



GARETT MITCHELL GRIST BIO

Born and raised in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada, Garrett Grist has had his eye and mind on motorsports since the young age of six when he first began racing. With a goal of competing in an IndyCar, Grist is well on his way in the Mazda Road to Indy series. 2015 finds him in his sophomore year on the second rung of the ladder in the Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires, teamed up with Juncos Racing, the 2014 Pro Mazda Champions.

Grist drove for Andretti Motorsports in 2014 in the Pro Mazda series bringing home two wins, three straight poles and four top five finishes. The crème de la crème was the flag-to-flag win at the Night Before the 500 which took place at Lucas Oil Raceway. Andretti Motorsports was also his racing home in 2013 when he competed in the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda. He ended the season with one win, three podiums and was named BBS Rookie of the Year taking third in the overall championship.

Grist spent 10 years racing karts before moving onto Formula Ford in Ontario and Quebec where he set a new track record at the Canadian Motorsports Park. The Former F1600 Formula F driver is a Derek Daly Academy driver. He was also selected as a Team Canada Racing Scholarship winner in 2012.

Outside of the race track, Grist devotes much of his racing effort supporting Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Each year the hospital's patients submit helmet drawings, of which he then chooses one drawing to be worn during a race. The helmet featuring the winning design is then auctioned off to support the hospital's initiatives. In 2011 Garrett represented the Sick Kids Foundation at a Formula One charity event.

Grist is an only child and because he resides from Canada, he is fluent in both English and French. He graduated from Grimsby Secondary School. When not on the track, Grist likes to play basketball, work out and enjoys hanging out with his friends. A pre-race ritual that he has is eating a bowl of mac and cheese before he races – in fact this might be one of his diet staples. When asked what one talent he wishes he possessed, he said he wishes he could play an instrument as he claims he was not blessed with a single drop of musical talent. If you happen to spot him surrounded by screaming teenage girls wanting autographed photos, it might be because he has a close resemblance to Australian singer/actor Cody Simpson. Or it might be on his own accord as an up and coming Road to Mazda series driver.

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.

For more information on Garett Grist and his racing program, please contact Teri Thomas at [Derek Daly Academy](http://DerekDalyAcademy) via email at teri@derekdalyacademy or by phone at 317.774.9101.

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GARETT GRIST – FAST FACTS

2015 – Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires. Driving for Juncos Racing - the 2014 Pro Mazda Champions

2014 – Pro Mazda Championship Presented by Cooper Tires – Andretti Autosports

- 2 Wins, 3 Consecutive Poles
- Flag-to-flag win at Night Before the 500 – Lucas Oil Raceway
- WinterFest – 4 Races, 1 Win, 2 Podiums

2013 – Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda – Andretti Autosports

- 1 Win, 3 Podiums
- BBS Rookie of the Year taking 3rd in overall championship
- WinterFest – 1 Podium

2012 – SCCA Formula F Series Championship with Bryan Herta Autosports

2011 – Ontario Formula Ford Challenge – Britain West Motorsports

- 3 Wins, 9 Podiums, 4 Poles

Quebec Formula Tour – Britain West Motorsports

- 1 Win, 3 Podiums, 2 Fastest Laps

- Represented Sick Kids Foundation in 2011 Formula One Charity Event

2010 – James Hinchcliffe “Hinchtown” Shootout – Bridgestone Racing School

- 2nd overall in competition among top eight Kart racers in Canada

7 Years Karting

- Western Canadian Challenge Junior Rotax Champion – 2010
- Canadian National Junior Rotax Champion – 2009
- Stars of Karting US National Tour – Comer Cadet
- Sunoco Ron Fellows Karting Championship – F1K Cadet Champion, Junior Light Vice Champion
- Mosport Kart Club – Novice Champion
- Hamilton Regional Kart Club – Novice Champion