

To: All Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Teams

From: Gary Rodrigues / Star Mazda Championship

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Re: Miller / Watkins Glen / Wings / Catering

1) **Miller course layout** - As the event at Miller Motorsports Park is in sight, we want to do our best to keep everyone posted. Please acquaint yourself with the available information at the web sites for the series (<http://starmazda.com/results/2008/rd-02/miller-2008.htm>) and the venue (www.millermotorsportspark.com).

Miller is a beautiful, nearly new facility, with its share of local rules. The layout we will run this year is new. It is called the "outer" or "perimeter" course on the track web site and is just over 3 miles long. It should be "sweepier", with a couple of good passing zones. More of the lap is in closer view from the grandstands, so the spectators should like it better too.

2) **Media training at Miller** - Brian Till and Calvin Fish will be conducting feedback sessions with drivers interviewed at Sebring during the Miller test day on Thursday 5/15. 15-minute meetings with individual drivers will be conducted between test sessions - 9.30-11.00 am, 12.30-3.00 pm (and, if needed, after 4.30 pm).

3) Racing for Kids at Miller – all teams and drivers who have signed up for the Racing for Kids program please take note: we have scheduled a Star Mazda Racing for Kids Hospital Visit for 1 pm -2 pm Thursday, May 15 in Salt Lake City in between Promoter Practice Sessions. We will meet at the Star Mazda tent and will provide transportation. For any questions, or to sign up for the program, please contact Ron Hingst at 313-882-3403 or marketing@prservices.com.

4) **Catering/meals** – In an effort to keep costs under control for both teams and the series, there will be no catering in the Series tent for Miller, Watkins Glen, and future races, until further notice. We are working ways to continue providing this service, but have so far not been able to negotiate the kind of food service the Series has recently provided without substantially increasing entry fees paid by the teams. Fuel prices, "reunification" in open wheel racing, fees charged to the caterers by the tracks and many other factors have forced us to this decision.

One exception will be the 2008 Grand Prix of Trois-Rivieres, where we have a multi-year deal. There, we will provide meals and 4 armbands per day, per car. Starting at Miller, the Series will give each entry a credit for \$120 to offset the value of the catering armbands that are usually included for each driver. The credit can be applied to your parts bill, or to your next race entry, driver's choice.

We will have the Series' hospitality area set up with tables and chairs, fans, TVs, etc. You are welcome to bring in your own food and drinks and use the shelter, tables, and chairs. Please just clean up after yourselves, so the next group can do the same.

4) **New wings** – A lack of consistent quality control and manufacturing tolerances has resulted in us moving production of the new wings to a different manufacturer. As a result, delivery of new wings to teams will begin after the Watkins Glen event, allowing all Star Mazda teams to use the six week recess in the schedule to prep and test with the new mods.

5) **Test day at Watkins Glen** - We will have an IMSA sanctioned test day at Watkins Glen on the 4th of June. The track will be open all day, exclusively to Star Mazda racers who have signed up. We expect to charge about \$950 per car/driver for the test day. We can move the rigs in the afternoon of the 3rd, as soon as the people renting the track that day shut down. Registration will be open mid afternoon, the 3rd. **Please make sure anyone under age 18 has done the required legal paperwork with the court in New York** -- we have sent this info out to all teams and posted it on the web site. Anyone who is under 18 and is not completely signed off to meet the New York and Watkins Glen legal requirements will not run the test day or the race event. No exceptions.
See you at the races!

Sincerely,
Gary Rodrigues