

# 24h MOTOS®

— LE MANS —  
29-30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

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### PIERRE FILLON

President of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest

« An Le Mans, whether you're talking cars, karts or trucks (\*), 24 Hours means more than elsewhere. Endurance racing is part of our make-up. It's our raison d'être. Here, another 24 hours isn't just another day.

On 29 and 30 August, 39 machines will line up on the Bugatti, ready to rage battle all day and all night, whatever the weather. Astride them, professional riders and amateurs, winners, world champions, world-class competitors, rookies, experts, brothers and sisters in arms, friends, French or foreign, 18-year-olds and 50-year-olds, from various sporting disciplines – all of them passionate bikers. 24 Hours of Le Mans drivers who race in closed cockpits often express their admiration for their biker counterparts.

This year's race, the 43rd, will be held against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. Third fixture in the 2019-20 FIM EWC, the 24H Motos sees six manufacturers vying for victory: Suzuki, Kawasaki, Honda, BMW, Ducati and Yamaha. Quite a line-up! The diverse grid comprises riders with equally diverse backgrounds. Increasingly, endurance motorsports are attracting competitors from other disciplines.

We at the ACO are delighted to see that the marketing work we are doing with the FIM, the FFM and Eurosport Events is paying dividends. The collaboration we began a year ago with Suzuka, another well-known circuit, is also bearing fruit.

In this peculiar year, the first 24-hour event to be held at Le Mans is on 29-30 August! Be ready for a spectacular race. »

(\*) The 24H Camions truck race does not span 24 hours.

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**JORGE VIEGAS**

**President of the Fédération Française de Motocyclisme**

« We are looking forward to the return of the 24H Motos as the third race in the FIM EWC. The first two fixtures took place in adverse weather conditions and we are hoping to be luckier at Le Mans.

The 24H Motos is a cornerstone of motorcycle racing in France. Endurance racing is becoming more and more popular around the world thanks to television broadcasting via Eurosport Events.

The passion that has been driving everyone in endurance racing, from bikers, to mechanics, team members to marshals for the past forty years, is still very much alive. There can be no doubt that the diverse line-up for the 24H Motos, with six manufacturers in the fray, will deliver the goods.

I would like to thank our promoter Eurosport Events, the ACO and the Fédération Française de Motocyclisme and everyone else who helped to organise this edition of the 24H Motos. May the event be a success.

I look forward to watching the race on 29-30 August. »

PIERRE FILLON

JORGE VIEGAS

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**JACQUES BOLLE****President of the Fédération Française de Motocyclisme**

« In 2020, this strange year, the 24H Motos remains a major motorcycle event. Each year, bikers flock to the track for 24 hours of revelry – a celebration of motorcycling and a major milestone in the World Endurance Championship. We are delighted that despite the worldwide health crisis, the race is attracting the attention it deserves.

The 24H Motos is a spectacular race, in which world-class participants vie for a trophy. This year there is even a sixth manufacturer in the mix.

But the 24H Motos isn't just a 24-hour race. This event reveals human nature at its best: sharing, passion, grit and perseverance. These values see people come back time and again. So often, it's not the best machine that wins, it's the best team.

I take my hat off to the Automobile Club de l'Ouest and all the marshals whose passion and commitment ensure that we can enjoy the event, year after year. I wish everyone a wonderful race. »

PIERRE FILLON

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### FRANÇOIS RIBEIRO

Head of Operations, Eurosport Events  
FIM EWC Promoter

« The 24H Motos comes in the second half of this somewhat jumbled season of the FIM EWC.

With 65 points up for grabs, the fixture is a major one for championship competitors. Current leader Suzuki Endurance Racing Team has a slim 15-point lead over the new BMW Motorrad World Endurance Team and lies 30 points ahead of the two highest-ranked Yamahas, Wojcik Racing Team and YART Yamaha, winners at Sepang.

At the other end of the table, the race will decide which of Webike SRC Kawasaki France Trickstar and F.C.C. TSR Honda France will be back to rival with the top dogs next season. Watch out for the Ducati factory outfit, Team ERC Endurance, for their second outing. I would like to thank the FIM, the FFM and the ACO for all the hard work and resources they are putting in to make this 43rd 24H Motos a success. »

PIERRE FILLON

JORGE VIEGAS

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# »» HYGIENE PRECAUTIONS

**The organisation of the 43rd 24H Motos has been affected by the Covid-9 pandemic.**

With support from the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) and world championship promoter Eurosport Events, the Automobile Club de l'Ouest has thrown an enormous amount of energy into making sure that the 24H Motos be run, albeit at a different date and behind closed doors. All precautions have been taken to ensure the health and safety of attendees. A health and safety plan will be applied on site. Access to the Bugatti circuit will be restricted to authorised persons only.



