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MAZDA

MX-5 CUP

PRESENTED BY: MICHELIN

SERIES OPERATIONS MANUAL

Boasting some of the deepest fields and tightest finishes in all of motorsport, the Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by Michelin has no equal in terms of a spec professional sports car series. MX-5 Cup is fully supported by Mazda with over $1M provided to racers in the form of championship payouts, per race prize money & scholarships. MX-5 Cup is sanctioned with IMSA and races on the most iconic race tracks in the country. Combine that with a professional livestream package and this adrenaline pumping series is experienced by race fans around the globe.

2026 MAZDA MX-5 CUP CAR

ENGINE BAY

- Sealed 181-HP 7,500 RPM SKYACTIV-G2.0L Four-Cylinder Engine
- Sealed race specification ECU by BOSCH Motorsports
- Stainless Steel race exhaust header and full exhaust system with muffler
- Setrab Engine oil cooler with race quality oil lines and fittings
- Oversized C&R radiator | Radiator protection screen
- FP motorsport grade wiring harness with PCM

DRIVE TRAIN

- Sadev Sequential 6-Speed Gearbox with pump and Setrab cooler
- Sealed limited-slip differential w/pump, Setrab cooler & thermal control

SUSPENSION

- Flis Performance front adjustable & stock rear stabilizer bars
- Penske Racing adjustable dampers
- Torrington bearing spring perches | Race springs and helper springs
- 215/40R 17 tires | Rays forged wheels | MSI wheel studs and lug nuts

BRAKES

- Brembo Racing 4 piston front calipers with floating vented rotors
- Racing brake pads | Goodridge shielded flexible brake lines
- Fog light mounted Flis Performance brake cooling ducts and hoses

INTERIOR

- FIA, SCCA, IMSA and NASA approved roll cage
- Full NASCAR style door bars both sides with both door cutouts
- Center mounted electronic control cluster
- AIM Data System
- Racing steering wheel
- Panoramic rearview mirror
- FIA approved racing harness | Left & right window nets
- Lifeline Electronic FIA approved fire system
- Fused electric circuits for additional equipment
- Solenoid controlled main power cutoff switches
- Rear bulk head enclosure

STARTING @ $117K+TAX

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SERIES ATTRACTIONS

- $250k to MX-5 CUP Series Champion
- $80K to MX-5 CUP Series ROY
- $210K of full season championship prize money (2nd -10th place)
- Over $370K of per-race prize money awarded
- $260K awarded to Mazda Shootout scholarship winners annually
- Professional livestream of all 14 races (IMSA.com/RACER.com)
- Race highlights and featured content on RACER media platforms
- Digital & social exposure through Mazda Motorsports & MX-5 CUP platforms
- Driver centric content shared on MazdaMotorsports.com & MX-5CUP.com
- Media engagement opportunities on local, regional, and national levels
- Series featured in print advertising in various industry publications
- Media Guide featuring full driver and team profiles
- IMSA Sanctioned
- World Renowned Race Tracks
- Dedicated premium IMSA Paddock space
- Annual year-end championship awards ceremony
- Full-season series dedicated hospitality space offering comp food & beverage
- Opportunity for elevated VIP, B2B, and hospitality experiences
- Dedicated Series PR Team
- Dedicated Video & Content Team
- Dedicated Series Photographer
- Customizable Premium Livery Template
- Customizable Premium Hero Card Template

SERIES PRIZE, PAYOUTS & AWARDS

YEAR-END AND PER-RACE PRIZES

MX-5 CUP YEAR-END PRIZES

- 1st - $250K
- 2nd - $85K
- 3rd - $50K
- 4th - $20K
- 5th - $15K
- 6th - $12K
- 7th - $10K
- 8th - $7.5K
- 9th - $6K
- 10th - $5K

*MX-5 Cup ROY earns a Mazda scholarship valued at $80K towards competition in 2027 MX-5 Cup

MX-5 CUP PER-RACE PRIZES

- 1st - $6K
- 2nd - $5K
- 3rd - $4K
- 4th - $3K
- 5th - $2K
- 6th - $1K
- 7th - $1K
- 8th - $1K
- 9th - $1K
- 10th - $1K

*Highest finishing female awarded $2K in addition to any awards from race finishes.

