

MINI Motorsport Awards Program 2009 Season

Building upon the success of our rich heritage in motorsports, the MINI Motorsports Board at MINI USA is proud to present the MINI Motorsport Awards Program for 2009. Our proud tradition continues as MINIs have become well-acclimated in many forms of competitive racing while MINI enthusiasts continue to forge new paths into new motorsport arenas.

Overview:

The MINI Awards program (by MINI USA) is specifically tailored to recognize the accomplishments of private MINI entrants in U.S. motorsport competition. Awards can be earned by placing in any of the series and classes highlighted in the attached sheet. Please review everything carefully as several changes have been made for 2009 that may directly affect you.

Guidelines:

The MINI Awards program is open to all participants driving entries permitted by this program and specified in these regulations. Eligible vehicles include the 1959 – 2009 MINI Cooper / Cooper S hardtop, 2005 – 2009 MINI Cooper/ Cooper S Convertible, the 2009 MINI Cooper / Cooper S Clubman and the factory-built 2009 John Cooper Works models. Please check with your sanctioning body in regards to factory or dealer-installed JCW (John Cooper Works) kits and how they fit in their respective classes.

Drivers must be holders of current competition licenses as required by the race organizers and sanctioning bodies for participation in their respective events. Permissible entries must consist of integral MINI vehicles with original MINI powertrains and cannot be a vehicle of other make or origin merely enhanced by MINI parts. Tube-chassis cars with the likeness of a MINI vehicle are permitted only in Drag Racing classes.

In order to be eligible for MINI Awards, entrants must be running at the finish and be deemed in compliance with post event technical inspections. "MINIUSA.com" must be prominently displayed in capital letters on both sides as well as centered on the front of the vehicle in a highly visible location.

All MINI race teams competing must provide MINI USA, a Division of BMW of North America, LLC with photographs of the team trailers, racecars and any other significant racing equipment that displays "MINI", the "MINIUSA.com" logo or the "MINI Wings" logo. These items are created by the racer to best fit their car and are not supplied by MINI USA. Please forward digital pictures of the trailers, cars, etc. to **Susan Lee at susan.lee@miniusa.com** along with your **FIRST** award submission or any subsequent submission where the paint or appearance of the car has changed or if you are using a different car. Please keep pictures under 100K in file size. MINI has the right to withhold all awards funds until this is provided and approved.

MINI USA reserves the right to withhold awards payments to teams that do not support MINI brand standards and values deemed appropriate by MINI. Cars, race suits, trailers and associated gear must not display any nude, obscene or offensive words, diagrams, drawing, images or abbreviated versions of the aforementioned or text or anything of a racist nature or purposely offensive messaging. Nor are any words or imagery deprecating the MINI or BMW brands allowed. Note that any use of the MINI trademarks is subject to review and must be displayed tastefully and appropriately. In the event race teams fail to do so, MINI USA reserves the right to withhold award payments. MINI USA is in direct contact with all racing sanctions and we will find out.

Award Payment:

To claim your Awards payment, please e-mail Official Race Results indicating your standing to susan.lee@miniusa.com. Results must be received within **FOUR** weeks of the race date to be considered for payment and you must include the time and place of the competition. Please allow 6 weeks to receive your awards bonus. If you are claiming your **first** award, you must submit your **Social Security Number** or **Tax ID** so that we may set up an account to allow awards to be made. This information will be held in strict confidence.

Autocross and Road Race:

A minimum of legal finishers in each class is required to be eligible for contingency awards. **FIVE** finishers - First place only; **EIGHT** Finishers - 1st and 2nd; **TEN** or more - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; A minimum of 10 legal finishers in each class is required to be eligible for contingency awards in Speed World Challenge, USTCC, and Grand Am.

