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4 HOURS OF

# MUGELLO

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# Italian teams on top as Mugello hosts debut ELMS race

This weekend L'autodromo del Mugello with host the 4 Hours of Mugello, Round 5 of the 2024 European Le Mans Series and with 43 cars entered across the four classes, the race promises to be action packed from start to finish.

Two Italian teams, AF Corse in LMP2 Pro/Am and Eurointernational in LMP3, are leading their respective championships and this weekend could see either one of them wrap up the titles at home in Italy.

The grid will consist of 127 drivers and 29 teams representing 30 different nations from all over the world, with seven drivers racing under the Italian flag this weekend. The LMP2 driver's list is an impressive array of champions and race winners from every disciple of motor sport with top international drivers such as Robert Kubica, Felipe Drugovich, Louis Deletraz, Paul Di Resta, Frederik Vesti, Will Stevens and many others, the ELMS LMP2 grid is the most competitive in the history of the series.

LMP2 is the leading class for drivers rated as silver, gold or platinum, with all teams choosing to use the Oreca 07 chassis powered by the Gibson V8 engine. LMP2 Pro/Am teams use the same cars as LMP2, but the driver line up must feature at least one bronze rated driver, who must also take part in qualifying on Saturday afternoon.

The LMP2 cars are identified by a dark blue number panel, whereas LMP2 Pro/Am cars have a light blue number panel. The championship standings are incredibly tight with Robert Kubica, Louis Deletraz and Jonny Edgar now leading the LMP2 category in the no14 AO by TF by the slimmest of margins. After winning Round 4 in Belgium, the American flagged team have 65 points after four races, which is a 2 point advantage over former leaders no43 Inter Europol Competition, with Sebastian Alvarez, Tom Dillmann and Vlad Lomko on 63 points.

Reigning LMP2 Pro/Am champions AF Corse head to Mugello with a 20 point advantage after winning the 4 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps, with the Italian team on the cusp of the double at their second home race of the season. Italian Alessio Rovera and his French teammates Francois Perrodo and Matthieu Vaxiviere are on 80 points after four rounds, with British drivers Alex Quinn and Richard Bradley, and their Greek teammate Kriton Lentoudis, on 60 points in the no20 Algarve Pro Racing.

LMP3 is the junior Le Mans Prototype category with teams choosing to use either the Ligier JS P320 or Duqueine M30-D08 chassis, all powered by the same Nissan V8 engine. The number panels are purple for the 10 car strong LMP3 grid. The driver line ups are a mixture of professional and amateur drivers, with many of the stars of the future choosing to compete in LMP3 as the first step on the long ladder to the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Adam Ali and Matt Bell became the first driver crew to win two races this season, adding the win in Belgium to the victory at Imola in July in the no11 Eurointernational Ligier-Nissan. The Anglo-Canadian pairing extended their lead to 14 points on 77 points, with Round 2 winners RLR MSport, with drivers Michael Jensen, Gael Julien and Nick Adcock on 63 points in second place overall.

Eleven cars will contest the LMGT3 category and will see Ferrari, Aston Martin, Porsche, and Lamborghini go head-to-head. The number panels on the LMGT3 cars is orange. The LMGT3 title race is very close, with a single point splitting the top two cars and 24 points covering the top 9 cars, with 52 points still to be won in the final two races of the 2024 season. There is plenty of Italian interest in the LMGT3 category, with three cars and three drivers racing at home in Mugello.

Swiss team Racing Spirit of Leman moved to the top of championship standings on 53 points after Casper Stevenson, Derek Deboer and Valentin Hasse Clot finished 4th in Spa-Francorchamps. The no86 GR Racing Ferrari moved up to second after the last race, with Italian drivers Davide Rigon and Ricardo Pera, with their British teammate Michael Wainwright heading to Mugello on 52 points. Italian teams Iron Lynx and Iron Dames are third and fifth in the points standings respectively.

The fans can enjoy an open paddock and are encouraged to get up close to the cars and drivers during the Pit and Grid walks during the weekend. We hope you will enjoy the 4 Hours of Mugello, Round 5 of the 2024 European Le Mans Series.