**WASH YOUR  
HANDS OFTEN**



**COUGH AND SNEEZE  
INTO YOUR ELBOW OR  
USE A TISSUE**



**DO NOT HUG, KISS OR  
SHAKE HANDS**



**FACE COVERING  
REQUIRED**



**USE A DISPOSAL TISSUE AND  
THROW IT AWAY IMMEDIATELY**



**KEEP A DISTANCE  
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**21-22 SEPTEMBER 2019**

## **BOL D'OR (24 HOURS)**

**PAUL RICARD CIRCUIT,  
LE CASTELLET, FRANCE**

**29-30 AUGUST 2020**

**24h**  
MOTOS®

**BUGATTI CIRCUIT,  
LE MANS, FRANCE**

**27 SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **12 HOURS OF ESTORIL**

**CIRCUIT D'ESTORIL,  
PORTUGAL**

**14 DECEMBER 2019**

## **8 HOURS OF SEPANG (MALAYSIA)**

**SEPANG,  
KUALA LUMPUR**

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1	WEBIKE SRC KAWASAKI France TRICKSTAR	FRA	GUARNONI Jérémy	FRA	NIGON Erwan	FRA	CHECA David	ESP			Kawasaki ZX 10R	Formula EWC
2	SUZUKI ENDURANCE RACING TEAM	FRA	MASSON Etienne	FRA	BLACK Gregg	FRA	SIMEON Xavier	BEL			Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Formula EWC
3	AM MOTO RACING COMPETITION	FRA	SUCHET Vincent	FRA	SARRABAYROUSE Alex	FRA	JONCHIERE Emeric	FRA	PUSHMAN Pablo	FRA	Kawasaki ZX 10R	Superstock
4	TATI TEAM BEAUJOLAIS RACING	FRA	TECHER Alan	FRA	SUCHET Sébastien	SUI	ENJOLRAS Julien	FRA			Kawasaki ZX 10R	Formula EWC
5	F.C.C. TSR HONDA France	JPN	HOOK Josh	AUS	FORAY Freddy	FRA	DI MEGLIO Mike	FRA			Honda CB R1000	Formula EWC
6	ERC ENDURANCE	GER	DE PUNJET Randy	FRA	DA COSTA Julien	FRA	ROSSI Louis	FRA	JEZEK Ondrej	CZE	Ducati Panigale	Formula EWC
7	YART - YAMAHA	AUT	HANIKA Karel	CZE	FRITZ Marvin	GER	CANEPA Niccolò	ITA	Michael LAVERTY	GBR	Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
8	TEAM BOLLIGER SWITZERLAND	SUI	STAMM Roman	SUI	WALRAVEN Nigel	NED	BÜHN Jan	GER	PELLIJEFF Jesper	SWE	Kawasaki ZX 10R	Formula EWC
14	MACO RACING	SVK	BOULOM Enzo	FRA	ELLISON James	GBR	Stefan HILL	GBR			Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
15	LE MANS 2 ROUES	FRA	MAJOR Nelson	FRA	PARISSE Emmanuel	FRA	BOUE Marco	FRA	DUPUY Eddy	FRA	Aprilia RSV4 - 1000	Superstock
20	MOTO SPORT ENDURANCE	FRA	SIMON Anthony	FRA	LE BRAS Youenn	FRA	OLLIVIER Jimmy	FRA			Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
22	TEAM 202	FRA	PARRET Florent	FRA	CREUSOT Amandine	FRA	BRUYAT Gabin	FRA	VAUBAL Antoine	FRA	Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
24	BMRT 3D MAXXESS NEVERS	FRA	LOISEAU Anthony	FRA	HARDT Jonathan	FRA	PILOT Julien	FRA	MANGE Romain	FRA	Kawasaki ZX 10R	Superstock
31	BRITISH ENDURANCE RACING TEAM	GBR	RAILTON Jonathan	GBR	BLACKSHAW John	GBR	BOOTH Mike	GBR			Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Formula EWC
33	TEAM 33 COYOTE LOUIT MOTO	FRA	GAMARINO Christian	ITA	MANFREDI Kevin	ITA	SMITH Kyle	GBR	PARASSOL Adrian	FRA	Kawasaki ZX 10R	Superstock
34	JMA MOTOS ACTION BIKE	FRA	MONTESUIT Guillaume	FRA	ORTIZ Gregory	FRA	BONNET Julien	FRA			Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
36	3ART BEST OF BIKE	FRA	PLANCASSAGNE Alex	FRA	LAGRIVE Mathieu	FRA	BERCHET Morgan	FRA	LEONOV Vladimir	RUS	Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
37	BMW WORLD ENDURANCE TEAM	BEL	FORAY Kenny	FRA	MYKHALCHYK Ilya	UKR	REITERBERGER Markus	GER			BMW S1000RR	Formula EWC
41	RAC 41 CHROMEburner	FRA	FASTRÉ Grégory	BEL	TESSELS Wayne	NED	NIGON Johan	FRA			Honda CB R1000	Superstock
44	NO LIMITS MOTOR TEAM	ITA	SCASSA Luca	ITA	KEMMER Christopher	AUT	VITALI Luca	ITA			Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
45	METISS	FRA	PONS Gabriel	FRA	GOETSCHY Jonathan	FRA	AUBRY Jean-Edouard	FRA	CHERON Emmanuel	FRA	Metiss	Experimental

