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**GRIST RETURNS TO JUNCOS RACING FOR THE 2016  
PRO MAZDA CHAMPIONSHIP**



**Indianapolis, IN** - It was announced at the PRI Show, that Canadian driver, Garrett Grist will return to Juncos Racing for the 2016 Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires.

After a very successful season in the 2015 Pro Mazda series, finishing third overall in the championship, Grist, went on to finish off the second half of the year by recording an impressive six poles, along with three wins and four podiums.

The 2016 season will mark Grist's third year in the Pro Mazda series and fourth year in the Mazda Road to Indy ladder series. Grist looks to carry the strong momentum gained during the 2015 season into battling for the 2016 championship.

"I still have a lot to learn and plenty to prove in Pro Mazda," said Grist. "We had a slow start to the 2015 season and that put us behind in the championship. Peter (Dempsey) and I really hit our stride in the second half of the year and we look to continue that form in St. Petersburg, in March. Just look at Laguna Seca. The crew at Juncos has been amazing and I think we have a real shot at the championship in 2016."

Garett first joined the Mazda Road to Indy ladder series running in the 2013 USF2000 Championship. That year he took third in the championship by recording one win and three podiums, along with earning "Rookie of the Year." He then moved up the ladder in 2014 into the Pro Mazda series where he finished sixth in the championship and recorded two wins and three poles.

Ricardo Juncos, Team Principle, is excited to have Grist back with the team after finishing off the 2015 season on such a high note. Juncos is very confident Garett will carry the strong momentum gained last season to be a tough contender to beat in the 2016 championship.

"I am thrilled to confirm that Garett Grist will be returning to Juncos Racing for 2016," said Juncos. Garett's 2015 season ended so strongly that it became a must to have him return this year. He is certainly a championship favorite and rightfully so, having won three of the last six races of 2015 as well as nearly every pole position during the second half of the season. Garett works extremely well with everyone on our Pro Mazda team and we are very excited to see what we can do now that we have a season working together under our belt."

The 2016 Pro Mazda Championship presented by Cooper Tires will begin their season in beautiful St. Petersburg, Florida alongside the Indy Car Series for a full weekend of racing.

#### **ABOUT GARETT:**

Garett began his car racing program in 2011 with a highly successful debut in Canadian Formula Ford action taking several wins, poles and fast laps. In 2012 Garett raced in the F1600 Championship with Bryan Herta Autosports. For 2013, he joined Andretti Autosport for the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship powered by Mazda, winning three races. In 2014, Garett moved up to the Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires with Andretti Autosport where he earned two wins and four poles. In 2015, GG moved to the 2014 Pro Mazda Champions - Juncos Racing. 2016 will see Garett return to Juncos Racing for his sophomore season with the team.

Garett is sponsored by Lander Property Management, [BlackList](#), [Air Liquide Canada](#), [BELL Racing](#), and [Sparco USA](#). Grist is also a member of the Derek Daly Academy led by former Formula One and IndyCar driver, Derek Daly.