Multiple Vehicles:

Please note that private MINI teams with multiple vehicles can collect more than one award payment per race depending upon the final results. For example, if a team fields three MINIs with three different drivers in the Grand Am Cup and finishes 1-2-3, they are eligible for all three MINI awards payments if there are 10 or more cars in the field. The only points used in determining the year-end champion will be that of the sanctioning body of each series.

Multiple Drivers:

Only one driver per vehicle per event is eligible for payment. A private MINI race team will earn the MINI award payment, not the individual drivers, unless he or she is the sole representative of the team. For instance, if you have a team of six drivers racing two MINIs and they finish 1-2, the team will be paid for First and Second. If you have three drivers racing one car and it finishes first, only one payment will be made.

Heads Up Drag Racing:

Contingency payments require **TWO** MINIs to qualify in a ladder to collect a Winner award and **THREE** racers to qualify in a ladder to collect Winner and Runner Up. Winner is defined as a driver that runs the quickest elapsed time with a win light that races through an entire ladder with or without a bye run. A Runner Up is defined as a driver that loses to the winner in the final round. Pro or Sportsman ladders must have at least eight cars. True Street, Bracket, Open Comp or other handicapped electronic or footbrake or non-Heads-up classes excluded.

Publicity:

MINI USA will offer publicity support to any individual or race team that campaigns a MINI, or classic Mini in the following events:

SCCA Solo Autocross Only

SCCA Solo Year-End Class Championship in:
BS, GS, HS, DSP, FSP, EP, FP, STS, STX (including respective Ladies classes)

Road Racing

- SCCA National Championship –any podium finish
- Speed World Challenge –Any podium finish, any race
- Grand Am – Any podium finish, any race
- NASA-US Touring Car Championship Year End Championship, any podium finish

IDRC/NDRC/NHRA

- Year-End Championship in any heads-up (power adder or naturally aspirated) class (Winner only)

Publicity support is limited to the creation and distribution of an event-specific press release announcing the MINI's involvement and subsequent podium finish at the respective race. Distribution of the release by MINI USA is limited to electronic distribution via the BMW Group media website and the MINI USA website. Qualifying finishers must notify MINI USA immediately and provide all necessary information as requested. Any notification must occur within a one-week time of the race for eligibility. Eligible finishers should directly contact Nathalie Bauters, the MINI Press Communications Manager at: 201-930-3166 or nathalie.bauters@miniusa.com.

General:

Any questions pertaining to the MINI awards program shall be decided upon and interpreted solely by MINI, a Division of BMW of North America, LLC. Your participation in this Motorsport awards program is voluntary and as such, your participation constitutes an agreement to abide by these rules and regulations and to waive any and all rights of appeal. MINI, a Division of BMW of North America, LLC, reserves the right to change, modify or

cancel the terms and conditions stated herein at any time without prior notice. By participating in this program, the team and its drivers grant MINI all rights to use their likeness, name, team and racecar for advertising and/or promotional purposes. In addition, racers understand that participating in competitive, timed motorsport activities may void the MINI new vehicle warrantee and/or MINI free maintenance program.

To claim your awards payment, **please e-mail to susan.lee@miniusa.com**. Please use the sample format attached at the end. You will need to provide the following:

1. Your name and mailing address so we can send you the award.
2. Statement of the race name, location, date and the place you finished as well as a link to the race results.*
3. The dollar amount of the award as listed in the schedule below. If there are multiple awards please list them separately.
4. Pictures of your car displaying "MINIUSA.com", "MINI" or the MINI Wings, if required.
5. The VIN of your vehicle.
6. Your social security number or tax ID if submitting for the first time.
7. Your phone number and e-mail in case we need to contact you should there be a problem.

*** REMEMBER - Results must be received within 4 weeks of the race date to be considered for payment and must include the time and place of the competition.** Please allow 6 weeks to receive your payment.