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Total length

**5.245 KILOMETERS** 

Track width:

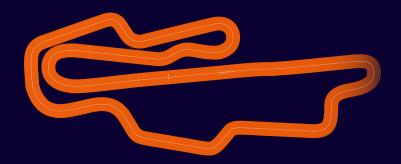
**BETWEEN 9 & 14 METERS** 

Longest straight:

1.141 KILOMETERS

Pit lane:

332 METERS



**15 TURNS** 





9 Right turns



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# **THURSDAY**

# **PRIVATE TESTS**

FOR ALL CATEGORIES

# **FRIDAY**

# **FREE PRACTICE 1**

90 MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

# **BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TESTS**

30MIN SESSION DEDICATED FOR BRONZE DRIVERS

# **SATURDAY**

# FREE PRACTICE 2

90 MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

# **QUALIFYING SESSIONS**

10MIN FOR EACH CATEGORIES

■ LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE

# **SUNDAY**

# **4 HOURS RACE**

AND PODIUM CEREMONIES FOR EACH CATEGORIES

■ LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE

# TIMETABLE PROLOGUE

# **TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024**

14:00	14:00 18:00 ELMS		ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Organisation office	
14:00	18:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Scrutineering bay	

# **WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

08:00	14:00	ELMS	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
09:00	12:00	ELMS	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Organisation office	
09:00	17:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Organisation office	
13:00	20:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
17:00	20:00	ALLSERIES	TRACKWALK	Track	180'

# **THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024**

08:00	09:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
09:00	09:15	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ONLY FOR LMP2 & LMP2 PRO/AM	Track	15'
09:00	10:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
09:15	10:40	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ALL CATEGORIES		85'
10:40	10:55	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ONLY FOR LMP3 & LMGT3		15'
11:00	13:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER	Track	120'
13:00	14:00	Track break			
13:00	18:00	Porsche Carrera Cup France	SCRUTINEERING	PCCF Paddock	
13:00	18:00	Ligier European Series	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Organisation office	
14:00	14:15	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ONLY FOR LMP3 & LMGT3	Track	15'
14:00	17:00	Ligier European Series	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
14:15	16:40	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ALL CATEGORIES		145'
16:30	18:00	Porsche Carrera Cup France	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	PCCF Hospitality	
16:40	16:55	ELMS	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER - ONLY FOR LMP2 & LMP2 PRO/AM		15'
17:00	18:00	Michelin Le Man Cup	COLLECTIVE TEST ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTER	Track	60'
18:15		ELMS	TEAM MANAGERS & DRIVERS BRIEFING	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
18:15	19:30	ELMS	EXTRICATION EXERCISE	Pit Lane	
18:15	20:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
18:15	20:15	ALL SERIES	TRACKWALK	Track	120'
19:00		Michelin Le Mans Cup	TEAM MANAGERS & DRIVERS BRIEFING	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
19:45		Ligier European Series	TEAM MANAGERS & DRIVERS BRIEFING	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	



# **TIMETABLE**

# FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024

07:30	08:00	ELMS	TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
08:00		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:00	08:30	ELMS	PIT LANE MARSHALS MEETING	Briefing Room - Staircase A - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	30'
08:00	09:00	Porsche Carrera Cup France	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	PCCF Hospitality	
08:00	09:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
08:15		ELMS	RACE DIRECTOR INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
09:00	09:40	Ligier European Series	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	40'
09:30		Porsche Carrera Cup France	TEAM MANAGERS & DRIVERS BRIEFING	Briefing Room - Staircase A - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	40'
09:50	10:50	Michelin Le Mans Cup	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	60'
10:00	11:00	Ligier European Series	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
11:00	11:40	Porsche Carrera Cup France	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	40'
11:50	13:20	ELMS	FREE PRATICE 1	Track	90'
13:20	13:50	Track break			30'
13:50	14:30	Ligier European Series	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	40'
14:40	15:20	Michelin Le Mans Cup	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	40'
15:30	16:10	Porsche Carrera Cup France	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	40'
16:20	16:50	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	30'
17:00	17:15	Ligier European Series	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	Track	15'
17:20	17:35	Ligier European Series	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	Track	15'
17:45	18:45	Michelin Le Mans Cup	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	60'
18:00	19:00	Ligier European Series	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
18:45	19:45	Michelin Le Mans Cup	REFUELING AND TYRES CHAGE TEST	Track	60'
18:50	19:20	Safety Car Exercise		Track	30'
19:00	20:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	

