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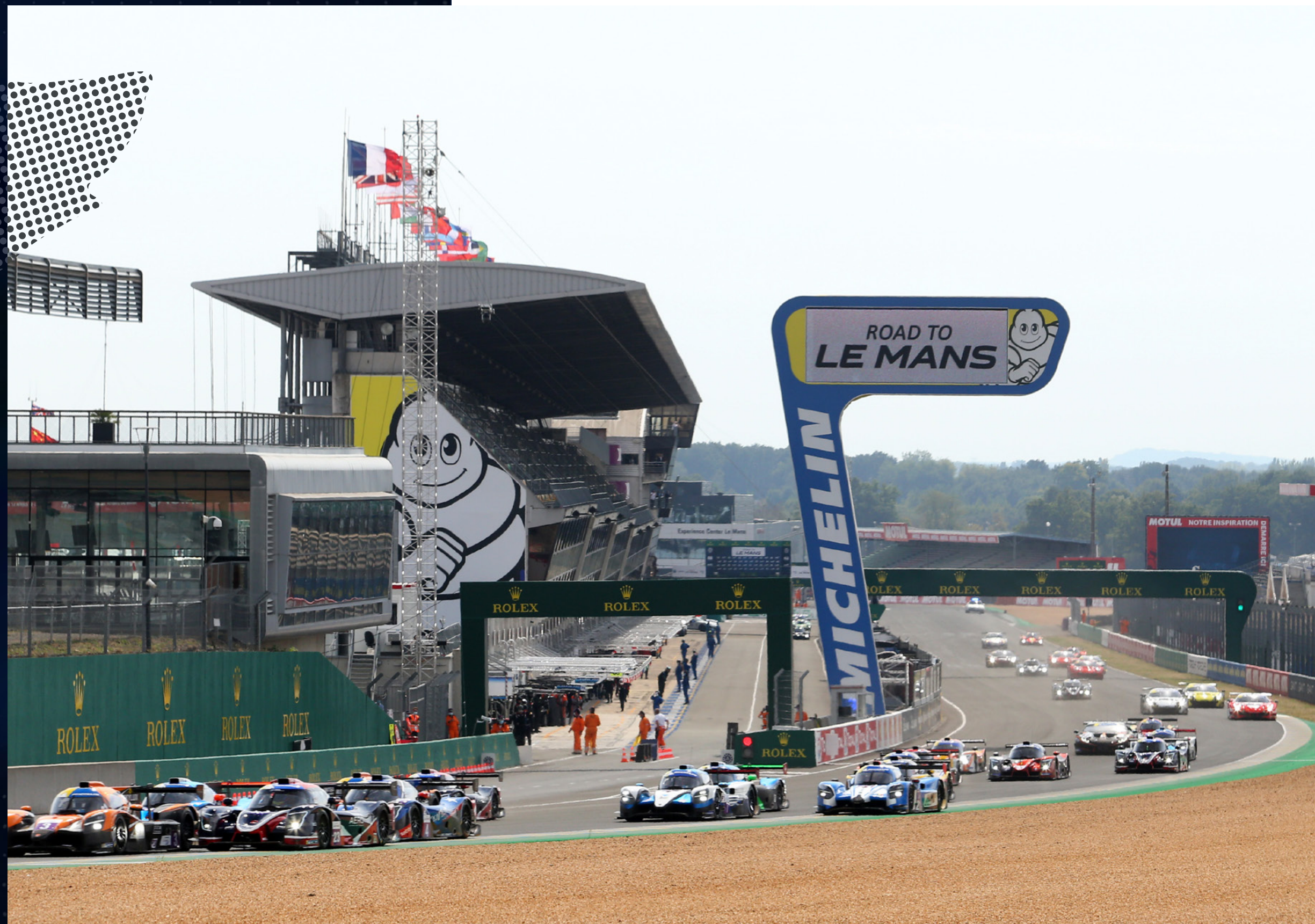
The first season of the Michelin Le Mans Cup was held in 2016 and was exclusively for GT3 cars. That season the Road to Le Mans event, which was a single 55-minute race, also saw LMP3 cars invited to take part but on a non-championship basis.

