



To: Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear teams and drivers
From: Gary Rodrigues / Star Mazda Championship
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Re: Preliminary schedule / agenda for "Night Before the 500"

The Road to Indy schedule of events for the "Night Before the 500" is shaping up to be very special, including track tours of the Indy Motor Speedway with 4-time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears and 2-time winner Al Unser Jr. Also on the schedule are pace car rides around the Indy Motor Speedway, a tour of the Indy Museum with famed racing historian Donald Davidson, a Road to Indy reception at the Speedway, a breakfast seminar presented by Mazda, a Road to Indy driver's meeting with IRL Competition Director Brian Barhart and a seminar to teach drivers and spotters how to work together during oval races. A preliminary schedule is below, and attached as a PDF file. We are working on additional activities and will keep you in the loop.

Regards,
Gary Rodrigues
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Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Thursday, May 27

7:00 am Indy Lights garage opens
8:00 am Credentials opens
Indy Lights Driver meeting
8:45-9:45 am Museum tours w/Donald Davidson
9:00-9:45 am Indy Lights practice
9:45-10:45 IMS track tours w/Rick Mears
and Al Unser Jr.
12:30-1:30 pm Lunch
1:45-2:45 pm Spotters seminar (drivers & spotters,
Star Mazda and USF2000)
3:00-4:00 pm Indy Lights qualifying
5:00-6:00 pm Road to Indy reception

O'Reilly Raceway Park

Noon- 4:00 pm Star Mazda / USF2000 Registration,
transporter move-in, track walk

7:00 pm Paddock clear

Friday, May 28

7:30 am IMS Credentials opens

8:00 am Garage opens

9:00 am Registration/paddock open

8:30-10:30am Breakfast/Mazda seminar

8:30-9:30 am Indy 500 guest pace car driver practice

9:30-10:30 am IMS pace car rides

10:00 am Indy Lights driver meeting

11:00-Noon Indy Car final practice

12:10-12:25 Road to Indy driver meeting w/Brian Barnhart

12:15 Indy Lights pre-race activities

12:30-1:30 Indy Lights Firestone Freedom 100

3:00-6:30 pm Star Mazda / USF2000 practice in groups (*), 3 cycles each series

6:30-7:30 pm Barbeque dinner

7:30-10:00 pm Star Mazda / USF2000 practice in groups (*), two cycles per series

Saturday, May 29

10:00-Noon Star Mazda / USF2000 practice in groups (**), 2 cycles per series

1:30-2:30 pm USF2000 single car qualifying (+)

2:30-3:30 pm Star Mazda single car qualifying (+)

3:45-5:55 pm USAC activities

6:00 pm USF2000 race

7:00 pm USAC qualifying races

8:10 pm Star Mazda race (100 laps or 45 min.)

9:20 pm USAC feature

Road to Indy events in red

(*) Groups of 1/3 field size to do 20 minutes per group (x3) for each series; allow 70 minutes total/cycle/series

(**) Full field each series, 25 minutes, alternating (twice through for each series, USF2000/Star Mazda/USF2000/Star Mazda), allow 2 hours total. Track time for each series is equal. Group sizes determined by field size

(+) Time includes move-in and move-out.

Note: Schedule subject to change