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55	NATIONAL MOTOS	FRA	EGEA Stéphane	FRA	DEBISE Valentin		ANTIGUA Guillaume	FRA			Honda CB R1000	Formula EWC
56	GERT56 BY GS YUASA	GER	KERSCHBAUMER Stefan	AUT	GLÖCKNER Lucy	GER	BLJSTERBOSCH Pepijn	NED	FINSTERBUSCH Toni	GER	BMW S1000RR	Superstock
57	MANA-AU COMPETITION / LIGUE CONTRE LE CANCER	FRA	RICHARD Jérôme	FRA	LAGEON Camille	FRA	MEUNIER Lucas	FRA		FRA	Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
65	MOTOBOX KREMER RACING	GER	DEHAYE Geoffroy	FRA	STRÖHLEIN Stefan	GER	COLLIAUX Benjamin	FRA			Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
66	OG MOTORSPORT BY SARAZIN	FRA	DIGUET Julien	FRA	LEESCH Chris	LUX	HEDELIN Camille	FRA			Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
70	ATLANTIC RACING TEAM	FRA	GILLES Samuel	FRA	BERNON Frédéric	FRA	COLONGE Alexandre	FRA	WASTIAUX Jean-François		Honda CB R1000	Superstock
72	JUNIOR TEAM LMS SUZUKI	FRA	RENAUDIN Martin	FRA	RAYMOND Guillaume	FRA	THIBAUT Matthieu	FRA	MEUNIER Léo	FRA	Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
73	TEAM SPACE MOTO	FRA	ROCHE Charles	FRA	BRARD Christophe	FRA	SCORSCONE Fabien	FRA			Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
77	WOJCIK RACING TEAM	POL	REA Gino	GBR	MAURIN Axel	FRA	PARKES Broc	AUS	BEZULSKI Marcell	POL	Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
85	TEAM RACING 85	FRA	MADEUX Lilian	FRA	GILLET Julien	FRA	HUGER Maxime	FRA	HERAULT Jérémy	FRA	Kawasaki ZX 10R	Superstock
90	TEAM LRP POLAND	POL	VINCON Dominik	GER	LEWANDOWSKI Bartłomiej	POL					BMW S1000RR	Formula EWC
91	ENERGIE ENDURANCE 91	FRA	NAPOLI Christian	ITA	NAPOLI Frederico	ITA	CHOY Martin	BUL			Kawasaki ZX 10R	Superstock
96	MOTO AIN	FRA	CLERE Hugo	FRA	MULHAUSER Robin	SUI	ROLFO Roberto	ITA			Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
119	SLIDER ENDURANCE	FRA	DILLER Charles	FRA	CORTOT Charles	FRA	HOUSSIN Vincent	FRA	ROLLET Adrien	FRA	Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
121	FALCON RACING RENNES MOTOS	FRA	LOUAULT Olivier	FRA	CHEVALIER David	SUI	GICQUEL Arnaud	FRA	EISEN Théo	FRA	Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock
212	DUNLOP MOTORS EVENTS	FRA	BEURDELEY Renaud	FRA	DEJEAN Arnaud	FRA	BEDU Mickael	FRA	CHEVALIER Aurélien	FRA	Suzuki GSXR - 1000	Superstock
333	VRD IGOL PIERRET EXPERIENCES	FRA	ALT Florian	GER	MARINO Florian	FRA	GINES Mathieu	FRA	TEROL Nicolás	ESP	Yamaha YZF - R1	Formula EWC
777	WOJCIK RACING TEAM	POL	SZKOPEK Marek	POL	PASEK Adrian	POL	WIELEBSKI Artur	POL	BERGMAN Christoffer	SUI	Yamaha YZF - R1	Superstock

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The 24H Motos field is divided into three classes: Formula EWC class (the premier class), Superstock and the Experimental category. Endurance is one of only a few disciplines in which teams are free to choose their tyres for the world championship. So, there is healthy competition between manufacturers as well as teams.

### FORMULA EWC / BLACK NUMBER PLATE BACKGROUND

- Headlamp with a white light beam
- Minimum weight: 175 kg
- Up to 1000 cc for 3 and 4-cylinder models
- Up to 1200 cc for 2-cylinder models

This is the prime category at the 24H Motos. The fork, damper, swing arm, brakes, radiator and exhaust may be changed as long as they are of the same type as the original model. A degree of freedom is granted to increase the engine performance level. These motorcycles are fitted with a quick wheel change system. Teams select a machine among those authorised for the Superbike world championship.



