



2010 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda preview

Lakeville, Conn. (March 1): When the 2010 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda season kicks off this weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway, a diverse field of drivers will begin their quest to capture one of the biggest scholarships in junior open-wheel racing.

The Scholarship

For the fifth year, the BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda is the first rung on the *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development Open-Wheel Ladder. Starting in 2010 the Skip Barber National Champion will be awarded a fully funded seat in the 2011 USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda, courtesy *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development. The National Champion will also earn an Indy Lights test session with Bryan Herta Autosport.

In 2010, Skip Barber Racing School and Mazda will name its first Rookie of the Year in the Skip Barber National. The Rookie of the Year will earn a fully funded season in the 2011 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda, courtesy *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development.

The balance of the prize package for the Skip Barber National will be announced at a later date.

“Mazda North American Operations is a terrific partner with Skip Barber Racing School,” said Todd Snyder, VP of Competition for Skip Barber Racing School. “We are excited about the addition of the USF2000 Championship to the Mazda ladder and look forward to watching our National Champion compete in that series in 2011.”

“Our partnership with Skip Barber has enabled *MAZDASPEED* to develop long-term relationships with up and coming drivers. We have met dozens of teenage ‘kids’ and have watched them mature into confident and professional young men and women as they progress from Skip Barber up the ranks,” said John Doonan, *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Team Development Manager. “The competition and coaching they receive with the Skip Barber team is second to none. Raphael Matos is the perfect example of a driver moving up the *MAZDASPEED* ladder, and his starting point was with Skip Barber. We can’t wait to see who the 2010 champion will be.”

The Drivers

The Class of 2010 includes trio of drivers returning for their sophomore season, the defending Summer Regional Race Series champion and representatives from five different countries challenging a strong American contingent for this year’s title.

Ashley Freiberg and Dennis Trebing, currently 1-2 in the Southern Race Series standings, along with Isaac Lyons return for the second seasons in the Skip Barber National. Among the drivers making their National debuts are 2009 Skip Barber Summer Race Series champ Nick Andries, 2009 ELF Renault Clio Winter Cup champ Daniel Lloyd, Karting Scholarship Shoot-out winner Mukul Sud, Skip Barber Regional Race Series driver Scott Anderson and Brandon Newey, son of renowned race car engineer and IZOD IndyCar Series team owner Steve Newey.

After testing the waters in the Skip Barber National during the 2009 season, *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development drivers Spencer Pigot and Felix Serralles will challenge for the 2010 title after winning the big scholarships at this year’s Karting Scholarship Shoot-out, funded by Mazda and the FIA Motor Sport Safety Development Fund.

The Skip Barber Cup, a separate championship for drivers 26 years of age or older who are not eligible for the *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development Ladder, makes its debut in 2010 with a quartet of drivers entered for Homestead; Al Carter, John Giddens, Jim Norman and Brian Skinner. Carter is pulling double-duty this weekend, running both the Skip Barber National races and the Grand-Am Continental Sports Car Challenge for Stephenson Motorsports.



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Entry list, Rounds 1&2, 2010 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented
by Mazda, Homestead-Miami Speedway, 2.1-mile, 10-turn road course

Scott Anderson	21	Fort Collins, Colo.
Nick Andries	19	Pinellas Park, Fla.
Matt Bell		Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, England
Al Carter - S	43	Greenville, Del.
Nicolas Costa	18	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Luis Michael Dörrbecker	17	Queretaro, Mexico
Danilo Estrela	16	Long Branch, N.J.
Ashley Freiberg	18	Homer Glen, Ill.
John Giddens - S	54	Orlando, Fla.
Austin Hopper	21	Seminole, Fla.
Daniel Lloyd	17	Huddersfield, England
Isaac Lyons	20	Hillsborough Down, Northern Ireland
Brandon Newey	17	Carmel, Ind.
Jim Norman - S	51	Tampa, Fla.
Wilson Philippe	16	Key Biscayne, Fla.
Spencer Pigot	17	Windermere, Fla.
Felix Serralles	17	Haines City, Fla.
Brian Skinner - S	33	Philadelphia, Penn.
Mukul Sud	24	Bangalore, India
Kevin Tittle	20	South Pasadena, Calif.
Dennis Trebing	18	Cape Coral, Fla.

S – Skip Barber Cup driver

Since 2006, Skip Barber National Champions have continued their racing careers through the *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development Ladder. 2009 Skip Barber National Champion Connor De Phillippi will race for JDC Motorsports in this year's Star Mazda Championship courtesy *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development. Other drivers with Skip Barber Racing School ties include 2007 Atlantic champion and IZOD Indycar driver Raphael Matos and 2009 Atlantic champion and Rolex Sports Car Series driver John Edwards.



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The Schedule

The 2010 BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda schedule visits seven legendary North American race circuits and marks the first time that the entire schedule will support top level racing, racing in support of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series and American Le Mans Series.

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14 Races (7 Double Race Weekends)

March 5-7	Homestead-Miami Speedway	w/Rolex Sports Car Series
March 17-19	Sebring International Raceway	w/American Le Mans Series
April 23-25	Virginia International Raceway	w/Rolex Sports Car Series
May 28-31	Lime Rock Park	w/Rolex Sports Car Series
July 16-18	New Jersey Motorsports Park	w/Rolex Sports Car Series
August 20-22	Road America	w/American Le Mans Series
September 29-October 1	Road Atlanta	w/American Le Mans Series

A limited number of seats are available for both single Race Weekends and the full championship. For more information on qualifications and pricing, please contact Chris Kretzmer at Skip Barber Racing School at (860) 435-4138 or ckretzmer@skipbarber.com.

About Skip Barber Racing School

For 35 years, Skip Barber Racing School LLC has operated a fully integrated system of racing schools, driving schools, racing championships, corporate events and OEM events across North America. The Skip Barber Racing School is offered at more than 20 of the most prestigious race tracks in North America, while the Skip Barber Driving School, utilizing Mazda's performance sedans and sports cars, operates at five world-famous tracks in destination locations.

The Skip Barber Race Series is collectively six separate, arrive and drive equalized-car racing championships– the Skip Barber *MAZDASPEED* Challenge; two regional race series featuring race prepared Mazda MX-5 Cup race cars, three regional open-wheel amateur series in Formula Skip Barber cars, and the first rung on the Mazda open-wheel ladder system; the BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda. All the series are part of Mazda's unique *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Development ladder system. For 35 years we have trained many of the best racing drivers in the world. Skip Barber is THE WAY to FAST.

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Skip Barber recently launched the Skip Barber Superbike School powered by KTM. Additional information is available at www.skipbarber.com/superbike.



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