

National car racing promises to be more competitive

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After the riders scorched the Kari Motor Speedway circuit a couple of weeks ago, it is now the turn of the drivers to prove their mettle when the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National car racing championship gets underway here on Friday.

It's going to a lot more competitive and exciting than the previous years as the championship is in a new avatar following a re-jig of regulations. The weekend card will see 59 entrants from across the country competing in eleven races.

Ameo Cup

But the talking point is the National championship sta-



Vrooming on: The country's best stars will be locked in a tight battle at the Kari circuit. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

tus accorded to the Volkswagen Ameo Cup. It has been rechristened as the Ameo class and the eventual winners in the Pro and Rookie categories, after four rounds and 10 races spread across four race weekends, will be declared the National champions.

Volkswagen Motorsport India started it all with a one-

make series in 2010 through the Polo Cup and further raced the Vento and now the Ameo.

Besides the Ameo races, the championship will also see intense battles in the popular and premium Indian Touring Cars (ITC), the Super Stock and the entry-level Formula LGB 1300 that has attracted the most num-

ber of entries of 19 young aspirants. "At the outset, MMSC would like to acknowledge and appreciate MRF's unstinted commitment and active involvement in the National Championship, be it two-wheeler or four-wheeler races. In fact, MRF have been the backbone of motorsport in India due to the support they have extended and continue to do so, for all formats of the sport," said Vicky Chandhok, the MMSC vice-president and Chairman of the Meet.

There will be three races each for the ITC, Ameo Class and the Formula LGB categories, and two in the Super Stock class. There will be free practice sessions on Friday followed by qualifying and five races on Saturday and six more on Sunday.