



2026 SERIES OVERVIEW

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OUR HISTORY

Few brands can match the racing heritage of Ford Motor Company. Whether competing in single-seaters or stockcars, the famous blue oval emblem carries a rich history of innovation and success. Ford Performance, the brand's high-performance arm, oversees the development of Ford racing engines and vehicles competing in series such as NASCAR, IMSA, SRO British GT, FIA World Rally Championship, Supercars Championship and Formula Drift. Ford Performance will also spearhead the much-anticipated return to Formula One competition with Red Bull Ford Powertrains from 2026.

Perhaps the most famous name in Ford's racing armory is the Mustang, a model that has enjoyed huge success in racing over the decades. That fine tradition continues in the modern era with the new Mustang Dark Horse R, offering the most demanding track enthusiasts a turn-key race car ready to compete in the all-new, single-make Mustang Cup series, sanctioned by the United States Auto Club (USAC).



THE CAR

MUSTANG DARK HORSE R

THE CAR

POWERTRAIN

- 500+ horsepower 5.0-liter Coyote V8
- Tremec® 3160 manual transmission
- Torsen limited slip differential with 3.73 final drive ratio
- Upgraded transmission cooling
- Upgraded engine cooling system
- Upgraded oil system with Ford Racing oil pan
- Upgraded differential cooling
- Borla racing exhaust system
- Upgraded radiator and revised grill

CHASSIS

- FIA compliant roll cage
- Multimatic DSSV dampers
- Adjustable front camber plates
- Select seam welding
- FIA compliant fuel cell

*Mustang Cup series tire , sold separately. Specification subject to change.

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FORD MUSTANG PARK HORSE R

\$159,000

+ TAXES

Your Mustang Dark Horse R will be completed in a white paint finish, ready for livery and decals*
Sales will be through Multimatic.

Current Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for base vehicle. Excludes destination/delivery fee plus government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer processing charge, any electronic filing charge, and any emission testing charge. Optional equipment not included. Starting A, Z and X Plan price is for qualified, eligible customers and excludes document fee, destination/delivery charge, taxes, title and registration. Not all vehicles qualify for A, Z or X Plan.

Not street legal. Sales and service for this vehicle will be managed by Multimatic.
Ownership inquiries may be directed to them below.
Very limited availability. Inquiry does not guarantee ability to purchase.

*Series required decal guidelines and brand standards will be provided separately.





THE SERIES

MUSTANG CUP

SPORTS CAR PYRAMID

Ford Racing has created a pathway for Mustang enthusiasts (and established drivers) to reach the upper echelons of global sports car racing:

5. The pinnacle of sports car racing, the track-built Mustang GT3 features more power, more aero, more adjustable components and less overall weight. This is a V8 beast like no other and the car you will see competing in the 24 Hours at Daytona and 24 Hours of Le Mans.

GT3

4. The Mustang GT4 is a step up from the Dark Horse R, with an increased number of racing-specific components competing against a field of other OEMs and hungry drivers vying to progress their careers.

GT4

3. The Mustang Challenge is the natural progression for drivers competing in the Mustang Cup (or the already seasoned racer) as it provides close, competitive racing in front of large crowds and streamed to a global audience. Series champions can accept a cash prize or a test in a Mustang GT4 car.

MUSTANG CHALLENGE

2. From there, a driver can enter the cost-effective Mustang Cup USA and develop their race craft within a field of Mustang Dark Horse Rs.

MUSTANG CUP

1. Starting in a Mustang Dark Horse at a Ford Racing driving experience, budding drivers are taught the fundamental techniques to drive a performance vehicle on the limit, within a safe environment.

FORD RACING DRIVING EXPERIENCES

DRIVER DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Ford Racing Driver Development Team is an exciting initiative designed to discover and nurture the future stars of sports car racing. This dynamic program identifies promising young drivers and equips them with the tools and support they need to unlock their potential and continue their progression through the Ford Racing sports car pyramid.

"At Ford Racing, we are always on the lookout for fresh racing talent. This program is all about creating opportunities for the next generation of Mustang racers. We want to give these drivers the tools and support they need to reach their full potential, and we're excited to see what they can achieve."

- Mark Rushbrook, Global Director, Ford Racing Motorsport

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EVALUATED BASED ON:

- Performance in Ford series such as Mustang Cup, Mustang Challenge, and Mustang GT4 globally
- Driver stats
- On-track improvement
- Feedback from industry bodies

DRIVERS SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF:

- Expert mentoring from factory Mustang GT3 drivers
- Hands-on coaching during select race weekends
- Access to simulator sessions supported by Ford Racing engineers
- Physical and mental conditioning required for racing
- Sponsorship and social media strategies to navigate a professional motorsport career



The 2025 class consisted of Marco Signoretti (Canada), Erik Evans (USA), Nathan Vanspringel (Belgium), Robert Noaker (USA), Sam Paley (USA), and Jenson Altzman (USA).

