

Racing Prodigy Mazda MX-5 Cup Golden Ticket Series Powered by SuckerPunch

Competition Rules

Season 1 | Part 2

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FAST FACTS

3-Event Official RaceRoom Season

First competition begins Thursday, February 15, 2024

Final Race ends March 31, 2024

6 Prodigy Passes (2 via Prodigy Search Selection)

Prodigy Week Part 2: May 13-15, 2024

INTRODUCTION

Racing Prodigy™, Mazda, SuckerPunch, RaceRoom, and additional Racing Prodigy partners are excited to partner on an official RaceRoom three-event series featuring the Global Mazda MX-5 Cup car (2019 ND2) Prodigy Racing League™ sim racing competition. This competition is limited to RaceRoom racers who have registered on www.RacingProdigy.com.

This document is a guide for those wishing to compete in the Prodigy Racing League esports competition and should be read in addition to the other Racing Prodigy and RaceRoom rules applicable to all members.

This guide, together with [RaceRoom General Competition Rules](#), [End-User License Agreement \(EULA\)](#), [Racing Prodigy's Sporting Code](#), and [Racing Prodigy's Privacy Policy](#) form the body of rules and procedures applicable to the RaceRoom and Racing Prodigy members who compete in this competition (collectively, the “Rules”).

Each member who intends to compete in this competition is required to read, understand, and agree to all Rules prior to participation. The Rules are a contract between each RaceRoom racer, Racing Prodigy member, and Racing Prodigy, Inc. When registering for the competition, RaceRoom and Racing Prodigy members may accept the Rules by accepting the click-through terms on RaceRoom.com and RacingProdigy.com. All information in this document is subject to change.

This competition – The Racing Prodigy Mazda MX-5 Cup Golden Ticket Series powered by SuckerPunch is a Racing Prodigy, Inc. competition and promotion. Prizes are funded and provided by Racing Prodigy, Inc. RaceRoom is a licensed partner of Racing Prodigy, Inc. and is only providing the platform on which this online competition is taking place.

RACING PRODIGY OVERVIEW

Racing Prodigy is opening motorsports to all.

Historically, the cost of pursuing a career in motorsports has been so daunting that 99%+ of people never realize the opportunity or even dare dream of becoming a professional racer.

How can we change this?

It starts with sim racing. Millions compete, and we know, firsthand, sim racing skills transfer to the real race cars on real racetracks. This is why we partnered with game publishers, offering esports competitions across many sim racing games, enabling us to identify prodigies that may otherwise go undiscovered. These sim racers, many of whom will prove they can be the world's best in real-life (IRL) racers, will have the opportunity to earn one of many Prodigy Passes™ – the golden tickets of motorsports - to then compete in real race cars at Prodigy Week™.

[Prodigy Week, Season 1, Part 1](#) was held at Atlanta Motorsports Park, one hour drive north of Atlanta, Georgia, October 30 – November 1, 12 Prodigy Pass winners competed in Radical SR1s, in the fitness center, skid pad, kart track, and autocross course with the major focus on track in the Radical SR1.

Prodigy Week, Season 1, Part 2, is upon us. From May 13-15, at least 18 Prodigy Pass winners will compete at Atlanta Motorsports Park in the Radical SR1s, autocross, skid pad, kart track and fitness center.

Racing Prodigy plans to draft up to 24 racers who competed at Prodigy Week Part 1 and 2 during the inaugural Prodigy Draft™ to fill a grid and the first racing series comprised of those who earned their way in – rather than bought their way in. (One cannot buy a drive in this series.) We anticipate significant prize money for this professional series, with the goal of paying contracts to each driver, just like other professional sports leagues. And for those who excel on track within our IRL series, Racing Prodigy's goal is to have them move up to a second tier of a real-world racing series the following year, which would also be operated and controlled by Racing Prodigy. The end game is to have three levels of real racing, completing our e2Real™ league. For those with the skill, you should be able to make a career in motorsports with us, and not have to hunt for your own sponsors to stay in the sport.

This is why we have created the Prodigy Racing League - the world's first e2Real sports league. This league will be the first in motorsports with a real-world ladder, open to all, regardless of bank account size or connections.

