



# Nascar

NASCAR is an acronym that stands for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. NASCAR is the largest American racing organization and one of the most popular professional sporting events in the world. NASCAR began in 1948 when a man named Bill France worked to standardize racing with rules and regulations so it could be recognized as a professional sport. The first NASCAR race was in 1948 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Since that time, many racers have distinguished themselves. Richard Petty, nicknamed “The King” won over 200 races in his career.

Today, NASCAR has several racing series. The Cup Series features the best drivers, teams, and cars, with 43 cars competing in each race. Cars have to qualify, and the fastest cars begin each race at the front of the pack. Scoring is done on a point system. For the final NASCAR races of the year, the top 10 drivers from that year compete for the Cup. Whoever accumulates the most points during the last 10 races is that year’s NASCAR champion.

1. NASCAR is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. someone’s name                      B. an acronym

2. To be a professional sport, a sport must be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. standardized                      B. popular

3. How many drivers compete in the Cup Series every year?

- A. 10                      B. 43                      C. 200

