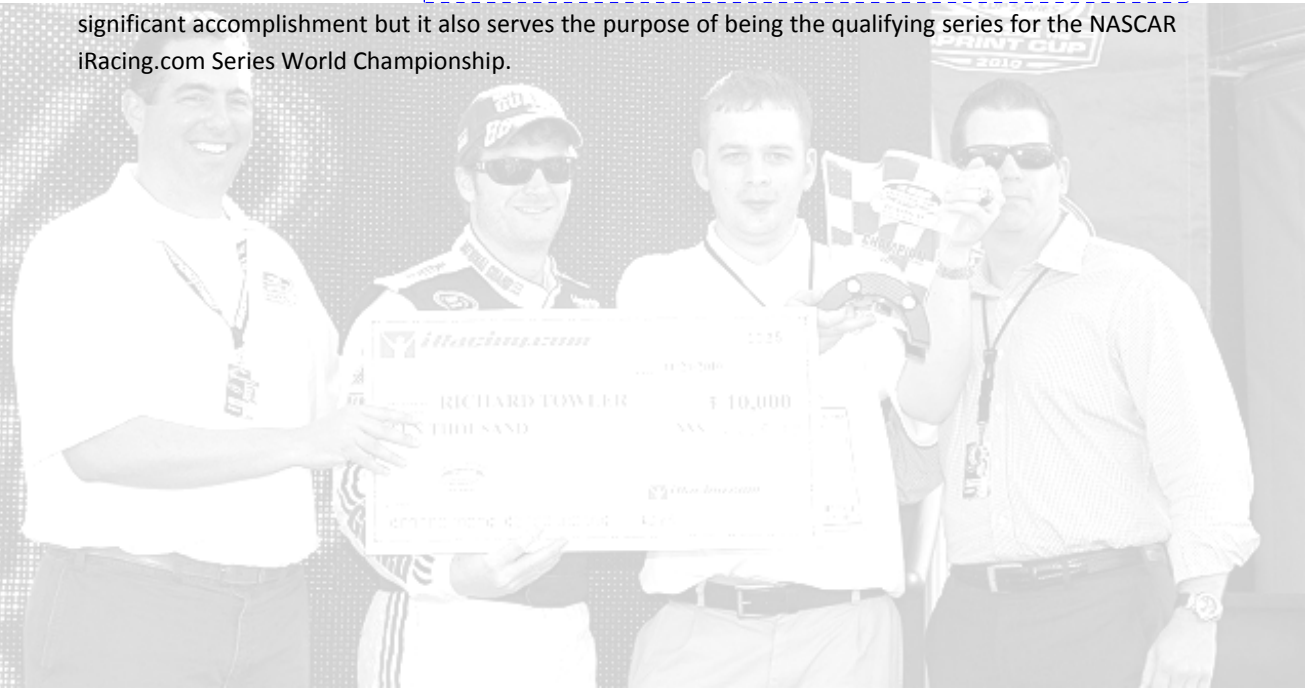
iRacing.com™ and NASCAR are excited to partner to form the premier virtual stock car racing series in the world, the **NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series (NiPS)** and the **NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship (NiSWC)**. The NiPS and NiSWC are about individual racing competition and accomplishment. Both of these series are limited to iRacing members who have progressed through the iRacing.com competition license ladder and earned a NASCAR Pro-level license.

At the top of FIRST-sanctioned competition is the **NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship**. *The winner of the NiSWC is, by definition, the best on-line stock car driver in the world for that year!*

Comment [ 1]: NiSWC

The steppingstone to the NiSWC is the **NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series**. Making it to the Pro Series is a significant accomplishment but it also serves the purpose of being the qualifying series for the NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship.

Comment [ 2]: NiSWC



*\*Note: This document assumes a basic understanding of iRacing competition, as sanctioned by FIRST, including the competition licensing program and Safety Rating system, the iRating skill measure and divisions. For more information on these topics, please refer to the iRacing.com FIRST Official Sporting Code (available on the iRacing members' Web site). These guidelines are subject to change at iRacing's sole discretion. Any changes to the guidelines will be announced within the iRacing service.*

# OVERVIEW:

## NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series

- Earning a NASCAR iRacing Pro Series License
  - Top 12 points finishers not already holding a Pro or Pro/WC license from seasons 1, 2, and 3 in the Class "A" standards series totaling 36 drivers
  - Bottom 25 drivers from the 2011 NiSWC.
  - Total 61 Pro-License drivers.
- Field Size
  - Single Race with 43 cars depending on race venue.
  - Race field will be determined by qualifying.
  - Drivers holding Class "A" 4.00 may attempt to qualify and compete in the race should there be less than 40 Pro license holders in attendance.
- Earning WC License
  - Top 25 drivers offered WC license and transfer to 2012 NiSWC
- NiPS Series
  - 12 Week season conducted in conjunction with 2011 Season 4 starting Nov 2011.
  - 2 drop weeks
  - Races are every Tuesday at 9PM EST/ Wednesday 02:00 GMT

## NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship

- Field Size
  - 43 cars depending on race venue.
  - Race field will be determined by qualifying.
  - Drivers holding Pro licenses can attempt to qualify and compete in the race should there be less than 40 WC license holders in attendance.
- WC Licenses:
  - Top 25 drivers retain their WC oval license and return to the NiSWC in 2012 and will not be eligible to race in 2011 NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series.
  - Drivers finishing outside of the top 25 will be offered Pro License and eligible to compete in 2011 NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series.
- NiSWC Season
  - 18 Week Season with 2 drop weeks
  - Races are every other Tuesday at 9PM EST/ Wednesday 02:00 GMT starting 15 Feb 2011. After U.S. daylight saving time change (March 13, 2011), race time will be Tue 9:00 PM EDT/ Wed 01:00 GMT.

# NASCAR iRacing.com™ Pro Series

The Pro License is the second-highest license level in the iRacing.com FIRST Competition Licensing Program. Obtaining a pro license or winning a pro event is very prestigious. On top of that, the top 25 finishers in the 2011 pro series will receive a 2012 NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship license, our highest racing license and racing series.

## NASCAR iRacing Pro License

iRacing.com is changing its Pro Series format for 2011. The Pro Series itself will be held during iRacing's standard 2011 season four, a 12 week season which takes place from early November 2011 through the end of January 2012. This series will race every week for twelve weeks. This series will include two drop-weeks, therefore the top 10 races for each competitor will be counted in the final results. The races themselves will mirror the NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship. There will be just one split and a field of 43 drivers. The qualifying will work exactly the same as the NiSWC (see below). Additionally, the race points and displaying of points will work exactly the same as the NiSWC (below). The races will also take place on the same nights as the NiSWC (Tuesdays) at 9:00 Eastern Time U.S.

Once a member earns a Pro License, he or she shall retain that license from the time it is granted through the entire season four, 12 week Pro season so long as safety rating remains above 1.0. If a driver falls below a 1.0 safety rating they will lose their Pro license but can earn their way back to a Pro license during the season by driving at the lower license class levels to meet requirements and work their way back to an "A" license class along with getting safety rating above 4.0 at the "A" license class level. If this occurs they will automatically get their license back.

Pro Licenses will be awarded as earned for A class drivers. iRacing members who are promoted to a Pro License but have an expired membership must renew their membership within the first two weeks of the Pro-Season. If a driver does not renew, his/her license could be revoked. Any member not wishing to retain a pro license upon promotion must inform iRacing.com of his/her intention to withdraw from Pro Competition within the first two weeks of the season. The member must notify iRacing in writing via email at NiPS@iracing.com

## General Qualifying Criteria for NiPS

To qualify for the 2011 NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series a member needs to obtain an iRacing.com "A" oval level license. This license is needed to run the iRacing standard A level series that races each season. Currently, iRacing.com only has one A level oval license series: the NASCAR iRacing.com Class A Series. In the event that iRacing adds one or more additional A level oval license series, it will designate which one is the official feeder series for the Pro License. In order to qualify for the Pro Series and obtain a Pro License, a member must finish in the top twelve in any of the first three iRacing standard seasons in the oval A class series. A member who finishes in the top twelve will be offered a Pro License immediately following the standard season. For example, at the end of season one in April 2011, the top 12 finishers in the NASCAR iRacing Class A Series will be offered a Pro Licenses and be eligible to compete in the Pro Series in Season Four. In addition, they will be able to try and qualify for NiSWC races immediately so long as they keep their Pro License at 3.0 or higher.

Once a member is granted a Pro License, they can also still race the following A season if they choose. However, if the member finishes in the top 12 again the following A season, they will not be counted as one of the top 12 finishers for the purpose of granting 12 new licenses since they already have their license. The same holds true for someone who is already holding a NiSWC license: they will not be counted in the top 12. The next member in-line instead would be offered the license even if they are not in the top 12.

Therefore a total of 36 drivers from the A series from Seasons One through Three will be offered a Pro Licenses and be eligible to compete in the Pro Series in Season Four as well as being eligible to qualify for any open spots in the 2011 NiSWC races so long as they have a 3.0 or higher Pro License.

