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Summary



The all-new Nissan Sentra Cup kicks off this weekend

- The Canadian Nissan Sentra Cup motorsports series stages the first of six events of 2021 this weekend at Shannonville Motorsports Park in Ontario -

June 21, 2021.– The Nissan Sentra Cup, the new Canadian motorsport series announced last winter, will host its first event this weekend at Shannonville Motorsports Park located near Belleville, Ontario. 30 drivers will participate in the first season of the Sentra Cup this year. The first weekend will include two races – one race on Saturday and the second one will take place on Sunday afternoon.

Opened in 1974, the Shannonville track will host this first event in Canadian motorsports history. The Nissan Sentra Cup race will run on two separate tracks, with Saturday's activities scheduled on the 4.03-km long track and Sunday's qualifying and race on the 2.47-km Pro track.

The new, race-ready Sentra racecars were built and delivered to registered competitors by Motorsports In Action (MIA) based in St. Eustache, Québec. The Sentra was an instant success with drivers who have purchased it in recent months and had the opportunity to drive it during

private test sessions. The Canadian-exclusive series offers drivers one of the most affordable opportunities to compete in motorsports, similar to the former Nissan Micra Cup.

"Since the announcement of the launch of the new series last December, our excitement has continued to grow. We can't wait to see the new Nissan Sentras in action on Canadian tracks this season and enjoy the amazing show the drivers will put on. This is a new chapter in the history of the Sentra and Canadian motorsports." said Steve Milette, President of Nissan Canada Inc.



Series' promoter Jacques Deshaies of JD Promotion & Competition is not only satisfied to see the Sentra Cup cars in action, but also to build a schedule of six events (12 races in total this season) despite the COVID-19 pandemic. "After six years of success with the Micra Cup, we're thrilled to start this new era with the Nissan Sentra Cup. We have worked hard to ensure that drivers and fans have a full schedule of six events despite the cancellation of the Canadian Grand Prix – where the series is scheduled to race in 2022. I'm very pleased to see an entry list of around 30 drivers at the start the season and there is no doubt that the level of competition will be very high. Several Micra Cup drivers have acquired Sentras and the Cup welcomes many new drivers this year."

The on-track action can be followed through the series' social media channels as well as on RDS sports network in Québec, which will be broadcasting recaps of all the races. Unfortunately, spectators will not be allowed on site at Shannonville this weekend, but hopefully fans will be able to return to the racetracks as the pandemic improves later in the season.

Micra Cup reigning champion Kevin King will undoubtedly be one of the drivers to watch this season. Having competed in all six seasons of the Micra Cup, King has his mind set on becoming

the first Nissan Sentra Cup champion. His teammate at the Gabriel Nissan team will be Valérie Limoges, another favourite for the 2021 title.

Quebecers Jesse Lazare, who challenged King for the title until the final event last year, Éric Chaput and young Ontarians Gavin Sanders and Justin Di Benedetto are also determined to win the title. Notably, there are multiple new drivers this year such as Darren Graham and Jesse Webb from British Columbia, and Kai Dalziel and Owen Clarke from Ontario.



The Micra class will consist of drivers with Micra racecars that have participated in the series during previous seasons. Competition will be tough, and several competitors will be fighting for the victory. Among them are: Sylvain Ouellet, Frédéric Bernier, rally champion and Cup rookie Simon Vincent as well several young drivers fresh out of karting. There will be about fifteen drivers fighting for the title in this category.

Nissan Sentra Cup drivers will hit the track no less than nine times this weekend in Shannonville. Friday, June 25 is the promoter's official test day, Sentra Cup competitors will enjoy four track sessions that day. Saturday, June 26 will consist of a final free practice session in the morning followed by a qualifying session and the first race. On Sunday, June 27 a qualifying session and a race will complete the first Nissan Sentra Cup event of the year.



