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To All Star Formula Mazda Racers:

The following is an overview of the rules for the 2005 Star Mazda Series. Since there are now several Star Mazda Series running throughout North America, and there may be local variations, we suggest you clear up any question you may have with the Series officials for the specific Series that you run. These provisions apply to Star Mazda Series-West, as indicated.

The Star Mazda Series-West, for 2005, is made up of eleven races, scheduled on seven weekends. All seven weekends of racing are SCCA Regionals and will require the usual SCCA driver and crew licenses. Each driver's best nine results will be counted for Championship points. There will be one Championship for Standard FMs and another for Pro.

The schedule for the West series' for both standard (including 4 port Renesis cars) and pro cars in 2005 will include:

Feb 5	California Speedway double regional
Apr 30	Phoenix double regional
Jun 18	Buttonwillow enduro
Jul 8-10	Thunderhill double regional
Jul 24	Laguna Seca regional
Aug 5-7	Laguna Seca regional/national
Oct 30	Buttonwillow double regional

Best 9 results of 11 races will count. Standard cars will be scored separately from pro cars. The two series' will run the same venues on the same weekends, but each will have its own championship.

The Series will be governed by SCCA General Competition Rules and Formula Car specifications for Formula Mazda, which may be periodically amended in "Fasttrack," plus Series and event supplemental regulations. The Star Mazda Series may add, clarify, or change the rules as needed at any time, through the Series supplemental regulations, bulletins, or general announcements at the events. Each competitor is responsible for having a current set of rules and to be familiar with those rules.

To qualify for championship points and year-end prizes, drivers must register with each Star Mazda Series they wish to enter, and have paid up accounts with Star Race Cars. Points will be awarded for each Series based on the finishing order in each Series race, counting only Series' drives starting that race. The top 35 drivers shall be credited Series point in the order that follows: 1st-44, 2nd-40, 3rd-37, 4th- 34, 5th-32, 6th-30, 7th-29, 8th-28, 9th-27, 10th-26, 11th-25, 12th-24, 13th-23, 14th-22, 15th-21, 16th-20, 17th-19, 18th-18, 19th-17, 20th-16, 21st-15, 22nd-14, 23rd-

13, 24th-12, 25th-11, 26th-10, 27th-9, 28th-8, 29th-7, 30th-6, 31st-5, 32nd-4, 33rd-3, 34th-2, 35th-1. A bonus point will be awarded for the fastest qualifying Series driver at each Series race.

Drivers may register with each Championship Series using the forms attached. A fee of \$750 is due for each Series entered. There is no additional charge for a qualified Series-entered driver to also enter the master's class. Fees are paid once each year and must be on hand with the series Registrar before qualifying starts for a Series race to be counted.

Drivers who have had their 45th birthday before March 15th 2005 may enter the Master's competition. Master drivers will be scored separately in addition to the normal Championship scoring. Standings will be published from race to race and year-end awards will go to the top five drivers in each championship. Points for the Master championships are awarded as follows: 1st-20, 2nd-16, 3rd-14, 4th-12, 5th-11, 6th-10, 7th-9, 8th-8, 9th-7, 10th-6, 11th-5, 12th-4, 13th-3, 14th-2, 15th-1.

The 2005 Star Mazda Series-West pays the top 15 drivers by dividing the year-end points fund based on the total points scored by those drivers and calculating the dollars per point. The greater the participation, the bigger the fund. In 2004, the prizes totaled over \$40,000 returned to the drivers.

As in the past, Series races are open to any driver with the appropriate competition license for the event, driving a Star Race Cars Formula Mazda that is in compliance with Series rules. Star Race Cars will attend and support customers at each of the West Series Races scheduled. Note: Open testing is usually available the day before all Series races, through the track or race promoter. Private testing is prohibited at the Series track on week before each race.

If you have questions about the Series, entries, licenses, or any forms, feel free to contact our office – 818 686 3350. Much of what you need can be downloaded from SCCA or Star Mazda's web sites.

The Series will award Goodyear tires, free of charge, to a driver or drivers determined by random drawing at each race. To be eligible to win tires, the driver must be properly registered in the Series, entered in the Series race, and not have previously won free tires in this year's program. Tires are usually drawn for at the drivers' meeting and the driver must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Technical questions are usually best directed to our office or to Series officials in person at the track. Please raise any issues you may have in mind as far in advance as possible. The Series takes a dim view towards attempts to "trap" someone at the last instant with something that could have been easily resolved, with reasonable notice.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the sponsors whose steadfast support has been so essential to our continued growth, especially Mazda North American Operations and Goodyear. Your input through survey responses and in person has been very helpful. Please let us know whenever you have a suggestion.

See you at the races!!!

Sincerely,

Gary E. Rodrigues