Additionally, since the 2011 NiSWC will conclude prior to the start of Season Four, the bottom 25 drivers from the NiSWC will also automatically be granted licenses for the Season Four Pro Series so they also will have a chance based on performance in the Pro Series to race again in the 2012 NiSWC. Therefore a total of 61 drivers will be granted a 2011 NASCAR iRacing.com Pro Series License. The top 25 drivers from the NiSWC in 2011 will not be eligible for the 2011 NiPS.

NiPS events will typically be planned for 60-90 minutes in duration but could vary depending on cautions and racing venue. Races will typically feature 43 car fields (though again this may vary depending on venue). Each week, the top 43 NiPS drivers based on qualifying times are guaranteed a place in the race field. All 61 NiPS license holders are encouraged to qualify and register for each race. In addition, any 4.0 or above A license holder is also eligible to qualify for each race. If less than 43 NiPS drivers register to race, the A 4.0 or above drivers will be eligible to race in the NiPS based on qualifying times. Therefore all A 4.0 drivers are also encouraged to qualify and register to race. However they will only be allowed to enter the field if less than 43 NiPS have registered to race. (Note: It is possible for a NiPS driver to register and be allowed in a race without qualifying if less than 40 NiPS

license holders register to race and do qualifying sessions.) Room permitting, if NiPS drivers do not qualify but register to race they will be placed in the race based on iRating. Again, if spots to race exist after all NiPS license holders who registered are admitted, remaining spots will be filled by A 4.0 or above drivers. The starting grid will be set by qualifying times. Any driver who does not post a qualifying time will start from the rear of the field based on iRating. Qualifying will be limited to a single session of two laps fifteen minutes before the start of each race.

NiPS series races will be selectively broadcast during the course of the year.

## **NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship**

As the highest racing series within the iRacing.com Competition Program for oval racing (as opposed to road racing), the NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship Licenses are awarded to only 50 drivers who have earned the right to compete head-to-head to determine the best on-line driver in the world. The drivers in this series have worked extremely hard to get to this elite series and are the best sim racers in the world. iRacing.com and NASCAR are also very proud of this series, it is the showcase for both iRacing and for NASCAR in regards to simulated on-line racing. This series is viewed and followed closely by thousands of fans and fellow sim racers around the globe.

### **NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship License**

Once a member earns an NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship License, he or she shall retain that license for the entire 39-week season so long as the driver maintains a safety rating of 1.0 or higher at that license class. If a driver falls below a 1.0 safety rating they will lose their NiSWC license, however, that driver can drive at the lower class levels and may regain their Pro Series and World Championship licenses by achieving a 4.0 or higher safety rating.

After completion of the NiSWC in 2010, only the top 30 drivers from the 2010 NiSWC series will keep their NiSWC license for 2011 season. To complete the field of 50 drivers for 2011 NiSWC, the top 20 drivers from the 2010 NiPS series will be added to the NiSWC.

For the 2012 NiSWC only the top 25 drivers from the 2011 NiSWC will retain their NiSWC license (rather than 30). The rest of the field will gain entry through the NiPS.

The top 25 drivers who retain their NiSWC in 2011 are not eligible to drive in the 2011 NiPS. All other drivers who lost their NiSWC license are automatically eligible to drive in the 2011 NiPS in order to try and regain their NiSWC license.



## General Qualifying Criteria for NiSWC

Drivers must have a NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship License in the oval category or a 3.0 NiPS License.

The top 30 point-scoring drivers from the 2010 NiSWC series are retained for the 2011 season. (For the 2012 season, the top 25 point scoring drivers from the 2011 NiSWC series will be retained.)

The remaining spots for 2011 are filled by the top 20 point-scoring drivers from the 2010 NiPS – who are not also among the top 30 points-scoring drivers in the 2010 NiSWC series.

The bottom 25 point-scoring drivers in 2011 NiSWC are eliminated and must re-qualify for the 2012 season via the NiPS.

NiPS 3.0 drivers may also qualify for races if openings exist on a weekly basis- see below.

***(Note: NiSWC drivers that do not retain their NiSWC license may drive in the NiPS in the standard iRacing Season Four, which provides a "second chance" to qualify for the following next year's NiSWC.)***

The 39-week NiSWC schedule will include 18 races running on alternating weeks. The NASCAR iRacing.com Series World Championship race for 2011 will be held on Tuesday February 15, 2011 at 2:00 GMT (9:00 PM Eastern Time U.S.) and run every other week after that at the same time. This race is on a Tuesday or Wednesday depending on your country. The full schedule is posted on the iRacing.com member site. Events are expected to be broadcast on a regular basis.