In 2017 multi class racing became part of the Michelin Le Mans Cup with the LMP3 category part of the series. Also in 2017, the Road to Le Mans saw two 55-minute races for the first time.

The driver crews must include at least one bronze rated driver, with the other driver being either bronze, silver or gold, platinum rated drivers are not eligible to compete in the Michelin Le Mans Cup.

At all events, except Road to Le Mans, the bronze driver must take part in qualifying. At Road to Le Mans either driver can qualify for race 1 while the bronze driver must take part in qualifying for race 2.

At the end of the season the prize for the winning GT3 team is an automatic invitation to the 24 Hours of Le Mans in the LMGTE Am class.



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- THE CIRCUIT -

13,6 KM  
TRACK



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RIGHT TURNS : 20

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LMP3 AND GT3 CARS WILL RACE ON THE MYTHICAL 13,6KM  
24 HOURS OF LE MANS CIRCUIT

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**- RACE & QUALIFYING FORMAT -**

**2**  **RACES** OF **55**  **MINUTES**

(OTHER ROUNDS OF THE MICHELIN LE MANS CUP  
CONSIST OF ONE RACE OF 120 MINUTES)

**2**  **QUALIFYING  
SESSIONS** OF **20**  **MINUTES**

QUALIFYING 1 DETERMINES THE STARTING GRID FOR RACE 1  
QUALIFYING 2 DETERMINES THE STARTING GRID FOR RACE 2

**AT ROAD TO LE MANS EITHER DRIVER CAN QUALIFY FOR RACE 1 WHILE THE BRONZE DRIVER MUST  
TAKE PART IN QUALIFYING FOR RACE 2.**

# - TIMETABLE -



WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST

FREE **1**  
PRACTICE  
10H30 - 11H30

FREE **2**  
PRACTICE  
20H30 - 21H30



THURSDAY 19 AUGUST

QUALIFYING  
SESSIONS  
10H40 - 11H00 **1**  
11H15 - 11H35 **2** &

RACE **1**  
19H30 - 20H25



SATURDAY 21 AUGUST

RACE **2**  
12H15 - 13H10  
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- Centre sanitaire obligatoire Health center mandatory
- Stationnement interdit des deux côtés Prohibited parking on both sides
- Circulation et stationnement interdit dans les deux sens (sauf véhicules autorisés) Prohibited circulation and parking in both directions (except for authorized vehicles)
- du mercredi à dimanche jusqu'au dimanche 10h00  
Wednesday from 5:30 until Sunday 10:00 pm
- Secteur privatif ACO Private ACO area
- Accès rouge Access to red area
- Accès bleu Access to blue area
- Accès vert Access to green area
- Arrêt Centre Accreditation Access to Accreditation Center
- Accès piétons Pedestrians only access
- Accès voitures Vehicles access

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# - ROLL OF HONOUR - GT3

## 2016

**GT3** Aleksey Basov / Victor Shaitar  
no57 AF Corse Ferrari 488



## 2017 - Race 1

**GT3** Ahmad Al Harthy / Tom Jackson  
no97 TF Sport Aston Martin V12 Vantage

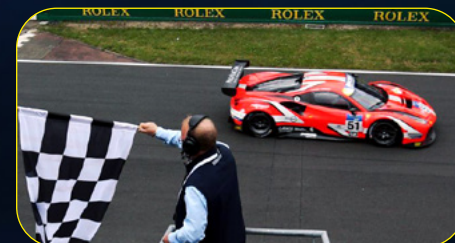


Ahmad Al Harthy / Tom Jackson **GT3**  
no97 TF Sport Aston Martin V12 Vantage

## 2017 - Race 2

## 2018 - Race 1

**GT3** Piergiuseppe Perazzini / Marco Cioci  
no71 AF Corse Ferrari 488 GT3



Christoph Ulrich / Maurizio Mediani **GT3**  
no51 Spirit of Race Ferrari 488 GT3

## 2018 - Race 2

## 2019 - Race 1

**GT3** Mikkel Mac / Fabien Lavergne  
no71 Luzich Racing Ferrari 488 GT3



Mikkel Mac / Fabien Lavergne **GT3**  
no71 Luzich Racing Ferrari 488 GT3

## 2019 - Race 2

## 2020 - Race 1

**GT3** Andrea Caldarelli / Hiroshi Hamaguchi  
no63 FFF Racing Team by ACM  
Lamborghini Huracan GT3



Andrea Caldarelli / Hiroshi Hamaguchi **GT3**  
no63 FFF Racing Team by ACM  
Lamborghini Huracan GT3