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THE NISSAN SENTRA RACECAR

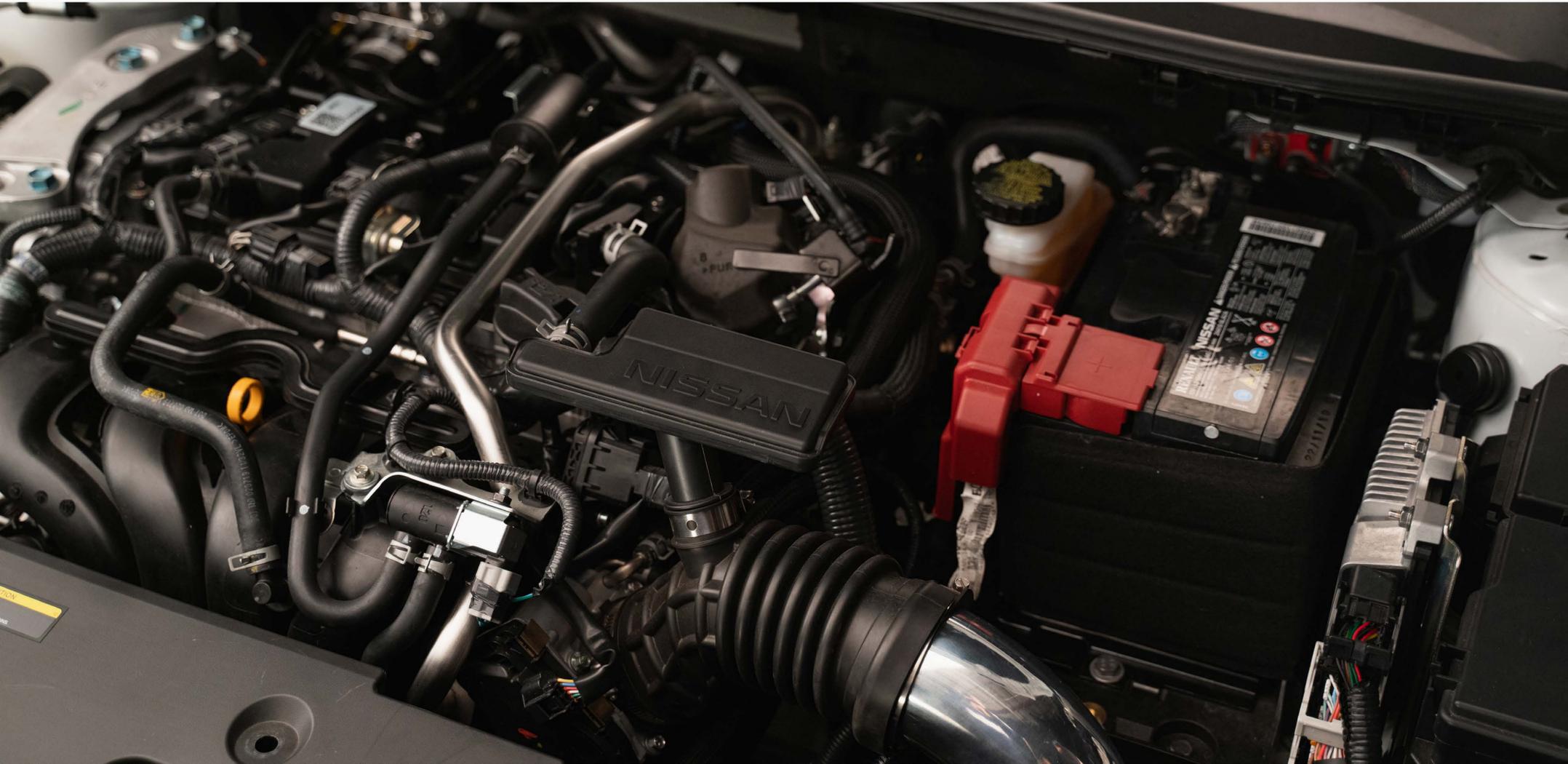
Building on the Nissan Micra Cup's six years of success in Canada, the Nissan Sentra Cup is a one-make racing series exclusive to Canada, and like the Micra Cup, it offers drivers with one of the most affordable ways to participate in motorsport. Nissan has once again partnered with J.D. promotion and Competition, having signed a three-year contract, marking an extension of the collaboration which began with the Nissan Micra Cup's inception.

