



**Grand Prix of St. Petersburg  
St. Petersburg Street Course  
February 27 - March 1, 2026**

**Provisional Schedule**

<u>Registration Hours</u>	<u>Inspection: Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin</u>	<u>Briefings: Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin</u>	<u>Infield Care Center Hours</u>
Thu., 2/26 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Fri., 2/27 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat., 2/28 7:00 am - 12:00 pm Sun., 3/1 N/A  Location: <b>University Student Center</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b> <b>200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.</b> St. Petersburg, FL 33701	<u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u> Wed., 2/25 By Appointment Thu., 2/26 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Fri., 2/27 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sat., 2/28 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Sun., 3/1 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	<u>Team Manager Briefing</u> Thu., 2/26 3:30 pm  <b>Mazda MX-5 Cup Hospitality</b>  <u>Driver &amp; Team Manager Briefing</u> Sat., 2/28 12:15 pm  Track Meeting Room (Mahaffey Theater)	Fri., 2/27 7:30 am - 7:30 pm Sat., 2/28 6:00 am - 8:30 am Sun., 3/1 6:00 am - 8:00 am Outside of these hours call 911

**Series Listing:**

**WHELEN MAZDA MX-5 CUP PRESENTED BY MICHELIN (MAZDA MX-5)**  
 IndyCar Series (IndyCar)  
 Indy NXT (NXT)  
 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS)  
 USF2000 (USF)

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

2:00 pm Industry Suppliers (Michelin, VP Racing, Airgas) and IMSA Logistics Load-In

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

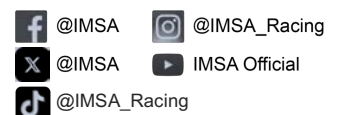
1:00 pm **MAZDA MX-5 COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER LOAD-IN - MUST NOT OPEN/UNLOAD UNTIL NOTIFIED BY IMSA**  
 2:30 pm Industry and Manufacturer Support Load-In

**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

11:30 am - 2:00 pm On-Track Activity  
 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm TRACK WALK For Credential Holders - Walk/Golf Carts/Tugs Only, No 2-Wheeled  
 3:30 pm **MAZDA MX-5 - TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING - MAZDA MX-5 CUP HOSPITALITY**  
 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm **MAZDA MX-5 - PARTY IN THE PARK FAN FESTIVAL, NORTH STRAUB PARK**

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

6:30 am - 8:00 am On-Track Activity  
 8:00 am - 8:35 am Practice #1 - USF  
 8:55 am - 9:40 am **PRACTICE #1 - MAZDA MX-5**  
 10:00 am - 10:30 am Qualifying - USF  
 10:50 am - 11:10 am **QUALIFYING - MAZDA MX-5 - SEE SR**  
 11:30 am - 12:10 pm Race #1 - USF  
 12:15 pm **MAZDA MX-5 - DRIVER AND TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING - MAHAFFEY THEATER, MAIN AUDITORIUM**  
 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm Practice #1 - NXT  
 1:35 pm - 3:00 pm Practice #1 - IndyCar  
 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm Practice #1 - NCTS  
 5:05 pm - 6:00 pm Qualifying - NCTS  
 6:15 pm - 6:30 pm **On-Track Activity**

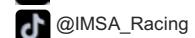
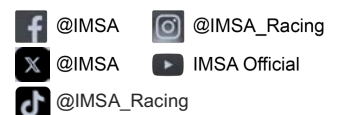


**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

6:30 am - 7:30 am On-Track Activity  
**7:25 am - 7:30 am** **PRE-RACE - MAZDA MX-5**  
**7:30 am - 8:15 am** **RACE #1 - MAZDA MX-5 - 40 MINUTES**  
8:35 am - 9:15 am Practice #2 - NXT  
9:35 am - 11:00 am Practice #2 - IndyCar  
**11:00 am - 11:30 am** **MAZDA MX-5 - AUTOGRAPH SESSION, INSIDE TURN 2 BEFORE VELO BRIDGE**  
11:30 am - 12:00 pm Pre-Race - NCTS  
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm Race - NCTS  
3:45 pm - 4:15 pm Qualifying - NXT  
4:35 pm - 6:00 pm Qualifying - IndyCar

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

6:30 am - 8:45 am On-Track Activity  
9:05 am - 9:35 am Warm Up - IndyCar  
10:00 am - 12:15 pm Pre-Race - IndyCar  
12:20 pm - 2:15 pm Race - IndyCar  
3:00 pm - 3:40 pm Race #2 - USF  
**3:55 pm - 4:00 pm** **PRE-RACE - MAZDA MX-5**  
**4:00 pm - 4:40 pm** **RACE #2 - MAZDA MX-5 - 40 MINUTES**  
  