## 2020 - Race 2

# - ROLL OF HONOUR - P3

## 2016

**P3** Thomas Laurent / Alexandre Cougnaud  
no85 DC Racing Ligier JS P3-Nissan



## 2017 - Race 1

**P3** John Falb / Sean Rayhall  
no2 United Autosports Ligier JS P3-Nissan



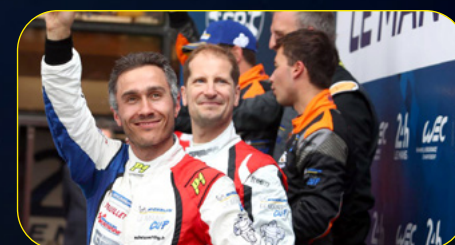
## 2018 - Race 1

**P3** Mikkel Jensen / Kay Van Berlo  
no11 Eurointernational Ligier JS P3-Nissan



## 2019 - Race 1

**P3** Adrien Chila / Nicolas Schatz  
no39 Graff Norma M30-Nissan



## 2020 - Race 1

**P3** Jean Glorieux / Laurents Hörr  
no3 DKR Engineering Duqueine M30-D08-Nissan



Jean Glorieux / Alex Toril  
no3 DKR Engineering Norma M30-Nissan **P3**

## 2017 - Race 2



Michael Benham / Duncan Tappy  
no25 Lanan Racing Norma M30-Nissan **P3**

## 2018 - Race 2



François Kirmann / Laurents Hörr  
no3 DKR Engineering Norma M30-Nissan **P3**

## 2019 - Race 2



Nicolas Maulini / Edouard Cauhaupé  
no37 Cool Racing Ligier JS P320-Nissan **P3**

## 2020 - Race 2

- HALF TIME -

# HALF TIME ROUND UP FOR THE MICHELIN LE MANS CUP

With three rounds complete, the teams and drivers taking part in the 2021 Michelin Le Mans Cup are now preparing for the second half of the season, which begins with the highlight of the year, the Road To Le Mans on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

It is a good opportunity to look back at some of the highlights of the season so far.

GT3

## 3 Three different cars have won the three races held so far

- **Barcelona:** no2 Pzoberer Zürichsee by TFT - Nicolas Leutwiler / Julien Andlauer
- **Le Castellet:** no92 Herberth Motorsport\*\* - Alfred Renauer / Daniel Alleman
- **Monza:** no8 Iron Lynx - Paolo Ruberti / Gabriele Lancieri

## 5 There have been five different cars in podium finishing positions in the three races

- **No8 Iron Lynx** - (2 x 1st, 1 x 2nd)
- **No2 Pzoberer Zürichsee by TFT** - (1 x 1st, 1 x 3rd)
- **No51 AF Corse** - (1 x 3rd)
- **No9 Iron Lynx** - (1 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd)
- **No92 Herberth Motorsport \*\*** - (1 x 1st)

NOTE: \*\*The no92 Herberth Motorsport is a race-by-race entry and is not eligible for championship points

## 3 Three different cars have won the three races held so far

- **Barcelona:** no15 RLR MSport\*\* - Mike Benham / Tommy Foster
- **Le Castellet:** no7 Nielsen Racing - Colin Noble / Tony Wells
- **Monza:** no22 United Autosports - Scott Andrews / Gerald Kraut

## 6 There have been six different cars in podium finishing positions in the three races

- **No22 United Autosports** - (1 x 1st, 1 x 2nd)
- **No7 Nielsen Racing** - (1 x 1st, 1 x 3rd)
- **No22 United Autosports** - (2 x 3rd)
- **No66 Rinaldi Racing** - (1 x 2nd)
- **No69 Cool Racing** - (1 x 2nd)
- **No15 RLR MSport \*\*** - (1 x 1st)

NOTE: \*\*The no15 RLR MSport is a race-by-race entry and is not eligible for championship points

