



**MICHELIN**

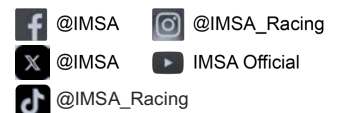
**GT CHALLENGE @**



**Michelin GT Challenge at VIR  
VIRginia International Raceway  
August 21 - 23, 2026**

**Provisional Schedule**

<u>Registration Hours</u>	<u>Inspection: IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship</u>	<u>Inspection: IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge</u>	<u>Inspection: Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin</u>
Thu., 8/20 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Fri., 8/21 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat., 8/22 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun., 8/23 7:00 am - 2:30 pm  Registration area in Guest Services Building 1071A Raceplex Road	<u>Pre-Event Inspection</u> <u>ALL Classes Mandatory By Appt.:</u> Thu., 8/20 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm  <u>Voluntary Technical Inspection Hours: By Reservation:</u> Fri., 8/21 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Fri., 8/21 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  <u>Voluntary Technical Inspection Hours: Open/No Reservation Required:</u> Sat., 8/22 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Sat., 8/22 1:30 pm - 4:15 pm Sun., 8/23 8:30 am - 11:30 am	<u>Pre-Event Inspection (By Appointment):</u> Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm  <u>Voluntary Technical Inspection Hours: By Reservation:</u> Fri., 8/21 7:30 am - 10:30 am Fri., 8/21 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  <u>Voluntary Technical Inspection Hours: Open / No Reservation Required:</u> Fri., 8/21 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Sat., 8/22 7:30 am - 8:15 am Sat., 8/22 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	<b>TBC</b> <u>Pre-Event Inspection:</u> Thu., 8/20 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Mazda MX-5 Cup Series Trailer Tech Ops.  <u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u> Fri., 8/21 8:00 am - 9:30 am Fri., 8/21 9:45 am - 1:45 pm Fri., 8/21 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sat., 8/22 8:00 am - 9:15 am Sat., 8/22 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun., 8/23 By Appointment



<p><b><u>Inspection: Mustang Challenge</u></b></p> <p><u>Pre-Event and Technical Inspection (By Appt.):</u>  Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm  Mustang Challenge Series Tech Tent</p> <p><u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u>  Fri., 8/21 7:30 am - 12:30 pm  Fri., 8/21 2:15 pm - 5:30 pm  Sat., 8/22 7:30 am - 8:15 am  Sat., 8/22 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Sun., 8/23 7:30 am - 8:30 am</p> <p>Tech Insp. closes during on-track sessions</p>	<p><b><u>Inspection: IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge</u></b></p> <p><u>Pre-Event Inspection (By Appt.):</u>  Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p><u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u>  Thu., 8/20 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  Fri., 8/21 7:30 am - 12:00 pm  Fri., 8/21 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  Sat., 8/22 7:30 am - 11:00 am  Sun., 8/23 7:30 am - 12:00 pm  Sun., 8/23 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Briefings: IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Team Managers</u>  Thu., 8/20 1:30 pm</p> <p><u>Drivers and Team Managers</u>  Sun., 8/23 9:00 am</p> <p>Track Meeting Room  (Under garages 7-12)</p>	<p><b><u>Briefings: IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Team Managers</u>  Thu., 8/20 2:00 pm</p> <p><u>Drivers and Team Managers</u>  Sat., 8/22 9:30 am</p> <p>Track Meeting Room  (Under garages 7-12)</p>
<p><b><u>Briefings: Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Team Manager Briefing</u>  Thu., 8/20 3:30 pm</p> <p><u>Driver &amp; Team Manager Briefing</u>  Sat., 8/22 1:30 pm</p> <p>Track Meeting Room  (Under garages 7-12)</p>	<p><b><u>Briefings: Mustang Challenge</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Team Manager Briefing</u>  Thu., 8/20 3:00 pm</p> <p><u>Driver &amp; Team Manager Briefing</u>  Fri., 8/21 2:45 pm</p> <p>Track Meeting Room  (Under garages 7-12)</p>	<p><b><u>Briefings: IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Team Manager Briefing</u>  Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm</p> <p><u>Driver &amp; Team Manager Briefing</u>  Fri., 8/21 3:15 pm</p> <p>Track Meeting Room  (Under garages 7-12)</p>	<p><b><u>Infield Care Center Hours</u></b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p> <p>Thu., 8/20 8:00 am - 5:30 pm  Fri., 8/21 7:30 am - 8:00 pm  Sat., 8/22 7:30 am - 7:30 pm  Sun., 8/23 8:00 am - 5:15 pm</p> <p>Outside of these hours call 911 or  Halifax County Emergency Services  at 434-476-3335</p>