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MINI USA Motorsports Contingency Program 2009

SCCA ProSolo/Solo (Only: BS, GS, HS, DSP, FSP, EP, FP, STS, STX (and respective Ladies classes))

	Solo Divisional Championships only	ProSolo Per event	National Tour Per event	Year End Class Championship (Topeka)
1st	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$1,000
2nd	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$500
3rd	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$250

SCCA Road Racing (Any class, New and Classic Body MINIs and Minis)

	Season (per race)	Divisional Championship	Year End National Class Championship
1st	\$500	\$2,000	\$4,000
2nd	\$250	\$1,500	\$3,000
3rd	\$100	\$1,000	\$2,000

Speed World Challenge and Grand Am

	Season (per race)	Year End Championship Bonus
1st	\$5,000	\$4,000
2nd	\$4,000	
3rd	\$3,000	

NASA (USTCC)

	Season (per race)	Year End Championship Bonus
1st	\$2,000	\$4,000
2nd	\$1,000	
3rd	\$750	

IDRC/NDRA/NHRA (All Heads Up Classes, must retain factory engine block and cylinder head castings)

	Season (per race)	Year End Season Points Championship Bonus
Winner	\$2,000	\$4,000
R/U	\$1,000	

MINIUSA.COM must be prominently displayed in capital letters on both sides as well as centered on a visible front surface of the vehicle.

Claims must be accompanied by official race results

A minimum of legal finishers in each class is required to be eligible for contingency awards

Five finishers - 1st place only

Eight finishers - 1st and 2nd

Ten or more - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

A minimum of 10 legal finishers in each class is required to be eligible for contingency awards in Speed World Challenge, USTCC, and Grand Am Cup

SCCA and NASA Year End Class Championship is awarded to top overall finisher for the season per class

Drag Racing classes require two MINIs to qualify in a ladder to collect a Winner award and three racers to qualify in a ladder to collect Winner and Runner Up. Pro or Sportsman ladders must have at least eight cars at the start of the race for a racer to collect contingencies.

MINI USA Motorsports Contingency Program Payout Request Form

Please complete this application in full and forward to Susan Lee via email at: Susan.Lee@MINIUSA.com.

Name: _____

Date of Submission: _____ *(Date of Submission must be within 30 Days of Race)*

Current Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

(Circle One)

SCCA Solo/ProSolo Autocross Events ¹	Solo Divisional Championship	ProSolo (per event)	National Tour (per event)	Nat'l Championship (Lincoln, NE)
First	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Second	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Third	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$250.00

Road Racing/ Drag Racing	SCCA Road Racing Event/Divisional	NASA USTCC	NHRA/IDRC/NDRA (Heads Up Classes)	Year End Class Championship
First	\$500.00/\$2,000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$4,000.00
Second	\$250.00/\$1,500.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$3,000.00 ²
Third	\$100.00/\$1,000.00	\$750.00	N/A	\$2,000.00 ³

I recently competed in the following event: _____

The event was at (Location) _____ Date _____

I placed _____ (Circle One: First/Second/Third) out of _____ (number of racers)

My award submission is for: \$ _____

Confirmation of the results can be found at the following link: _____ (enter website)
(Claims must still be accompanied by official race results.)

The VIN of my car is _____ (last 7 digits)

NOTE: Only one driver per vehicle per event is eligible for payment

For First Time Award Submissions Only:

(1) Please include at least two (2) to three (3) photographs of your vehicle with MINIUSA.com decals clearly visible. MINIUSA.com decals must be prominently displayed in CAPITAL letters on both sides of the vehicle, as well as centered on a visible front surface.

(2) My Social Security Number or Tax ID is: _____ . I understand that this will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used to create a new account to allow payment of awards. Initials: _____

If there are any issues with my submission or if you need assistance, feel free to contact me at:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Should you have any questions, please contact Susan Lee at (201) 307-4268 or susan.lee@miniusa.com.

¹ BS, GS, HS, DSP, FSP, EP, FP, STS, STX and respective Ladies classes only

² SCCA Road Racing only

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