# **TIMETABLE**

# **SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2024**

07:45	08:15	ELMS	TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
08:00	09:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
08:15		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:30		ELMS	RACE DIRECTIOR INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
09:00	10:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
09:00	10:00	Ligier European Series	RACE 1	Race 1	60'
10:10	11:40	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	90'
11:50	12:20	Porsche Carrera Cup France	QUALIFYING SESSION	Track	30'
12:30	12:45	Michelin Le Mans Cup	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3	Track	15'
12:55	13:10	Michelin Le Mans Cup	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	Track	15'
13:20		Michelin Le Mans Cup	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
13:30	14:30	Ligier European Series	RACE 2	Race 2	60'
15:00		Ligier European Series	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
14:40	14:55	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMGT3	Track	15'
15:05	15:20	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	Track	15'
15:30	15:45	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2 PROAM	Track	15'
15:55	16:10	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2	Track	15'
16:30	14:40	ELMS	QUALIFYING PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
16:20		Porsche Carrera Cup France	PITS OPEN		
16:25		Porsche Carrera Cup France	PITS CLOSED		
16:30		Porsche Carrera Cup France	GREEN FLAG		
16:35	17:05	Porsche Carrera Cup France	RACE 1	Race 3	30'
17:44		Michelin Le Mans Cup	GREEN FLAG	2 formation laps	
17:50	19:40	Michelin Le Mans Cup	RACE	Race 4	110'
19:55		Michelin Le Mans Cup	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1st floor	
20:00		Michelin Le Mans Cup	PADDOCK DISMANTLING ALLOWED	Paddock	
20:00		Ligier European Series	PADDOCK DISMANTLING ALLOWED	Paddock	
20:00		ELMS	TOP 4 STARTING DRIVERS OF EACH CATEGORY	Briefing Room - Staircase A - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	30'
20:00	21:30	ALL SERIES	TRACKWALK	Track	90'

# **TIMETABLE**

# **SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024**

07:30	08:00	ELMS	TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
08:00		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:00	09:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	
08:15		ELMS	RACE DIRECTOR INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:45		Porsche Carrera Cup France	PITS OPEN		
08:50		Porsche Carrera Cup France	PITS CLOSED		
08:55		Porsche Carrera Cup France	GREEN FLAG		
09:00	09:30	Porsche Carrera Cup France	RACE 2	Race 5	30'
09:40	10:10	ELMS	PITWALK & AUTOGRAPH SESSION		30'
10:30		ELMS	PITS OPEN		5'
10:35		ELMS	PITS CLOSED		
11:23		ELMS	1' BOARD		
11:24		ELMS	GREEN FLAG	2 formation laps	
11:30	15:30	ELMS	RACE	Race 6	4h
12:30			MOTO TRIAL SHOW - SARAH LEZITO	Fan Zone	
15:00			MOTO TRIAL SHOW - SARAH LEZITO	Fan Zone	
15:45		ELMS	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre - Staircase C - 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	

	Free Practice	Qualifying	Race
ELMS	Bronze test 30' + 2 x 90'	4 x 15' (gap 10')	4h
Michelin Le Mans Cup	Bronze test 40' + 2 x 60'	2 x 15' (gap 10')	1h50
Ligier European Series	2x40'	2 x 15' (gap 5')	2 x 60'
Porsche Carrera Cup France	2x40'	1 x 30'	2 x 30'

# PLATINIUM DRIVER

**GOLD DRIVER** 

SILVER DRIVER

**BRONZE DRIVER** 

The initial categorisation is based on the **driver's age** and **career record**. This may be adjusted in subsequent seasons according to the recorded **race pace** and **results** of the series.

# LMP2

A crew of 2 or 3 drivers must include at least one Silver or Bronze driver.

Two Platinium drivers can't be entered in the same line up.

## LMP3

A crew of 3 drivers must be made of as the following:

- 1 Gold and 2 Bronze drivers
- 2 Silver and 1 Bronze drivers
- 3 Bronze or Silver (including 1 Bronze minimum)

A crew of 2 drivers must be made of as the following:

- 1 Bronze and 1 Silver drivers - 2 Bronze drivers

# LMP2 PRO/AM

A crew of 2 or 3 drivers must include at least one Bronze driver. Two Platinium drivers cannot be entered in the same line up.

# LMGT3

A crew of 2 or 3 drivers must include at least one Bronze and one Silver driver or two Bronze drivers.

# RANKING

# **SYSTEM**

#### **POLE POSITION**

An additional point is awarded, at each competition, to the «pole position» team in each category (best time achieved by the car in each category during qualifying with the exception of additional cars), as well as to all the drivers making up the crew of the car concerned.

