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## USF2000 National Championship Announces 2010 Schedule

PALMETTO, Fla., Nov. 24 — Officials of the USF2000 National Championship presented by Cooper Tire are pleased to announce the series' 2010 schedule, which consists of 12 races from March to October.

All but two of the races will be staged as doubleheaders to minimize travel expenses for teams participating in the Indy Racing League-sanctioned series.

The season opener is a doubleheader March 27-28 on the street circuit in St. Petersburg, Fla. in conjunction with the IZOD IndyCar Series' Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

Race 3 finds the series returning to the oval at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis, Ind., for the traditional Night Before the 500 program on May 29.

Race 4 finds the series on another oval when it appears as part of the IZOD IndyCar Series program at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa on June 19.

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Two doubleheaders staged in conjunction with the Atlantic and Star Mazda series come next when the series tackles the relatively new road courses at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, N.J. on June 26-27 and the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Ill. on July 31 and Aug. 1.

The series will then wrap up its season with doubleheaders that support American Le Mans Series (ALMS) headliners, appearing at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. on Aug. 21-22 and Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga. on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The latter date is tentative.

“We feel our 2010 schedule offers an exciting mixture of circuits and will showcase our young drivers in front of some very important teams as they strive to make their way up racing’s ladder system,” said Dan Andersen, chief executive officer of the series. “The bulk of the series will be contested on road courses, but the two ovals and the street course should also provide great learning experiences. We look forward to a terrific year!”

Information on test days will be forthcoming as soon as possible on the series’ Web site at [usf2000.com](http://usf2000.com).

The series is also excited about an important announcement that is scheduled to be made at a press conference at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Performance Racing Industry (PRI) Show in Orlando, Fla.

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### 2010 USF2000 National Championship Series Schedule

Races 1 and 2	March 27-28	Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg St. Petersburg, Fla. 1.81-mile, 14-turn street course With IZOD IndyCar Series
Race 3	May 29	Night Before the 500 O'Reilly Raceway Park Indianapolis, Ind. 0.686-mile oval With USAC Mopar National Midgets
Race 4	June 19	Iowa Speedway Newton, Iowa 0.875-mile tri-oval With IZOD IndyCar Series
Races 5 and 6	June 26-27	New Jersey Motorsports Park Millville, N.J. 2.25-mile, 14-turn road course With Atlantics and Star Mazda
Races 7 and 8	July 31-Aug. 1	Autobahn Country Club Joliet, Ill. 3.56-mile, 21-turn road course With Atlantics and Star Mazda
Races 9 and 10	Aug. 21-22	Road America Elkhart Lake, Wis. 4.048-mile, 14-turn road course With ALMS
Races 11 and 12	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Road Atlanta* Braselton, Ga. 2.54-mile, 12-turn road course With ALMS

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