## 3 The three pole positions have been secured by

- **Barcelona:** no8 Iron Lynx - Rino Mastronardi
- **Le Castellet:** no8 Iron Lynx - Rino Mastronardi
- **Monza:** no8 Iron Lynx - Gabriele Lancieri

### Championship Positions



- 1. No2 Pzoberer Zürichsee by TFT** - Nicolas Leutwiler - 55 pts
- 2. No8 Iron Lynx** - Rino Mastronardi - 45 pts
- 3. No8 Iron Lynx** - Paolo Ruberti - 45 pts

## 3 The three pole positions have been secured by

- **Barcelona:** no37 Cool Racing - Antoine Doquin
- **Le Castellet:** no37 Cool Racing - Antoine Doquin
- **Monza:** no5 Phoenix Racing - Finn Gehrsitz

### Championship Positions



- 1. no22 United Autosports** - Gerald Kraut / Scott Andrews - 50 pts
- 2. no7 Nielsen Racing** - Colin Noble / Tony Wells - 48 pts
- 3. no23 United Autosports** - John Schauermaier / Wayne Boyd - 45 pts

# - CATEGORIES -



# LMP3



Minimum weight  
950 kg



Fuel Tank Capacity  
100 litres



Race Number Background  
Colour: PURPLE



Max width 13"  
Max diameter 28"



Max 6 gears  
+ reverse



Nissan VK56



Steel discs max diameter  
355.6mm



Overall length 4650mm  
*(including rear wing)*

Overall width 1800 mm  
and 1900 mm max



# GT3



1245 kg  
*can be adjusted  
with BOP*



Mini 50 litres  
Maxi 90 litres  
*can be adjusted with BOP*



Race Number Background  
Colour: BLACK



Max width 14"  
Max diameter 28"



