

Youth Motorsports Conference—Driver Development Strategies

Date: Saturday, December 14

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Indiana Convention Center—Main Lobby, Rooms 116-117

Speakers: Derek Daly, Bob Perona, Jay Braxton, Kelly Jones,

Description:

This session is organized by Jeff Horton, director of engineering for IndyCar, and featuring Derek Daly (former F1 and IndyCar driver and father of Conor Daly), Jay Braxton (Simpson Racing), Bob Perona (driver coach) and Kelly Jones (Race Craft 1)

Parents. Please register in advance for the Youth Motorsports Conference on the PRI website. To find the link please go to <http://www.performanceracing.com/> then **Trade Show** tab, then **Events** tab, Scroll down to **Race Safety and Technology Center**. We are at the bottom

Credentials will be available for pick-up at the Will Call booth in the Registration Area on Saturday morning. Wrist bands will be required for children under 16 in order to be admitted into the Show.

Schedule of Speakers:

5 mins. – Opening comments, Jeff Horton

45 mins. – Opening speaker, Derek Daly (Former F1 and Indy Car driver, Father of Conor Daly), He will talk about how he either did or didn't guide his son Conor (current F3 driver and 2013 Indy 500 runner), and what he would recommend for a young driver that wants to make it to the big time. And how hard it really is.

20 mins. – Roundtable discussion for the question and answer session after Derek's talk. This would be done as part of letting the group ask Derek questions. Derek has confirmed that his son Conor will attend, and a couple more drivers will help out.

20 mins. – Jay Braxton, Simpson Race Products. Jay will give us an update on 2014 Safety Equipment that is available. He will also speak to parents about starting the safety early in a child's career so it just becomes habit as they grow up.

45 mins. – Bob Perona, (IndyCar drivers Simon Pagenaud and Tristan Vautier's driver coach). How a parent can help their kid go faster by observing and coaching, instead of just yelling "Go Faster!"

45 mins. – Kelly Jones, Racecraft 1, What role can simulation play in accelerating the development of today's driver? Can I get better by using simulation to enhance and supplement track time?