MX-5 CUP SCHOLARSHIP

Annually, Mazda invites 4-12 club racers to compete in its MX-5 Cup Shootout, awarding one to three competitors with a scholarship(s). The top scholarship is valued at $150,000 to help the driver compete in MX-5 Cup the following season.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

- Spirit of Mazda Award
- Takumi Award
- Sunoco Clean Image Award
- Motul Pole Award
- Braille Battery Contingency Award
- Penske Shocking Performance Award
- Penske Rookie of the Year Award
- Team Championship Award

2026 SERIES SCHEDULE

• January 21-23	Daytona International Speedway	Races 1 & 2
• Feb 27 - Mar 1	Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	Races 3 & 4
• April 15-16	Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Test)	Test Day
• June 5-7	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	Races 5 & 6
• July 10-12	Canadian Tire Motorsports Park	Races 7 & 8
• August 20-23	VIRginia International Raceway	Races 9 & 10
• September 18-20	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Races 11 & 12
• October 1-3	Road Atlanta	Races 13 & 14

SERIES REQUIREMENTS

LICENSING & FEES

FOR DRIVERS

- Must hold valid IMSA MX-5 Cup driver license, applications will be handled through IMSA
- 2026 MX-5 Cup full-season driver license fee will be $1475

FOR TEAMS

- Must hold valid IMSA Entrant license, 2026 applications will be handled through IMSA
- 2026 MX-5 Cup entrant license fee will be $975
- Premium Package for $3,575 includes 5 annual crew credentials, 2 single event credentials per event and 2 annual parking passes
- Additional single annual credentials may be purchased for $700 ea
- Additional single event credentials may be purchased for $375 ea

REGISTRATION & FEES

- Standard entry deadline: Race Entry Fees $2,950 per double race event
- Pre-Paid race entry fees for full 2026 season by 01/2/26: $17,500

EXCLUSIVE SUPPLY PARTNERS

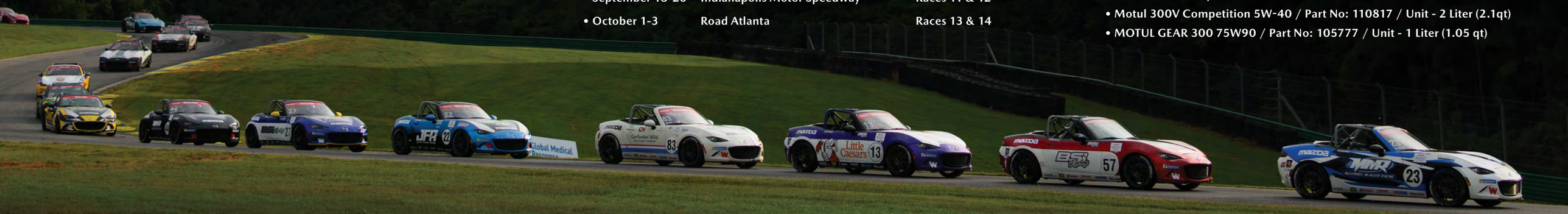
TIRE PACKAGE / MICHELIN For 2026, we are pleased to continue our relationship with Michelin as the exclusive tire supplier of MX-5 Cup. Jackson Motorsports Group continues as the exclusive official dealer for MX-5 Cup tires.

FUEL PACKAGE / SUNOCO For the 2026 season, the MX-5 Cup Series continues with partner Sunoco Race Fuels, and Sunoco 260 GT 100 octane fuel.

SHOCK PACKAGE / PENSKE The move to Penske Racing Shocks for the MX-5 Cup car is a decision that will prove to be fruitful for our teams, racers, series as an extraordinary level of service, support, & cost consistency.

OIL PACKAGE / MOTUL

- Motul 300V Competition 5W-40 / Part No: 110817 / Unit - 2 Liter (2.1qt)
- MOTUL GEAR 300 75W90 / Part No: 105777 / Unit - 1 Liter (1.05 qt)



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