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### SUPERSTOCK / RED NUMBER PLATE BACKGROUND

- Headlamp with a yellow light beam
- Minimum weight: 168 kg
- Up to 1000 cc for 3 and 4-cylinder models
- Up to 1200 cc for 2-cylinder models

These motorcycles are very similar to the original and therefore to the production model. Modifications are limited, especially relating to the mapping of the electronic fuel injection units. The engine must remain in its original configuration. Reinforcing the clutch and changing the air filter, silencer, internal parts of the forks, rear suspension unit, countershaft sprocket and rear wheel sprocket are allowed, as is mounting a steering damper and a quick-fill device for refuelling. The original wheel fasteners shall be used. Therefore good strategy and coordination will be required when changing the wheels on pit stops.

In both **Formula EWC** and **Superstock**, the fuel tank is enlarged to take up to 24 litres and a quick-fill device added.



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### EXPERIMENTAL / GREEN NUMBER PLATE BACKGROUND

- Headlamp with a yellow light beam
- Minimum weight: 165 kg
- 600 to 1000 cc for 4-cylinder models
- 750 to 1200 cc for 3-cylinder models

In this this category, the engine, main frame or suspension can be completely different to the original design. Experimental machines appear in the general classification of the race, but do not qualify for Endurance World Championship points. They are allowed to compete in the race if the Selection Committee considers the machine to be innovative and of technical interest. Electric machines can be entered in this class.



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*The 43rd 24H Motos is the third of four races that count towards the 2019-20 FIM EWC.*

After a hiatus of several months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the FIM Endurance World Championship is back on track, for the rescheduled 24H Motos behind closed doors at the Bugatti track in Le Mans. The competition has been extended to include a free practice and the race starts at 12 noon on Saturday 29 August. The 39-strong field comprises three classes: **16** machines will compete in the premier Formula EWC class, **22** in Superstock and **one** in the Experimental category.

The 2020 24H Motos will be welcoming entries from six major manufacturers – **Kawasaki, Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, BMW and Ducati** – each one eager to add a Le Mans win to their record. It has to be said that the 24H Motos is reputedly the most gruelling endurance race. Winning the 24H Motos requires courage, perseverance, ingenuity and teamwork. Winning this year's 24H Motos will require an extra dose of prowess.

Last year's winner and reigning world champion, French team **Webike SRC Kawasaki France** Trickstar, with riders Jérémy Guarmoni, David Checa and Erwan Nignons is a firm favourite. But competition will be stiff. A Bol d'Or win and fifth place at the 8 Hours of Sepang puts the **Suzuki Endurance Racing Team** top of the table in the championship so far.

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The Le Mans-based team has undergone change this season, with founder Dominique Méliand's retirement. Méliand, who was inducted to the 24H Motos Hall of Fame last year, handed over to Damien Saulnier, former manager of the Le Mans Sud Suzuki junior team. After 16 years with the team, ten-time world champion Vincent Philippe took his leave to explore new paths. Former Moto2 and MotoGP Grand Prix rider Xavier Siméon takes the vacant seat beside Etienne Masson and Gregg Black. The teams will be aiming for another win at the 24H Motos.



**F.C.C TSR Honda France**, the first Japanese outfit to have won the 24H Motos, in 2018, is counting on the new Honda CBR 1000 RR to steer it to victory. The hypersport machine draws heavily on the RC213V MotoGP race bike. A maiden win at the 24H Motos would be an extraordinary feat. The machine will be in the hands of Freddy Foray, Josh Hook and Mike Di Meglio, 125 cc world champion in 2008 and former MotoGP rider.

2009 winner **YART-Yamaha** still has designs on the 24H Motos. The Austrian team won the first edition of the 8 Hours of Sepang last December and see no reason not to continue the success

BMW has entered a factory team this season, the **BMW Motorrad World Endurance Team**. The Bavarian manufacturer is counting on a new version of the S1000RR to score its first Le Mans 24H Motos success. The #37 made a promising start with third place at both the Bol d'Or and the 8 Hours of Sepang.

And the newcomer to the FIM EWC, Ducati. The Italian marque takes to the track with ERC Endurance, which began the season at the 8 Hours of Sepang with a Panigale V4R. Ducati's newly-launched development department is working closely with the Superbike world championship team, with electronics engineers present at all FIM EWC races. The #6 took an encouraging 10th place overall at Sepang.

These works teams will face an armada of serious challengers. Bolliger Team Switzerland (fifth in 2019), 3ART-Moto Team 95 (sixth in 2019), VRD Igol Pierret experiences, National Moto and Wójcik (second in the 2019 Bol d'Or) are all capable of a podium place or top five overall.



