

**Mazda MX-5 Cup - Daytona International Speedway**

**Race 1- Thursday, January 22, 2026**



**Pre-Race MxM Official**

<b>4:15:00 PM</b>	False grid open and 30 minutes to false grid closed - 1 hour to Start of race - all entrant's must monitor the published Race Control (RC) frequency until 30 minutes after checkered flag. RC Primary: 468.8250 PL Code: DPL103.5 - RC Alternate: 467.0125 PL Code: DPL032
4:15:00 PM	Practice - HSR concludes
<b>4:45:00 PM</b>	<b>30 Minutes to start of race and false grid closed - late cars to back of grid</b>
4:50:00 PM	Release cars from false grid to grid on pit lane, echelon style formation, drivers right - engines off
5:05:45 PM	5 Minute Warning to Engine Start Command
5:09:45 PM	1 Minute Warning to Engine Start Command
5:10:30 PM	PA - Introduce Engine Start Command guest announcer
<b>5:10:45 PM</b>	<b>"Drivers Start Your Engines" Command</b>
5:11:15 PM	Dispatch Safety Car - 1 Formation Lap
<b>5:15:00 PM</b>	<b>Green Flag - Race #1 - 45 Minutes</b>
<b>6:00:00 PM</b>	<b>Checkered Flag</b>

**Race 2- Friday, January 23, 2026**

**Pre-Race MxM Official**

<b>9:00:00 AM</b>	False grid open and 30 minutes to false grid closed - 1 hour to Start of race - all entrant's must monitor the published Race Control (RC) frequency until 30 minutes after checkered flag. RC Primary: 468.8250 PL Code: DPL103.5 - RC Alternate: 467.0125 PL Code: DPL032
9:05:00 AM	IMSA Course Clearance Lap
9:10:00 AM	Practice #3 - Michelin Challenge commences
<b>9:30:00 AM</b>	<b>30 Minutes to start of race and false grid closed - late cars to back of grid</b>
9:40:00 AM	Practice #3 - Michelin Challenge concludes
9:47:00 AM	Release cars from false grid to grid on pit lane, echelon style formation, drivers right - engines off
9:50:45 AM	5 Minute Warning to Engine Start Command
9:54:45 AM	1 Minute Warning to Engine Start Command
9:55:30 AM	PA - Introduce Engine Start Command guest announcer
<b>9:55:45 AM</b>	<b>"Drivers Start Your Engines" Command</b>
9:56:15 AM	Dispatch Safety Car - 1 Formation Lap
<b>10:00:00 AM</b>	<b>Green Flag - Race #2 - 45 Minutes</b>
<b>10:45:00 AM</b>	<b>Checkered Flag</b>

**RACE 1 AND 2 POST-RACE - AFTER ALL RACING CARS HAVE TAKEN CHECKERED FLAG**

<b>Cool down lap</b>
All non-podium finishing cars enter Gate 110 just before pit lane as directed by IMSA Officials.
Overall winning car proceeds down pit lane, driver's right, and turns left through Gate 509 / Rolex chute to Victory Lane and holds for entry by IMSA Officials.
All podium finishing cars, Highest Finishing Female, Penske Shocking Performance Award, and Takumi Award winner continue down pit lane and park drivers left, as directed by IMSA Officials. After drivers exit cars, crew members to make a U-Turn and drive counter course and exit Pit Lane at Gate 110 exit through the yellow garages as directed by IMSA Officials.
All drivers go immediately to driver corral for podium ceremonies.