

Michelin Pilot Challenge - BMW M Endurance Challenge At Daytona
Friday, January 23, 2026
Pre-Race MxM Official



START TIME	END TIME	
6:45:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV Cabling / Track Inspection / Signage
6:45:00 AM		Garages Open and Pit Lane Open
7:15:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	IMSA Media Activity - Static Photo (Cold Track)
8:15:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	Corvette Car Corral Parade Laps
8:40:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	Qualifying - HSR IMSA Classic
9:05:00 AM		IMSA Course Clearance Lap
9:10:00 AM	9:40:00 AM	Practice #3 - Michelin Challenge
9:55:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	Pre-Race - MX-5
10:00:00 AM	10:45:00 AM	Race #2 - MX-5
10:30:00 AM		Michelin Challenge Driver and Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room
11:00:00 AM		IMSA Course Clearance Lap
11:05:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	Practice #3 - WeatherTech Championship (All Classes)
12:00:00 PM		Michelin Challenge False Grid Open
12:20:00 PM	1:20:00 PM	Lunch / Pre-Race
12:25:00 PM	1:25:00 PM	IMSA Hot Lap Experience
12:30:00 PM		Michelin Challenge False Grid Closed; cars depart from staging to pit lane via Victory Lane Alley to gate 132, echelon style, Drivers Right
		Stage follows the last racecar leaving the Rolex chute and moves into place on pit lane centered in front of the Rolex chute. BMW Safety Car will follow the stage out to Pit Lane
12:30:00 PM		Michelin Challenge - Mandatory Fuel Rig Inspection (At Pit Box)
12:45:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	Open Grid / Fan Walk - Pit Lane - Michelin Challenge
12:45:00 PM	12:46:00 PM	Pre-Race Welcome/Intro
12:47:00 PM		MOTUL Pole Award Interviews on stage at the Rolex Chute
12:47:00 PM	1:28:00 PM	PA Interviews / Music
1:10:00 PM	1:11:00 PM	Introduce President of Daytona International Speedway: Frank Kelleher - Speaking
1:11:00 PM	1:11:30 PM	Introduce Grand Marshal: Leigh Moynihan, Vice President of Marketing for BMW of North America
1:11:30 PM	1:12:00 PM	Introduce Honorary Starter: TBD
1:15:00 PM		First Call - Clear the Grid
1:20:00 PM		2nd Call - Clear the Grid
1:25:00 PM		Final Call to Clear the Grid
1:27:15 PM		10 Minute Warning - "Please cease all work on cars"
1:28:15 PM	1:28:30 PM	Call: "Teams and Officials in line formation" (Facing Middle of grid), Minimum of (4) Uniformed Team members
1:28:30 PM	1:28:45 PM	Introduction of the Colors - Embury-Riddle Air Force ROTC Detachment 157 Soaring Eagles Honor Guard
1:28:45 PM	1:29:00 PM	Introduce Chaplain: Ken Willet, Motorsports Ministries
1:29:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	Invocation
1:30:00 PM	1:30:15 PM	Introduce National Anthem Performer: Melissa TenBroeck
1:30:15 PM	1:31:45 PM	National Anthem
1:31:45 PM	1:32:00 PM	"Drivers in your cars"
1:32:00 PM		Stage removed from pit lane; exit to Rolex chute (Gate 509)
1:32:00 PM	1:37:00 PM	Music
1:32:15 PM		Stage IMSA Safety Car at head of grid. Stage Grand Marshal car at Rolex Chute.
1:32:15 PM		5 Minute Warning
1:36:15 PM		1 Minute Warning
1:37:00 PM	1:37:15 PM	Reintroduce Grand Marshal: Leigh Moynihan, Vice President of Marketing for BMW of North America
1:37:15 PM		"Drivers start your engines"
1:37:45 PM		Dispatch BMW Grand Marshal Car
1:38:00 PM		Dispatch Safety Car (2 Formation Laps)
1:45:00 PM	5:45:00 PM	GREEN FLAG - BMW M Endurance Challenge At Daytona (4 Hours)