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The Superstock class accounts for the biggest field with 22 entries. Current world champion (Superstock), winner of the last Bol d'Or and 8 Hours of Sepang, Team Moto Ain is the undisputed favourite in this category. But BMRT 3D Maxxess Nevers, GERT56 by GS YUASA, Wójcik Racing Team, No Limits Motor Team, Team 33 Coyote Louit Moto and the Junior Team Le Mans Sud Suzuki haven't said their last word! The rider line-up includes three women: Amandine Creusot on the #22 Team 22 Yamaha R1, Lucy Glöckner on the #56 GERT56 by GS YUASA BMW S1000RR and Margaux Wanham on the #57 Mana'Au Compétition/Ligue contre le cancer Suzuki GSX-R 1000.



The teams in this class have a separate classification, so the top 20 Superstock machines score points at each race. Previously, they had to finish in the top 20 overall to score points.

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The Experimental class comprises motorcycles that are not homologated for the championship, or that have been modified beyond the bounds of the regulations. One machine is running in this class dedicated to innovation. Team Metiss JLC Moto will again enter a frameless prototype equipped with a front wishbone using a double-disc braking system. The Le Mans 24H Motos represents a sporting and technological challenge for the team. The plan is to see their substantial development work come to fruition with a top ten spot in the overall standings.

With 10 nationalities among the 39 teams and riders from 13 countries, the Le Mans 24H Motos is truly an international event.

### 132.5 points still to race for

A team can pocket a maximum of 65 points at Le Mans 24H Motos (5 for pole position, 10 after 8 hours, 10 after 16 hours and 40 for the win). At the 12 hours of Estoril, now the final round of the 2019--20 FIM EWC, to be held on Sunday 27 September, the win will be worth 52.5 points (instead of 35). FIM regulations stipulate that points for winning the final race are increased by a factor of 1.5.



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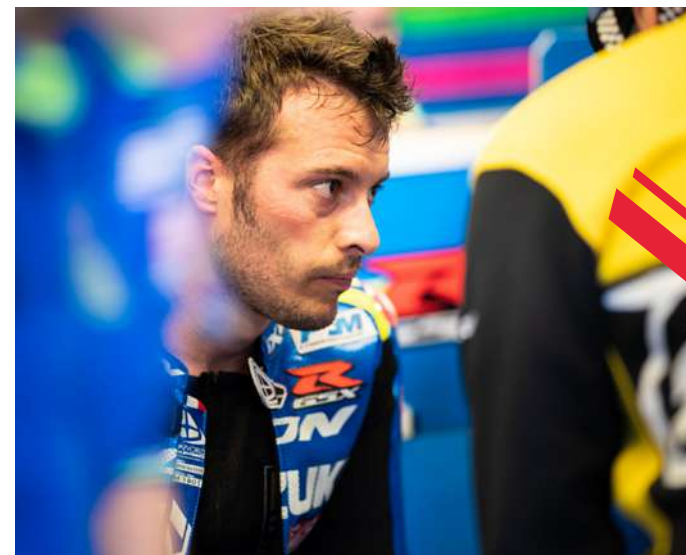
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## »» PROVISIONAL FIM EWC CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	NAT.	MAKE	POINTS
1	Suzuki Endurance Racing Team	FRA	Suzuki	79
2	BMW Motorrad World Endurance Team	BEL	BMW	64
3	Wójcik Racing Team	POL	Yamaha	48
4	YART-YAMAHA	AUT	Yamaha	43
5	3ART-Moto Team 95	FRA	Yamaha	33
6	VRD IGOL PIERRET EXPERIENCES	FRA	Yamaha	31
7	Omega Maco Racing Team	SVK	Yamaha	30
8	Webike SRC Kawasaki France	FRA	Kawasaki	30
9	Honda Asia-Dream Racing with SHOWA	JPN	Honda	28
10	TECMAS BMW GMC	FRA	BMW	26
11	Tati Team Beaujolais Racing	FRA	Kawasaki	25
12	F.C.C TSR Honda France	JPN	Honda	25
13	National Motos	FRA	Honda	22
14	Yamaha Sepang Racing	MAS	Yamaha	20
15	Bolliger Team Switzerland	SUI	Kawasaki	19
16	BMW Sepang Racing	MAS	BMW	14
17	Team LRP Poland	POL	BMW	13
18	Team ERC Endurance	GER	Ducati	12
19	SUZUKI JEG-KAGAYAMA	ESP	Suzuki	12
20	TEAM PLUSONE	JPN	BMW	11
21	MOTOTECH EWC TEAM	BEL	Yamaha	11
22	SUN CHLORELLA BY R2CL	FRA	Suzuki	10
23	Zuff Racing Honda Swiss Team	SUI	Honda	8
24	Bertl K. Racing Team	AUT	BMW	8
25	FSB MATT RACING	POR	Yamaha	6
26	Team Kodama	JPN	Yamaha	5
27	KRP SANYOKOUGYOU & will raise RS-ITOH	JPN	Kawasaki	4
28	EMRT	FRA	Yamaha	4
29	British Endurance Racing Team	GBR	Suzuki	3



