The iRacing Pro Series and iRacing Drivers World Championships





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Introduction:

iRacing.com™ is excited to announce its Premier Racing Series, the iRacing Pro Series (iPS) and the iRacing Drivers World Championships (iDWC) for 2009 and 2010, respectively. With separate contests for the categories (Oval and Road), the iPS and iDWC include four different series and comprise the two highest levels of iRacing competition. As opposed to the World Cup of iRacing, which focuses on team-style competition among iRacing's geographically based clubs; both the iPS and iDWC are about individual racing competition and accomplishment. Each of these four series is limited to members who have progressed through the FIRST Competition License Program and earned a Pro-level license in one or both categories. And, unlike standard FIRST-sanctioned series, the iPS and iDWC series each follow a 39-week annual schedule.

At the top of FIRST-sanctioned competition is the iRacing Drivers World Championships, which consists of two series, the iRacing Drivers World Championship for Ovals (iDWCO) and the iRacing Drivers World Championship for Road Racing (iDWCRR). These are iRacing's premier individual championship series. The winners of these two series are, by definition, the best on-line racers in the world for that year!

The steppingstone to the iDWC is the iRacing Pro Series, which also consists of two series, the iRacing Pro Series for Ovals (iPSO) and the iRacing Pro Series for Road Racing (iPSRR). These series are open to a broader spectrum of Pro-level license holders and serve as qualifying series for the iRacing Drivers World Championships.

*Note: This document assumes a basic understanding of iRacing competition, as sanctioned by FIRST, including the competition licensing program and Safety Rating system, the iRating skill measure and divisions. For more information on these topics, please refer to the FIRST Official Sporting Code (available on the iRacing members' Web site). These guidelines are subject to change at iRacing's sole discretion. Any changes to the guidelines will be announced within the iRacing service.



Professional Licensing:

Pro License

As the second-highest license level in the FIRST Competition Licensing Program, category-specific Pro Licenses are awarded to the top 250 drivers in the iRacing Service based on a 70/30 weighting of skill (iRating) and safe driving (Safety Rating). Pro License promotions occur annually, before the start of each iPS season. Once a member earns a Pro License in a particular category, he or she shall retain that license for the entire 39-week season. At the end of the season, the license expires. If the member is again among the top 250 drivers in the category, he or she will earn a new Pro License for the coming season. A Pro License holder may also hold a World Championship Pro License as described below. For the inaugural iPS, all members with a Class-C license and above will be included in the rankings for Pro License promotion, with the top 250 earning their Pro License. Thereafter, only Class-A license holders will be eligible for Pro License promotion.

World Championship Pro License

As the highest license level within the FIRST Competition Licensing Program, category-specific World Championship Pro Licenses are awarded to the top 50 Pro License holders. Once a member earns a World Championship Pro License, he or she shall retain that license for the entire 39-week season. At the end of the season, the license expires. If the member is again among the top 50 drivers in the category, he or she will earn a new World Championship Pro License for the coming season. For the inaugural year, category-specific World Championship Pro Licenses will be awarded to the top 50 drivers based on the previous year's two iPS series. After the completion of the first annual iDWC, category-specific World Championship Pro Licenses will be awarded to the top 30 drivers from each of the previous year's two iDWC series and the top 20 drivers from each of the previous year's two iPS series. A World Championship Pro License holder must, by definition be a Pro License holder, and so will be eligible to race in the concurrent iPS series in that same category or categories.



iRacing.com™ Pro Series

Eligibility for iPS

Drivers must have a Pro Class Competition License in the appropriate category (oval or road).

General Qualifying Criteria for iPS

A. Top 250 drivers in the iRacing service in each category, based on a 70/30 weighting of skill (iRating) and safety record (Safety Rating).

B. Promotions to Pro License will include Class-C license holders and above for the inaugural year of the iPS; thereafter, it will be restricted to Class-A license holders only.

iRacing Pro Series

The Inaugural iRacing Pro Series – including both the iRacing Pro Series for Oval (iPSO) and iRacing Pro Series for Road Racing (iPSRR) – begins on August 2, 2009 and ends 25 weeks later on January 23, 2010. Thereafter, the iPS racing season will consist of 39 weeks from May through January.

