

MEC 2019-2020 MEDIA GUIDE





On behalf of the FIA, welcome to Season 8 of the World Endurance Championship, the first time the WEC starts in September and concludes at the 24 Hours of Le Mans next June. The partnership and close working relationship between the ACO and FIA continues to provide a strong and stable base that has allowed the championship to evolve and grow since its introduction in 2012.

The 2019/20 season is the final one for the LMP1 category. We are pleased to welcome back Toyota, the Japanese manufacturer remaining in the category to develop their hybrid power system. Toyota has been joined by two private teams in the top endurance category. Endurance racing has always allowed manufacturers and private teams to compete against each other and with the new regulations in place to equalise the performance of the different technologies, the new season promises to be very interesting.

In 2017 the LMGTE Pro category became a full FIA World Championship, with Ferrari being the first recipient of the title. In June 2019 Porsche took the honours and returned to take up the challenge from Ferrari and Aston Martin over the eight races across Europe, Asia, North America, South America and the Middle East.

With strong numbers and top-level teams and drivers, in both the LMP2 and LMGTE Am classes, the grid for the 2019/20 season is looking very good.

Season 8 of the FIA WEC will see a return to Bahrain and Sao Paulo alongside Silverstone, Fuji, Shanghai, Sebring, Spa-Francorchamps and Le Mans, which all featured on last season's calendar. Held on five different continents, the WEC is a true 'world' championship. The season finale will be at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the perfect conclusion to the FIA World Endurance Championship season.

The WEC teams and drivers continue to be great supporters of the FIA Action for Road Safety Campaign. This year we will continue to work together to increase awareness of the importance of road safety and help reduce the number of deaths that we see on our roads each and every day.

I am sure that the FIA World Endurance Championship will continue to provide an impressive spectacle on the world stage, and I look forward to following the championship from now until Le Mans next June.

With best wishes

JEAN TODT











The challenge and range of emotions offered by endurance racing is unique in motorsport. We all feel them, and we all see them, season after season.

The 8th edition of the FIA World Endurance Championship will bring to us all another range of glorious moments in which teams, drivers and technicians will entertain and fascinate us all. This human element of endurance racing is vital to communicate with our existing and future audiences.

Hypercars will soon be with us, and there is one final season to enjoy of Hybrid and non-Hybrid LMP1 racing. This is an era of racing which will go down in history as both memorable and intoxicating.

Through the strong working partnership that exists between the FIA and the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, the WEC remains at the pinnacle of endurance racing championships. One of the most pleasing aspects of our work is to witness the evolution of entrants and new driving talent through the European Le Mans Series, Michelin Le Mans Cup and Asian Le Mans Series to world championship level.

The 24 Hours of Le Mans remains as the pinnacle of all our championships, attracting the crème de la crème of endurance talent across the world. The expansion of the grid to an impressive 62 starters in 2019 illustrates the deep affinity and desire that competitors have to take on one of the greatest tests and challenges in racing.

As always, the ACO backs and supports new technology and new mobility initiatives which is why we have actively promoted the Hydrogen powertrain which demonstrated its capabilities in recent months. We will continue to ensure relevancy in the automotive industry, it is vital that we do so for the future of our sport.

The ACO looks forward to your continued support during Season 8 and beyond, into a new dawn in 2020-21 when Hypercar regulations arrive. We look forward to seeing you all in June at Le Mans for the grand finale to this magnificent season, at which time we will not only crown our winners of the greatest endurance race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, but also celebrate our World Champions.

PIERRE FILLON



President of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest





Since it was introduced in 2012, the FIA World Endurance Championship has continued to evolve and adapt to the changes in our sport and in the wider automotive world.

As the President of the FIA Endurance Commission I have the privilege of working with an eminent group of people from a variety of backgrounds, both from the FIA and the ACO, who ensure that the regulations provides a platform that will attract the top manufacturers, teams and drivers and keep the WEC at the forefront of world motor sport.

The 2019/20 FIA World Endurance Championship will continue to offer great sporting entertainment while providing a platform for manufacturers and sponsors to market their brand to a global audience.

