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Nikita Lastochkin Returns to Czabok-Simpson Motorsport (CSM) for 2026 Porsche Carrera Cup North America Campaign



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Czabok-Simpson Motorsport (CSM) is proud to announce that **Nikita Lastochkin** will return to the team for a full-season effort in the **2026 Porsche Carrera Cup North America Championship**. Lastochkin makes the move after two successful seasons competing with CSM in the **IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge GS class**, where he played a key role in the team's continued growth and performance in Porsche machinery.

The 2026 campaign marks a new chapter in the partnership between Lastochkin and CSM, as the team expands its competitive presence in the one-make Porsche Carrera Cup North America Championship. Known for its close racing and technical precision, the championship provides the ideal stage for Lastochkin to continue showcasing his speed and experience behind the wheel of the **Porsche 911 Cup car (Type 992.2) in 2026**.

“I’m really excited to continue my journey with CSM,” said **Nikita Lastochkin**. “We’ve built a strong foundation together over the past two seasons in IMSA, and stepping into Carrera Cup feels like a natural next step. The level of competition is incredibly high, and I’m confident that with CSM’s expertise, we’ll be able to fight at the front.”

Team co-principal **Matthias Czabok** echoed that sentiment, emphasizing the value of continuity within the CSM driver lineup.

“Nikita has been an integral part of our team’s success and growth,” said Czabok. “His professionalism, technical feedback, and racecraft have raised our overall performance. We’re thrilled to continue that momentum with him in the Porsche Carrera Cup North America next year and look forward to a competitive season together.”

CSM’s **2026 Porsche Carrera Cup North America** program represents a key component of the team’s expanding presence across North American sports car racing, reinforcing its commitment to developing both drivers and technical excellence within the Porsche Motorsport ecosystem.

Further announcements regarding team partners, will be released in the coming months.

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About Nikita Lastochkin

35-year-old Nikita Lastochkin, who calls Los Angeles home first started his racing career in 2013 via the Skip Barber Racing School where he completed a three-day program and then competed in the Winter Series.

Racing history

From his initial forays at Skip Barber, Nikita quickly built a solid résumé:

- **2013–14:** In the Skip Barber Winter Series he recorded 6 wins and 14 podiums, finishing 2nd in the championship and earning the “Most Improved Driver” award.
- **2014:** He stepped into the SCCA/F1600 ladder and the Pacific Region F1600 Championship, where he achieved 2 wins and dominated a small number of rounds.
- **2015–2018:** Nikita moved into the “Road to Indy” ladder, starting with the USF2000 National Championship (2015) and then the Pro Mazda Championship (2017–18). He earned multiple top-10 finishes, and in 2017 achieved 5th overall in Pro Mazda Championship with two podiums and six other top-5 finishes.
- **2021:** He stepped up to the Indy Lights series (now known as Indy NXT) with HMD Motorsports, contesting a partial season in 2021.
- **2024–2025:** Transitioning into sports-car racing, he signed with Czabok-Simpson Motorsport to compete in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge — Grand Sport (GS) class.

His driver statistics reflect his versatility: over 180 races started in various categories, 12 wins, 31 podiums and a race-win percentage of around 6.6%.

Current programs: racing & drifting

In 2025, Lastochkin is actively pursuing a dual-focus program which combines both established circuit racing and open-style drift / demonstration work:

- **Circuit racing:** He continues his commitment with Czabok-Simpson Motorsport in IMSA’s Michelin Pilot Challenge GS category, piloting their #67 entry under the banner of CSM Motorsport. The team re-confirmed his return for the 2025 IMSA Michelin Pilot schedule.
- **Drifting / exhibition:** In parallel, Nikita is engaging in drift-events and tandem practice, leveraging his road-racing experience to explore drift-style motorsport. He’s shared footage from drift weekends like the Holley LSF Fest and GRIDLIFE events, highlighting his evolving skills behind the wheel beyond pure circuit racing.

This hybrid approach positions him uniquely: maintaining elite level in sports-car competition while also diversifying into drift-culture and motorsport lifestyle content.

<https://www.instagram.com/nikitagoesracing/?hl=en>



About Czabok-Simpson Motorsport (CSM)

CSM is a professional racing team competing in North America, currently fielding entries in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge GS class with Porsche. Known for its driver development, and competitive spirit, the team is expanding its footprint in 2026 with a new Porsche Carrera Cup North America program.



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