

Michelin Pilot Challenge - Indianapolis Motor Speedway 120
Saturday, September 19, 2026
Pre-Race MxM Official



START TIME END TIME

6:00:00 AM	7:45:00 AM	IMSA T&S Transponder Checks / TV cabling / Track Inspection / Signage
6:00:00 AM		Garages Open
6:00:00 AM		Pit Lane Open
7:55:00 AM		IMSA Course Clearance Lap
8:00:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	Qualifying - Michelin Challenge TCR
8:20:00 AM	8:35:00 AM	Qualifying - Michelin Challenge GS
8:45:00 AM		IMSA Course Clearance Lap
8:50:00 AM	9:05:00 AM	Qualifying #1 - Lamborghini Trofeo
9:10:00 AM	9:25:00 AM	Qualifying #2 - Lamborghini Trofeo
9:15:00 AM		Michelin Challenge Driver and Team Manager Briefing - Track Meeting Room, East Chalet #8
9:35:00 AM	9:40:00 AM	Pre-Race - Mazda MX-5
9:40:00 AM	10:25:00 AM	Race - Mazda MX-5
10:00:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	Porsche Carrera Cup Driver Autograph Session - Fan Zone at IMSA Merchandise
10:40:00 AM		IMSA Course Clearance Lap
10:45:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	Practice #2 - WeatherTech Championship (All Classes)
12:05:00 PM		False Grid Closed - Porsche Carrera Cup
12:30:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	Mazda MX-5 Driver Autograph Session - Series Transporter
12:30:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	Pre-Race - Porsche Carrera Cup
12:35:00 PM	1:15:00 PM	Race - Porsche Carrera Cup
12:35:00 PM	1:05:00 PM	Michelin Challenge - Fuel Rig Inspection Set Up (Pit Box - Mandatory)
12:45:00 PM		Michelin Challenge False Grid Open
1:05:00 PM	2:05:00 PM	Michelin Challenge - Fuel Rig Inspection (Pit Box - Mandatory)
1:15:00 PM	2:15:00 PM	Lunch Break / Pre-Race
1:15:00 PM		Michelin Challenge False Grid Closed; cars depart from staging, grid echelon style, driver's Left Car #33 goes directly to pit box #26 for Pit Stop Demonstration
1:20:00 PM	1:40:00 PM	BMW Car Corral Parade Laps - Limit 100 cars (IMSA)
1:20:00 PM	1:23:00 PM	Toyota Sienna Presentation
1:30:00 PM	2:10:00 PM	Pre-Race - Open Grid / Fan Walk - Pit Lane - Michelin Pilot Challenge
1:30:00 PM	1:36:00 PM	Pre-Race Welcome/Intro from Victory Podium
1:36:00 PM	1:44:00 PM	MOTUL Pole Winner Interviews from Victory Podium
1:44:00 PM	1:45:00 PM	CrowdStrike Endurance Teamwork Speed Award from Victory Podium
1:45:00 PM	1:55:00 PM	Pit Stop Demonstration with #33 Bryan Herta Autosport w/ Curb Agajanian
1:45:00 PM	2:15:00 PM	IMSA Hot Lap Experience (by invitation only)
1:55:00 PM	2:16:45 PM	Grid Interviews / Music
2:04:00 PM		First Call - Clear the Grid
2:10:00 PM		Second Call - Clear the Grid
2:14:15 PM		10 Minute Warning - "Please cease all work on cars"
2:16:00 PM		Final Call - Clear the Grid
2:16:45 PM	2:17:00 PM	Call: "Teams and Officials in Line Formation" (Facing IMS Podium), Minimum of (4) Uniformed Team members
2:17:00 PM	2:17:15 PM	Introduce Honorary Starter: Cameron Barber, Sales Specialist, TireRack.com
2:17:15 PM	2:17:30 PM	Introduce Honor Guard: Indiana National Guard
2:17:30 PM	2:17:45 PM	Introduce Chaplain: Jonathan Engle, Associate Pastor, Harvest Church
2:17:45 PM	2:18:15 PM	Invocation
2:18:15 PM	2:18:30 PM	Introduce National Anthem Performer: Melissa Wolf
2:18:30 PM	2:20:15 PM	National Anthem
2:19:15 PM		5 Minute Warning
2:20:15 PM	2:20:30 PM	"Drivers, in your car"
2:20:30 PM	2:24:00 PM	Music
2:23:15 PM		1 Minute Warning
2:24:00 PM	2:24:15 PM	Introduce Grand Marshal: Luke Pavlick, Sales Specialist, TireRack.com
2:24:15 PM		"Drivers Start Your Engines"
2:25:00 PM		Dispatch Safety Car (2 Formation Laps)
2:30:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	GREEN FLAG - Indianapolis Motor Speedway 120