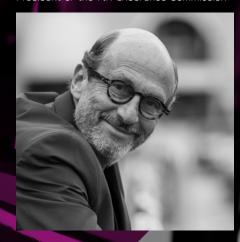
This season is the final one for the LMP1 class, as we look forward to the new Hypercar class that will be introduced in 2020. This year's regulations, developed jointly by the FIA and ACO, will provide a playing field that will be as level as possible to allow manufacturers and private teams to compete against each other on each of the eight venues we will visit and provide a great spectacle for the final season of these incredible cars.

As we approach the start of the new campaign we are looking forward to a calendar that will begin at Silverstone and conclude at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, with some fantastic circuits around the world in between. I am sure Season 8 will continue to underline the FIA World Endurance Championship's position as the world's greatest sportscar series.

RICHARD MILLE



President of the FIA Endurance Commission





Everyone involved in the organisation of the WEC wishes you a very warm welcome to Season 8 which promises to be a great 10 months of racing for our competitors, fans and, of course, the media, with one of the greatest sporting events in the world, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, as the grand finale to our 8-race season.

We have an entry list which includes some of the biggest and best-known manufacturers in the world and teams who know how to compete with excellence, sportsmanship and a competitive spirit which knows no limit.

Our teams, partners and stakeholders have a unique stage on which to compete, at premier race circuits around the world. We are proud to return for the 8th consecutive time to well-established favourites such as Silverstone, Fuji, Shanghai and Spa, and of course once again to Sebring in the USA. Super Sebring in March 2019, with our friends from IMSA, was one of the highlights of the Super Season and everyone is excited about the second joint edition in March 2020.

This season we will also be returning to two further favourites in South America and the Middle East which respond to the appeal of competitors, partners and fans – São Paulo and Bahrain. With Le Mans as the crescendo and grand finale next June, we can't wait to be at each and every one of these venues.

An innovation for Season 8 will be the change in length to some races, with a varied calendar of 4-hour races, 6, 8 and, of course, the grand finale of 24 hours. Each suits the market we are racing in, it mixes up strategy and unpredictability, and we are confident that this mix of different race formats will be a success.

While some things change, our core values at the WEC do not. We are committed to provide a championship that it is technological, competitive, innovative, exciting and global, and of course these are values which are important to the media as well.

To help you, you will find in this online guide information about the 2019-2020 FIA World Endurance Championship including an entry list, circuit information, statistics on past seasons and records and video highlights. You will also find contact details for our Media and Communications Department who are all ready to help you in whatever way possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our races during 2019 and 2020. Welcome to the World Endurance Championship, welcome to our world of pure motorsport.