## POINT AWARDED AT EACH RACE

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>pts</sup>	18 <sup>pts</sup>	15 <sup>pts</sup>	12 <sup>pts</sup>	10 <sup>pts</sup>	8 <sup>pts</sup>	6 <sup>pts</sup>	4 <sup>pts</sup>	2 <sup>pts</sup>	1 <sup>pts</sup>



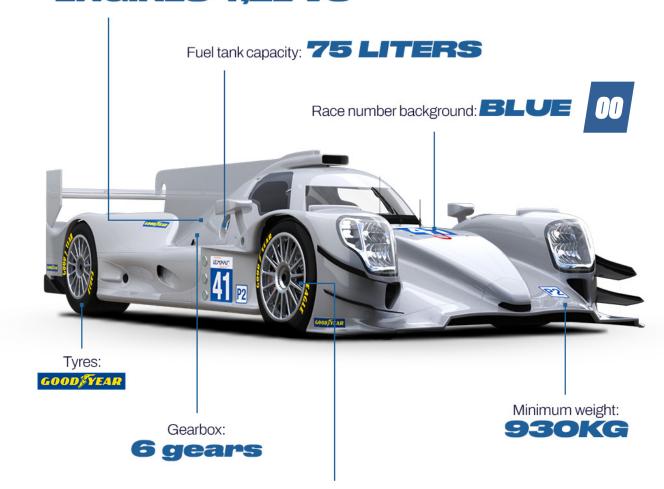
# **ELMS TOP CLASS**

# LE MANS PROTOTYPE 2

The LMP2 is a racing car with no production minimum required. It allows teams, as well as drivers, to gradually progress to the highest level. It is a closed cockpit car, destined only to teams independent of manufacturers

and/or engine suppliers. Because of their superior performances and level of technological development, they have a star status within endurance racing.

# Engine: GIBSON TECHNOLOGY ENGINES 4,2L V8



Carbon brake discs: **15" (380mm)** 



# PRO/AM

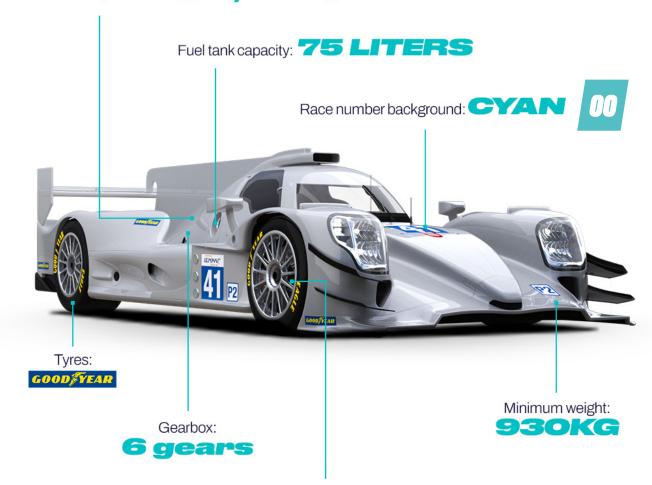
# **ELMS TOP CLASS**

LE MANS PRO/AM

In 2021, the LMP2 grid included a separate trophy and title for competitors whose cars included a bronze driver in their line-up. This was known as LMP2 Pro/Am. In a

change for the 2023 season the LMP2 Pro/Am category will be run as a separate class.

# Engine: GIBSON TECHNOLOGY ENGINES 4,2L V8



Carbon brake discs: (380mm)



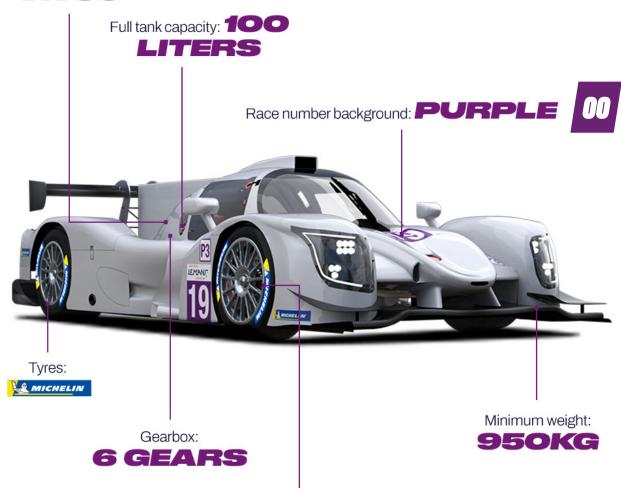
# **INTRODUCED IN 2015**

# LE MANS PROTOTYPE 3

The LMP3 class was introduced by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) in 2015 and 2020 will mark the introduction of the new generation of LMP3. Four

manufacturers have been selected to help the ACO take the class forward: Ligier, Duqueine Engineering, Ginetta and Adess.