**6:30 pm** **MAZDA MX-5 - COMPETITOR TRANSPORTERS MUST NOT MOVE PRIOR TO 6:30 PM - SEE SR**



**GENERAL**

- 9.4.4 - **Event Facility:** Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Ph: 727-898-4639  
100 1<sup>st</sup> St. South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
- 9.4.7 - **Length of the Racetrack:** 1.8 mile, 14-turn Temporary Street Course
- 9.4.8 - **Direction of the Race:** Clockwise
- 9.4.10 - **Pole Position:** On the Right
- 9.4.20 - **Location of Race Control:** Second Fl., SW corner of the Duke Energy Center for the Arts (DECA)
- 25.5.1 - **Start Line:** On the Front Straight
- 25.5.2 - **Finish Line:** On the Front Straight

**WHELEN MAZDA MX-5 CUP PRESENTED BY MICHELIN SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS****ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- 9 - **EVENT:** Rounds 3 and 4 of the Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin at Grand Prix of St. Petersburg are sanctioned by IMSA and held under the IMSA RULES.
- 9.4.6 - **Entries Closing:** Tue., Feb. 10, 2026. Late entries per Art. 4.3.
- 9.4.11 - **Number of Cars admitted**  
A. Practice sessions: 35 Maximum  
B. Qualifying sessions: 35 Maximum  
C. Race: 35 Maximum
- 9.4.13 - **Impound:** Mazda MX-5 Cup Series Trailer in the Paddock per the Technical Department.
- 19 - **Event Logistics:** Exclusively under the direction of and assigned by IMSA. Refer to schedule for Series paddock load-in times.
- Pre-Staging: Pre-Staging is at Tropicana Field Lot 1 and 2, located at 1 Tropicana Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Team transporters must not arrive before 9:00 am on Tue., Feb. 24 for pre-staging.
- Staging: Staging to enter paddock is also at Tropicana Field. All transporters must be staged and ready for load-in one (1) hour prior to the designated load-in time of 2:00 pm on Wed., Feb. 25. No parking or staging permitted at Tropicana Field after Wed., Feb. 25.
- Load-In: Load-in takes place at 2:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 25. Transporter movement is directed by MX-5 personnel.
- Load-Out: Must not move in the Paddock until 6:30 pm, Sun., Mar. 1. Transporters must exit by 12:00 midnight on **Sun., Mar. 1**. Movement outside these parameters subject to penalty.
- 40 - **Qualifying Session:** The Qualifying Session shall be 15 minutes in initial length. There are five minutes of additional time available within the scheduled window for use at the sole discretion of the Race Director to extend the Session. Such use or non-use of the additional time is Conclusive.

**GENERAL - EVENT / TRACK INFORMATION - ALL SERIES**

- 3.7.2 - **Driver Deadline/Fee:** CoB Tue., Feb. 10. Until CoB Fri., Feb. 20, \$1,000 fee. No applications (or related documents) processed after CoB Fri., Feb. 20.
- 4.3.6 - **Event Confirmations:** Event Confirmation Declarations, if changes are necessary, must be submitted via TIMS no later than 4pm Mon., Feb. 17. \$500 is charged for late Declarations or Driver changes made after this deadline.



