



# News Release

## IMSA Enhances Technical Department

- *Sports Car, IndyCar Veteran Scott Raymond Named IMSA Technical Director*
- *Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge Veteran Jeff Mishtawy Named Senior Technical Manager*

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Feb. 13, 2014)** – The International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) today announced the addition of motorsports veterans Scott Raymond and Jeff Mishtawy to key technical roles, along with reallocation of responsibilities for three existing members of the competition department.

Raymond, a race- and championship-winning engineer in IndyCar and sports car racing, has been named IMSA Technical Director and will report to IMSA Vice President of Competition and Technical Regulations Scot Elkins. Raymond will oversee all technical aspects for the seven IMSA-sanctioned series. Raymond won the 2012 IndyCar championship as part of the engineering team for Andretti Autosport and has been a professor of motorsports engineering at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis since 2011.

Raymond was Performance Engineer for de Ferran Motorsports from 2008-11, with five race victories and eight pole positions in the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón (ALMS) with drivers Gil de Ferran and Simon Pagenaud. He was Assistant Race Engineer at Newman/Haas Racing in the Champ Car World Series for three series championships (2005-07) and 21 race victories.

A native of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Raymond earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Carleton University in Ottawa and a Master of Applied Science (Mechanical Engineering) from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Raymond will relocate from Indianapolis to the Daytona Beach area with his wife, Rebecca and three sons, Liam, Jude and Noah. He began his new position this week.

"An opportunity like this does not come by very often, so I'm very honored that I've been chosen," said Raymond. "I've always been a big fan of sports car racing, especially the variety of cars and the fact that strategy is so critical in performing well. The opportunity to work with all the manufacturers and teams at the highest level is amazing for me. I'm particularly excited to work on the new rules coming on-line for 2017. I can't put into words how wonderful it is to know that I will be a part of shaping the series as we work with our stakeholders to define the future."

Mishtawy will serve as the Senior Technical Manager of the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge, reporting to Raymond. Since September 2007, Mishtawy was Director of Motorsport for Auburn, Ala.-based APR Motorsport, which has won nine Street Tuner class races in Continental Tire Challenge competition.

He also led APR's GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series efforts, which included a second-place GT result in the 2013 Rolex 24 At Daytona with its Audi R8. As a team leader and chief strategist, Mishtawy owns more than 60 top-10 results in various sports car classes since 2007. He is relocating from Alabama to Daytona Beach and began working in his new position this week.

"As a competitor in the Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge for the past several years, I developed a firm grasp of the technical rules – and worked tirelessly to find ways around them – which will serve me well in this position," Mishtawy said. "With so many varied makes and models in multiple classes of

competition, balancing performance is difficult, but not impossible, especially with the team we now have in place. I could not be happier to have been offered this position and look forward to the future.”

In addition to the appointments of Raymond and Mishtawy, IMSA also announced new responsibilities for existing IMSA competition staff members. Charlie Cook is now Senior Technical Manager of the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship, Rob Elson is Senior Technical Manager of Single-Make Series for IMSA and Mike Kraemer is now IMSA’s Senior Manager of Electronics. All three will report to Raymond.

“Adding Scott and Jeff to our competition team is huge for us as we look to grow our sport,” Elkins said. “Both of them bring tremendous experience to IMSA and there is a great deal of mutual respect between them and our competitors, which is extremely important. Shifting the focus and priorities for Charlie, Rob and Mike allows them and our whole team to play to their strengths.”

### **About IMSA**

The International Motor Sports Association, LLC (IMSA) is the sanctioning body of the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship, the professional road-racing series resulting from the merger of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón and the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series. IMSA also sanctions the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and the developmental Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda, as well as four single-make series: Porsche GT3 Cup USA by Yokohama; Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Canada by Michelin; Ferrari Challenge North America; and Lamborghini Super Trofeo.

IMSA is the exclusive strategic partner in North America with the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) which operates the 24 Hours of Le Mans as a part of the FIA World Endurance Championship. The partnership enables selected TUDOR United SportsCar competitors to earn automatic entries into the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans.

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