The four-lap, 10-mile run to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race is one of the most daunting challenges in motorsports. New for 2019, the qualifying format below will be used to set the 33-car starting lineup. Here’s how it all breaks down:

**SATURDAY, MAY 18: 11:00 AM-5:50 PM**

**QUALIFYING 101**

**POSITIONS 1-9:** The fastest nine entries are locked into the field and advance to May 19's Fast Nine Shootout.

**LAST ROW SHOOTOUT (12:15-1:15 P.M.):** Positions 31-33 are determined. Order is determined by original draw amongst the cars not already locked in. Each car receives one attempt. All bumping will occur during this session to set the field for the 2019 Indianapolis 500.

**FAST NINE SHOOTOUT (1:15-2:15 P.M.):**

Starting positions, including the NTT P1 award for the fastest nine entries from May 18, are determined. Order based on Saturday times, slowest to fastest. Each car receives one attempt.

**THURSDAY MAY 16**

11:00 am - 6:00 pm NTT IndyCar Series Practice

**FRIDAY MAY 17**

11:00 am - 6:00 pm NTT IndyCar Series Practice

6:15 pm NTT IndyCar Series Qualifications Draw - Firestone Fan Village

**SATURDAY MAY 18**

8:00 am - 9:30 am NTT IndyCar Series Practice

11:00 am - 5:50 pm NTT IndyCar Series Qualifying

**SUNDAY MAY 19**

10:15 am - 11:15 am NTT IndyCar Series Practice

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm NTT IndyCar Series Last Row Qualifying

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm NTT IndyCar Series Fast Nine Qualifying

3:15 pm - 6:00 pm NTT IndyCar Series Practice

*All times local. Information subject to change.

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