**Series Listing:**

**IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (WeatherTech Championship) (GTD PRO/GTD)**

**IMSA MICHELIN PILOT CHALLENGE (MICHELIN CHALLENGE)**

**WHELEN MAZDA MX-5 CUP PRESENTED BY MICHELIN (MAZDA MX-5)**

**MUSTANG CHALLENGE (MUSTANG CHALLENGE)**

**IMSA VP RACING SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE (VP CHALLENGE)**

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**

8:30 am - 5:30 pm On Track Activity (hot track)  
5:00 pm IMSA Tech Ops Transporter park (TV compound)  
6:00 pm IMSA Transporters park (North Paddock)

**Monday, August 17, 2026**

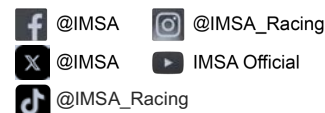
8:00 am IMSA Tech Ops Transporter set up - TV compound  
8:00 am IMSA set up (North Paddock)  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm On Track Activity (hot track from South Paddock)

**Tuesday, August 18, 2026**

8:00 am IMSA set up (North Paddock)  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm T&S and TV cabling access North Paddock and Pit Lane Only  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm On Track Activity (hot track from South Paddock)

**Wednesday, August 19, 2026**

8:00 am IMSA set up  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm T&S and TV cabling access on-track (cold track)  
10:00 am Industry Suppliers (VP Racing, Airgas) Load-In  
11:00 am Industry Suppliers (Michelin) Load-In  
2:00 pm Manufacturer and Industry Support Load-In  
4:00 pm **WeatherTech Championship Transporter Load-In (per IMSA Logistics) Park Only, No Opening**



#### **Thursday, August 20, 2026**

8:00 am IMSA set up  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm T&S and TV cabling access on-track (cold track)  
9:00 am *MICHELIN CHALLENGE COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER LOAD-IN* (per IMSA Logistics). Teams must not open/unload until 2:00 pm.  
9:00 am *VP CHALLENGE COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER LOAD-IN* (per IMSA Logistics). Teams must not open/unload until 2:00 pm.  
**11:00 am WeatherTech Championship - Open Transporters - Pit lane equipment set up may commence except as restricted, See SR**  
11:30 am *MAZDA MX-5 COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER LOAD-IN* (per IMSA Logistics). Teams must not open/unload until 2:00 pm  
1:00 pm *MUSTANG CHALLENGE COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER LOAD-IN - NO OPENING UNTIL 2:00 PM*  
**1:30 pm WeatherTech Championship Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room**  
2:00 pm *MICHELIN CHALLENGE TRANSPORTER OPEN/UNLOAD* (per IMSA Logistics). Pit equipment set up may commence  
2:00 pm *MAZDA MX-5 COMPETITOR TRANSPORTER OPEN/UNLOAD*  
2:00 pm *VP CHALLENGE TRANSPORTER OPEN/UNLOAD*  
2:00 pm *MICHELIN CHALLENGE TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING - TRACK MEETING ROOM*  
2:00 pm *MUSTANG CHALLENGE OPEN/UNLOAD TRANSPORTERS*  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm TRACK WALK For Credential Holders - Walk, bicycle (with helmet) and golf carts/tuggers Only, (Must not embark after 5:15pm)  
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Pit Lane media activity (cold track)  
7:00 pm Pit Lane Closed

#### **Friday, August 21, 2026**

6:00 am - 7:45 am IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage  
7:00 am Pit Lane Open  
7:55 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
8:00 am - 8:40 am *PRACTICE #1 - VP CHALLENGE*  
8:50 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
8:55 am - 9:25 am *PRACTICE #1 - MUSTANG CHALLENGE*  
9:35 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
9:40 am - 10:20 am *PRACTICE #1 - MAZDA MX-5*  
10:35 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
10:40 am - 11:40 am *PRACTICE #1 - MICHELIN CHALLENGE*  
11:40 am - 12:40 pm Lunch  
11:45 am - 12:00 pm Media on-track activity (hot track)  
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Media static on-track activity (cold track)  
12:35 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
12:40 pm - 1:20 pm *PRACTICE #2 - VP CHALLENGE*  
1:30 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
1:35 pm - 2:05 pm *PRACTICE #2 - MUSTANG CHALLENGE*  
2:15 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
2:20 pm - 2:50 pm *PRACTICE #2 - MAZDA MX-5*  
3:05 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
**3:10 pm - 4:40 pm Practice #1 - WeatherTech Championship (All Classes)**  
4:55 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm *QUALIFYING - VP CHALLENGE GSX*  
5:20 pm - 5:35 pm *QUALIFYING - VP CHALLENGE GTDX*  
5:45 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
5:50 pm - 6:50 pm *PRACTICE #2 - MICHELIN CHALLENGE*  
7:00 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
7:05 pm - 7:20 pm *QUALIFYING - MUSTANG CHALLENGE*  
9:30 pm Pit Lane Closed

