

# ROAD TO INDY

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**IZOD INDYCAR SERIES**  
Founded: 1996  
Max Speed: 230 mph  
Horsepower: 650 at 10,300 RPM



**FIRESTONE INDY LIGHTS**  
Founded: 2002  
Max Speed: 190 mph  
Horsepower: 420 HP at 8,200 RPM



**STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP  
PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR**  
Founded: 1991  
Max Speed: 160 mph  
Horsepower: 250 HP at 8,200 RPM



**COOPER TIRES PRESENTS  
USF2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
POWERED BY MAZDA**  
Re-Formed: 2010, revival of the 1990-2006 series  
Max Speed: 150 mph  
Horsepower: Approx 170 HP



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## **INDY RACING LEAGUE LAUNCHES “ROAD TO INDY” DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM**

ORLANDO, Fla. (Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009) – Seeking to create a defined path for young, career-minded race drivers to reach the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500, the Indy Racing League has launched the “Road To Indy,” a developmental ladder system that includes Firestone Indy Lights, The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and the Cooper Tires Presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda.

The announcement of the program, which is designed to advance drivers from Cooper Tires Presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda to the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear to Firestone Indy Lights, and finally, the IZOD IndyCar Series was made at the Performance Racing Industry Trade Show in Orlando, Fla.

“In creating the ‘Road to Indy,’ we are trying to bridge the gap between the premier open-wheel racing divisions and the entry level open-wheel series by creating a clear career path for aspiring racing drivers,” said Brian Barnhart, president of competition and racing operations for the Indy Racing League, which sanctions the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Firestone Indy Lights.

“With the ‘Road to Indy,’ a driver has the opportunity to hone his professional racing skills at an early stage of his or her career and has a chance to build upon those skills in a professional environment while driving similar-style open-wheel racing vehicles on similar tracks at every step.”

Drivers from each of the affiliated “Road To Indy” series will have the opportunity to progress to the next level of the ladder system though participation in programs put together by each series or the Indy Racing League, which also will sanction USF2000 National Championship races.

While the long-term goal of the “Road to Indy” is to help prepare drivers and teams to progress at the highest levels of motorsports, drivers and teams in the three “Road to Indy” series will see added benefits almost immediately.

All three affiliated series will offer the challenge of racing on ovals, road courses and temporary street circuits and program participants will have the opportunity to showcase their

drivers and teams in front of IZOD IndyCar Series teams and owners each year. In 2010, all three series that make up the “Road to Indy” program will join the IZOD IndyCar Series at the Streets of St. Petersburg and Iowa Speedway.

Additionally, all four series will be conduct events in Indianapolis on Memorial Day weekend with Cooper Tires Presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda and Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear racing at O’Reilly Raceway Park at the “Night Before the 500,” while Firestone Indy Lights (Firestone Freedom 100) and IZOD IndyCar Series (Indianapolis 500) race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

“The Indy Racing League is open-wheel racing here in North America, and it is my great privilege to work with them again in the creation of a true ladder for young drivers to follow,” said Dan Andersen, co-owner and chief executive officer, Andersen Promotions, administrator of the Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda. “There is finally a clearly defined path to a career in the IZOD IndyCar Series, and I am looking forward to seeing many of tomorrow's IndyCar stars racing with us in the USF2000 series in 2010.”

In addition, the drivers and teams in the affiliated series will receive access to the promotional efforts of the Indy Racing League. Among the promotional tools available to Road to Indy participants are:

- Inclusion in online advertising promoting the Road to Indy program
- A micro Website dedicated to Road to Indy housed and promoted on the League’s official website IndyCar.com
- Invitation to participate in the Road to Indy Summit at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in May.
- Opportunities to develop business-to-business relationships with Indy Racing League teams, sponsors and manufacturers.

“Today’s announcement is a formidable milestone in the 20th year of our history as a development series,” said Gary Rodrigues, founder of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. “For the Star Mazda Championship to be honored with a formalized position in the pathway to an Indy car driving career is not only gratifying to us, but provides a clarity that open wheel drivers and fans have long been seeking. Now young driving talent can know where they need to be and where they are trying to go. Race fans can now determine where to watch for tomorrow’s stars.

“I am convinced that everybody in our sport wins with this program. The best new talent can build their motorsports careers. Race fans in North America eventually get to see them in Indy cars.”