The ultimate goal is to develop these young racers into future factory drivers—the pinnacle of Ford Racing.

For more information, visit [HERE](#).

MUSTANG CUP

ENTRY-LEVEL

Newcomers to racing



MUSTANG CHALLENGE

EXPERIENCED

Established drivers
progressing their career

SEASON

6 Weekends

12 Races

2 Championships (Miles cup & Parnelli cup)



FORMAT

3x 30 minute practice

2x 15 minute qualifying (Miles & Parnelli cups)

2x 40 minute races (Miles & Parnelli cups)



DRIVERS

Optional 2-driver format:

Driver 1 - miles cup (option to run Parnelli cup also)

Driver 2 - Parnelli cup



PRIZES

No prize money

Free Mustang Cup or Challenge 2026

entry for champion



PRIZES

Race prize money

Championship prize money

GT4 test



SERIES OVERVIEW

Unique to Mustang Cup is the option of an optional two-driver format. Each race in a doubleheader format will count towards separate championships – the Miles Cup and Parnelli Cup – allowing two drivers to pursue separate championships or one driver to compete in both.

Drivers with a current club racing license from accredited sanctioning bodies will be recognized and issued a USAC Mustang Cup license. Drivers without a racing license, but who have track experience and wish to race in Mustang Cup, may obtain a nationally recognized club racing license from a number of accredited racing schools, in order to receive an equivalent USAC Mustang Cup license.

Mustang Cup offers flexibility to meet any racer's goals, whether aiming for advancement to a national championship series or competing at a regional level.

Click [HERE](#) for the Mustang Cup site.