In line with usual product lifecycles, Nissan Canada and JD Promotion and Competition are keeping the momentum of its popular one-make series modern by updating the vehicle to a current model in the Nissan portfolio. The Sentra compact sedan, which was introduced as an all-new model for model year 2020, is the sleekest and most aerodynamic Sentra to-date, making it a vehicle well suited to advance the series.

"Nissan has rich pedigree in small, fun-to-drive cars dating back to the 1930s. What better way to demonstrate a vehicle's capability than to push these cars - in stock form - to their limits on the race track?," says Steve Milette, president of Nissan Canada Inc. "The Nissan Micra reminded Canada and the world about Nissan's commitment to durability. As our product portfolio evolves, so too should our motorsport series. The new Nissan Sentra is wider and lower than the previous generation and has the athletic stance to devour the most difficult race tracks in Canada - it was the natural next step to evolve one of Canada's most exciting grassroots racing series."

All Nissan Sentra Cup vehicles are built from the Nissan Sentra "S" base model with the 6-speed manual transmission. The team at Motorsports In Action based in St. Eustache - which handled the development and modification of all Micra Cup vehicles - embraced the challenge to transform the tech-laden Sentra into a racing machine. However, the Sentra Cup racecar's engine and transmission remain stock.

Modifications to the Sentra to render it race-ready include: bespoke adjustable coil over racing suspension; Nissan performance 4 pot front calipers with 355mm x 32mm rotors; stainless steel braided brake lines; MoTeC M1 Series ECM; an adjustable front anti-roll bar and racing steering wheel with quick-release steering hub.



When it comes to safety, the Sentra Cup race car has: an FIA Spec 6 point Roll Cage; FIA-Homologated Racing Seat; FIA- homologated 6 point restraint harness; FIA- homologated window net; FIA- approved Electric 4L Fire Suppression System AFFF; solid state electronic battery isolator and front and rear tow hooks.

On the exterior, Sentra's existing strong stance has been enhanced with a rear spoiler from the sporty Sentra SR model, as well as rear calipers and rotors from the Sentra SV and SR. The Sentra Cup racecar has a bespoke stainless steel exhaust system; and lightweight, black 18" x 9" alloy racing wheels with 265/645/18 tires.

Sentra Cup drivers will even have an extra pair of eyes through Sentra's rear view camera, and the driver actuated pit speed limiter will allow drivers to respect pit lane speed limits.

A racing machine in the guise of a sedan - stock Sentra components

Sentra's top-level driving dynamics start with its independent rear suspension, which is matched to a MacPherson strut front suspension.

The Sentra Cup racecar will have the stock 2.0-litre 4-cylinder engine, which replaces the previous generation's 1.8-litre design. Horsepower is rated at 149, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous generation. The powerplant's 146 lb.-ft of torque represents a 17 per cent increase.

In addition, the center of gravity has been lowered for the current Sentra versus the previous generation, in part, through use of the 2.0-inch wider track and 2.2-inch lower overall height. The Sentra's coefficient of drag is 0.29, which is the same as the 370Z Sport Coupe.

Watch the Series launch video

with comments from Nissan Canada President Steve Milette, Series promoter Jacques Deshaies, and Carl Hermez of Motorsports In Action.