### **About IZOD IndyCar Series**

The IZOD IndyCar Series is the premier open-wheel series in the United States, competing on a challenging combination of superspeedways, short ovals, scenic road courses and temporary street circuits. In 2010, the IZOD IndyCar Series will conduct 13 races in the U.S., two in

Canada and one both in Japan and Brazil, all available worldwide through comprehensive, long-term agreements with ABC and VERSUS in high-definition. The IZOD IndyCar Series continues to be the fastest and most competitive racing series, attracting a diverse lineup of drivers including Marco Andretti, Ryan Briscoe, Helio Castroneves, Scott Dixon, Dario Franchitti, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Tony Kanaan, Danica Patrick, Graham Rahal and Dan Wheldon. A leader in motorsports technology, the IZOD IndyCar Series is the first racing series to power its Honda engines on 100 percent fuel-grade ethanol, a renewable and environmentally friendly fuel. For more information on the IZOD IndyCar Series, visit [www.indycar.com](http://www.indycar.com).

### **About Firestone Indy Lights**

Firestone Indy Lights is the premier ladder series for drivers and teams striving to compete in the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500. Run in conjunction with the IZOD IndyCar Series, the Firestone Indy Lights' 13-race schedule features eight races on road courses/street circuits and five races on ovals, including the famed 2.5-mile circuit at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Teams compete for nearly \$4 million in prize money in cars that are second only in speed to the IZOD IndyCar Series at most tracks they visits. The complete Firestone Indy Lights schedule is available through live Webcasts. Recent graduates of this fast and cost-effective series include Marco Andretti, Ed Carpenter, A.J. Foyt IV, J.R. Hildebrand, Alex Lloyd, Raphael Matos and Hideki Mutoh. For more information on the Firestone Indy Lights, please visit [www.firestoneindylights.com](http://www.firestoneindylights.com).

### **About Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear**

For 2010, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear will feature an 11-weekend, 13-race schedule, most on major race weekends with American Le Mans and the Indy Racing League. Rising stars from around the world will be watched by more than a million fans as they compete for prizes valued at \$1.5 million, including a Mazda-sponsored, full-season drive on the next level of the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder. Drivers 16 and older are welcome to compete and the Star Mazda Championship also features Expert (30 to 44) and Master (45 and older) classes for more mature racers. The Star Mazda Championship features standing starts, wheel-to-wheel racing at 150 mph and budgets a fraction of other top open-wheel ladder series. For more information on the Star Mazda Championship please visit [www.starmazda.com](http://www.starmazda.com)

### **About Cooper Tires Presents the USF2000 National Championship presented by Mazda**

Many top drivers in the IZOD IndyCar Series and endurance sports car racing honed their skills in F2000, and the Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda is an important training ground for rising stars. Debuting in 2010, it is the revival of the very popular USF2000 series of 1990 through 2006. Sanctioned by the Indy Racing League, it is one of only two series that are part of both the IRL's Road to Indy ladder system and the prestigious MAZDASPEED Motorsports driver development program. For more information, visit [www.usf2000.com](http://www.usf2000.com)

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## **WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT ROAD TO INDY**

“The Road to Indy ladder system is a great idea and I am a big supporter of it. I think it’s very important to strengthen the feeder system for the IZOD IndyCar Series and make sure there is a well-defined path to the top. This should help pull more, great, young talent toward our series and create more opportunities for them to compete.” – *Michael Andretti, owner, Andretti Autosport.*

“The Indy Racing League is providing some much needed clarity to the question, “How do I become an Indy car driver?” The path is now well defined and gives young drivers a chance to develop their skills towards the goal of competing in the IZOD IndyCar Series. As a Firestone Indy Lights team, we will be closely watching the Star Mazda and USF2000 series for our future drivers, and I’m sure our competitors will be doing the same.” *Bryan Herta, co-owner Bryan Herta Autosport*

“As a young driver looking to make a career out of racing, it can be hard enough just to make the right decisions on the race track sometimes. I think it's great that the Indy Racing League is developing a clear path for those drivers to follow and continue to hone their skills. I was fortunate enough to find my way to the right series and program to put myself in a position to move up, but the way of getting there was always a big question mark. I'm sure that the new “Road to Indy” ladder system will take some of the guesswork out of becoming a professional driver in North America.” – *J.R. Hildebrand, 2009 Firestone Indy Lights champion and 2006 Cooper Tires FF2000 Series champion.*