2026 CALENDAR

1. SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

Sebring, Florida (USAC)
March 6 - 8

2. BARBER MOTOSPORTS PARK

Birmingham, Alabama (USAC)
March 27 - 29

3. CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS

Austin, Texas (WEC)
May 7 - 9

4. VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

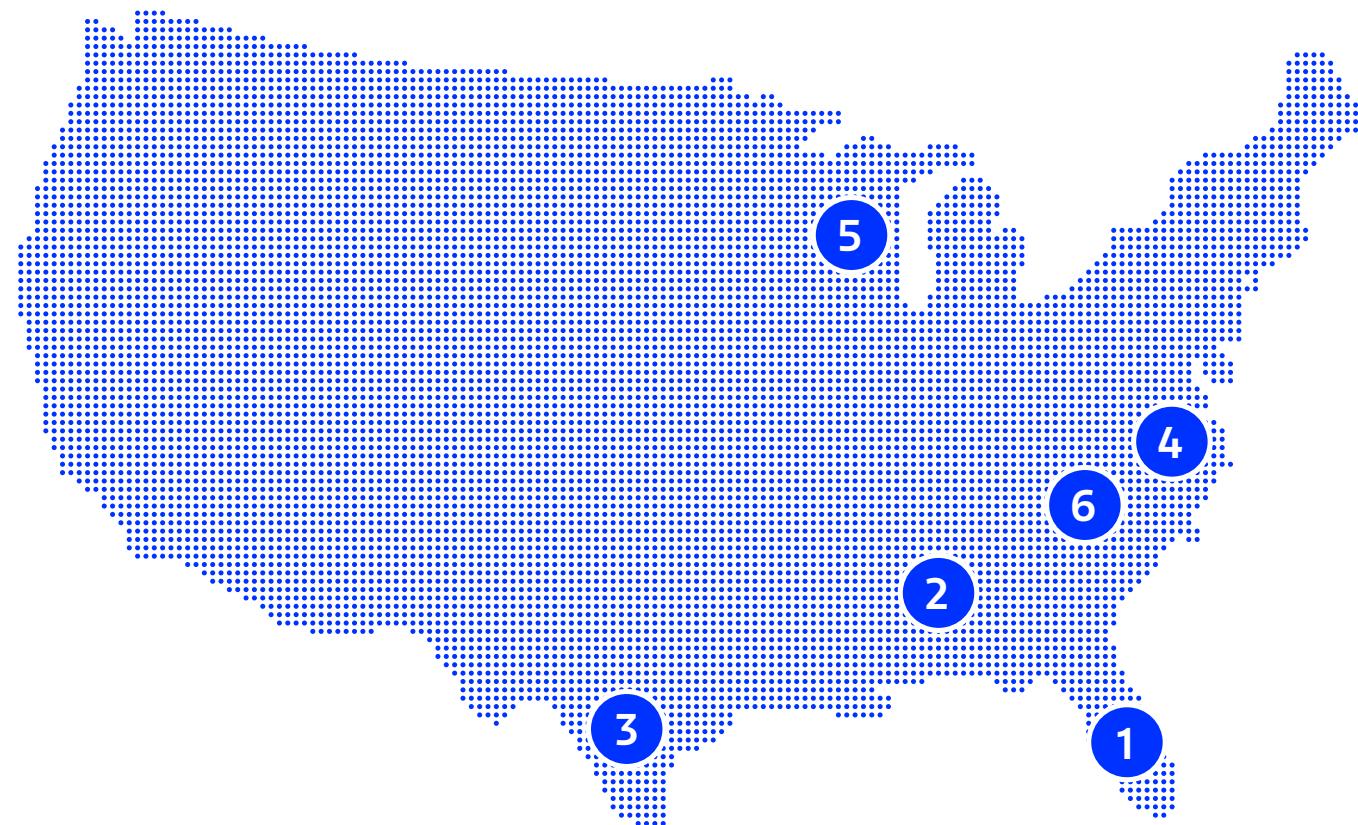
Alton, Virginia (IMSA)
June 19 - 21

5. ROAD AMERICA

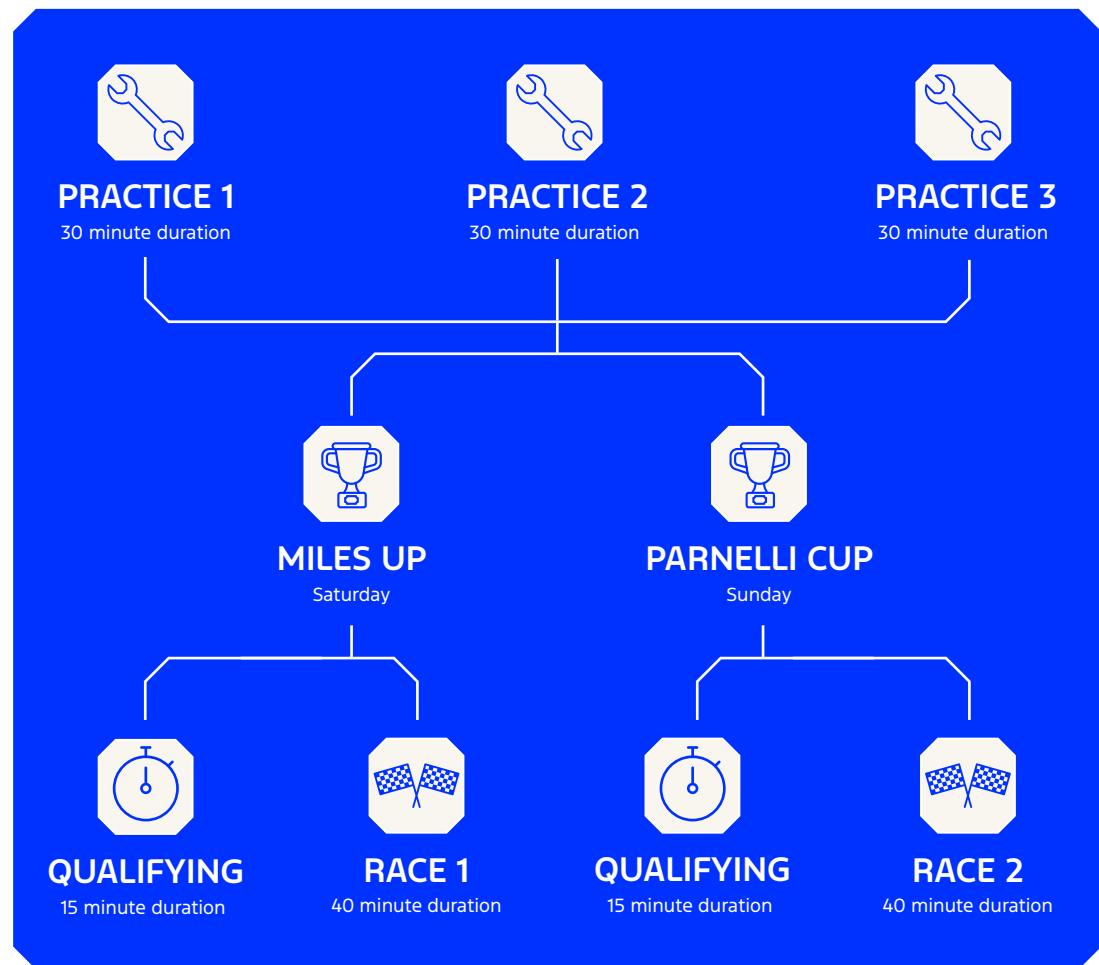
Plymouth, Wisconsin (USAC)
August 14 - 16

6. MICHELIN RACEWAY ROAD ATLANTA

Braselton, Georgia (WEC)
September 11 - 13



FORMAT



CLASS STRUCTURE

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
Dark Horse (DH)	All Drivers
Dark Horse Legends (DHL)	40 years and above
Cup Classic	FR500C, FR500S, Boss 302R, Boss 302S, FP350S

TIRE ALLOCATION

A maximum of 3 new sets of tires per round, with a carry over set permitted.
Single Yokohama Slick - \$619 tire

PRIZE

Free season entry into the 2027 Mustang Cup or Mustang Challenge for the Overall Champion.

