

MICHELIN ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL TYRE SUPPLIER TO LMP3 CUP AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE 18/10/2018: MICHELIN has been chosen as the control tyre supplier for the new LMP3 Cup Australia category from 2019.

MICHELIN has a wealth of experience with Le Mans Prototype racing and currently supplies tyres to the World Endurance Championship, European Le Mans Series, Asian Le Mans Series and has amassed more victories in the 24 Hours of Le Mans than any other tyre manufacturer.

Globally, the LMP3 class was established by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) in 2015 to create a global base for sports prototype racing cars and provide a pathway to the World Endurance Championship.

While the 2019 broadcast package and calendar are still in negotiation, the LMP3 Cup in Australia will comprise of a six round series, with each round featuring two x 1 hour races - utilising the FIA driver seedings and running ACO sprint cup format regulations.

Eligible cars for the LMP3 Cup Australia will be homologated LMP3 machines from the ACO designated constructors - Adess AG, Ginetta, Ligier (Onroak Automotive), and Norma. All cars incorporate a carbon Fibre monocoque chassis with FIA approved safety standards. The powertrain is engineered by Oreca and features a Nissan 420bhp normally aspirated 5.0-litre V8 engine, and an X-Trac gearbox.

On the announcement of the partnership, Patrick Dias, Michelin Motorsports Director for Asia-Pacific, said: "We look forward to partnering with the LMP3 Cup in Australia as it reaffirms our position as leading tyre manufacturer in Le Mans prototype competition globally. From the pinnacle of the sport, the LMP1 class in the World Endurance Championship, LMP2 and LMP3 in the Asian Le Mans Series, and now here in the LMP3 Cup Australia, we are committed to delivering a tyre that delivers exceptional performance."

Chris Papadopoulos, Non-Executive Director, LMP3 Cup Australia remarked "It is fantastic to have Michelin involved with LMP3 Cup in such a big way. Everyone knows the quality of their products and their operation and service on the ground here in Australia is the best available."

As the global leader in tyre technology, Michelin's DNA is entrenched in competition and motorsport provides the best opportunity to test and develop data of tyre usage from each competition.

Michelin will continue its mission to develop the latest technologies from the learnings of various challenges experienced in every competition. The data collected will allow us to offer new and improved tyres that meet customers' discerning requirements to navigate all types of terrain, climate and condition for both race environments and everyday usage by motorists all over the world.

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About Michelin

Michelin, the leading tyre company, is dedicated to enhancing its clients' mobility, sustainably; designing and distributing the most suitable tyres, services and solutions for its clients' needs; providing digital services, maps and guides to help enrich trips and travels and make them unique experiences; and developing high-technology materials that serve the mobility industry. Headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France, Michelin is present in 170 countries, has 111,700 employees and operates 68 production facilities in 17 countries which together produced 184 million tyres in 2015. (www.michelin.com)

About Michelin Motorsport

MICHELIN is the only tyre manufacturer to enjoy such an enviable record of success in the major championships sanctioned by the FIA (Fédération Internationale Automobile) and FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme)

- World Rally Championship (WRC): 52 world titles & more than 300 wins
- FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC): Six world titles since 2012
- Formula 1: 102 race wins & 9 World titles
- MotoGP: 390 race wins & 28 World Championship titles
- Dakar Rally: 53 wins (34 on two wheels, 19 in car)
- WSBK Superbike World Championship: 12 World titles
- Le Mans 24 Hours: 26 Le Mans overall victories
- FIM Endurance World Championship (EWC): 15 world titles
- Trials World Championship: 52 World titles since 1981
- Enduro world championship: 40 World titles since 2000
- Motorcross: 7 world titles since 2002

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