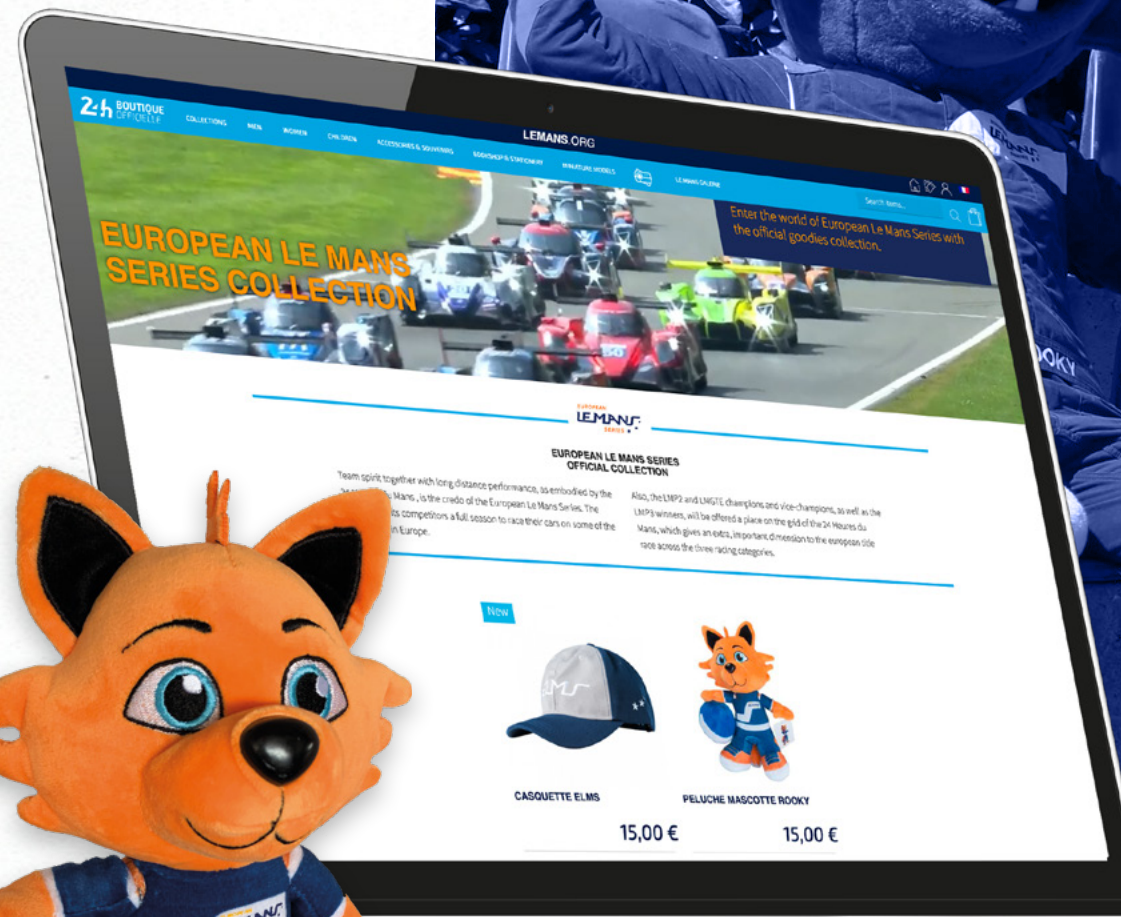
Max 6 gears  
+ reverse



Overall length  
4800 mm  
*(including rear wing)*  
2050 mm

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GT3

N°	LMP3	NAT	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2
2	PZOBERER ZÜRICHSEE BY TFT		Porsche 911 GT3 R	Nicolas Leutwiler (CHE)	Julien Andlauer (FRA)
8	IRON LYNX		Ferrari 488 GT3	Rory Penttinen (FIN)	Logan Sargeant (USA)
9	IRON LYNX		Ferrari 488 GT3	Manuela Gostner (ITA)	Doriane Pin (FRA)
34	TEAM WRT		Audi R8 LMS	Roald Goethe (DEU)	Benjamin Goethe (DEU)
51	AF CORSE		Ferrari 488 GT3	Ken Abe (JPN)	Edward Cheever (ITA)
61	AF CORSE		Ferrari 488 GT3	Gino Forgione (CHE)	Andrea Montermini (ITA)
62	AF CORSE		Ferrari 488 GT3	Franck Dezoteux (FRA)	Stéphane Tribaudini (FRA)
72	TEAM WRT		Audi R8 LMS	Charles Weerts (BEL)	TBA
83	RACETIVITY		Mercedes AMG GT3	Emmanuel Collard (FRA)	Charles-Henri Samani (FRA)
92	HERBERTH MOTORSPORT		Porsche 911 GT3 R	Alfred Renauer (DEU)	Jürgen Häring (DEU)
95	OMAN RACING		Aston Martin Vantage GT3	Ahmad Al Harthy (OMN)	Michael Dinan (USA)