**Etienne Masson (31), Suzuki Endurance Racing Team rider, winner of 24H Motos in 2015, Endurance World Champion in 2015 and current leader of the FIM EWC after the Bol d'Or and the 8 Hours of Sepang.**

« We'll have to put the pressure on at Le Mans 24H Motos. The Bugatti track suits us well. We've got plenty of data. We'll be able to put the pressure on because we know our limits, unlike at the 8 Hours of Sepang when we had no information. We came third last year at Le Mans. We'll be approaching the race as if it were the first of the season. We're hoping to win or be in the top three. The game is by no means over. Last season we were within a hair's breadth of the title, but we lost it at the end of the 8 Hours of Sepang, due to a technical issue. »

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»» DOMINIQUE MELIAND TO BE  
STARTER OF THE 2020

Last year, after a 40-year career in endurance motorcycle racing, Dominique Méliand retired as team manager of SERT. This year, he has accepted to play another important role in racing, as starter of the 43rd 24H Motos.

Founder of the Suzuki Endurance Racing Team (SERT) and ten-time winner of the 24H Motos, Méliand handed over to Damien Saulnier last year. Incredibly shrewd and a precise tactician, known in the pit lane as “le chef” (the boss), the team manager revealed the potential of a host of talented riders, among them Christian Lavieille, Vincent Philippe, Sébastien Gimbert, Nicolas Dussauge, Guillaume Dietrich and more recently Etienne Masson, Anthony Delhalle and Gregg Black. Under Méliand’s leadership, the SERT won 15 world titles between 1983 and 2016. Inducted into the 24H Motos Hall of Fame in 2019, Méliand will have the privilege of waving off the field to start the 2020 24H Motos at midday on Saturday 29 August.

**Dominique Méliand:** I’ve taken part in every 24H Motos since the race began in 1978. This year, I’ll be experiencing the event from a different angle, as official starter. I think it’s going to be moving, especially as it was unexpected. Will my hand tremble when I lower the flag? I don’t think so. I’ve always been able to overcome stress. But I’ll let you know just after 12 on Saturday!



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## »»» INTERVIEW WITH JEREMY GUARNONI WINNER OF THE 2019 24H MOTOS



**Jérémy Guarnoni (26) won the 2019 24H Motos with Webike SRC Kawasaki France Trickstar at only the second attempt. In fact, last year was a good one, because the rider was crowned FIM EWC world champion alongside teammates David Checa and Erwan Nigon. He's back to defend his title and was happy to look back at the closing stages of last year's race.**

**What were those palpitating last 20 minutes like to live through?**

« It was intense. I took over for the last stint with 40 minutes left on the clock. We were second, 15 seconds behind the #111 Honda. Before I took over, my team manager Gilles Stafler and I discussed strategy. He said to go all-out. I began the last stint like a sprint race. I wasn't in endurance mode any longer. I stepped up the pace, closed down on the Honda and then there was a safety car period because of a fall. Then the Honda had to refuel and we won. Winning Le Mans 24H Motos is one of the all-time favourite memories. I was lucky enough to win the Bol d'Or at 18 but I hadn't tasted victory at Le Mans, the most sought-after prize in endurance racing. »

**Your team is 8th in the standings, 49 points behind the Suzuki Endurance Racing Team. What's your strategy for the 24H Motos?**

« We've got no choice but to win. We're going into it with the same mentality as last year. If we want to be in with a chance of winning the championship, we have to win. And if we can't do that, we have to come away with at least 20 points. The team has already won the 24H Motos twice in a row and the bike goes really well on the Bugatti so I'm confident. »

**There'll be six manufacturers in the field this year: Suzuki, Kawasaki, Honda, Yamaha, BMW and Ducati. Is that an exciting prospect for a rider?**

« Not many championships attract as many makes. And they've all got good teams too. The FIM EWC is getting more and more recognition each year. All credit to the promoter and the ACO. Spectators get to see some superb racing and the championship is of a high standard, with more and more drivers from Grand Prix and the Superbike World Championship. »



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One of the highlights of the year at the Le Mans circuit, the poster of the 24H Motos is always a treat. This year, marketing agency Comquest portrays motorcycling from a new angle. The pulsing-heart of the spectacle is evident in the play on night and day.

Le Mans 24H Motos sheds new light on motorcycle racing, the changing backdrop, the thrill of a long-haul event, and a unique spectator experience. The poster of the 2020 Le Mans 24H Motos has a sloping horizon which depicts the way riders lean into the 11 corners on the Bugatti circuit. Of course, at face value the scene is one of breathtaking prowess, but there is an underlying feeling of shifting sands and of leaning into difficulty.