GÉRARD NEVEU



CEO World Endurance Championship



CALENDAR SEASON 8 2019-2020

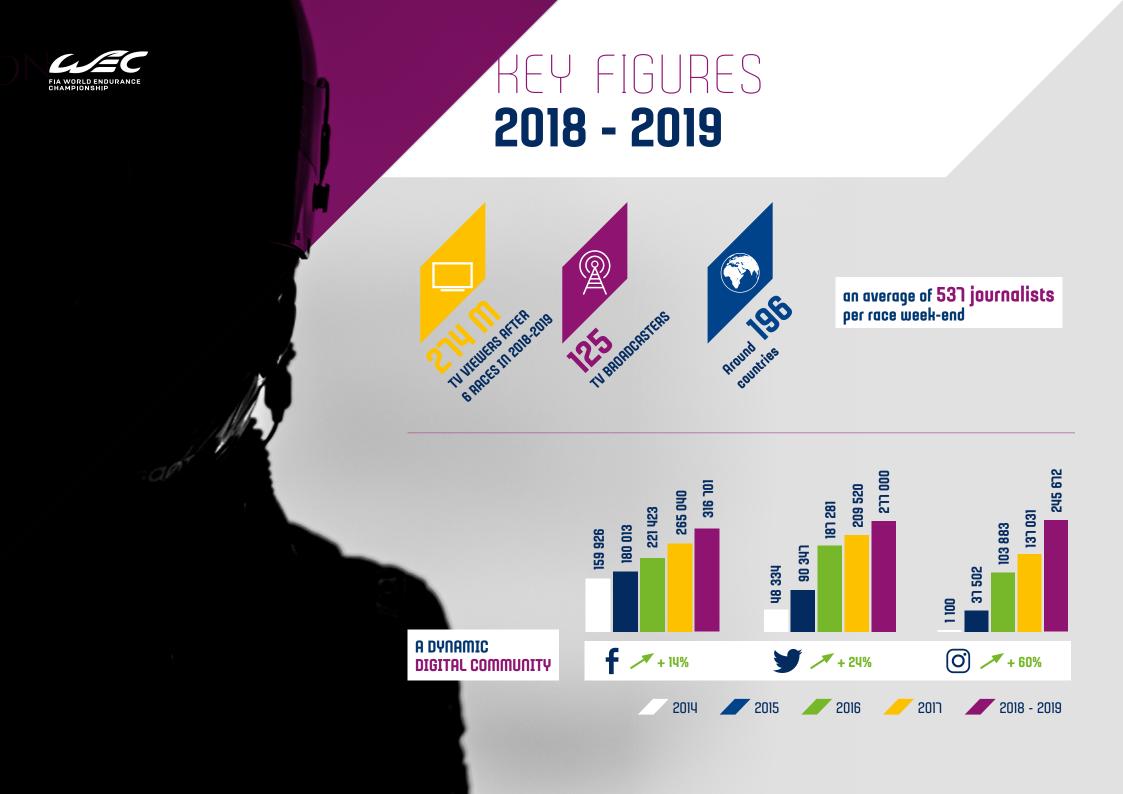






24 HOURS OF LE MANS













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YELLOW PANEL

LENGTH 4.56M MAX

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TOYOTA GAZOO Racing

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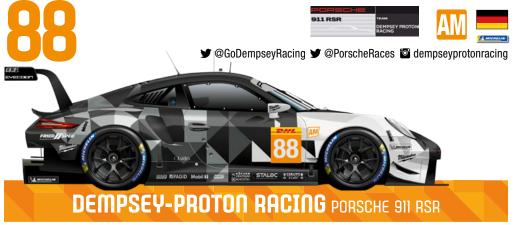






















HOURS OF SILVERSTONE

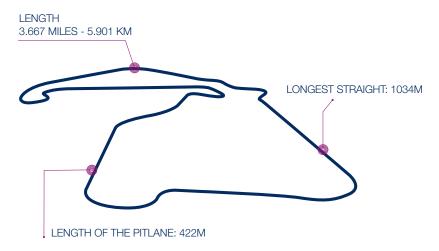
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WINNERS 2018



BECHE/LAURENT/MENEZES, #3 REBELLION R13 GIBSON



60 240 SPECTATORS IN 2018



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Timezone GMT

Convenient Airport:

London Heathrow (LHR) 115 km London Luton (LTN) 67 km London City (LCY) 135 km Birmingham (BHX) 87 km

