



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

Provisional Schedule

<u>Registration Hours</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>Inspection: IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship</u> <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:</u> <u>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:</u> <u>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 - 10:30 am	<u>Inspection: IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge</u> <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 - 4:30 pm <u>Voluntary Technical Inspection Hours: Open / No Reservation Required:</u> Fri., 8/21 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Sat., 8/22 7:15 am - 8:00 am Sat., 8/22 11:45 am - 12:45 pm	<u>Inspection: Whelen Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented By Michelin</u> <u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u> Fri., 8/21 8:00 am - 9:30 am Fri., 8/21 10:30 am - 1:45 pm Fri., 8/21 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sat., 8/22 7:30 am - 8:30 am Sat., 8/22 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun., 8/23 By Appointment
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<u>Inspection: Mustang Challenge</u> <u>Pre-Event and Technical Inspection (By Appt.):</u> Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm Mustang Challenge Series Tech Tent <u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u> Fri., 8/21 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Fri., 8/21 2:15 pm - 5:00 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 Tech Insp. closes during MC on-track sessions	<u>Inspection: IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge</u> <u>Pre-Event Inspection (By Appt.):</u> Thu., 8/20 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm <u>Technical Inspection Hours:</u> Thu., 8/20 4:30 pm - 6:00 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 - 8:00 am	<u>Briefings: IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship</u> <u>Team Managers</u> Thu., 8/20 1:30 pm <u>Drivers and Team Managers</u> Sun., 8/23 8:30 am Track Meeting Room (Under garages 7-12)	<u>Briefings: IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge</u> <u>Team Managers</u> Thu., 8/20 2:00 pm <u>Drivers and Team Managers</u> Sat., 8/22 9:15 am Track Meeting Room (Under garages 7-12)
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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 NORTH AMERICA (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	Pit Lane Open
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 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	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)
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
5:25 pm - CCL	IMSA Course Clearance Lap
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	PRACTICE #2 - MICHELIN CHALLENGE
6:40 pm - CCL	IMSA Course Clearance Lap
6:45 pm - 7:00 pm	QUALIFYING - MUSTANG CHALLENGE
8:00 pm	Pit Lane Closed

Saturday, August 22, 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 - 8:15 am QUALIFYING - MICHELIN CHALLENGE TCR
8:20 am - 8:35 am QUALIFYING - MICHELIN CHALLENGE GS
8:45 am - CCL IMSA Course Clearance Lap
8:50 am - 9:10 am QUALIFYING - MAZDA MX-5
9:15 am MICHELIN CHALLENGE DRIVER & TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING - TRACK MEETING ROOM
9:20 am - 9:25 am PRE-RACE - MUSTANG CHALLENGE
9:25 am - 10:10 am RACE #1 - MUSTANG CHALLENGE - 45 MINUTES
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
9:00 pm Fireworks Show (from T14)
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
7:00 am Pit Lane Open
8:00 am - 9:00 am Fuel Rig Inspection - WeatherTech Championship
8:10 am - 8:30 am Porsche Car Corral Parade Laps (IMSA)
8:30 am WeatherTech Championship Driver & Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room
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
6:30 pm Pit Lane Closed

Monday, August 24, 2026

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

