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PRIZE PACKAGE AND SERIES SPONSORS CONFIRMED FOR 2026 CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAS

19th season for western United States championship set to begin this month in southern California

NAMPA, ID (February 5, 2026) – Two weeks remain before the beginning of the 2026 Challenge of the Americas. The 19th season of the championship program opens at the K1 Circuit in Winchester, California on the February 20-22 weekend. The last pieces of the program have been completed with the Challenge welcoming this year's class sponsors along with the 2026 prize package confirmed.

A total of eight companies have pledged their support for the 2026 Challenge of the Americas, which will feature eight categories for the first time in series history. Their commitment to the Challenge helps provide the basis for awards and offer support for competitors attending this year's championship. The class sponsors for the 2026 season are as follows:

2026 Challenge of the Americas Class Sponsors:

60cc Cadet: P1 Engines
100cc Junior: Nash Motorsportz
100cc Senior: Forward Direction Motorsports
100cc Masters: Ruthless Karting
Briggs Cadet: Shinko Kart Racing Tires
Briggs Junior: Neliton Race Concepts
Briggs Senior: Acceleration Kart Racing
Briggs Masters: Motul

"This year's class sponsors are a collection of longtime supporters and new companies showing their dedication to the Challenge," stated FTK Promotions owner Andy Seesemann. "The karting community is special, with long lasting figures like Nash Motorsportz and P1 Engines of southern California, Ruthless Karting in Arizona, Forward Direction Motorsports in Colorado and Acceleration Kart Racing in Las Vegas. Neliton Race Concepts is returning in 2026 after bringing several new karters from the northwest to the Challenge in 2025. Motul is a long standing brand

for the sport of karting and continues their support while 2026 marks the second season of Shinko Kart Racing Tires as the official tire for Challenge of the Americas.”

The prize package for the 2026 Challenge of the Americas will be similar to that of last year. Each class champion this year earns a full 2027 Challenge entry package, which includes race fees for practice day along with Saturday and Sunday race days, race tires, race fuel, race oil, and the driver pit pass. The runner-up in the final standings for each class receives a 2027 Challenge two-event entry package. For the third-place driver, they will be awarded a one event entry package for the 2027 Challenge season.

Added to the 2026 prize package is support from ROK Cup USA. A ROK Vegas 2026 Ticket will be awarded in both 100cc Junior and 100cc Senior to the highest finishing driver on a ROK VLR engine, regardless of championship finishing position. Engine usage will have to be declared at our K1 event and will be tracked for the balance of the series.

Each podium finisher at the eight rounds of the 2026 Challenge of the Americas will be awarded with a trophy manufactured by JM Awards along with the unique, one of a kind Challenge podium hat supplied by M2 Brandwear.

“We have been fortunate to have so many great returning businesses that support the Challenge,” Seesemann added. “Giving back to competitors is a key element to a prize package and their success equates to racing for free the following year. I’d like to thank ROK Cup USA for their two tickets to the ROK Vegas 2026, as this is a great incentive from a manufacturer. And as always, we will have our drivers raffle on Sunday morning where we will give away tires, Acceleration Kart Racing gift certificates, and many other items.”

Registration remains open for the K1 Circuit event until Friday, February 6, available on [Challenge Race Select page](#). Complete details regarding the weekend at K1 Circuit is available on the [Challenge Schedule page](#).

Be sure to follow updates at challengekarting.com regarding the 2026 Challenge of the Americas program, in addition to following the new [Facebook](#) page and [Instagram](#) account.

2026 Challenge of the Americas Schedule

February 20-22: K1 Circuit – Winchester, California

April 17-19: Phoenix Kart Racing Association – Glendale, Arizona

May 29-31, 2026: Colorado Karting Circuit at Centennial Airport – Centennial, Colorado

July 10-12, 2026: Sonoma Raceway – Sonoma, California