

## Le Mans Esport Series 2020 to conclude with epic week of races that celebrate the history of Le Mans

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### *Pro and Pro-Am Teams to battle for combined \$150,000 prize pool*

**PRESS RELEASE, 4<sup>th</sup> September (10am UK):** Motorsport Games, the FIA World Endurance Championship and the ACO have today unveiled the epic week of racing that will form the new Super Final of the Le Mans Esports Series as Pro and Pro-Am teams race for a share of a \$150,000 prize pool. Following the announcement that this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans race will now be held behind closed doors, the Esports Series finals will now take place online in the week building up to the real-world race between Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September with four nights of stunning racing ahead.

The 2020 Le Mans Esports Series Super Final follows the incredible success of the 24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual in June and last year's final, which was won by Veloce Esports just hours before the real race took to the grid.

Teams from around the world will compete on Forza Motorsport 7, on the Xbox One family of devices, in the 2020 final. They will take place over four nights that reflect the history of the iconic endurance race. Each night will feature four hours of exhilarating racing with two one-hour sprint races and a two-hour endurance race. The two teams with the lowest points, in both the Pro and Pro-Am categories, at the end of every night will be eliminated until we go into the Super Final on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September where the top three teams will fight it out for the title.

Gérard Neveu, CEO of the FIA World Endurance Championship and Le Mans Esports Series said: "Anyone who witnessed the 24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual in June will know that great e-racing can take place anywhere in the world, and that the world's best sim racers can produce exciting and captivating racing no matter where they are. Of course, we wish that we could all be together at Le Mans this June, but this is an extra-ordinary year and we will look forward instead to seeing everyone involved in the Le Mans Esports Series on site for Season 3's finale in June 2021."

Ben Rossiter-Turner, Head of Esports for Motorsport Games commented: "Obviously we are all disappointed to not actually be at Le Mans this year but as the 24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual proved, earlier this year, we are going to make the best of the situation. This promises to be four nights of fantastic racing that will include all the hallmarks of Le Mans such as history, endurance, skill and of course teamwork. Motorsport Games is delighted to be working with our friends at the FIA World Endurance Championship to make this a stunning event."

Qualification for the Le Mans Esport Series finals began back in November 2019 and since then seven professional teams (Red Bull Racing Esports, Lazarus Racing, Total Performance Racing, Fast Racers Forza, Solar Vision Racing, RYZE Motorsport and Williams Esports) have earned a place in the final line up where they will be joined by wildcard entrants Veloce Esports, the reigning champions, and Wolves of Dawn – a selection of top esports drivers from teams who did not make the final. The Pro-Am teams will be randomly drafted from players who have qualified at events or through the Rivals system in Forza Motorsport 7

The schedule of events for the 2020 Le Mans Esport Series Super Final will be:

### **Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: Segment 1: Pre 1970s**

Race	Length	Track	Pro Car	Pro-Am Car
1	1 hour	Le Mans Bugatti	1956 Jaguar D-Type	1956 Lotus Eleven
2	1 hour	Silverstone	1958 Aston Martin DBR1	1957 Ferrari Testa Rossa
3	2 hours	Le Mans (No Chicanes)	1963 Ferrari 250LM	1964 Porsche 904 Carrera GTS

### **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Segment 2 – 70s & 80s**

Race	Length	Track	Pro Car	Pro-Am Car
1	1 hour	Monza	1971 Porsche #23 917/20	1971 Ferrari #2 Ferrari Automobili 312 P
2	1 hour	Le Mans (No Chicanes)	1978 Porsche #78 MOMO 935/78	1980 Lancia Corse Beta Montecarlo Turbo
3	2 hours	Nurburgring	1988 Jaguar #60 Castrol Racing XJR-9	1989 Mercedes-Benz #63 Sauber-Mercedes C 9

### **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Segment 3 – 90s & 00s**

Race	Length	Track	Pro Car	Pro-Am Car
1	1 hour	COTA	1993 Peugeot Talbot Sport 905 Evo 1C	1994 Nissan #75 Cunningham 300ZX
2	1 hour	Le Mans (Modern)	2008 Porsche #7 Penske Racing RS Spyder Evo	2006 Aston Martin #007 Aston Martin Racing DBR9
3	2 hours	Sebring	2009 Peugeot #9 Peugeot Sport Total 908	2009 BMW #92 Rahal Letterman Racing M3 GT2

### **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Segment 4 – 2010s**

<b>Race Length</b>	<b>Track</b>	<b>Pro Car</b>	<b>Pro-Am Car</b>
1	1 hour Le Mans (Modern)	2011 Audi #2 Audi Sport Team Joest R15++ TDI	2011 Chevrolet #4 Corvette Racing ZR1
2	1 hour Spa Francorchamps	2017 Porsche #2 Porsche Team 919 Hybrid	2015 Nissan #23 GT-R LM Nismo
3	2 hours Le Mans (Modern)	2014 Ferrari #51 AF Corse 458 Italia GTE	2013 SRT #91 SRT Motorsport GTS-R

Super Final week will be broadcast live on Motorsport.tv and streamed live on the Le Mans Esport Series [Twitch](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts. For more information and for the full rules and regulations for the Super Final visit [www.lemansesports.com](http://www.lemansesports.com)