NiSWC events will typically be planned for 60-90 minutes in duration but could vary depending on cautions and racing venue. Races will typically feature 43 car fields (though again this may vary depending on venue). Each week, the top 43 NiSWC drivers based on qualifying times are guaranteed a place in the race field. All 50 NiSWC license holders are encouraged to qualify and register for each race. In addition, any 3.0 or above NiPS license holder is also eligible to qualify for each race. If under 40 NiSWC drivers register to race, the NiPS 3.0 or above will be eligible to qualify in the NiSWC based on qualifying times. Therefore NiPS 3.0 drivers are also encouraged to qualify and register to race. However they will only be allowed to enter the field if less than 43 NiSWC have registered to race. (Note: It is possible for an NiSWC driver to register and be allowed in a race without qualifying if less than 43 NiSWC license holders do qualifying sessions.) Room permitting, if NiSWC drivers do not qualify but register to race they will be placed in the race based on iRating. Again, if spots to race exist after all NiSWC license holders who registered are admitted, remaining spots will be filled by NiPS 3.0 or above drivers. The starting grid will be set by qualifying times. Any driver who does not post a qualifying time will start from the rear of the field based on iRating. Qualifying will be limited to a single session of two laps fifteen minutes before the start of each race.

Points will be scored based on the NASCAR Sprint Cup points system (without averaging). Any driver leading a lap during the race will be awarded 5 bonus points with the driver leading the most laps of the race receiving an additional 5 bonus points. Counting the five-point bonuses available for leading at least one lap and leading the most laps, a race winner can earn a maximum of 195 points, creating a possible maximum of 25 points between first- and second-place finishers. (See points table below)

Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points
1	185	11	130	21	100	31	70	41	40
2	170	12	127	22	97	32	67	42	37
3	165	13	124	23	94	33	64	43	34
4	160	14	121	24	91	34	61		
5	155	15	118	25	88	35	58		
6	150	16	115	26	85	36	55		
7	146	17	112	27	82	37	52		
8	142	18	109	28	79	38	49		
9	138	19	106	29	76	39	46		
10	134	20	103	30	73	40	43		

There will be **two “drop weeks” in the NiSWC**, and reflecting the level of competition, NiSWC races will not include “resets.” Points scored in NiSWC competition will not be included in the calculation of iRacing club points or any other separate iRacing competition. iRacing will display the scoring on an adjusted basis after week four in the series to drop the two lowest scored races from each competitor. After week four if a competitor has only raced three times it will only drop one race, if competitor has only raced twice than it will not drop any races from the displayed scoring. NiSWC races will include “live” iRacing race stewards/marshals at each race. Their directions from them must be strictly followed.



# Other

## **Sportsmanship and Sporting Code:**

All drivers in both of these series (Pro and World Championship) will be held to a high standard of behavior and sportsmanship on and off the track. The drivers in these series are the top drivers in the world and represent sim racing and our community. It is a privilege to drive in these series, not a right. It is expected that each driver in this series will treat other drivers, iRacing officials, employees and the community with respect and class on and off the race track and will not bring the sport or iRacing into disrepute via their actions. The iRacing.com FIRST Sporting Code is in full effect for these series as applicable.

## **Prizes**

Below are the prizes for both series (NiPS and NiSWC).

### ***NiSWC Prizes:***

Winner:	Series trophy (or ring), series jacket and \$10,500 U.S. Cash
Second place:	Series trophy (or ring), series jacket and \$3,500 U.S. Cash
Third place:	Series trophy (or ring), series jacket and \$1,500 U.S. Cash
Fourth place:	\$1,000 U.S. Cash
Fifth place:	\$500 U.S. Cash
Sixth place:	\$450 iRacing.com credit
Seventh place:	\$400 iRacing.com credit
Eighth place:	\$350 iRacing.com credit
Ninth place:	\$300 iRacing.com credit
Tenth place:	\$250 iRacing.com credit
Eleventh place:	\$200 iRacing.com credit
Twelfth place:	\$100 iRacing.com credit

### **NiPS Prizes:**

Winner:	Series trophy, series jacket and \$300 iRacing.com credit
Second place:	Series trophy, series jacket and \$200 iRacing.com credit
Third place:	Series trophy, series jacket and \$100 iRacing.com credit
Fourth place:	\$50 iRacing.com credit
Fifth place:	\$50 iRacing.com credit

### **Contest Rules:**

All participants agree to the iPS and NiSWC Contest Rules listed in the iRacing.com reference section of the iRacing.com member site:

[http://membersmedia.iracing.com/pdfs/iRacing\\_com\\_Competition\\_Contest\\_Rules\\_1\\_25\\_11.pdf](http://membersmedia.iracing.com/pdfs/iRacing_com_Competition_Contest_Rules_1_25_11.pdf)

Alternatively, you can email iRacing.com at [worldchamp@iracing.com](mailto:worldchamp@iracing.com) for a copy of the rules or to ask any questions.