N°	LMP3	NAT	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2
1	DKR ENGINEERING		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Nathan Kumar (AUS)	TBA
3	DKR ENGINEERING		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Jean Glorieux (BEL)	Laurents Hörr (DEU)
5	PHOENIX RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Finn Gehrsitz (DEU)	Hamza Owega (DEU)
7	NIELSEN RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Anthony Wells (GBR)	Colin Noble (GBR)
11	WTM POWERED BY PHOENIX		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Leonard Weiss (DEU)	Thorsten Kratz (DEU)
12	BLACK FALCON		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Maik Rosenberg (DEU)	Donar Munding (DEU)
14	RLR M SPORT		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Michael Benham (GBR)	Malthe Jakobsen (DNK)
15	RLR M SPORT		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Alex Kapadia (GBR)	Martin Rich (GBR)
16	TEAM VIRAGE		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Sacha Lehmann (FRA)	Matthias Lüthen (DEU)
17	IDEC SPORT		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Patrice Lafargue (FRA)	Dimitri Enjalbert (FRA)
18	MÜHLNER MOTORSPORT		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Jeroen Bleekemolen (NLD)	TBA
19	COOL RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Niklas Kruetten (DEU)	Mathieu de Barbuat (FRA)
20	GRAINMARKET RACING		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Mark Crader (GBR)	Alex Mortimer (GBR)
21	MÜHLNER MOTORSPORT		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Moritz Kranz (DEU)	Ugo de Wilde (BEL)
22	UNITED AUTOSPORTS		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Gerald Kraut (USA)	Scott Andrews (AUS)
23	UNITED AUTOSPORTS		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	John Schauerman (USA)	Duncan Tappy (GBR)
25	RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Jacques Wolff (FRA)	Théo Chalal (FRA)
26	UNITED AUTOSPORTS		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	James McGuire (USA)	Guy Smith (GBR)
27	NIELSEN RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Nicholas Adcock (GBR)	Max Koebolt (NLD)
28	NIELSEN RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Steven Thomas (USA)	Tristan Nunez (USA)
29	REVERE LIFESTYLE		Adess-03 EVO	Andres Latorre Canon (AUS)	Garnet Patterson (AUS)
30	FRIKADELLI RACING TEAM		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Klaus Abbelen (DEU)	Axcil Jefferies (GBR)
31	AF CORSE		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Kriton Lentoudis (GRC)	Rui Aguas (PRT)
32	UNITED AUTOSPORTS		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Daniel Schneider (BRA)	Andrew Meyrick (GBR)
33	CD SPORT		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Michael Jensen (DNK)	Adam Eteki (FRA)
37	COOL RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Antoine Doquin (FRA)	Josh Skelton (GBR)
52	RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	John Loggie (GBR)	Tijmen Van Der Helm (NLD)
55	RINALDI RACING		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Steve Parrow (DEU)	Dominik Schwager (DEU)
66	RINALDI RACING		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Alexander Mattschull (DEU)	Nicolas Varrone (ARG)
69	COOL RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Maurice Smith (USA)	Matt Bell (GBR)
71	TEAM VIRAGE		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Rob Hodes (USA)	Garett Grist (CAN)
73	TS CORSE		Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan	Pietro Peccenini (ITA)	Cian Carey (IRL)
74	MV2S RACING		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Christophe Cresp (FRA)	Sébastien Baud (FRA)
77	TEAM THOR		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Audunn Gudmundsson (ISL)	Thomas Ashton (GBR)
98	MOTORSPORT98		Ligier JS P320 - Nissan	Eric De Doncker (BEL)	Dino Lunardi (FRA)

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# GT3



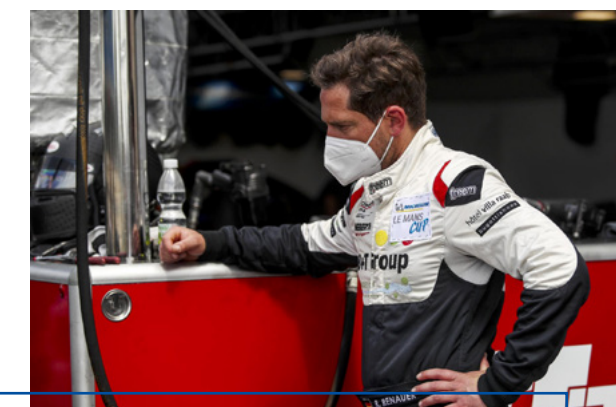
**The Team Championship** leading no8 Iron Lynx Ferrari 488 GT3 will see American Logan Sargeant return to the cockpit of the Ferrari. He will be joined by former LMP3 front runner Rory Penttinen.



**ELMS LMP2 Championship leaders** Team WRT will be fielding two Audi R8 LMSs. The no34 Audi will be raced by father and son Roald and Benjamin Goethe.



**2017 Road to Le Mans double race winner** Ahmad Al Harthy will compete in the no95 Oman Racing Aston Martin Vantage alongside American Michael Dinan.



**The GT3 grid** will feature eleven cars run by seven teams – 5 x Ferrari 488 GT3, 2 x Porsche 911 GT3R, 1 x Aston Martin Vantage GT3, 2 x Audi R8 LMS and 1 x Mercedes AMG GT3.

**Championship leader Nicolas Leutwiler** will be joined in the no2 Pzoberer Zurichsee by TFT Porsche by Julien Andlauer. Leutwiler is currently on 55 points after taking a win and two thirds in the first three races of the season. The Swiss driver is 16 points ahead of Ken Abe in the no51 AF Corse Ferrari who will be joined by Edward Cheever for RTLM.

**Former 24 Hours of Le Mans winner** and current FIA World Endurance LMGTE Am Champion Emmanuel Collard will race in the no83 Racetivity Mercedes alongside fellow Frenchman Charles-Henri Samani.