“It's such great news for open wheel racing that the Indy Racing League is backing a formal ladder system. For so many years, there were too many options in junior formula racing and it was so tough for drivers coming up to make the right decision on where to run. Now, not only is there a clearly defined path, but the “Road to Indy” has all the best series that lead so well into one another. All the cars are great learning tools to develop for the next step and now you'll see drivers arriving at each level a lot more prepared. It speaks volume to the Indy Racing League’s commitment to the long term health of open wheel racing in North America that they have created this system.” – *James Hinchcliffe, Firestone Indy Lights driver and former competitor in Star Mazda and Canadian Formula Ford.*

"I think it’s fantastic that we've narrowed the field and have all levels of open-wheel racing, from the grass roots to the top, working together. With the fragmentation of the sport in recent years, and the current economic climate, the joint effort represented by the Road to Indy program is a great step forward." – *Keith Willis, team principal at AIM Autosport, the 2008 Star Mazda Champions with John Edwards.*

"I'm very happy to see more routes to the top developing for young open-wheel drivers. The Road to Indy is going to be good for everyone involved, from the drivers, teams, series and sponsors to the fans and the sport in general." – *John Church, owner of JDC Motorsports, winner of the 2009 Star Mazda Championship with Adam Christodoulou.*



## INDY RACING LEAGUE FACT SHEET

**General:** Founded in 1994, the Indy Racing League serves as the sanctioning body for the IZOD IndyCar® Series, the premier open-wheel racing series in the United States, and Firestone Indy Lights®, which serves as an essential stepping-stone for drivers striving to reach the IZOD IndyCar Series. The league is based in Indianapolis and has approximately 60 employees.

**Founded:** Indy Racing League founder Tony George announced plans March 11, 1994 for an oval-based, open-wheel racing series that would include the Indianapolis 500, the world's most famous race, as its centerpiece. The Indy Racing League, which took its name on July 8, 1994, was formed to preserve the traditions and excitement of America's open-wheel oval racing. George represents the third generation of Indianapolis Motor Speedway ownership for the Hulman family of Terre Haute, Ind. Anton "Tony" Hulman, the grandfather for whom George is named, purchased the speedway in 1945.

**First Event:** Indy 200, Jan. 27, 1996, at Walt Disney World Speedway in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (It was won by Buzz Calkins).

**Major Milestone Events:** The February 22, 2008 announcement that the IndyCar Series and Champ Car World Series would unify under the IndyCar Series banner set the stage for the first season of unified open-wheel racing in North America in more than a decade. The Gainsco Indy 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway on March 29, 2008, marked the first race under unification. The 2008 season proved to be an historic year for the series, creating tremendous momentum and enthusiasm for the future of North American open-wheel racing.

On November 5, 2009, the IndyCar Series announced a multi-year agreement naming IZOD, a member of the Phillips-Van Heusen family of apparel, furnishings and footwear and the official apparel partner of the IndyCar Series since 2008, the title sponsor of the new IZOD IndyCar Series.

**Principles:** Since its founding, the Indy Racing League has preserved its founding principles:

- Establish and maintain a governing structure that represents all constituencies in the sport fairly and equitably.
- Control costs associated with racing with a concern for safety and competitive parity.
- Preserve and nurture the heritage of oval track racing.
- Provide opportunities for new sponsors, teams and drivers to enter the sport at its highest level.
- Bring Indy-style racing to new markets for both sponsors and fans.

**Key Executives:** Jeff Belskus serves as chief executive officer and Brian Barnhart, who has been with the league since its founding, serves as president of competition and racing operations. Terry Angstadt joined the league in 2007 and serves as president of the league's commercial division.

**Schedule:** The IZOD IndyCar Series reaches 19 of America's top markets and three of North America's top DMAs, racing at a combination of superspeedways, short ovals, scenic road courses and temporary street circuits, the most diverse schedules in racing. The 2010 schedule features 17 races, 13 in the United States as well as two races in Canada and one each in Japan and Brazil. The Firestone Indy Lights schedule features 11 domestic races, including the Freedom 100, held on Carburetion Day prior to the Indianapolis 500. The Firestone Indy Lights schedule also includes two races in Canada. All races run in conjunction with the IZOD IndyCar Series.