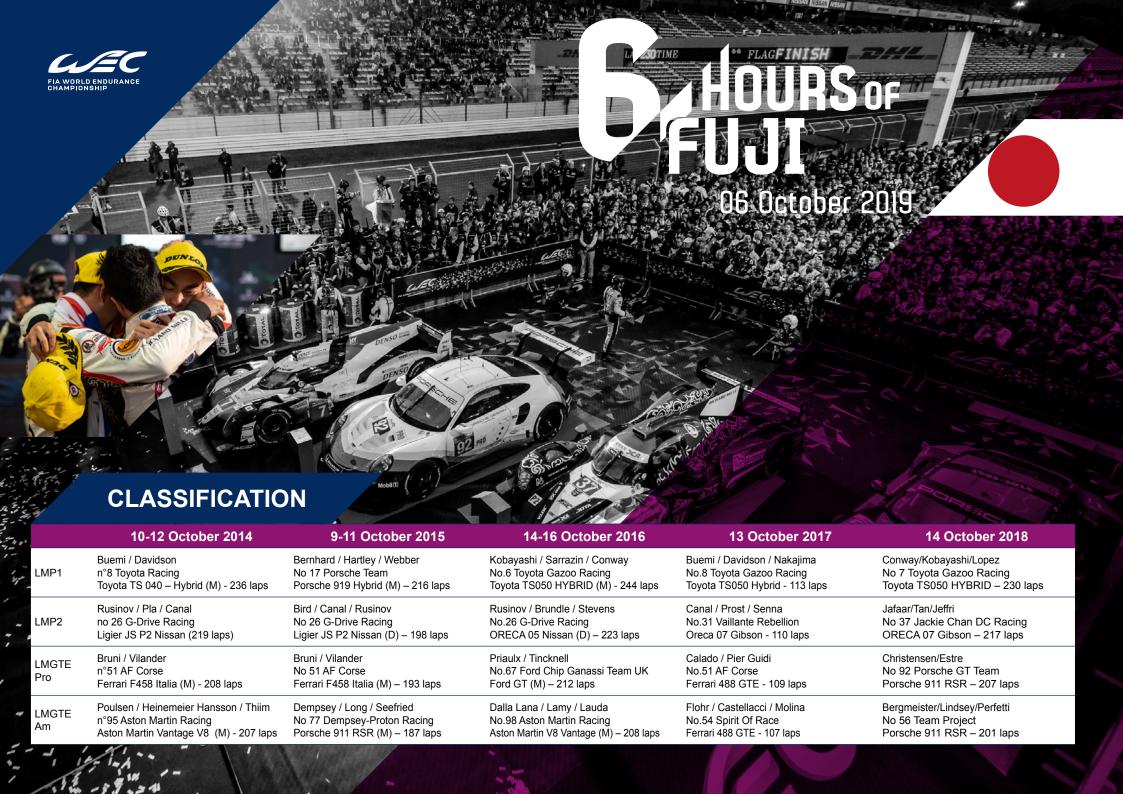
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Average Rainfall: 60 mm Language: English











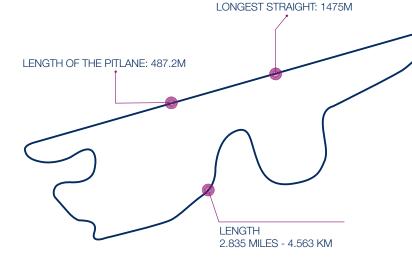
06 October 2019



WINNERS 2018



CONWAY/KOBAYASHI/LOPEZ #7 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



SPECTATORS IN 2018

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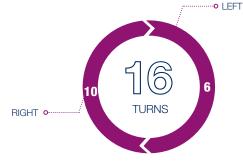
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RACE DISTANCE COVERED

1049,86 KM BY #7 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRID

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Tokyo Narita (NRT) 170 km Tokyo Haneda (HND) 105 km

Language: Japanese

Currency: Japanese Yen

Average Temperature: 20°/16°C Average Rainfall: 152 mm

Porsche 911 RSR - 1:38.336 LMGTE PRO -SØRENSEN/THIIM

No 95 Aston Martin Racing Aston Martin Vantage – 1:36.093

LMP2 -

GONZALEZ/MALDONADO/DAVIDSON No 31 DragonSpeed ORECA 07 Gibson - 1:28.906

LMP1 -

BUEMI/NAKAJIMA/ALONSO No 8 Toyota Gazoo Racing Toyota TS050 HYBRID – 1:23.648

> POLE POSITION 2018 BY CATEGORY



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No.98 Aston Martin Racing

Aston Martin V8 Vantage (M) – 166 laps Aston Martin V8 Vantage - 166 laps

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No 83 AF Corse

Aston Martin Vantage V8 (M) - 165 laps Ferrari F458 Italia (M) - 146 laps





10 November 2019



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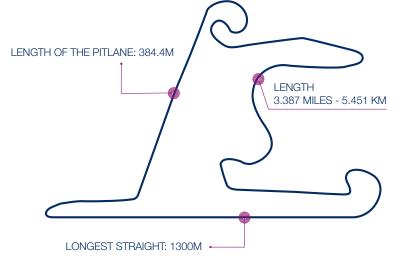
Shanghai Pudong (PVG) 72 km Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA) 25 km

