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FIM Endurance World Championship

24 Heures Motos behind closed doors

The 2020 24 Heures Motos will be held behind closed doors at the end of August because of the global health crisis, which has led to restrictions being imposed on public gatherings in France and on travel to and from some countries.

The 43rd edition of the 24 Heures Motos will take place without spectators present on 29 and 30 August on the Bugatti circuit at Le Mans in order to comply with French government measures and safeguard the health of riders, fans and all those involved in the FIM EWC.

The International Motorcycling Federation (FIM), race organizer Automobile Club de l'Ouest and Eurosport Events, the promoter of the FIM EWC, have decided to hold the third round of the 2019-2020 season behind closed doors.

Ticket holders will receive a credit. Details can be found on the [ACO website](#).

Pierre Fillon, President of the Automobile Club de l'Ouest

"An unprecedented situation means exceptional measures. The 43rd 24H Motos will take place behind closed doors, but it will go ahead. That's the most important thing. Especially for our teams, partners, the FIM EWC and for motorcycle racing in general. It will be strange to hold a race with no fans trackside but we will do our very best to bring all the action and excitement to them, wherever they are."

François Ribeiro, Head of Eurosport Events

"This was a tough decision for the ACO and we are backing it. An event behind closed doors is totally contrary to the sharing and sense of community that are the inherent values of motorcycle endurance racing, but ensuring the world championship's continuity is the absolute priority in the current health situation to protect teams. As promoter and producer of footage, we at Eurosport Events will redouble our efforts to transport fans to the heart of the action at 24 Heures Motos with our TV programmes and digital content, giving special consideration to all those who were looking forward to getting together at Le Mans."

Jorge Viegas, FIM President

"I would simply like to thank the ACO for allowing us to be able to live this legendary event, even behind closed doors. We salute the incredible effort provided by this great club and also by our promoter Eurosport Events which I am sure will produce even more spectacular images."

About the FIM (www.fim-live.com)

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 112 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.