

Bristol Night Race: Cup Playoff Cutoff

Bass Pro Shops Night Race • Sat Sep 19, 2026 • Round of 16 elimination tracker

RACE INFO

Race	Date / Time	TV	Track
Bass Pro Shops Night Race	Sat, Sep 19, 7:30 PM ET	USA Network	Bristol Motor Speedway (0.533-mi concrete)

Bristol is the final race of the Round of 16. When the checkered flag drops, the 16-driver playoff field is cut to 12. A race win locks a driver into the Round of 12; everyone else advances on points.

PLAYOFF STANDINGS ENTERING BRISTOL (points behind leader)

Pos	Driver	Behind	Note
1	Denny Hamlin	Leader	
2	Kyle Larson	-9	WIN (Gateway) - locked
3	Christopher Bell	-18	
4	Ryan Blaney	-33	
5	Tyler Reddick	-42	
6	Ty Gibbs	-51	
7	Joey Logano	-51	
8	Chase Briscoe	-59	
9	Carson Hocevar	-88	
10	Bubba Wallace	-90	
11	Chase Elliott	-93	
12	Austin Cindric	-108	final spot, +3 over cut
CUT LINE - top 12 advance to the Round of 12			
13	Chris Buescher	-111	-3
14	Ryan Preece	-113	-5
15	William Byron	-114	-6
16	Daniel Suarez	-119	-11

Standings per NASCAR Chase Report after Gateway. Points behind the leader shown; the bottom four (positions 13-16) are below the cut and need a Bristol win or a big points day to advance. Subject to change.

Predict the Cutoff

Bristol Night Race • who survives to the Round of 12? • print one per person

Race winner

4 drivers ELIMINATED (of the 16)

Bubble driver who pulls off the upset win

Points leader after Bristol

Bold prediction

ON THE BUBBLE (below the cut line entering Bristol)

13 Chris Buescher (-3)	14 Ryan Preece (-5)
15 William Byron (-6)	16 Daniel Suarez (-11)

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