# Engine: **NISSAN VK 56**



Steel discs:

355.6MM



# **INTRODUCED IN 2024**

# LE MANS GRAND TOURISME 3

The LMGT3 category, known as Le Mans Cup Grand Touring Car, is a set of regulations maintained by the ACO and the FIA for Grand Tourer race cars designed for use in the ACO/FIA motor racing series. LMGT3 cars are based on production road car models that are built and sold at the time of homologation.

Fuel tank Capacity:



GOOD YEAR

# THE TITLE IS IN SIGHT FOR ADAM ALI

2023 ELMS LMP3 Vice Champion Adam Ali has been putting all the lessons the Canadian has learned last year to good use and is currently top of the LMP3 points standings alongside his Eurointernational teammate Matthew Richard Bell with two races remaining.

So far this year the team have taken three podiums, including two wins in Imola and Spa-Francorchamps and is leading the title race by 14 points.





# So how would Adam Ali sum up the season so far?

"The high point of the season would certainly be our win at home in Imola", he said. "We entered the race fifth in the championship and needed a strong result to stay in contention. So, not only securing the first victory of the season there but also taking the lead in the championship was quite special.

"The low of the season was at Paul Ricard. We led for most of the event, but an untimely safety car allowed three cars to make one less fuel stop than us, taking away a sure win."

All of the other LMP3 cars on the grid have three drivers, with Eurointernational electing to run a two-man crew for the second season in a row. "The reason for this was simply because we did the same last year," Ali admitted. "Having one season already under our belts together has made it a much easier season for everyone in the team.

"Also, having only two drivers means Matt and I get more lap time testing than other teams, which also gives us a better chance to learn the circuits."

# Does this decision also help with the constancy between last season and this?

"I'd definitely say so. As mentioned before, having no changes in the team and being familiar with all the engineers and crew have made a massive difference in our performance as a team. Keeping this the same from last year, unlike most of our competitors, certainly seems to be paying off!"



Mugello is the second home track on the 2024 ELMS calendar for Italian team Eurointernational and the first time the series has visited the Tuscan circuit. How has the team prepared for the new race?

"We just competed at Mugello to help us prepare for the ELMS round," Adam Ali said. "I think the track is going to provide some very hard racing in the LMP3 category, especially if there is some rain in the forecast. Overall, having this Italian circuit next should play into our hands, given that our team has more running here than most."

# With one eye on the title, how will the team approach the race in Mugello?

"We don't plan to make any changes. As always, we try to keep the car safe and

consistent during the four-hour races. We've always found that the car has good long run pace, so as long as we keep this up for the remaining rounds, we should be in strong contention for the end of the season."





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Ried J. - Capietto M. - Cairoli M.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

## **#10** VECTOR SPORT

Cullen R. - Richelmi S. - Pilet P.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

#### **#14** AOBYTF

Edgar J. - Delétraz L. - Kubica R.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

#### **#22 UNITED AUTOSPORTS** \*\*

Ugran F. - Sato M. - Hanley B.



Oreca 07 - Gibson



**#23 UNITED AUTOSPORTS** 

Oreca 07 - Gibson

# **#25** ALGARVE PRO RACING

Kaiser M. - Caldwell O. - Lynn A.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

GOOD YEAR

GOOD YEAR

GOOD YEAR



#### **#27 NIELSEN RACING**

Pedersen B. - Stevens W.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

#### **#28 IDEC SPORT**

Garg B. - Scherer F. - Di Resta P.

Pino N. - De Gerus R. - Van Ultert J.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

#### **#30** DUQUEINE TEAM

Koolen N. - Simmenauer J.B. - Allen J.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

### #34 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION —

Gray O. - Novalak C. - Ghiotto L.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

# #37 COOL RACING

Fluxa L. - Jakobsen M. - Miyata R.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

## #43 INTEREUROPOL COMPETITION =

Alvarez S. - Lomko V. - Dillmann T.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

#### #47 COOL RACING

Bennett C. - Habsburg F. - Vesti F.



