MAZDA MOTORSPORTS TO LIVESTREAM GLOBAL MX-5 CUP OPENER

KICKOFF OF BATTERY TENDER GLOBAL MAZDA MX-5 CUP PRESENTED BY BFGOODRICH IN AUSTIN TO BE SHOWN AT MAZDAMOTORSPORTS.COM

IRVINE, Calif. (March 11, 2019) – Continuing to bring the wheel-to-wheel action of the Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented by BFGoodrich directly to its fans, Mazda Motorsports announced today that it will stream the season-opening weekend from Circuit of The Americas.

The pair of races from Austin, Texas will be shown live at MazdaMotorsports.com – Mazda's online hub for information for the thousands of Mazda autocrossers, road racers, and fans. The races will afterwards be posted to the Mazda USA YouTube channel.

The 2019 Global MX-5 Cup season opener will also be the first race of the new Global MX-5 Cup car which features the higher-revving, 181-horsepower SKYACTIV-G engines found in the 2019 Mazda Miata MX-5. The 2018 Global MX-5 Cup season opener at Circuit of The Americas saw Bryan Ortiz claim the first race before rookie Selin Rollan narrowly beat him to win the second race.

"I hear all the time from spectators, competitors, and our fellow Mazda racers that the Battery Tender Global MX-5 Cup is some of the most exciting racing that you can see in North America," said John Doonan, Director, Mazda Motorsports. "Those racers not only benefit from the support of all of our series partners, but also from the support of the executive staff at Mazda North American Operations. I'm confident that our racers will put on a show that will be enjoyed not only by the spectators at the track, but by fans watching online around the world."

The first race of the Global MX-5 Cup season opener from Circuit of The Americas will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m. ET with the second on Sunday, March 24 at 9:05 p.m. ET.

The 2018 Global MX-5 Cup races from Circuit of The Americas can be seen here:

Race 1 - Circuit of The Americas
Race 2 - Circuit of The Americas

Mazda Motorsports

Mazda Motorsports boasts the most comprehensive auto racing development ladder system of any auto manufacturer in the world. The Mazda Road to 24 (#MRT24) program offers a number of scholarships to advance drivers up the sports car racing ladder, beginning with the Global MX-5 Cup series and culminating with Mazda Team Joest. In grassroots road racing, more Mazdas race on any given weekend in North America than any other manufacturer. Follow all of the latest news at MazdaMotorsports.com, @MazdaRacing on Twitter, and Mazda Motorsports on Instagram and Facebook.

Mazda North American Operations

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, California, and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through nearly 700 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City. For more information on Mazda vehicles, including photography and B-roll, please visit the online Mazda media center at InsideMazda.MazdaUSA.com/Newsroom.

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