**Type of Racing:**

**IZOD IndyCar Series:** Open-wheel, single-seat, open-cockpit cars featuring a 3.5-liter, 32-valve dual over-head cam, normally aspirated V-8 engine optimized to run at 10,300 RPM with an estimated 650 horsepower.

**Firestone Indy Lights:** Open-wheel, single-seat, open-cockpit cars featuring a normally aspirated 3.5-liter V-8 engine optimized to run at 8,200 RPM with an estimated 420 horsepower.

**Chassis Supplier:** Dallara (both series)

**Engine:** Honda HI9R Indy V-8 (IZOD IndyCar Series); Firestone Indy Lights spec-V8 engines.

**Tire Manufacturer:** Firestone Firehawk-branded racing tires.

**Fuel:** 100 percent fuel-grade ethanol (IZOD IndyCar Series); Unleaded (Firestone Indy Lights)

**Participants:** The Indy Racing League features a diverse field of drivers with participants from the United States, Japan, Brazil, England, France, Venezuela, Scotland, Canada, Spain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The stars of the IZOD IndyCar Series include Marco Andretti, Ryan Briscoe, Helio Castroneves, Scott Dixon, Dario Franchitti, Tony Kanaan, Danica Patrick, Graham Rahal and Dan Wheldon.

**Championship:** IZOD IndyCar Series drivers and teams compete for the IZOD IndyCar Series championship, which includes a \$1 million championship bonus. Firestone Indy Lights drivers compete for nearly \$4 million in prize money during the season and the Firestone Firehawk Cup. Championship points are earned by all participating drivers, with the driver with the highest number of points at the end of the season declared the champion.

**Media Reach:** ABC and VERSUS provide comprehensive high-definition television coverage of the IndyCar Series, including a motorsports-first 360 degree HD in-car camera. 2010 will

mark the second year of a new ten-year agreement between the IZOD IndyCar Series and VERSUS. The move to VERSUS has provided the series with a significant increase in coverage, including extensive pre- and post-race coverage, preview shows and race re-airs. The Indy Racing League's relationship with ABC dates back to the league's inaugural event in 1996. ABC's relationship with the Indianapolis 500 dates back to 1965 and the network has offered live coverage of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" since 1986.

**ESPN International** retains worldwide rights to televise IZOD IndyCar Series race coverage to 294 million homes across 212 countries and territories worldwide, including Canada, China, Germany, Japan, India, New Zealand, Russia and the United Kingdom. **TV BANDEIRANTES** and **BAND SPORTS** continue as the exclusive IZOD IndyCar Series free and pay TV broadcasters in Brazil, reaching 55.5 million households and approximately 180 million people.

The **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network**, the official radio home of the IZOD IndyCar Series, enters its 57th year of broadcasting, featuring nearly 400 affiliates nationwide, live web-casting and short-wave outlets, plus the **American Forces Radio Network**. The IMS Radio Network broadcast is also available on Sirius **XM Satellite Radio**. In addition to the race broadcast and pre-race show, the IMS Radio Network features "Indy Racing Weekly," a 60-minute show airing on Mondays at [www.indycar.com](http://www.indycar.com) and available on many local affiliates on Wednesday afternoons.

**IndyCar.com**, the official Web site of the IZOD IndyCar Series, offers complete and current information about the IZOD IndyCar Series and Firestone Indy Lights, including live timing-and-scoring from every practice session, qualifying session and race, live video streaming, video highlights, mobile content, news, feature stories, event information, point standings, statistics, driver biographies, technical specifications, team, track and sponsor information, photo, logo and sound files and other multi-media, interactive features, including the IMS Radio Network's live coverage of qualifying sessions.

**Fan Base:** The more than 40 million men and women who support the IZOD IndyCar Series are not your typical motorsports fan. Compared to the national average and most other motorsports series, IZOD IndyCar Series fans are younger, more educated and earn greater household incomes. The average IZOD IndyCar Series fan is 39 years old, college-educated with an annual household income of \$81,000-plus.