Oreca 07 - Gibson

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## #65 PANIS RACING

Maldonado M. - Milesi C. - Leclerc A.

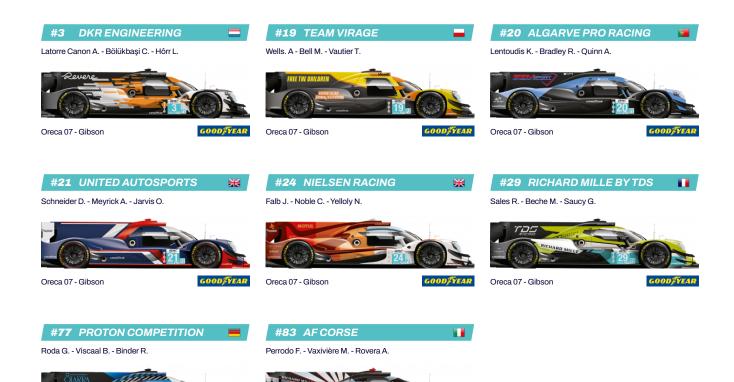


Oreca 07 - Gibson

GOOD FYEAR

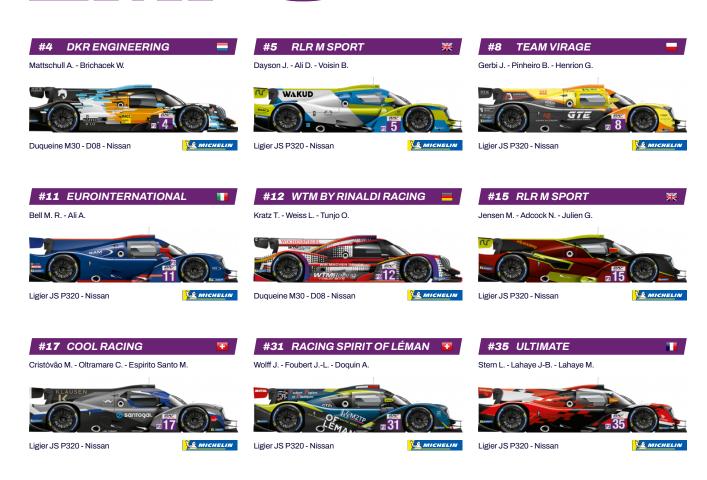


# SPOTTER GUIDE PRO/AM





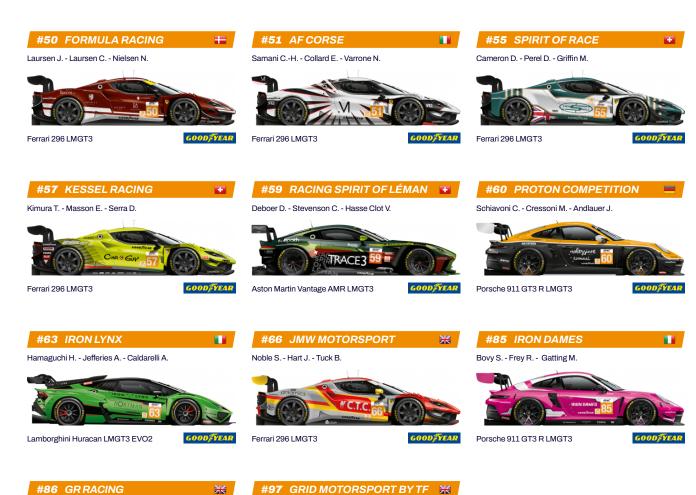
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Ligier JS P320 - Nissan

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# LE MANS CUP







# The Michelin Le Mans Cup is once again proving to be the place to be for amateur and

The Michelin Le Mans Cup is once again proving to be the place to be for amateur and young professional drivers looking to gain valuable experience in endurance racing. The 2024 season has attracted a strong mix of young talent and experienced drivers, with 38 LMP3 and GT3 cars ready fight for the podium in the first ever MLMC race at Mugello.

The grid is divided into two classes: LMP3 and GT3 with the race lasting 1 hour and 50 minutes. Each driver must drive for at least 45 minutes, with a mandatory timed pitstop at the midpoint of the race. All cars in the Le Mans Prototype 3 category are built according to the ACO LMP3 technical regulations, with four different chassis to choose from: Ligier, Duqueine, Adess and Ginetta, with Ligier and Duqueine being the chassis of choice for all teams this season. The LMP3 grid will see 27 cars lining up for the race on Saturday, with 25 Ligier JS P320 against 3 Duqueine M30-D08.