### Saturday, August 22, 2026

6:00 am - 7:45 am IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage  
6:00 am Pit Lane Open  
7:55 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
8:00 am - 8:20 am QUALIFYING - MAZDA MX-5  
8:30 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
8:35 am - 8:50 am QUALIFYING - MICHELIN CHALLENGE TCR  
8:55 am - 9:10 am QUALIFYING - MICHELIN CHALLENGE GS  
9:20 am - 9:25 am PRE-RACE - MUSTANG CHALLENGE  
9:25 am - 10:10 am RACE #1 - MUSTANG CHALLENGE - 45 MINUTES  
9:30 am MICHELIN CHALLENGE DRIVER & TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING - TRACK MEETING ROOM  
10:25 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
**10:30 am - 12:00 pm Practice #2 - WeatherTech Championship (All Classes)**  
11:30 am - 12:00 pm MUSTANG CHALLENGE DRIVER AUTOGRAPH SESSION - SERIES TRANSPORTER  
12:15 pm - 12:20 pm PRE-RACE - VP CHALLENGE  
12:20 pm - 1:05 pm RACE #1 - VP CHALLENGE - 45 MINUTES  
12:30 pm MICHELIN CHALLENGE - FUEL RIG INSPECTION (PIT BOX - MANDATORY)  
**1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Driver Autograph Session - WeatherTech Championship at Team Transporters in the Paddock**  
1:05 pm - 2:05 pm Break / Pre-Race  
1:10 pm - 1:30 pm BMW Car Corral Parade Laps (IMSA)  
**1:30 pm - 2:05 pm PRE-RACE - OPEN GRID / FAN WALK - PIT LANE - MICHELIN CHALLENGE**  
1:30 pm - 1:50 am Corvette Car Corral Parade Laps (IMSA)  
**2:05 pm - 2:15 pm PRE-RACE - FORMATION LAPS - MICHELIN CHALLENGE**  
**2:15 pm - 4:15 pm RACE - VIRGINIA IS FOR RACING LOVERS GRAND PRIX FOR THE IMSA MICHELIN PILOT CHALLENGE - 2 HOURS**  
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm MAZDA MX-5 DRIVER AUTOGRAPH SESSION - SERIES TRANSPORTER  
4:20 pm - 4:45 pm POST-RACE - MICHELIN CHALLENGE  
4:20 pm - 4:45 pm Track Cleaning (concurrent)  
4:20 pm - 4:40 pm Mustang Car Corral Laps - limit 100 cars (IMSA)  
4:45 pm - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap  
**4:50 pm - 5:05 pm Qualifying - WeatherTech Championship (GTD - Any Driver)**  
**5:10 pm - 5:25 pm Qualifying - WeatherTech Championship (GTD PRO - Any Driver)**  
5:40 pm - 5:45 pm PRE-RACE - MAZDA MX-5  
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm RACE #1 - MAZDA MX-5 - 45 MINUTES  
8:30 pm - 8:45 pm Hitachi Energy Fireworks Show (from Patriot Paddock)  
7:30 pm Pit Lane Closed

### Sunday, August 23, 2026

6:00 am - 7:30 am IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage  
6:00 am Pit Lane Open  
**8:00 am - 9:00 am Fuel Rig Inspection - WeatherTech Championship**  
7:40 am - 7:55 am On-Track Media Session (cold track)  
7:55 am - 8:10 am On-Track Media Session (hot track)  
**8:00 am WeatherTech Championship Driver & Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room**  
8:10 am - 8:30 am Porsche Car Corral Parade Laps (IMSA)  
8:35 am - 8:40 am PRE-RACE - VP CHALLENGE  
8:40 am - 9:25 am RACE #2 - VP CHALLENGE - 45 MINUTES  
9:40 am - 9:45 am PRE-RACE - MUSTANG CHALLENGE  
9:45 am - 10:30 am RACE #2 - MUSTANG CHALLENGE - 45 MINUTES  
**10:50 am - 12:00 pm WeatherTech Championship Recon Lap / Pre-Race**  
**11:00 am - 11:50 am WeatherTech Championship - Open Grid / Fan Walk - Pit Lane**  
11:00 am - 11:45 am IMSA Hot Lap Experience (by invitation only)  
**12:00 pm - 12:10 pm WeatherTech Championship - Formation Laps**  
  
**12:10 pm - 2:50 pm Race - Michelin GT Challenge at VIR for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship - 2 Hours and 40 Minutes**  
  
**2:55 pm - 3:25 pm WeatherTech Championship Post-Race**  
2:55 pm - 3:25 pm Track Cleaning (concurrent)  
  
3:25 pm - 3:30 pm PRE-RACE - MAZDA MX-5  
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm RACE #2 - MAZDA MX-5- 45 MINUTES

### Monday, August 24, 2026

8:30 am - 5:30 pm On Track Activity (hot track)