## GENERAL - EVENT / TRACK INFORMATION - ALL SERIES, CONT.

- A. Driver/TM Briefing:** Briefing distributed Feb. 26.
- For questions regarding the briefing please contact the following as appropriate:  
Randy Buck - Mazda MX-5 Racing Related, [randalbuck@imsa.com](mailto:randalbuck@imsa.com) or 415-298-7018  
Duane Sampson - Dir. Single-Make Platforms, [dsampson@imsa.com](mailto:dsampson@imsa.com) or 386-285-7021  
Keith Dalton - Mazda MX-5 Series Manager, [kdalton@andersenpromotions.net](mailto:kdalton@andersenpromotions.net) or 863-381-1942  
Paul Walter - Sporting Regulations, [pwalter@imsa.com](mailto:pwalter@imsa.com) or 614-598-6783  
David Pees - Timing and Scoring, [dpees@imsa.com](mailto:dpees@imsa.com) or 386-308-8866  
Cory Posocco - Paddock Logistics, [cposocco@imsa.com](mailto:cposocco@imsa.com) or 386-566-8313  
Eric Haverson - Technical, [ehaverson@imsa.com](mailto:ehaverson@imsa.com) or 386-562-7214  
Roy Spielmann - Track Services, [rspielmann@imsa.com](mailto:rspielmann@imsa.com) or 414-702-0905  
Ryan McLean - Medical Liaison, [rmclean@imsa.com](mailto:rmclean@imsa.com) or 386-285-6913
- B. Track Walk:** The Track Walk is for Credential Holders Only, walk, golf carts or tuggers only, no 2-wheeled.
- 1. Nitrogen Supply:** Airgas is the exclusive nitrogen supplier, [motorsports@airgas.com](mailto:motorsports@airgas.com) or 800-367-4273.
  - 2. Motorsports Ministries:** Terry Borcheller, [terryborcheller@aol.com](mailto:terryborcheller@aol.com) or 678-677-5861.
  - 3. Telephone/Internet:** Internet, Frontier Communications 1-866-491-5288 X 2126416, or [kari.lewis@ftr.com](mailto:kari.lewis@ftr.com).
  - 4. Security:** Sentry Event Services, Evan Helgesen, [ehelgesen@sentryeventservices.com](mailto:ehelgesen@sentryeventservices.com) or 813-350-6590.
  - 5. Team Food Service:** Lundy's Event Services, Allisa Tibe, [alissa@lundyscatering.com](mailto:alissa@lundyscatering.com) or 859-255-0717.
  - 6. Catering:** Lundy's Event Services, Allisa Tibe, [alissa@lundyscatering.com](mailto:alissa@lundyscatering.com) or 859-255-0717.
  - 7. Hospitality:** Giles Dowden, [gdowden@gpstpete.com](mailto:gdowden@gpstpete.com).
  - 8. Motorhomes:** Chad Seufert, [cseufert@greensavoree.com](mailto:cseufert@greensavoree.com).
  - 9. Golf Cart Rentals:** National Carts, Michelle Liston, [support@nationalcarts.com](mailto:support@nationalcarts.com) or 888-631-0397.
  - 10. Equipment Rental:** Ring Power, Randy Lane, [randy.lane@ringpower.com](mailto:randy.lane@ringpower.com) or 813-865-2301.
  - 11. Truck Washing:** Anointed Auto Detail, Early Jackson, [anointedautodetail47@yahoo.com](mailto:anointedautodetail47@yahoo.com) or 817-707-9056.
  - 12. Pit Vehicles:** Pit vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver 16 years or older. Motorscooters of one, two or three-wheels and/or designed to transport one or two persons are prohibited in the garage, pit, and Paddock areas. Motorcycles, drones, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, and other non-motorized transportation prohibited. 10 MPH speed limit for all vehicles in garage, Paddock and pit areas.  
  
Teams are permitted one (1) 3-or-more -wheeled support vehicle(s) (such as golf carts/tugs) in the Paddock per entered Car. Teams are permitted one (1) additional such support vehicle and only this one (1) vehicle is permitted in pit lane. Access stickers issued by IMSA and available from the administrator in the Series tech transporter.
  - 13. False Grid:** Instructions pertaining to gridding, movement of racecars, crew and equipment provided via Briefings. Teams must be familiar with procedures and follow the direction of IMSA Officials.
  - 14. Facility Restrictions:** Staking of awnings strictly prohibited. Violators billed accordingly. Water barrels or concrete weights only.
  - 15. Parking Procedure:** Two (2) Passes per entered Car from Registration. Parking location: Yellow.
  - 16. Additional Information:** Additional maps, forms and information at [imsacompetitors.com](http://imsacompetitors.com).
  - 17. Track Shipping:** See Track Deliveries Advisory at [imsacompetitors.com](http://imsacompetitors.com).

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

- FACILITY MEDICAL CENTER:** Bayfront Health Infield Care Center, located on the first floor, west side, of the Duke Energy Center for the Arts (DECA) adjacent to the loading dock. For after-hours medical, dial 911.
- HOSPITAL INFORMATION:**
- Trauma Center: Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, 701 Sixth St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Main: 727-823-1234, Emergency: 727-893-6100.
- Burn Center: Tampa General Hospital, 1 Tampa General Cir., Tampa, FL 33606  
Main: 813-844-7000 Burn Unit: 813-844-7656, ED: 813-844-7100.
- PHARMACY INFORMATION:**
- CVS, 2200 34th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
Main: 727-328-7644, Daily: 8:00am - 10:00pm.
- Walgreens, 900 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710  
Main: 727-327-8801, M-F 7:00am - 11:00pm, Sat. 9:00am - 6:00pm, Sun. 10:00am - 6:00pm, closed for break 1:30pm - 2:00pm daily.



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Maximum Wet Tire Sets per Car available for purchase at Event:

MX-5: 2

\*Wet Tires from previous Events meeting the requirements of ATT. 3 are permitted.

<b>Thursday, February 26</b> 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Last set in 30 minutes before close
<b>Friday, February 27</b> 7:30 am - 2:00 pm Last set in 30 minutes before close
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> 6:30 am - 10:00 am Last set in 30 minutes before close
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**MAPS**