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THE 2021 SCHEDULE

The 2021 Nissan Sentra Cup offers a well-balanced schedule featuring two events in Ontario and four in Québec. The series, which features the all-new Nissan Sentra will kick off on June 25-27 at Shannonville Motorsport Park, Ontario, June 25-26-27, then the series will travel to Circuit Mont-Tremblant for the traditional Summer Classic (July 23-25). The season's halfway mark will be reached at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières (August 13-15), before the competitors tackle Complexe ICAR (August 28-29) and then the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (September 3-5), as part of the highly popular NASCAR weekend at both tracks. The season will conclude September 24-26 at Circuit Mont-Tremblant for the Fall Classic.

"While adjusting the schedule, it was crucial to maintain an event at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, because it is close to Nissan Canada headquarters and this legendary track meets the expectations of our drivers," says Jacques Deshaies the series' promoter. "I am also very proud to see that despite the cancellation of the Canadian Grand Prix, where the Nissan Sentra Cup was supposed to compete but will return to our schedule in 2022, we managed to guarantee our drivers a full season with the addition of the Shannonville event. This allows us to keep a total of 12 races, all of which will be broadcast on RDS in Québec for the enjoyment of our drivers and fans," he adds.

2021 NISSAN SENTRA CUP SCHEDULE

June 25-27	Shannonville Motorsport Park, Ontario
July 23-25	Circuit Mont-Tremblant - Summer Classic, Québec
August 13-15	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières, Québec
August 28-29	Complexe ICAR, Mirabel, Québec
September 3-5	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Ontario
September 24-26	Circuit Mont-Tremblant - Fall Classic, Québec





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2021 ENTRY-LIST

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4.
Justin Di Benedetto
ON
Di Benedetto Racing /
SPI Racing



69.
Frédéric Bouthillier
QC
Groupe Touchette



10.
Gavin Sanders
ON
Sanders Motorsports /
SPI Racing



88.
Simon Charbonneau
QC
Équipe TransGestion Transport

ROOKIE



17.
Darren Graham
BC
Team Applewood



94.
Jesse Webb
BC
Shur Fit Racing

ROOKIE



21.
Jesse Lazare
ON
Door Doctor /
Motorsports In Action



116.
Éric Chaput
QC
Chaps Racing Team

SENIOR



40.
Kevin King
QC
Nissan Gabriel /
L&P Apparel



220.
Valérie Limoges
QC
Nissan Gabriel /
Total Canada



44.
Kai Dalziel
ON
Kai Dalziel Motorsport

ROOKIE



232.
Alexandre Fortin
QC
Fix Auto/Ste-Foy Nissan/
Beauport Nissan

ROOKIE



55.
Nicolas Touchette
QC
Groupe Touchette

SENIOR



405.
Owen Clarke
ON
Team Red Green

ROOKIE

MICRA CLASS



5.
Jean Audet
QC
Grand Times Hôtel



90.
François Angers-Routhier
QC
Autoclub MTL
RECRUE



19.
Jean-Daniel Boucher
QC
F.B. Motorsport
ROOKIE



91.
Simon Vincent
QC
Vincent2 racing team
ROOKIE



28.
Frédéric Bernier
QC
Hi-Fi Racing



98.
Sylvain Ouellet
QC
Ouellet Motorsport



36.
Francis Bellerive
QC
F.B. Motorsport



410.
Alan Sanders
ON
Sanders Motorsports / SPI Racing
ROOKIE



47.
André Lapointe
QC
Lapspeed Performance



419.
Raphaël St-Pierre
QC
Émergence / Groupe MDI



57.
Michel Barrette
QC
Vitavie au Naturel



427.
Nicolas Barrette
QC
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve



61.
Étienne Caron
QC
Caron Racing
ROOKIE



728.
Mario Berthiaume
QC
M.B. Performance



63.
Frédéric Chaput
QC
Chaps Racing Team
ROOKIE



999.
Marie-Soleil Labelle
QC
Équipe Musée Gilles-Villeneuve



71.
Nicolas Hornbostel
ON
Hornbostel Racing
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