**Fan Loyalty:** The IZOD IndyCar Series has some of the most brand-loyal fans in the industry. Compared to the average American consumer, they are twice as likely to remain loyal to sponsors in the sport and three times more likely to try a new brand based on IZOD IndyCar Series participation.

**Brand Assets:** The IZOD IndyCar Series is focused on communicating its brand by focusing on assets that are uniquely its own:

- **Speed** – The IZOD IndyCar Series races faster and closer than any other form of motorsports.
- **Innovation** – Pioneering inventions from the rear-view mirror to the SAFER Barrier.
- **Technology** – With partners at Firestone, Honda and APEX Brasil, the IZOD IndyCar Series is constantly pursuing the advancement of motorsports by expanding the technology barrier.
- **Diversity** – Both the venues and drivers are the most diverse mix in all of motorsports.
- **Green** – The IZOD IndyCar Series is the first and only form of motorsport to race on 100 percent fuel-grade Ethanol.



### **FIRESTONE INDY LIGHTS FACT SHEET**

**General:** Now in its ninth season, the Firestone Indy Lights is an essential stepping stone for drivers and teams striving to compete in the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500. Run in conjunction with the IndyCar Series, the Firestone Indy Lights' 13-race schedule features eight races on road courses/street circuits and five races on ovals, including the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Teams compete for nearly \$4 million in prize money in cars that are second only in speed to the IZOD IndyCar Series at most tracks they visit. The complete Firestone Indy Lights schedule is available through live Webcasts. Recent graduates of this fast and cost-effective series include Marco Andretti, Ed Carpenter, A.J. Foyt IV, J.R. Hildebrand, Jay Howard, Alex Lloyd, Raphael Matos and Hideki Mutoh.

**Series Executive Director:** Roger Bailey

**First Event:** Founded on Aug. 31, 2001, the series' first race took place on July 7, 2002 at Kansas Speedway. The winner was A.J. Foyt IV.

**Series Sponsors:** Firestone, Coca-Cola, Lincoln Welders, Lucas Oil Products, Mo's Gold, Ritmo Mundo, For Earth, Mesco Building Products

**Cars:** Single-seat, open-wheel, Indy car-style vehicles manufactured by Dallara Automobili. The Dallara has been the designated spec-chassis of the Firestone Indy Lights since the series' inception in 2002.

**Engines:** 3.5 liter, normally-aspirated, 90-degree V-8 spec engines, capable of 420 horsepower at 8,200 rpm and speeds up to 190 mph on superspeedways. Engine development provided by Speedway Engine Development.

**Tires:** Tires are purpose-built, high performance Firestone Firehawk racing slicks and rain tires, manufactured by Firestone.

**Schedule:** The 2010 Firestone Indy Lights schedule consists of 13 races in two countries (United States and Canada). The schedule consists of five races on ovals, four races on a temporary circuits and four races on permanent road courses. All events are run in conjunction with IZOD IndyCar Series events. All road and street course races will be conducted as sprint events of 100 miles or less. All oval races are 100-mile sprints with no scheduled pit stops.

**2010 Events:**

<b>Race Date</b>	<b>Track</b>
March 28	Streets of St. Petersburg
April 11	Barber Motorsports Park
April 18	Streets of Long Beach
May 22	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
June 19	Iowa Speedway
July 4	Watkins Glen International
July 18	Streets of Toronto
July 25	Edmonton City Centre Airport
Aug. 8	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Aug. 22	Infineon Raceway
Aug. 28	Chicagoland Speedway
Sept. 4	Kentucky Speedway
Oct. 9	Homestead-Miami Speedway

Subject to change.

**Broadcast reach:** VERSUS will provide live coverage of the Firestone Freedom 100 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. All races are streamed live at [www.indycar.com](http://www.indycar.com). Some races may also be telecast internationally.

**Champions:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Entrant</b>
2009	J.R. Hildebrand	ARPRO/Andretti Green Racing/AFS Racing
2008	Raphael Matos	AFS Racing/Andretti Green Racing
2007	Alex Lloyd	Sam Schmidt Motorsports
2006	Jay Howard	Brian Stewart Racing*
2005	Wade Cunningham	Brian Stewart Racing
2004	Thiago Medeiros	Sam Schmidt Motorsports
2003	Mark Taylor	Panther Racing
2002	A.J. Foyt IV	A.J. Foyt Enterprises

\* Howard won the driver's championship with Sam Schmidt Motorsports, however, Brian Stewart Racing won the entrant championship.