To build a new motorsport, we the e2Real league needs support the sim racing community via esports participation and social following and from partners who desire to transform motorsport. For 2024, more companies are joining us in our work to open motorsports to those with the skill. Thank you to [Asetek SimSports@](#), [MPI](#), [PitFit Training](#), [SIM-LAB](#), [GRID Engineering](#), and [Racers Physio](#) who helped kick-off the PRL™. We are excited to welcome [Mazda](#), [SuckerPunch](#), [Women in Motorsports North America](#), and [Advanced SimRacing](#) to our family. We may seek up to six team owners early in our league creation to partner with us, aiding us in offering these opportunities. We have launched an open coaching marketplace on [RacingProdigy.com](#) to generate more support for the racers and revenue to fund the league. We are not handpicking sim racers to offer their coaching services; we are creating an open marketplace and ecosystem that allows those with the skill and effort to participate and flourish. With these efforts and more, we work to greatly expand the sport we love.

The only way we accomplish this is together.

ESPORTS COMPETITION INFORMATION

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a RaceRoom and Racing Prodigy member in good standing to compete in the competition.
- Be at least 13 years old by the final day of qualifying to compete and can provide legal proof.
- Have either a valid, unrestricted driver's license (learner's permit does not qualify) or a valid racing license from an accredited racing sanctioning body such as National Auto Sport Association, SportsCar Club of America, and others.
- Please reach out to Racing Prodigy prior to entering, if uncertain of rules, at support@RacingProdigy.com.
NOTE: if you are tournament winner and are not of the legal age for a driver's license, we will make our best and most reasonable efforts to help you obtain a racing license.

You are **ineligible** to compete in a Racing Prodigy competition if you:

- Are currently a legal resident in North Korea, Cuba, Iran, Syria, Myanmar, Crimea, Sudan, or Alaska.
- Under 13 years old by the end of the series.
- Have any professional racing experience in real life within sports car, stock car, or open wheel racing series such as, but not limited to: SRO, IMSA, IndyCar, Formula One, Formula 2, Formula 3, Indy Lights, Pro Mazda, USF2000, NASCAR Cup Series, Xfinity Series, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, and ARCA Menards Series. Exceptions are any sim-to-real scholarship winners (e.g., Nissan PlayStation GT Academy, World's Fastest Gamer) who have not competed in at least six (6) professional races dating back to January 1, 2023.
- Are taller than 6'3" (190.5cm) in height and/or weigh more than 230 pounds (104kg) without driver gear or can't physically pilot the Radical SR1 race car without modifications to the car. These thresholds are to ensure driver safety in the Radical SR1.
- Racing Prodigy, Inc. employees, advisors, contractors, and their immediate family members (including spouse, children, parents, siblings, and any other persons residing in the same household) are not eligible to participate in the tournament or claim any prizes. This exclusion applies to individuals who are employed or associated with the organizing committee, sponsors, or any other entity directly involved in the planning, execution, or promotion of the tournament. The intention behind this restriction is to ensure fairness and impartiality in the competition, avoiding any potential conflicts of interest or favoritism.

Please submit an inquiry to support@RacingProdigy.com, if you have any questions, at least 48 hours prior to competing in a Prodigy Racing League competition.

How to Enter & Compete

Racers must **register on RacingProdigy.com, selecting either the PRL RaceRoom Game Pass or the PRL Combo Game Pass.**

You must register on RacingProdigy.com before the end of Leaderboard qualifying in any of the three events to begin to race and be eligible to for prizes, including a Prodigy Pass. Once registered, you will be able to race in each event from the "Competitions" section accessed from the main menu of the RaceRoom game.

Note: Only one entry is allowed per person and per Account.

Competition Structure, Process, and Timeline of Events #1-3

This three-event series offers a total of six Prodigy Passes, each providing an all-expense paid trip to compete at Prodigy Week in Atlanta May 13-15, 2024 - your opportunity to join the Prodigy Draft and potentially become a paid professional driver in the real-world Prodigy Racing League (PRL).

- **One Prodigy Pass** will be awarded to the overall series points leader based on the total points earned across the three events in time attack competitions held on the Leaderboards.
- **Three Prodigy Passes** will be awarded to the overall winner of each of the three events, which take the top 48 racers from the time attack Leaderboards to one of two semi-final races with the top 24 to the final race. The races will be live streamed on Racing Prodigy’s [YouTube channel](#).
- **Two more Prodigy Passes** will be awarded by the Prodigy Search Selection Committee, chosen from those ranking in the top 25% of the series points who submitted a video and answers to a questionnaire.