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**Le Mans 24H Motos and endurance racing in their own words. We drill down some of the most common jargon in the discipline.**

### CENTRE OF MASS

This refers to the weight distribution of the bike and is readjusted during practice sessions.

### HIGHSIDE

A highsider or highside is a type of motorcycle accident characterized by sudden and violent rotation of the bike around its long axis. This generally happens when the rear wheel loses traction, skids, and then suddenly regains traction, creating a large torque which flips the rider head first off the side of the motorcycle or over the handlebars. Thanks to the state-of-the-art technology used on the bikes at Le Mans 24H Motos, this type of accident is no longer frequent at Le Mans.

### HOLESHOT



The holeshot is the rider who has the strongest start to get up to racing speed or is the first through the first turn. Riders love being the holeshot. It's a great way to grab the limelight and show off your team colours. However, in an endurance

race like the Le Mans 24H Motos, it is not of great importance. So much can happen in 24 hours! Gregg Black, rider of the #2 Suzuki Endurance Racing Team Suzuki is a holeshot specialist.

### KNEE PROTECTORS

Protect the rider's knees when leaning into corners.

### QUICKSHIFTER

A device that allows clutchless gear changes. The change operates more quickly and reduces the time that the rear wheel ceases to drive the bike forward. Every tenth of a second counts, even in a 24-hour race.

### RACING LINE

Or "to hug a bend" This expression means the driver has followed the correct racing line through the corner. The apex is the inside of a corner.

### WHEELIE

Raising the front wheel when accelerating. Riders often do this to celebrate victory. 24H Motos machines have an anti-skid device that prevents wheelies but boosts acceleration.



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### THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

13.00 - 15.00	24 Heures Motos	Free practice sessions
17.00 - 17.20	24 Heures Motos	1st Qualifying session - Rider blue
17.30 - 17.50	24 Heures Motos	1st Qualifying session - Rider yellow
18.00 - 18.20	24 Heures Motos	1st Qualifying session - Rider red
18.30 - 18.50	24 Heures Motos	1st Qualifying session - Rider green (R)
21.00 - 22.30	24 Heures Motos	Night free practice session

### FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

09.00 - 11.00	24 Heures Motos	Free practice sessions
13.00 - 13.20	24 Heures Motos	2nd Qualifying session - Rider blue
13.30 - 13.50	24 Heures Motos	2nd Qualifying session - Rider yellow
14.00 - 14.20	24 Heures Motos	2nd Qualifying session - Rider red
14.30 - 14.50	24 Heures Motos	2nd Qualifying session - Rider green (R)

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST / FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

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### SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

09.00 - 09.45	24 Heures Motos	Warm Up
11.25 - 11.30	24 Heures Motos	Reconnaissance lap + Motorcycles on the grid (angled position)
11.30 - 11.45	24 Heures Motos	Presentation of the Teams - starting ceremony
11.47	24 Heures Motos	National anthem
11.50	24 Heures Motos	Beginning of the starting procedure
12.00	24 Heures Motos	Start of the 43rd Edition

### SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

12h00	24 Heures Motos	Finish of the 43rd Edition
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THURSDAY 27 AUGUST / FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