**Prize Money:** Firestone Indy Lights competitors vie for almost \$4 million in prize money throughout the season. In 2009, the Firestone Freedom 100 at Indianapolis featured a payout of \$318,750 while other races featured purses ranging from \$168,000-\$275,000.

**Point System:** Per race, for both driver and entrant championships. 50 points - 1st, 40 - 2nd, 35 - 3rd, 32 - 4th, 30 - 5th, 28 - 6th, 26 - 7th, 24 - 8th, 22 - 9th, 20 - 10th, 19 - 11th, 18 - 12th, 17 - 13th, 16 - 14th, 15 - 15th, 14 - 16th, 13 - 17th, 12 - 18th, 11 - 19th, 10 - 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 - 21st, 8 - 22nd, 7 - 23rd, 6 - 24th, 5 - 25th, 4 - 26th.

Two bonus points are awarded for the most laps led.

One point is awarded to the winner of the pole position.



## **STAR MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY GOODYEAR FACT SHEET**

**General:** Now in its 20th season, the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is a premier open-wheel racing and driver development series and a gateway to the Indy Racing League and many other forms of motorsports. Run in conjunction with selected IZOD IndyCar Series and American Le Mans Series events, the Star Mazda Championship's 11-weekend, 13-race 2010 schedule features 11 races on road courses/street circuits and two races on ovals, including the prestigious "Night Before the 500" at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis. Drivers and teams compete for prizes valued at \$1.5 million in cars that are one rung below the Firestone Indy Lights cars on the open-wheel racing ladder. Drivers in the Star Mazda Championship benefit from both the Indy Racing League's Road to Indy program and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder. Recent graduates of the series include IZOD IndyCar Series stars Marco Andretti, Graham Rahal and Raphael Matos and Firestone Indy Lights drivers James Davison, James Hinchcliffe, Pablo Donoso, Mike Potekhen and Daniel Herrington. Star Mazda Championship alumni also include NASCAR racers Michael McDowell and ex F1 driver Scott Speed, as well as top racers in ALMS, Grand-Am and FIA Formula Two in Europe.

**Series Founder and President:** Gary Rodrigues

**First Event:** Founded in 1991, the series' first race took place in June at Willow Springs Raceway. The winner was Mark Rodrigues driving for Valley Motor Center.

**Series Sponsors:** Title Sponsors include Mazda and Goodyear. Associate sponsors include BBS, QuarterMaster, Performance Friction Brakes, VP Racing and MoTeC

**Cars:** Single-seat, open-wheel, Indy car-style vehicles manufactured by Star Race Cars. More than 450 Formula Mazda race cars of two types have been produced and are competing in various events throughout North America; 300 original tube-frame cars and 150 carbon-fiber 'Pro Formula Mazda' cars introduced in 2004 and used in the Star Mazda Championship. Every Formula Mazda or Pro Mazda car ever built is powered by a Mazda rotary engine.

**Engines:** Spec Mazda 'RGenesis' rotary engines producing 250 horsepower at 8,200 rpm. Performance includes 0 to 60 mph acceleration of 2.8 seconds and top speeds of 160 mph. Engine development and maintenance provided by Star Race Cars.

**Tires:** Tires are purpose-built, high performance Goodyear Eagle radial racing slicks and rain tires, manufactured by Goodyear.

**Schedule:** The 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear schedule consists of 13 races on 11 weekends in two countries (United States and Canada). The schedule includes two races on ovals, two races on temporary street circuits and nine races on natural-terrain road courses. Two events will be run with the IndyCar Series; five are on American Le Mans weekends, one (the "Night Before the 500") is with USAC and the Star Mazda Championship is a featured race at five events (two Mazda-sponsored 'double-header' weekends and the street circuit at the GP3R in Trois-Rivières). All races are 45 minutes long with no scheduled pit stops. Standing starts are used on road and street circuits.