Language: Mandarin Currency: Chinese RMB Average Temperature: 17°/9°C Average Rainfall: 50 mm

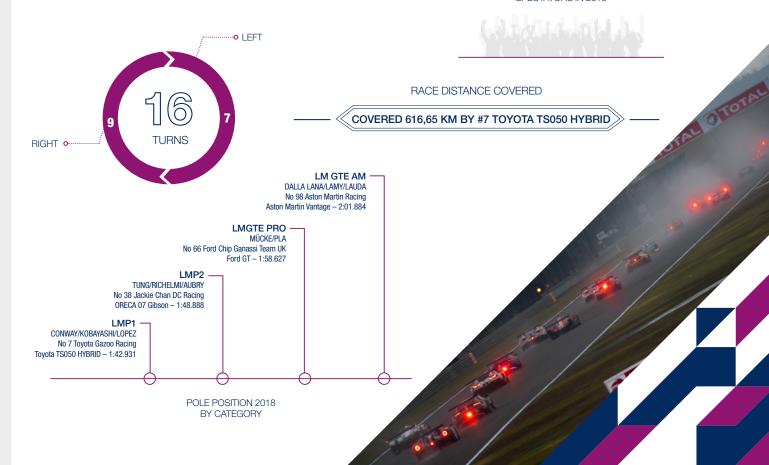
WINNERS 2018



CONWAY/KOBAYASHI/LOPEZ #7 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



45 000 SPECTATORS IN 2018











14 December 2019



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Convenient Airport:

Bahrain International (BAH) 41km

Language: Arabic

Currency: Bahraini Dinar

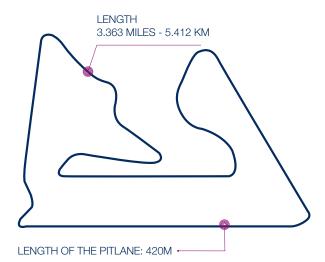
Average Temperature: 28°/21°C

Average Rainfall: 3 mm

WINNERS 2017



BUEMI/DAVIDON/NAKAJIMA #8 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



SPECTATORS IN 2017





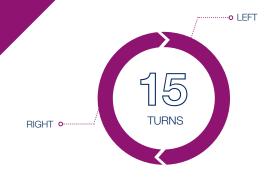


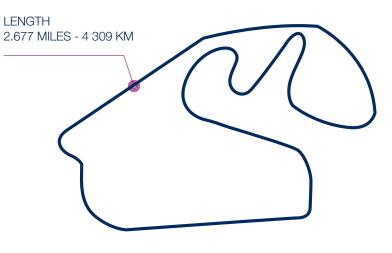


Hours of SÃO PAULO

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TRAVEL INFO

Timezone GMT +3

Convenient Airport:

Guarulhos International Airport (GRU) – 62km

Language: Portuguese Currency: Brazilian Real Average Temperature: 29/20°C Average Rainfall: 170 mm



LMGTE PRO — TURNER/MÜCKE No 97 Aston Martin Racing Aston Martin Vantage V8 - 1:30.111

RUSINOV/PLA/CANAL No 26 G-Drive Racing

Ligier JS P2 Nissan - 1:24.463

LMP2 -

LMP1 — BERNHARD/WEBBER/HARTLEY No 20 Porsche Team Porsche 919 Hybrid – 1:17.676













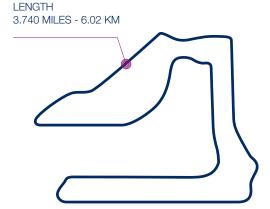
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WINNERS 2018



