



To: All Star Mazda Championship teams and drivers  
From: Star Mazda Communications  
Date: March 11,  
Re: 1) Driver Helmet Requirement / 2) Sebring TV and press kit  
Note: This will be posted on the Series web site

### 1) 5.10 DRIVER SAFETY EQUIPMENT / This is directly out of the 2010 IMSA CODE

Drivers must equip themselves with the following safety equipment while taking part in IMSA competition:

5.10.1 Drivers must be equipped with full coverage helmets of recognized high quality and which include a face shield. It is required that helmets meet the latest specifications. All drivers in LMP and LMPC classes are recommended to use helmets that satisfy FIA standard 8860-2004 – Advanced Helmet Test specification. Drivers in all other IMSA classes and series must, at minimum wear helmets that bear the seal of approval of the Snell Foundation SA/K2005 or SFI Foundation 31.2 (no Motorcycle [MA] helmets).

5.10.2 All drivers in all IMSA classes and series are required to have the Eject Helmet Removal kit installed in their helmets. Information on this product can be found at [ejectsafety.com](http://ejectsafety.com)

5.10.3 All drivers must wear overalls as well as gloves, underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes homologated to the FIA 8856-2000 standard.

5.10.4 All drivers competing in IMSA sanctioned events must wear the HANS device during all phases of the event. The HANS device is the only approved Head and Neck restraint approved for IMSA competition and it must be used with an approved helmet. Drivers are strongly recommended to use helmets with tether-anchorage fitted by the manufacturer as original equipment. These helmets are identified by a glossy silver holographic FIA label. It is also strongly recommended to use homologated tethers which are identified by an FIA 8858-2002 label sewn on them.

5.10.5 It is highly recommended that all drivers use the HANS device during all testing and other on track activities, even when not sanctioned by IMSA.

5.10.6 Evaporative-loss Freon cool suits are not permitted.

2) Mazda's ad agency (DONER) will be at Sebring over race week continuing to film an updated Mazda motorsports TV commercial. Each of you, members of your teams, and your cars are potential key subjects that they will film. Most often they simply want you to do your normal routine and you won't even know they are there...other times they may have you or your crew members do specific things, etc. Please work with them as much as possible.

The link below leads to the press kit for the Sebring and St. Petersburg races; please feel free to use it to your best advantage. If you find errors or omissions, please contact Peter Frey at [StarMazdaPR@aol.com](mailto:StarMazdaPR@aol.com)

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