Event #	Track	Time Attack (on Leaderboards)			Semi-Finals (top 48) & Finals (top 24)
		Register on RacingProdigy.com by	Begins	Ends	Begins
1	Road America	Thur, Feb 15, 1:00 PM ET	Thurs, Feb 15, 1:00 PM ET	Sun, Feb 25, 1:00 PM ET	Sat, Mar 2, 9:00 AM ET
2	Brands Hatch Grand Prix	Sat, Mar 2, 5:00 PM ET	Sat, Mar 2, 5:00 PM ET	Sun, Mar 10, 1:00 PM ET	Sun, Mar 17, 1:00 PM ET
3	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (full layout)	Sun, Mar 17, 5:00 PM ET	Sun, Mar 17, 5:00 PM ET	Sun, Mar 24, 1:00 PM ET	Sun, Mar 31, 1:00 PM ET

Race car – Regular Season and Post-Season Finals

All three events and each stage of the competition will take place using one fixed car setup for the Global Mazda MX-5 Cup car (2019 ND2). The race car and the tracks will be made **available for free** during the series and tournaments.

Series Points to Crown a Series Champion, AWARDING A PRODIGY PASS

Series points are earned based on time attack final finishing positioning (with P1 earning 1,000 points) among those who are eligible (i.e. registered on RacingProdigy.com before end of each Leaderboard event). Additionally:

- Points are not additionally earned based on results in the semi-finals or finals.
- There are no drops. All results will be counted.
- If the overall series champion, based on total points across all three official leaderboards (confirmed by Racing Prodigy) has earned a Prodigy Pass from winning an event, Racing Prodigy will award the next eligible driver in line.

Time Attack Details (Stage 1 of 3 for Each Event Competition)

- All drivers will be driving on the same track conditions, which will not change throughout the session.
- There will be no Dynamic Track System.
- Tire wear will be set off.

- Fuel will not be consumed.
- Tire temperature will not be disabled, which means the tires will heat up throughout the session.

Semi-Finals and Final Race Day Details

- Every semi-final race will include a warm-up, qualifying, and race session. Each semi-final race will take place shortly following the qualifying session. Warm-up will be 30-45 minutes and should be used for practice only.
- Semi-final qualifying will be ten (10) minutes long to set the race grid.
- The top 12 final results from each semi-final race will determine the starting positions for the final. The first-place winners of each of the two semi-final races will be on Row 1, with the fastest lap time from the semi-finals determining the pole position. Second-place finishers of the semi-finals will be placed into Row 2 for the finals, using the same format, and so on, through the top 12 from each semi-final race.
- The races will be standing starts.
- Pit stops are not required.
- Liveries: All cars in the semi-finals and final will have official liveries applied directly on the broadcast.
 - The livery will be made available through the RaceRoom User Interface.
- For the top 48 qualifiers, race control will provide instructions on how to select your assigned livery.
- The maximum incidents allowed for the semi-finals and final is a maximum of 30 incident points.

TO HELP MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR E2REAL LEAGUE & AVOID PENALTIES, it is mandatory to:

- Be on Zoom 30 minutes before race start. Failing to do so will result in a 5 second penalty. The Zoom link will be provided on the official Racing Prodigy Discord.
- Be on Zoom for the Drivers Meeting. If the driver is not on Zoom for the Drivers Meeting and/or not at their racing seat, this will result in a 5 second penalty.
- Attend the pre-race meeting on the official tournament Discord Server. Instructions will be emailed. Please note, this Discord is separate from the Racing Prodigy Community Discord. Missing the pre-race meeting will result in a 10 second penalty.
- Be on Zoom when racing. If a driver is not on Zoom for the qualifying and/or the race, a 20 second penalty will be issued.
- Drivers must use a **web camera** or **mobile phone** with the driver, and their face visible (VR is fine if used) operating the wheel, or other input, clearly in view during all semi-final and final races.
- Drivers are required to provide a 16:9 video feed (native 1080p preferred) of them, at all times, when driving during warm-ups, qualifying, and the Final races.
- An output which has visible black bars (i.e. “letterbox” or “pillar box”) or is squeezed/cropped (i.e. reformatting a different aspect ratio into a 16:9 format) is not permitted.
- Drivers are required to use a **broadband internet connection** (which is recommended to be wired as opposed to Wi-Fi). Drivers may be required to provide evidence of their internet speeds at any time. Race Control will monitor ping, quality, and stability of connections during the races and reserves the right to remove a driver from a session if they judge the connection to be inadequate.
- **Each Driver is responsible for ensuring that they have the necessary** equipment (including hardware and software) to effectively participate in the semi-finals and finals. As is the provision, setup, maintenance, configuration, and infrastructure required by such a Racing Station plus any cost(s) associated with meeting such obligations.