BUEMI/NAKAJIMA/ALONSO #8 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



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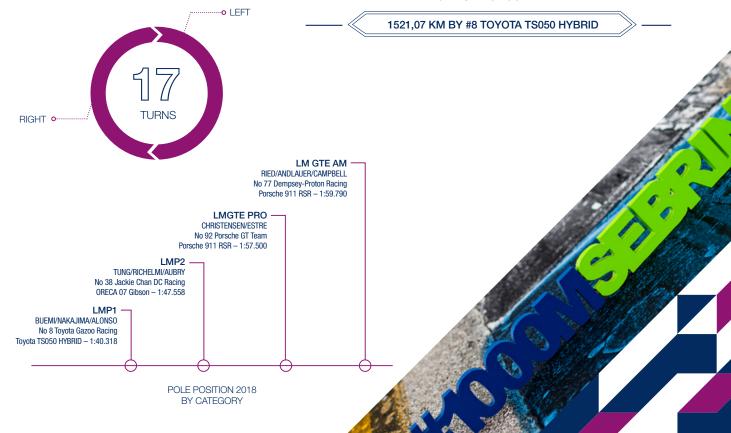
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RACE DISTANCE COVERED









TOTAL HOURS OF TOTAL SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

5 May 2018

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Brussels Zaventum (BRU) 134 km Liege Bierset (LGG) 56 km Charleroi Brussels (CRL) 132 km Dusseldorf (DUS) 144 km Maastricht (MST) 71 km

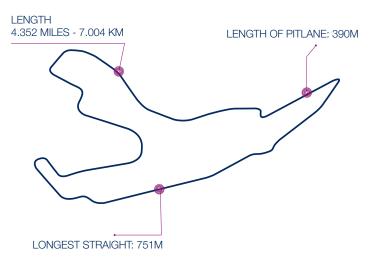
Currency: Euro

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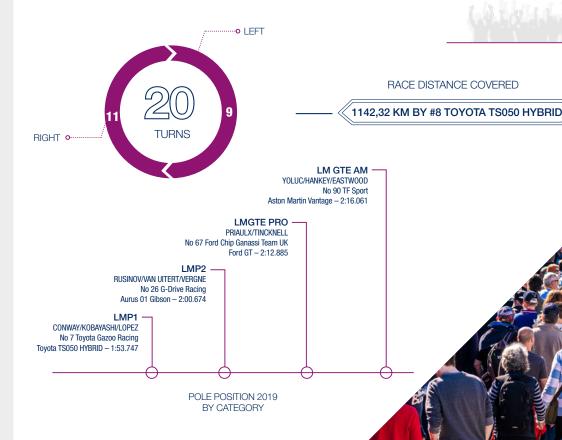
WINNERS 2019



BUEMI/NAKAJIMA/ALONSO #8 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



SPECTATORS IN 2019









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13-14 June 2020

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TRAVEL INFO

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Convenient Airport:

Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG)/ Paris Orly (ORY) 205 km Tours (TUF) 102 km Le Mans Arnage Airport (LME) opposite circuit entrance

Currency: Euro

Average Temperature: 25°/13° Average Rainfall: 49 mm

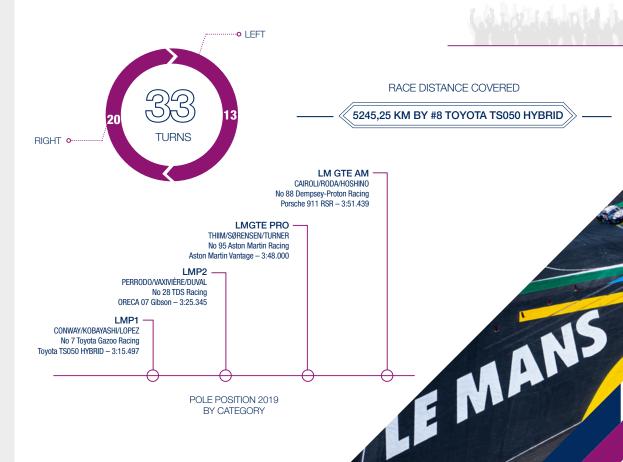
WINNERS 2019



BUEMI/NAKAJIMA/ALONSO #8 TOYOTA TS050 HYBRD



252 500 SPECTATORS IN 2019



FIA WEC SPORTING REGULATIONS:



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019-2020?

WHAT'S NEW FOR SEASON 8

There are very few changes to the 2019-2020 regulations following the Super Season, but below are some which are of interest or relevance. The full Sporting Regulations can be found HERE.

