

PROTOS IN FORCE

After the FIA World Endurance Championship's presentation of its 2012 season, the European Le Mans Series announces its entry list.

For its first season, the European Le Mans Series, essential endurance racing Championship and main channel of the new WEC, presents a promising five category grid. The highest participation will be in the prototype category with a total of twenty entries.

Stars of the European Le Mans Series, this year, the LMP2s will dominate the track. 13 prototypes, 12 teams representing 7 nationalities, 5 chassis manufacturers and 2 engine manufacturers will be in the running for the first European Le Mans Series title. And if all the drivers have not yet been announced, those already confirmed show the quality and high level of the 2012 grid.

Among the awaited competitors: Greaves Motorsport, 24 Hours of Le Mans and Le Mans series LMP2 winner in 2011 joined by the TDS Racing, Boutsen Ginion Racing and Race Performance teams, all regularly on the podium last season. OAK Racing, with two Morgan-Judds, will also be a team to be reckoned with. Just like the young Sébastien Loeb Racing structure entering an Oreca-Nissan in LMP2 and a Formula Le Mans in LMPC.

In the LMPC category, whose tests programmed at the Paul Ricard circuit were cancelled because of snow, the number of entries will be confirmed after the upcoming sessions on 23 and 24 February. Between six and eight Formula Le Mans are already confirmed for the whole season.

The GT grid should boast some ten cars. In GTE Pro, two "factory" cars: a Porsche 911 RSR with Prospeed Competition and an Evora lined up by the Lotus team.

As of today, the new GTC category only has one full season entry. It will be joined by other GTC contestants on a race by race basis.















Finally, thanks to technical regulations shared between the European Le Mans Series and the FIA WEC, certain world championship competitors will be able to consider the possibility of participating in ELMS rounds and inversely.

In total, thirty five cars are expected in the different 2012 European Le Mans Series races.

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2012 EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES - FULL SEASON ENTRY LIST

N°	LM P2	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	13
10	PECOM RACING	ARG		D	Oreca 03 - Nissan	Luis Perez Companc (ARG)	Pierre Kaffer (DEU)	Soheil Ayari (FRA)
11	RACE PERFORMANCE	CHE		D	Oreca 03 - Judd	Jonathan Hirschi (CHE)	Michel Frey (CHE)	-
12	GREAVES MOTORSPORT	GBR		D	Zytek Z11SN - Nissan	Alex Brundle (GBR)	Lucas Ordoñez (ESP)	Tom Kimber-Smith (GBR)
14	JOTA	GBR		D	Zytek Z11SN - Nissan	Sam Hancock (GBR)	Simon Dolan (GBR)	-
15	EXTREME LIMITE ARIC	FRA		D	Norma M200P - Judd	Fabien Rosier (FRA)	TBA	-
16	BOUTSEN GINION RACING	BEL		D	Oreca 03 - Nissan	Bastien Brière (FRA)	TBA	-
17	STATUS GP	GBR		D	Lola B12/80 Coupe - Judd HK	TBA	TBA	-
18	MURPHY PROTOTYPES	IRL		D	MG Oreca 03 - Judd	Jody Firth (GBR)	Warren Hughes (GBR)	TBA
19	SEBASTIEN LOEB RACING	FRA		D	Oreca 03 - Nissan	Nicolas Marroc (FRA)	TBA	-
20	JET ALLIANCE	AUT		D	Lola B12/80 Coupe - Judd	David Heinemeier-Hansson (DAN)	Kristian Poulsen (DAN)	Lukas Lichtner-Hoyer (AUS)
24	OAK RACING	FRA		D	Morgan - Judd	Jacques Nicolet (FRA)	TBA	-
35	OAK RACING	FRA		D	Morgan - Judd	TBA	TBA	-
46	TDS RACING	ESP		D	Oreca 03 - Nissan	Mathias Beche (CHE)	Pierre Thiriet (FRA)	-
N°	LMPC	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	
Suite à annulation des tests FLM début février, la liste des engagés sera connue début mars. <i>Following the cancellation of the FLM tests beginning of February, the entry list will be announced beginning of March.</i>								
N°	LM GTE Pro	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	5
50	JMW MOTORSPORT	GBR		D	Ferrari F458 Italia	James Walker (GBR)	TBA	-
51	PROSPEED COMPETITION	BEL		M	Porsche 911 RSR (997)	TBA	TBA	-
52	JMB	FRA		M	Ferrari F458 Italia	TBA	TBA	-
53	LOTUS	GBR		M	Lotus Evora GTE	TBA	TBA	-
54	DOWNFORCE1	DEU		D	Aston Martin Vantage	TBA	TBA	-
N°	LM GTE Am	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	2
60	AF CORSE	ITA		M	Ferrari F458 Italia	Piergiuseppe Perazzini (ITA)	Marco Cioci (ITA)	TBA
61	IMSA PERFORMANCE MATMUT	FRA		M	Porsche 911 RSR (997)	Anthony Pons (FRA)	Nicolas Armindo (FRA)	Raymond Narac (FRA)
N°	GTC	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	1
70	RACEART	NDL		M	Porsche 997 GT3 Cup	Roger Grouwels (NDL)	TBA	-

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N°	LM P2	NAT	T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	2
	GUESS RACING EUROP	BEL		C	Lola B09/80 Coupé - Judd	TBA	TBA	TBA
	GUESS RACING EUROP	BEL		C	MG Lola EX265 - Judd	TBA	TBA	TBA