- **Participants may not use any equipment or aids** (digital or otherwise) during Sessions which are not considered by Racing Prodigy to be essential in meeting the obligations of the [Racing Prodigy Competition Rules](#) or [Racing Prodigy's Sporting Code](#), except for pillows or other such devices used to solely aid Driver comfort or devices which have been expressly authorized by Officials.
- Any **branding** visible on Driver equipment, clothing or otherwise must be visible in warm ups and qualifying prior to the race so Racing Prodigy officials may review in the event it is considered inappropriate or offensive. We must keep in mind that our spectator sport is family friendly. If there is any question of whether the dress will be appropriate, please email your inquiry to support@RacingProdigy.com 48 hours prior to the livestream.

THE PRIZES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REAL-WORLD RACING

Prodigy Passes to Prodigy Week. Two Paths.

There are six (6) Prodigy Pass on the line for this competition.

Recipients of a Prodigy Pass will be eligible to compete at Prodigy Week, part 2, at Atlanta Motorsports Park May 13 –15, 2024.

The three winners of the each event, as well as the overall series points winner (or next in line, if the point winner earned a Prodigy Pass from winning a Prodigy Pass from another event) will each be awarded a Prodigy Pass, which includes free air travel to and from Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, transport, food, and lodging in Georgia, United States, Visa waiver fee reimbursed, as applicable, all required racing gear, PRL team personnel support, race car insurance, including the deductible covered, in the event of an on-track incident, and all seat time (karts, road cars on autocross and skid pad, and the Radical SR1 race cars).

The Prodigy Search Selection Committee comprised of one real-world racing driver and one sim racing influencer will award two (2) racers each with a Prodigy Pass, live on the Prodigy Search Selection Show, Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 PM ET / 5:00 PM GMT. What to know:

- Those who **finish among the top 25 percent** of overall series points are eligible.
- Racing Prodigy will email the eligible RPMs using the email address on file with Racing Prodigy on March 25, one day after the Time Attack Leaderboards of the last event close.
- Those eligible may submit a video (up to 60-seconds max), respond in writing to a questionnaire, and submit a headshot photo for marketing and social media promotion. The submissions (video, questionnaire, and photo) are **due on Saturday, March 30, 12:00 PM ET**.
- Racing Prodigy will review the submissions to select up to 10 finalists from this PRL competition.
- Racing Prodigy will provide these submissions to the Prodigy Search Committee.
- The Committee will review these RaceRoom series finalists and select two (2) recipients for a Prodigy Pass.
- The Committee will announce the two Prodigy Pass recipients on Racing Prodigy's [YouTube channel](#) on April 13 at 2:00 PM ET.
- Details about the Prodigy Search Committee program and process can be found [here](#).

Additional Prizes for Racers*

Those who complete laps in 2 or more different events during the series are eligible to win (random draw):

- One (1) [Sim-Lab PIX Pro Sim Racing Cockpit](#)
- Twenty-five (25) \$50 USD Gift Cards to use in the Racing Prodigy Coaching Marketplace – Supported by Mazda Motorsports.
- Two (2) \$100 [Advanced SimRacing](#) Gift Cards
- Two (2) \$50 [Advanced Motorsports](#) Coaching Gift Cards

Note:

- To be eligible for prizes, one must be registered (Racing Prodigy Member) and in good standing.
- All prize related expenses (excluding the airfare, food, lodging and transport while in Georgia that Racing Prodigy, Inc. directly pays on behalf of the Prodigy Pass recipient) including, without limitation to, all federal, state, and/or local taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the Prodigy Pass winner. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by winners is permitted.
- Racing Prodigy makes no warranties or representations as to the quality, value, merchantability, or fitness of the prizes and assumes no liability or responsibility for the acts or omissions of the partner in respect of the partners prizes or any non-performance by the partner or defects in the partner prizes.

PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties on and off-track

Penalties may be assessed post-race. Racers who believe a penalty should be assessed have the right to protest; race stewards will not proactively assess on-track issues without a driver submitting an official protest in a timely manner (see Protests Section below).

Our penalty system is as follows:

Warning:	Given for minor incidents, such as a small collision or going off track without gaining an advantage. No penalty will be issued, but drivers will be notified that their behavior is being monitored.
5-second penalty:	Given for more serious incidents, such as causing a collision or exceeding track limits to gain an advantage. A 5-second penalty will be added to the offending driver's race time.
10-second penalty:	Given for significant incidents, such as causing a multi-car collision or repeatedly exceeding track limits to gain an advantage. A 10-second penalty will be added to the offending driver's race time.
20-second penalty:	Given for severe incidents, such as deliberately causing a collision or ignoring multiple warnings for unsportsmanlike behavior. A 20-second penalty will be added to the offending driver's race time.
Disqualification:	Given for the most serious incidents, such as cheating or exploiting the game, or repeatedly ignoring warnings and penalties. The driver will be removed from the race and will not be eligible to receive any prizes.

In addition:

- *On-or-off-track behavior:* It is important that the drivers keep their wits about them. We do not support unsportsmanlike conduct; anyone who does anything that we deem unjust will be penalized if protested.
- *In-game penalties:* Penalties given to a driver via the game should be respected but are able to be protested just like any other penalty.

PROTESTS

Protest Form

If a driver feels as though he or she has been wrongfully penalized, or another driver should be penalized, they must fill out the Racing Prodigy official protest form, found on the official PRL tournament Discord server, within hour (1) hour after the end of the race. You are not allowed to make protests on another's behalf or against someone for an incident that did not involve you.

The driver being protested may be contacted by the stewards (via Discord direct message) if their point of view is deemed necessary. The protested driver then has 1 hour to submit his/her own evidence. A ruling can be made by the Stewards without needing the protested driver's point of view.

CHEATING & EXPLOITS

Cheating

Cheating will not be condoned, no matter the severity, under any circumstance. Any driver who is caught cheating will be disqualified immediately from the competition and will be indefinitely banned or suspended from all Racing Prodigy activities and his or her Racing Prodigy membership revoked.

Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to, add-ons outside of the game that provide an advantage, managing to clear a penalty before the start/finish line, and any other advantage that could be gained outside of the simulator.

Exploits

Exploiting the game, just like cheating, is not tolerated and any driver caught doing so will be disqualified from the competition and will be indefinitely banned or suspended from all Racing Prodigy activities and his or her Racing Prodigy membership revoked.

An example of exploits includes purposely removing the braking boards/markers on track during a race, or clearing penalties on previous laps to gain a speed advantage the next lap.

OTHER

Racing Prodigy accepts no responsibility for any damage, wear or otherwise caused to Racing Stations by taking part in the Competition shall have no course of action in such circumstances.

Nothing in the Rules shall limit or exclude Racing Prodigy, Inc. from liability for death or personal injury caused by Racing Prodigy's negligence or any other liability which cannot be excluded under the laws applicable in the country which the Driver resides.

In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of these English Rules and disclosures or other statements contained in any Competition-related materials, including, but not limited to any other official Racing Prodigy versions (in other languages) of these Rules and/or point of sale, television, print or online advertising, the terms and conditions of these English Rules shall prevail, govern and control to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

Any attempt or suspected attempt to enter this Competition in a fashion not authorized by these rules shall be deemed to be tampering and is void. Entries that do not conform with, or satisfy any, or all, of these Competition rules, as determined in the Racing Prodigy's absolute discretion, will be judged invalid and disqualified.

Although this Competition may be communicated, promoted, or administered by means of any third-party social media or social networking service or site (each, a "Third-Party Service"), by participating in this Competition, you completely release any Third-Party Service of all liability in relation to any injury, damage or loss that may occur, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from your participation.

By entering this Competition, entrants agree to accept and be bound by the Racing Prodigy Competition Rules.