The iPS will host a minimum three races every week for each category. Oval races will run Wednesdays at 8:30 PM, Fridays at 8:00 AM and Saturdays at 9:00 PM. Road races will run Mondays at 8:30 PM, Thursdays at 8:00 AM and Saturdays at 7:00 PM. (This schedule is subject to change.)

iPS series points will be calculated in the same way as Standard FIRST-sanctioned series, with each driver earning the average of his or her points scored in series-specific races for each week. Unlike the shorter 12-week Standard series, however, the 39-week iPS series will include eight drop weeks. iPS races will not include "resets." Points scored in iPS competition will not be included in the calculation of iRacing club points.

Qualifying for iPS series will function in the same way as Standard FIRST-sanctioned series, with multiple qualifying sessions available throughout each week. Race fields will typically be limited to 32 cars but may vary based on track. iPS series events will typically be 60 minutes in duration but could vary depending on racing facility and vehicle.

iPS series races will be selectively broadcast during the course of the year starting in 2010.





Drivers must have a Pro Class Competition License in the appropriate category (oval or road).

General Qualifying Criteria for iDWC

iRacing will seed the inaugural iDWC series by inviting the 50 top point-scoring drivers from the inaugural iPS series.

Top 30 point-scoring drivers in each iDWC series are retained for the next season or year

Top 20 point-scoring drivers from each category-specific iRacing Pro Series – who are not also among the top 30 points-scoring drivers in the corresponding category-specific iDWC series – receive invitations to compete in iDWC series for the next season or year

Bottom 20 point-scoring drivers in each iDWC series are eliminated and must re-qualify for the coming season. (Note: iDWC drivers may also drive in the partially overlapping iPS series during the same year, which provides a "second chance" to qualify for the next year's iDWC, even if they score in the bottom 20 of the current season's iDWC.)

iRacing Drivers World Championships

The inaugural iRacing Drivers World Championships — including both the iRacing Drivers World Championship for Ovals (iDWCO) and iRacing Drivers World Championship for Road Racing (iDWCRR) — begins in February 2010 with the top 50 drivers from each of the two category-specific 2009 iRacing Pro Series being invited to compete.

The 39-week iDWC schedule will include 18 races for each of the two series, with iDWCO and iDWCRR running on alternating weeks. The first iDWCO event will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, and the first iDWCRR event will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. All events are expected to be broadcast live



iDWC events will typically be 60 minutes in duration but could vary depending on racing venue and vehicle. Races will typically feature 32-car fields (though again this may vary depending on venue). Each week, the top 24 drivers, based on current points standings for that series, are guaranteed a place in the field (otherwise known as a provisional starting position). Drivers outside the top 24 must qualify for the remaining eight starting slots. The starting grid will be set by qualifying times. Any driver receiving a provisional starting position who does not post a qualifying time will start from the rear of the field based on iRating. Qualifying will be limited to a single session of 30 - 40 minutes each week

Points will be scored based on the same system as all Standard FIRST-sanctioned series (without averaging). There will be no "drop weeks" in the iDWC, and reflecting the level of competition, iDWC races will not include "resets." Points scored in iDWC competition will not be included in the calculation of iRacing club points. iDWC races will include a "live" iRacing marshal at each race.

Other

Format

Both the iDWC and iPS will only include Race championships, no Time Trial competition.

Clubs

Clubs are not a factor



Prizes

There will be championship, second and third-place awards for all four series (iPSO, iPSRR, iDWCO and iDWCRR), and Rookie of the Year awards will be added in the second season of each series. Included with the trophies, each award winner will receive iRacing credit and an iRacing Championship jacket.

<u>iDWC (Road and Oval) winners</u>: Trophy, Jacket, \$100 iRacing credit and additional cash and/or prizes valued at \$10,000 U.S. dollars.

<u>iDWC</u> (Road and Oval) second place: Trophy, Jacket, \$75 iRacing credit and additional cash and/or prizes valued at \$3,000 U.S. dollars

<u>iDWC (Road and Oval) third place</u>: Trophy, Jacket, \$50 iRacing credit and additional cash and/or prizes valued at \$1,000 U.S. dollars

iPS (Road and Oval) winners: Trophy, Jacket, \$100 iRacing credit

iPS (Road and Oval) second place: Trophy, Jacket, \$75 iRacing credit

iPS (Road and Oval) third Place: Trophy, Jacket, \$50 iRacing credit

iDWC (Road and Oval) rookie of the year: Trophy, Jacket, \$50 iRacing credit

iPS (Road and Oval) rookie of the year: Trophy, Jacket, \$50 iRacing credit