**Le Castellet race winner** Alfred Renauer returns to the MLCM in the no92 Herberth Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 R at Le Mans with fellow German Jürgen Häring.



**With Sarah Bovy** making her debut for Iron Lynx in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Doriane Pin will be joined by Manuela Gostner in the no9 Iron Lynx Ferrari, the young French driver already securing two podium finishes at Le Castellet and Monza so far this season.



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**Reigning champions DKR Engineering** have won three of the nine Road to Le Mans races held since 2016, with Cool Racing, Graff, Eurointernational, Lanan Racing, United Autosports and DC Racing all winning on one occasion.



**After finishing second in Monza,** Alexander Mattschull and Nicolas Varrone will be looking for another podium finish at Le Mans in the no66 Rinaldi Racing Duqueine.



**The no3 DKR Engineering Duqueine** will see Jean Glorieux and Laurents Hörr reunited. The pair won their first Road to Le Mans race together in 2020, with Hörr also winning in 2019 alongside Francois Kirmann and Glorieux winning with Alex Toril in 2017.



**The Road To Le Mans LMP3 grid** will consist of 35 cars run by 21 different teams, with 25 x Ligier JS P320, 9 x Duqueine M30-D08 and 1 x Adess-03 EVO.

**Round 3 winners** and championship leaders Scott Andrews and Gerald Kraut (no22 United Autosports Ligier) are on 50 points, just two points ahead of Tony Wells and Colin Noble (no7 Nielsen Racing Ligier), with John Schauerman and Wayne Boyd (no23 United Autosports Ligier) on 45 points in third.

**Road to Le Mans** will see the first entry by an all-Australian team, Revere Lifestyle. The team are running the only Adess-03 EVO on the grid for Andres Latorre Canon and fellow Aussie Garnet Patterson.

**Matt Bell and Maurice Smith** took a double podium at the Road to Le Mans in 2020. After finishing second at Le Castellet last month, the Anglo-American duo are aiming for the top step of the podium in Le Mans in the no69 Cool Racing Ligier.



**With Wayne Boyd** making his debut at the 24 Hours of Le Mans with United Autosports he will be replaced by Duncan Tappy at the wheel of the n°23 Ligier.





# - INTERVIEW WITH -

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# COLIN NOBLE

## Colin Noble on the Road to Le Mans

Scotland's Colin Noble has been a regular feature on the Michelin Le Mans Cup grid since 2017 with Nielsen Racing, with all bar one of those seasons driving alongside his English teammate Tony Wells.

The British pairing are currently second in the Michelin Le Mans Cup standings, just two points behind the championship leaders after winning at Le Castellet in June. We caught up with Colin as he prepares for his 9th and 10th Road to Le Mans races.



# - INTERVIEW WITH -



COLIN NOBLE

## HOW HAS THE SEASON GONE SO FAR FOR YOU AND TONY?

"The season is going well. We were pretty unlucky at the start in Barcelona where we were looking for a podium, but a late Full Course Yellow caught us out and dropped us from P3 to 8th in the last ten minutes, so that was a little frustrating.

"However, we've been in contention in every race, and we got a win at Paul Ricard, where we had a lot of pace in the car, and at Monza as well where we came through the pack to take a podium. We've had plenty of battles and we've come out of it pretty well."

## YOU'VE COMPETED IN 8 OF THE 9 RTLM RACES HELD SINCE 2016, 6 OF THOSE WITH TONY, INCLUDING A PODIUM FINISH IN 2019. WHAT MAKES LE MANS SPECIAL FOR YOU AS A DRIVER?

"Le Mans is such an iconic track, it's the whole atmosphere and the history; it's certainly a special place to drive around. To have the chance to racing on it is fantastic and it's all the sweeter when you make it onto that famous podium."

## MLMC RACES ARE USUALLY 2-HOURS AND EACH OF THE RTLM RACES ARE JUST 55-MINUTES. DO YOU APPROACH THE RACES AT LE MANS ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN A USUAL MLMC EVENT?

"Not particularly, the biggest thing in these events is the number of guest entries where the championship doesn't matter to them, so you really have to try and keep your nose clean and keep out of trouble. It's such a short race that if anything does go wrong there is no time to recover; it's such a sprint."