DRIVER CATEGORISATION:

Given the special features of the FIA World Endurance Championship calendar, for any driver entering a Competition for the first time in the season before 31 December 2019, the driver's categorisation that will be taken into account will be the latest one published prior to the administrative checks of the first Competition he/she is entering and will be applied until the end of the season in June 2020.

TYRE ALLOCATIONS FOR DIFFERENT LENGTH EVENTS:

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		4H RACE	6H RACE	8H RACE	10H RACE	12H RACE	24H RA	CE
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LMP1-HY	12	14	18	26	30	34	24	48
LMP1	12	14	18	26	30	34	24	48
LMP2	12	14	18	26	30	34	24	56
LMGTE PRO	12	14	18	26	30	34	28	60
LMGTE AM	16	22	26	34	38	42	28	60

WET WEATHER TYRES:

Unless specifically authorised in the present Regulations, wet weather tyres may be used only after the track has been declared 'wet' by the Clerk of the Course / Race Director. The number of wet weather tyres usable during a Competition is not limited.

BAN ON WIND TUNNEL TESTING IN THE LMP2 CATEGORY:

Competitors entering an LMP2 car are not allowed to take part in any kind of wind tunnel testing.

PIT STOPS:

Wheel change operations are not allowed during refuelling operations – all other areas of pit stops remain the same.

DRIVERS' MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DRIVING TIME:

Below are tables corresponding to the different duration of races.

	Course de 4 heures - 4 hours race				
	LMP1	LMP2	LMGTE Pro	LMGTE Am	
Minimum driving time					
Min Bronze	**	00h45	00h40	01h30	
Min Silver	00h30	00h45	00h40	00h45	
Min Gold	00h30	00h45	00h40	00h45	
Min Platinum	00h30	00h45	00h40	00h45	
Maximum driving time					
Max Bronze	**	02h45	02h45	02h45	
Max Silver	02h45	02h45	02h45	02h45	
Max Gold	02h45	02h45	02h45	02h45	
Max Platinum	02h45	02h45	02h45	02h45	

	Course de 6 heures - 6 hours race			
	LMP1	LMP2	LMGTE Pro	LMGTE Am
Minimum driving time	•		•	
Min Bronze	**	01h15	00h40	01h45
Min Silver	00h40	01h15	00h40	01h45
Min Gold	00h40	01h15	00h40	00h45
Min Platinum	00h40	01h15	00h40	00h45
Maximum driving time				
Max Bronze	**	03h30	04h30	03h30
Max Silver	04h30	03h30	04h30	03h30
Max Gold	04h30	03h30	04h30	03h30
Max Platinum	04h30	03h30	04h30	03h30

	Course de 8 heures / Course des 1000 miles de Sebring - 8 hours race / 1000 miles of Sebring race			
	LMP1	LMP2	LMGTE Pro	LMGTE Am
Minimum driving time				
Min Bronze	**	02h00	01h30	02h20
Min Silver	01h30	02h00	01h30	02h20
Min Gold	01h30	02h00	01h30	01h30
Min Platinum	01h30	02h00	01h30	01h30
Maximum driving time	limited to 04h00 for any period of 06h00			
Max Bronze	**	05h00	05h00	05h00
Max Silver	05h00	05h00	05h00	05h00
Max Gold	05h00	05h00	05h00	05h00
Max Platinum	05h00	05h00	05h00	05h00



IA WEC SPORTING REGULATIONS:



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019-2020?

POINTS ALLOCATION FOR DIFFERENT LENGTH RACES:

Position in the classification	4 hour and 6 hour races	8 hour* and 10 hour races	The 24 Hours of Le Mans	
1 st	25 points	38 points	50 points	
2 nd	18 points	27 points	36 points	
3 th	15 points	23 points	30 points	
4 th	12 points	18 points	24 points	
5 th	10 points	15 points	20 points	
6 th	8 points	12 points	16 points	
7 th	6 points	9 points	12 points	
8 th	4 points	6 points	8 points	
9 th	2 points	3 points	4 points	
10 th	1 point	2 points	2 points	
Any other classified car	0,5 point	1 point	1 point	

Read the full 2019-2020 FIA World Endurance Championship Sporting Regulations HERE





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