

PRESS RELEASE

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Bigger fields for Production Racing

The Production Racing Championship is ready to roar back into life, with the promise more cars and even closer racing set for the opening round of the summer series at Pukekohe on November 2-4.

The biggest news to emerge over the winter was that the Production Racing Championship would feature genuine manufacturer involvement this season. With support from Suzuki Swift New Zealand, WINTEC and Winger Suzuki, the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup is designed to help aspiring race drivers to get an affordable start in Production Racing.

For further information see www.suzukiswiftsportcup.co.nz

Equally exciting is the news that Mazda New Zealand is about to Zoom-Zoom into the category this season with a fully race prepared Mazda3 MPS in the two wheel drive Class B section of the championship. The entry represents Mazda's first factory entry into New Zealand motor racing since the early 1990s.

Some changes have been made to the classes within the Production Racing Category in order to make a wider range of makes and models competitive. Class A will now be cars 0-1600cc and will include the class for the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup, Class B will be for two wheel drive turbo charged up to 2.3 litres and up to 3.5 litre two wheel drive normally aspirated cars.

With last season's champion Dale Williams racing in Class B, Class C, usually the preserve of the four wheel drive rocket ships from Mitsubishi and Subaru, appears wide open.

With a reverse top ten grid and a handicap race on the programme at each of the seven rounds, there will be plenty of overtaking to keep race fans entertained.

A new overall sponsor for the championship will be announced shortly.

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