



To: All Star Mazda Championship Teams and Drivers

From: Gary Rodrigues

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In consultation with our major sponsors, Mazda and Goodyear, I have asked IMSA to take a larger and more direct role in our series to upgrade the speed and efficiency of our race weekend decision-making.

The Star Mazda Championship has become a major part of the new Mazda 'motorsports ladder' program and has helped launch the careers of many prominent drivers. This re-organization of our officiating staff and procedures is the next step in the evolution of the Star Mazda Championship to an even higher level of professionalism. We very much appreciate the efforts of everyone who has worked so hard over the years to help us achieve our success.

Beginning with this weekend's event at Mosport, ALMS Race Director Marty Kaufman will, in addition to his regular duties, serve as Star Mazda Championship Race Director for the remaining races in 2007. Kent Williamson will be Assistant Race Director, as well as assuming additional race weekend responsibilities.

Kaufman is a veteran Chief Steward of world-class races including the American Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. His racing involvement began in the mid-1950s as a driver in NHRA and SCCA events, and later as a course worker and race promoter. He joined the SCCA's Stewards program in 1970, was Trans-Am series Chief Steward in 1986, and was named IMSA's Race Director in 1987.

This change is a forthright effort to address the interests and concerns of Star Mazda Championship team owners, drivers and sponsors. Marty Kaufman and Kent Williamson are true professionals who have our full confidence and support, and we ask your cooperation and support as this new working partnership between Star Mazda and IMSA develops over the course of the remaining races in the 2007 season.

Sincerely,

Gary Rodrigues
President,
Star Mazda Championship