**2010 Events:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Track/Location</b>
March 19	Sebring International Raceway <i>Sebring, Fla.</i>
March 28	Streets of St. Petersburg <i>St. Petersburg, Fla.</i>
May 22	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca <i>Monterey, Calif.</i>
May 29	O'Reilly Raceway Park <i>Indianapolis, Ind.</i>
June 20	Iowa Speedway <i>Newton, Iowa</i>
June 26	New Jersey Motorsports Park <i>Millville, N.J.</i>
June 27	New Jersey Motorsports Park <i>Millville, N.J.</i>
July 31	Autobahn Country Club <i>Joliet, Ill.</i>
August 1	Autobahn Country Club <i>Joliet, Ill.</i>
August 15	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres <i>Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada</i>
August 21	Road America <i>Elkhart Lake, Wisc.</i>
August 28	Mosport International Raceway <i>Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada</i>
October 1	Road Atlanta <i>Braselton, Ga.</i>

**Broadcast reach:** Star Mazda championship races during the 2010 season were broadcast both live and in syndication domestically and tape-delayed internationally. Live domestic broadcasts were carried on HDNet in 15 million households. Syndicated coverage on the Star Mazda Network reached 71.2 million households. There were three airings of each event on each cable network with an average of 213,600 households per airing and 1.6 viewers per household. The audience total was 341.760 viewers per airing x 3 airings average. Total audience was 1,025,280 viewers for events broadcast. In addition, eight of the Star Mazda Championship races were aired in 40 South American countries and territories through P-UNO TV and SPEED Latin America.

### **Champions:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Entrant</b>
2009	Adam Christodoulou	JDC Motorsports
2008	John Edwards	AIM Autosport
2007	Dane Cameron	JDC Motorsports
2006	Adrian Carrio	World Speed Motorsports
2005	Raphael Matos	Ocean Tomo Racing
2004	Michael McDowell	Star Race Cars (*)
2003	Luis Schiavo	Racers Edge Motorsports
2002	Guy Cosmo	Racers Edge Motorsports
2001	Scott Bradley	World Speed Motorsports
2000	Bernardo Martinez	Team Bucknum Racing
1999	Joey Hand	S3 Racing (+)
1998	Ian Lacy	S3 Racing
1997	Tony Buffomonte	Valley Motor Center
1996	Rich Stephens	Miller Team Racing
1995	Mark Rodrigues	Valley Motor Center
1994	Brad Loehner	Loehner Racing
1993	Ben Massey	World Speed Motorsports
1992	Chuck West	World Speed Motorsports
1991	Mark Rodrigues	Valley Motor Center

(\*) Series switched from tube-frame cars to carbon-fiber cars in 2004.

(+) First season of unified national Star Mazda Championship series. From 1991 – 1999 the series crowned regional and oval-track champions.

**Prize Money:** Star Mazda Championship competitors will vie for prizes valued at \$1.5 million during the 2010 season. Prize money is paid at the end of the season to drivers from 1st to 15th in the points. The series champion wins a Mazda-sponsored drive in the 2011 Atlantic Championship powered by Mazda as well as \$100,000 in cash. The 2nd-place finisher in the points gets \$80,000 and 3rd-place gets \$70,000, etc. Rookie of the Year gets \$10,000.

**Point System:** The Star Mazda Championship features both the main race and two 'races within a race' for Expert (30-44 years old) and Master (45 and older) Series drivers. All run the same car in the same race and are competing for the same points and prize money, but Experts and Master Series have their own internal championship and only each driver's ten best finishes counts toward the Expert and Master championships. Points overall: 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/ Pole = 1 Point.

A separate points structure determines the Team Championship and since many teams run multiple cars, only the points scored by the top-2 finishers from that team are counted. Points: 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.



## USF2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET

**General:** Many top drivers in the IZOD IndyCar Series and endurance sports car racing honed their skills in F2000, and the Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda is an important training ground for rising stars. Debuting in 2010, it is the revival of the very popular USF2000 series of 1990 through 2006. Sanctioned by the Indy Racing League, it is one of only two series that are part of both the Indy Racing League's "Road to Indy" ladder system and the prestigious MAZDASPEED Motorsports driver development program. In 2010, the series will stage 12 races on seven weekends. Its drivers will gain experience on street courses (two races), ovals (two races) and road courses (eight races). Live Webcasts and television coverage for selected events are planned.

**Administrator:** The Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda is administered by Andersen Promotions of Palmetto, Fla. Principals of Andersen Promotions include Dan Andersen, co-owner and chief executive officer, and John Andersen, co-owner and director of competition. Michelle Kish is the series' manager.