SERVICES INCLUDED

ENGINEERING SUPPORT

Ford Racing engineering personnel on site to support all teams and drivers (non-primary*).

TIRE SUPPLY

Official tire supplier, Yokohama, will be present throughout the race weekend to service all teams and drivers.

SPARE PARTS

A supply of parts will be available trackside at each round.

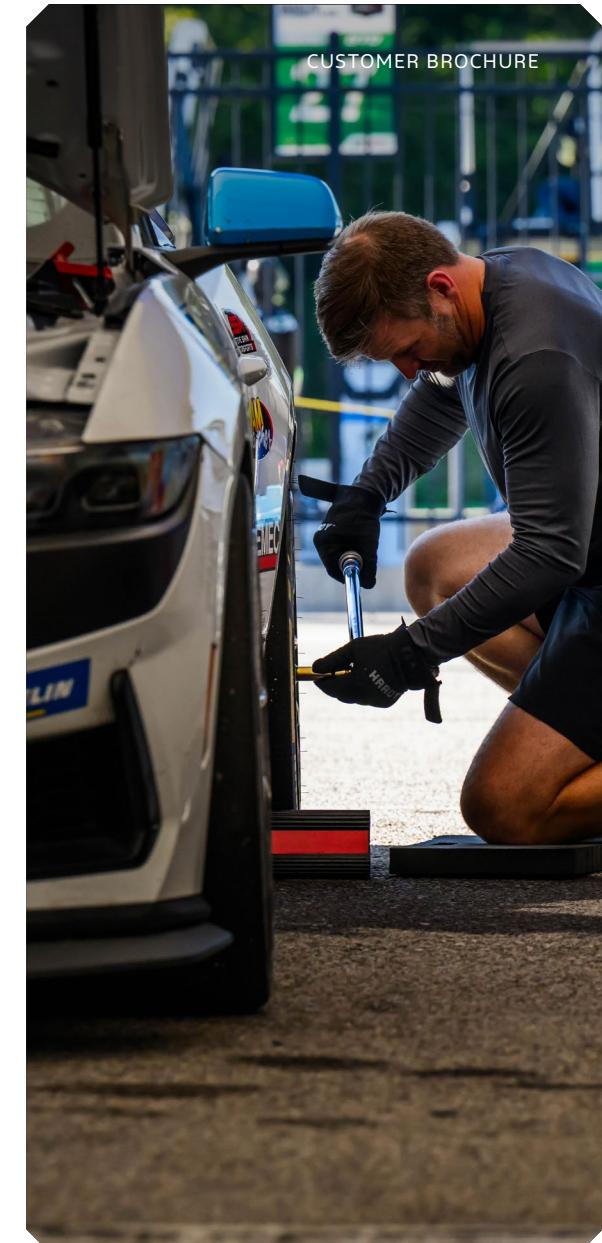
HOSPITALITY

The Mustang Cup lounge area will be at the heart of the racing action and will provide a hub for drivers to welcome guests to the paddock. With refreshments, soft seating and a live stream of the on-track action, it's the perfect place to relax in-between sessions.

PR & MEDIA

- Live coverage on FloRacing and Mustang Cup YouTube channel

*Ford Racing engineering will be on-site to support teams and drivers for technical issues or questions that require escalation beyond the capabilities of the team or driver supporting the vehicle. Ford Racing engineering will not be dedicated as a primary resource for servicing the vehicles for teams or drivers.





ENTRY & CONTACTS

MUSTANG CUP

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY PACKAGE: \$17,970 FULL SEASON* OR \$3995 PER EVENT

Each full season entry fee provides:

- Entry into Mustang Cup USAC sanctioned events
- Eligibility for Championship points and prize program
- Access to Mustang Cup series lounge
- Ford Performance trackside engineering support (non-primary)
- Trackside spare parts service
- Car decals - Ford Performance, Mustang Cup, USAC, series sponsors
- Welcome kit
- End of season awards banquet

*If entry submitted prior to January 31, 2026





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Click [HERE](#) for the USAC site.