Reigning Michelin Le Mans Cup champions COOL Racing are leading the way after the race at Spa-Francorchamps last month, but the top three cars are split by just 9.5 points with 52 points still to be won in Italy and next month in Portugal.

Le Castellet winners David Droux and Adrien Chila lead the LMP3 standings, with the no97 COOL Racing Ligier on 49.5 points. They are just 8.5 points ahead of their nearest rivals Fabien Michal and Hadrien David in the all French no85 R-ace GP, with Barcelona race winners Jens Moller and Tommy Foster, racing for Danish team High Class Racing, on 40 points.

The GT3 grid in Barcelona will feature 11 cars from 5 different manufacturers – Aston Martin, Audi, Ferrari, Lamborghini and Porsche.

AF Corse, with Matt Kurzejewski and Alessandro Balzan won the first two races in Spain and France, took two further podium finishes at Road To Le Mans and a second placed finish in Belgium. The American teammates hold a comfortable 27 points lead at the head of the GT3 in the no51 AF Corse Ferrari 296 GT3 on 82.5 points.

Their AF Corse teammates Custodio Toledo and Riccardo Agostini took their first win of the season at Spa-Francorchamps in the no88 Ferrari 296 to head to Mugello in second overall in the championship standings.

The two Kessel Racing Ferraris are third and fourth with the no74 Ferrari of Andrew Gilbert and Fran Rueda Mateos in third on 53.5 points, 2 points behind the second placed car, and 12 points ahead of the sister car of David Cleto Fumanelli and Frederic Jousset. The friendly and welcoming paddock offers open access for the thousands of fans to get up close and enjoy the Michelin Le Mans Cup, with both the qualifying and race taking place on Saturday 28 September.



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Swiss driver David Droux is no stranger to challenging circumstances during his career and the last race at Spa-Francorchamps certainly was one the most challenging for himself and COOL Racing teammate Adrien Chila, but the team head to Mugello still at the top of the championship standings with two races remaining.

Adrien Chila was forced to take avoiding action in the first corner of the race in Belgium, dropping the French driver

down to 25th in the opening lap. This began a long fight back up the order, with David Droux taking the chequered flag in 9th overall and two championship points.

The only silver lining to a disappointing result was the fact that their nearest rivals in the championship also failed to score points and they currently hold an 8.5 point advantage at the top of the standings.



## DAVID DROUX LASER FOCUSED ON THE TASK AHEAD

"We made too many mistakes on different aspects in Spa, which was really frustrating", Droux admitted. "Luckily it was also a complicated weekend for our opponents, so there is still everything to play for in the last two races of the season."

The team have already tasted the victory champagne this season, but they know they have to be consistent to win the title. So, is there going to be any change in strategy for the race in Italy?

"Our victory in Le Castellet was definitely a great weekend for us and also the race where we took that lead." the 2022 Asian Le Mans Series LMP2 Vice Champion said. "Our goal in Mugello is to do our race and stay focused on what

we have to do. I have full confidence in my teammate and my team to deliver our best."

Mugello is a new circuit on the Michelin Le Mans Cup calendar and will provide a new challenge for the whole 38 car grid.

### So, what are David Droux's thoughts on the first race on the Tuscan circuit?

"It's always exciting to race on a new track! Mugello is definitely a challenging track, with high-speed corners and most of the time the weather is hot, which make tyre management an important aspect. I'm sure it will be a great race to watch for the fans."





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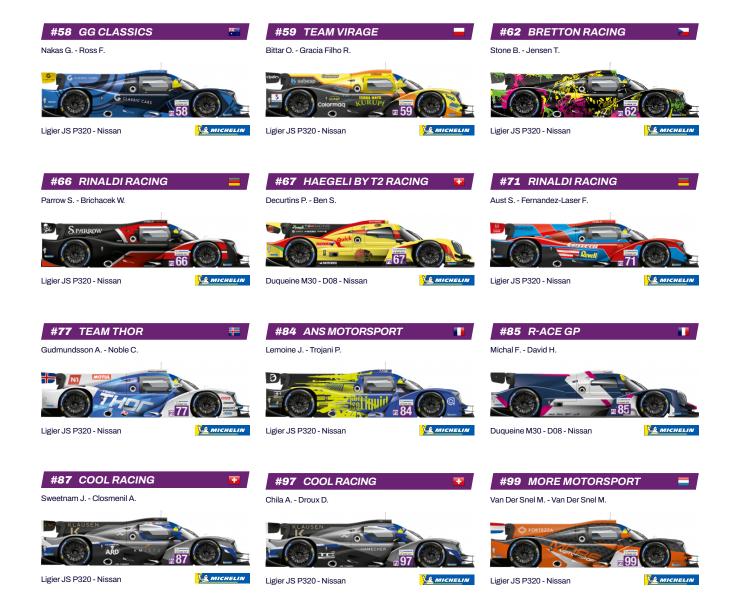
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# MUGELLO HEAT: 21 CARS ENTERED FOR ROUND FIVE OF THE SEASON

