

NASA Announces New Nissan Spec Z Class

February 1, 2012 (NAPA VALLEY, CA) – The National Auto Sport Association (NASA) is pleased to announce the creation of the new Spec Z series that will feature the Nissan 350Z®. The Spec Z class will include all trim levels of the popular 2003-2008 Nissan 350Z in a single class focused on close competition, parity and cost containment that will showcase driving ability and car setup skills.

The NASA Spec Z class will offer a comprehensive contingency prize program that will reward both Regional and National Championship competitors. Nissan Motorsports will provide significant support for the series, and their contingency prize program provides cash rewards up to \$850 for the top 3 finishers at each regional competition weekend with only 3 starters being required for the program to take effect. Additionally, Nissan Motorsports will provide \$6,500 in cash support to the top Spec Z finishers at the 2012 NASA Championships.

The BF Goodrich R1 tire will be the control tire for the Spec Z class, and BFG has also created a generous contingency prize program for the series. More contingency prize programs for the Spec Z class are being finalized for the series and will be announced shortly.

"We are very excited about Spec Z," said Jeremy Croiset, NASA Director of Sponsorship. "We have been working closely with Nissan Motorsports on the creation of Spec Z, and it will be an excellent series for anyone looking to step into a spec vehicle that's fast and relatively inexpensive to build, maintain and race. With the fantastic contingency prize programs that are being provided for Spec Z, you'll be hard-pressed to find a more rewarding spec series to race in. We look forward to watching Spec Z grow and flourish in the coming years as more racers adopt this new formula."

Ron Stukenberg, Senior Manager, Motorsports Marketing Communications, Nissan North America agrees, and adds, "NASA has a proven track record of growing classes from the ground up, so we are excited to be working with NASA on the new Spec Z series. We have a number of competitors already expressing interest in the series, so the potential for this series is very strong indeed. With our Nissan Motorsports Competition Parts Program and comprehensive contingency prize programs, we are looking to make this a strong offering for those interested in stepping into a very competitive spec series racing the iconic Z car."

For complete details on the new series rules, please visit

<http://www.nasapracing.com/rules>.

For details on the newly announced contingency programs for the Spec Z series, please visit

<http://www.nasapracing.com/contingency>.