**First Event:** The first event for the new USF2000 National Championship will be the first half of a doubleheader on the street course in St. Petersburg, Fla. on March 27, 2010, which will be run as a support event for the IZOD IndyCar Series' Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

**Series Sponsors:** Mazda, Cooper Tires, Carl Haas Auto, Van Diemen/Elan, Cosworth, Dynamic Suspensions, Elite Engines, Hewland Engineering Ltd., Performance Friction Brakes and VP Racing Fuels.

**Drivers:** The USF2000 National Championship is open to drivers age 16 and up. Drivers who have honed their skills in F2000 in the past include stars like Indy 500 winners Dan Wheldon, Sam Hornish Jr. and Buddy Rice.

**Cars:** USF2000 cars are open-wheel, single-seat, open-cockpit cars with front and rear wings. A F2000 chassis is of a flat-bottom, tubular, space frame design. The cars must have a net weight of 1,220 pounds (weight after a qualifying session or race with remaining fuel in the car but without the driver). Van Diemen chassis manufactured from 2001 through 2010 are eligible to compete in the top class, called the Championship class, in 2010.

The “B” class, called the National class, includes Van Diemens as well as any other chassis that conform to current SCCA Formula Continental class regulations. Carl Haas Auto (CHA) is the official parts supplier for the USF2000 National Championship.

**Engines:** F2000 engines are four-cylinder, double-overhead-cam, fuel-injected, 2,000cc engines that generate approximately 170 horsepower and are capable of powering cars to speeds of 150 miles per hour. In 2010, the Championship class cars may be powered by either a Zetec 2-liter engine or the new Mazda MZR 2-liter engine. Beginning in 2011, Championship class cars must use only the Mazda powerplant. All national class cars must use only Zetec 2-liter engines, a stipulation which will carry into 2011. All of the Mazda MZR 2-liter engines are prepared and sealed by one engine preparer for the entire series — Elite Engines of West Bend, Wis.

**Tires:** Thirteen-inch slick and rain tires co-branded COOPER/F2000 as manufactured by Cooper Tires are mandatory in both classes.

**Schedule:** The 2010 USF2000 National Championship will consist of a dozen 50-mile races on seven weekends. Two of the races will be on a street course, two will be on oval speedways and eight will be on road courses. Three races will be run as support events to IZOD IndyCar Series headliners. One event will support the USAC Mopar national midgets; four will be run in conjunction with Atlantic and Star Mazda events, and four will support the American Le Mans Series (ALMS). All but two of the races will be run as doubleheader programs.

**2010 Events:**

Races 1 & 2	March 27-28	Streets of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Race 3	May 29	O’Reilly Raceway Park, Indianapolis, Ind.
Race 4	June 19	Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa
Races 5 & 6	June 26-27	New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, N.J.

Races 7 & 8 July 31-Aug. 1 Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, Ill.

Races 9 & 10 Aug. 21-22 Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.

Races 11 & 12 Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.

Subject to change.

**Broadcast reach:** Live Webcasts are planned, as is cable television coverage of selected events.

**Prize Money:** Details on prize money will be released soon. The top five finishers and the polesitter in the Championship class will receive prize money, as will the top three finishers in the National class. The top five finishers in the Championship class will receive season-end awards as well, as will the Rookie of the Year. The champion of the National class will also receive prize money.

**Point System:** Per race, for drivers competing in the Championship class: 30 points - 1st, 25 - 2nd, 22 - 3rd, 19 - 4th, 17 - 5th, 15 - 6th, 14 - 7th, 13 - 8th, 12 - 9th, 11 - 10th, 10 - 11th, 9 - 12th, 8 - 13th, 7 - 14th, 6 - 15th, 5 - 16th, 4 - 17th, 3 - 18th, 2 - 19th, 1 - 20th and beyond.

One bonus point is awarded to the winner of the pole position.

One bonus point is awarded to the driver who led the most laps.

One bonus point is awarded to the driver who set the fastest lap during the race.

Per race, for drivers competing in the National class: 22 points - 1st, 18 - 2nd, 15 - 3rd, 12 - 4th, 10 - 5th, 8 - 6th, 6 - 7th, 4 - 8th, 2 - 9th, 1 - 10th and beyond.