The Ligier European Series heads to Italy for the fifth Heat of the 2024 season on 27-28 September at the Mugello circuit. It will be a first for the series at the 5.245 km long Italian circuit, renowned for being highly technical with slow corners, high-speed bends, and heavy braking. Twenty-one competitors will compete in this penultimate round of the season. The stakes will be high, and victory will be crucial in the title race.





# JS P4 category: 13 cars in contention for victory

The JS P4 category features 13 entries for this Italian round. Monza Garage is among the Italian teams in the JS P4 category and is keen to impress its home crowd with the #71 driven by Chun-Ting Chou and James Winslow. Another local team, LR Motorsport, is back after competing at Le Mans last June. Its #81 Ligier JS P4 will be driven by two Italian, Jacopo Mazza, who returns to the series after a complete campaign in 2023, and Manuel Quondamcarlo, an Italian F4 driver of 17 years old.

Another change in the category will see Jordan Meyer in the #16 of Pegasus Racing, replacing Yuki Tanaka. The Frenchman is no stranger to the Ligier European Series, having raced several times in previous seasons in the Ligier JS2 R, always with the French team. However, this will be his first in the JS P4 category. Romanian team Smart Driving will also be back in the championship with its #3 Ligier JS P4 driven by Alin Fulga, with a second driver yet to be confirmed.

In the championship standings, with three wins this season, two in Barcelona and one at Le Castellet, the Team Virage #1 Ligier JS P4 of Haydn Chance and Theo Micouris leads with 128 points. Next comes the #6 ANS Motorsport Ligier JS P4 (118 points) driven by Iko Segret, which moved into second place thanks to its victory in race two at Spa-Francorchamps. RLR MSport, with its #77 and driver Ian Aguilera, winner of race one of the Belgian round, is third with 99 points. Inter Europol Competition (#7 Ligier JS P4) and Team Virage (#66 Ligier JS P4) are just behind with 77 and 75 points, respectively.





Sita Vanmeert, in the #86 of Les Deux Arbres, will team with Ligier European Series newcomer Ryan Shehan. The Austin Texas native was the runner-up in the 2023 FR Americas Championship with his Ligier JS F3 #66 of Crosslink Kiwi Motorsport. This will be his first GT race. Cindy Gudet returns to the #53 M Racing Ligier JS2 R after missing last month's race at Spa-Francorchamps. Lastly, Louis Stern will partner Gwenaël Delomier in the #18 of Pegasus Racing. Although the French driver is new to the series, he is familiar with the Ligier JS2 R, having competed in the 500 Nocturnes de l'Anneau du Rhin with Pegasus Racing finishing fourth overall and third in GT3.

In the championship standings, the #31 ANS Motorsport, driven by Clément Moreno and the #29 Pegasus Racing duo of Julien Schell and David Caussanel, are tied on 123 points, followed by the #18 of Pegasus Racing and Louis Stern, just 15 points behind. The race for the 2024 title promises to be a cracking one, and Mugello Heat will be extremely hard-fought!

#### **Mugello Heat program**

The on-track action kicks off on Friday 27 September at 9 am with the first free practice session. The second practice session will start at 1:50 in the afternoon, followed by the two 15-minute qualifying sessions at 5 pm and 5:20 pm. The two Mugello Heat races will be run on Saturday, 28 September, from 9 to 10 am and 1:30 to 2:30 pm and will be streamed live on the championship's digital platforms.







# **CATEGORIES**

A sport-prototype category with the Ligier P4. A GT category with the Ligier JS2R.

# **WEEKEND FORMAT**

A weeked in the Ligier European Series is: Two 40-minute free practice sessions Two 15-minute qualifying sessions Two one-hour races.





















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