## THE 2021 RTLM GRID IS GOING TO FEATURE 35 LMP3 CARS. WHO DO YOU SEE AS YOUR MAIN OPPOSITION AND WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE RTLM WEEKEND?

"It will be the normal suspects who are there or thereabouts in the championship. We will be in contention, but we don't worry too much about that, we just try and do as good a job as we can. We'll just worry about ourselves and hopefully we'll come out near the top."

# QUIZZ

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## - FUTURE STARS -

While the Michelin Le Mans Cup has offered inexperienced drivers of all ages the opportunity to compete in endurance racing on some of Europe's top circuits, there has also been an influx of ambitious and talented teenagers who have chosen to compete in sportscars rather than go down the single seater career path.

The Michelin Le Mans Cup saw young drivers such as Phil Hanson and Thomas Laurent begin their endurance careers before progressing to the very top of the endurance ladder and this year has seen a new crop of teenagers join the grid in the search of glory.

Finn Gehrsitz (16) – no5 Phoenix Racing Ligier JS P320-Nissan

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Phoenix Racing  
Ligier JS P320-Nissan

# #5

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**Doriane Pin** (17 years)

Iron Lynx  
Ferrari 488 GT3

# #9

# DORIANE PIN



After a successful term in karts, French driver Doriane Pin switched to cars in 2020, taking part in the Renault Clio Cup France that season. At the end of the year, she was selected by the FIA Women in Motorsport and Ferrari Driver Academy to drive for Iron Lynx in the 2021 Michelin Le Mans Cup alongside Belgium's Sarah Bovy.

After missing the opening round in Barcelona, the all-female team bounced back with a third placed finish at Paul Ricard in Round 2 and then moved up one place on the podium at Monza, Doriane crossing the line just 16 seconds behind her highly experienced teammate Paolo Ruberti.

For Road to Le Mans Doriane is joined by Manuela Gostner and she will be hoping for her third podium finish in three races - perhaps even the top step beckons!

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# - FUTURE STARS -

**Antoine Doquin** (17 years)

Cool Racing  
Ligier JS P320-Nissan

# #37

# ANTOINE DOQUIN



17-year-old French driver Antoine Doquin is racing alongside Britain's Josh Skelton in the no37 Cool Racing Ligier-Nissan. On his debut Antoine shocked the field by claiming pole position in Barcelona and then followed it with a second pole at Le Castellet for Round 2.

In both races Antoine lead from the front, battling hard against some strong opposition. In Barcelona a trip into the gravel for Josh Skelton meant a drop down the order, eventually finishing 12th. In Le Castellet Skelton's bad luck continued with a technical issue resulting in retirement after two trips to the pits and a small fire.

In Monza the pairing had marginally better luck, with Antoine qualifying 3rd and the pair finishing 8th at the end of the race.

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# OTHERS TO WATCH AT ROAD TO LE MANS

As well as the young drivers competing full season in the Michelin Le Mans Cup, several others will be joining the grid at Le Mans from the European Le Mans Series.

17-year-old French driver Mathieu de Barbuat and 18-year-old German Niklas Kruetten will be joining forces for the two 55-minute races at Le Mans racing the no19 Cool Racing Ligier JS P320-Nissan.



**NIKLAS KRUETTEN**

Niklas is the currently LMP3 championship leader in the ELMS after scoring two victories in Barcelona and at the Red Bull Ring, another podium at Le Castellet and fourth place finish at Monza for Cool Racing alongside teammates Matt Bell and Nicolas Maulini.



**MATHIEU DE BARBUAT**

Mathieu de Barbuat took a stunning LMP3 victory at the 4 Hours of Monza on his ELMS debut, finishing on the top step of the podium alongside Laurents Hörr in the no4 DKR Engineering Duqueine in only his second car race.



**MALTHE JAKOBSEN**

17-year-old Dane Malthe Jakobsen has already proven to be a driver to watch after securing a podium finish alongside Alex Kapadia and Michael Benham at the 4 Hours of Barcelona in April and a battling 4th place at Le Castellet. The 2019 Danish Renault F4 Champion will race alongside 2018 Road to Le Mans and 2021 MLMC Round 1 winner Michael Benham in the no14 RLR MSport Ligier-Nissan.





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