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YEAR	WINNING RIDERS BIKE	BIKE	AVERAGE (KM)
1978	Ch. LEON - J.C. CHEMARIN	Honda RCB	3189,120 km
1979*	Ch. LEON - J.C. CHEMARIN	Honda RCB	2.992,295 km
1980	M. FONTAN - H. MOINEAU	Honda RCB	3.192,91 km
1981*	C. HUGUET - J.C. CHEMARIN	Kawasaki 1000 J	3.300,112 km
1982	P.E. SAMIN - D. PERNET	Suzuki	3.239,000 km
1983*	J. CORNU - G. COUDRAY- S. PELLANDINI	Kawasaki 1000 S	3.056,932 km
1984	H. VAN DER MARK - D. BRAND	Suzuki GSX	3.277,397 km
1985	G. BERTIN B. MILLET - Ph. GUICHON	Suzuki GSX	3.315,669 km
1986*	G. COUDRAY P. IGOA - A. VIEIRA	Honda RVF	3.172,000 km
1987	D.SARRON - J.L.BATTISTINI-J.M. MATTIOLI	Honda RVF	3.115,000 km
1988*	A. VIEIRA-Ch. BOUHEBEN-J.M. MATTIOLI	Honda RC 30	3.187,450 km
1989*	A. VIEIRA - J.M. MATTIOLIR. BURNETT	Honda RC 30	3.238,330 km
1990	A. VIEIRA - J.M. MATTIOLI - S. MERTENS	Honda RC 30	3.016,830 km
1991*	P. MONNERET - B. BONHUIL - R. NICOTTE	Yamaha FZR	3.207,320 km
1992*	C. FOGARTY - T. RYMER - M. SIMUL	Kawasaki ZXR	3.282,630 km
1993*	W. VEILLE - A.MORILLAS - B. MORRISON	Kawasaki ZXR	2.985,820 km
1994*	T. RYMER - A. MORILLAS-J.L. BATTISTINI	Kawasaki ZXR	3.353,310 km
1995*	A. VIEIRA - R. NICOTTE - B. MORRISON	Honda RC45	3.384,520 km
1996*	P.BONTEMPI - J. D'ORGEIX - B.MORRISON	Kawasaki ZXR	3.402,240 km
1997*	J.E. GOMEZ - D. POLEN - P. GODDARD	Suzuki GSX-R	3.361,730 km
1998*	B. SEBILEAU - Th. PAILLOT - I. JERMAN	Kawasaki ZX7 RR	3.312,945 km
1999*	B. SEBILEAU - S. HISLOP - C. WALKER	Kawasaki ZX7 RR	3.388,035 km
2000*	W. COSTES - S. CHARPENTIER - S. GIMBERT	Honda VTR SP1	3.095,295 km
2001*	C. GUYOT - S. SCARNATO - N. DUSSEAU	Suzuki GSX-R	3.267,495 km
2002	JM BAYLE - N. DUSSEAU - S. GIMBERT	Suzuki GSX-R	3.302,200 km
2003	B. MORRISON - P. DOBE - V. PHILIPPE	Suzuki GSX-R	3.415,060 km
2004	S. CHAMBON - K. KITAGAWA - W. NOWLAND	Suzuki GSX-R	3.314,740 km
2005	S. GIMBERT - W. COSTES - D. CHECA	Yamaha R1	3 469, 40 km
2006*	F. PROTAT - O. FOUR - D. RIBALTA BOSCH	Honda CBR	3 415,060 km
2007*	W. COSTES - G. DIETRICH - M. NEUKIRCHENER	Suzuki GSX-R	3 419,240 km
2008*	W. COSTES - G. DIETRICH - B.VENEMAN	Suzuki GSX-R	3 222,45 km
2009*	G. GIABBANI - I. JERMAN - S. MARTIN	Yamaha R1	3 042,495 km
2010*	J. DA COSTA - O. FOUR - G. LEBLANC	Kawasaki ZX-10R	3 465,18 km
2011*	J. DA COSTA - O. FOUR - G. LEBLANC	Kawasaki ZX-10R	3 490,29 km
2012*	J. DA COSTA - F.FORAY - G. LEBLANC	Kawasaki ZX-10R	3 532,14 km
2013*	G. LEBLANC - F. FORET - N. SALCHAUD	Kawasaki ZX-10R	3 431,7 km
2014*	V.PHILIPPE - A. DELAHALLE - E. NIGON	Suzuki GSXR-1000	3 398,22 km
2015*	V.PHILIPPE - A.DELAHALLE - E.MASSON	Suzuki GSXR-1000	3 486,10 km
2016*	G. LEBLANC - M. LAGRIVE - F. FORET	Kawasaki ZX-10R	3 427,51 km
2017*	D. CHECA - N. CANEPA - M. DI MEGLIO	Yamaha R1	3 599,1 km
2018*	F.FORAY - J.HOOK - A.TECHER	Honda CBR	3 527,9 km
2019*	J.GUARNONI - D.CHECA - E.NIGON	KAWASAKI ZX-10R	3 511,2 km

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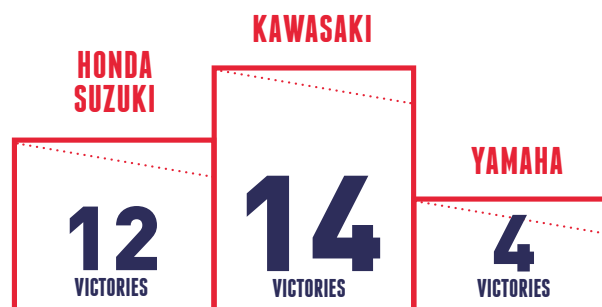
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## LEADING MANUFACTURERS



## NUMBER OF TURNS

**11**

(SEVEN RIGHT  
AND FOUR LEFT)

**BUGATTI CIRCUIT**  
**4,185 KM**

CREATION  
**1965**

## MOST WINS

**5**

ALEX VIEIRA (FRA)  
AND GREGORY LEBLANC (FRA)

## MOST RACES

**25**

GERARD JOLIVET

## LAP RECORD

**1'35"730**

RANDY DE PUNIER (KAWASAKI)  
IN 2017

## RECORD DISTANCE

**3 599,1 KM**

BY THE GMT94-YAMAHA TEAM'S  
YAMAHA R1 IN 2017



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