

Audi Sport customer racing GTD program begins IMSA Sprint campaign at Mid-Ohio

- ▶ Carbahn with Peregrine Racing enters IMSA Sprint Series with Audi R8 LMS GT3
- ▶ Audi R8 LMS GT4 teams prepare for the third round in IMPC
- ▶ TCR teams hope to continue strong start to the season

HERNDON, Va., May 12, 2021 – The formidable Audi R8 LMS GT3 will begin the IMSA Sprint series this weekend at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Carbahn with Peregrine racing has been working around the clock to prepare the GTD Entry. Audi RS 3 LMS TCR teams score top podium position in the first two races. The teams have placed Audi in the top position for the TCR Manufacturers Championship.

WeatherTech Sprint Cup - GTD

Carbahn with Peregrine Racing will begin their journey to capture the IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup Championship at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. The Sprint Cup, which includes eight non-endurance race weekends was delayed due to two west coast cancellations at Laguna Seca and Long Beach. The Audi R8 LMS GT3 effort has been in the works since the beginning of the IMSA season. The team has pushed hard to prepare the GT3 and campaign a GT4 in the IMPC series.

The Steve Dinan led team with drivers Richard Heistand and Jeff Westphal will pilot the #39 Audi at Mid-Ohio. Both drivers are new to the Audi R8 LMS GT3 but they are experienced and ready to take on the GTD class competition. Heistand's first campaign at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in 2019 was very favorable as he secured pole position and won the GTD class. Jeff Westphal, a long time Carbahn Audi R8 LMS GT4 driver finished second in GS class at Mid-Ohio in 2020 and fourth in 2019.

IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge – GS and TCR

Carbahn with Peregrine Racing will also campaign an Audi R8 LMS GT4 with Tom Dyer and Mark Siegel behind the wheel in the #93. The #93 Audi, with Dyer and Siegel, had its best finish of the season last year at Mid-Ohio finishing fifth in Race 2. Siegel returns to campaign the Audi R8 LMS GT4 for the first time this year. Nolan Siegel, Mark's son, raced at Daytona and Sameer Gandhi at Sebring with Tom Dyer as the team anchor man. The second GT4 Audi with James Vance and Alex Papadopoulos in the #83 Fast MD Racing Audi R8 LMS GT4. Vance is very familiar with Mid-Ohio's post-race podium, scoring the top spot in the Audi RS 3 LMS during last year's Race 1. McCann Racing with driver pairing Michael McCann Jr. and Andrew Davis round out the Audi R8 LMS GT4 GS class for a total of three entries. The duo performed well in the past two races finishing just outside the top ten due to unfortunate circumstances.

Road Shagger Racing's Audi RS 3 LMS TCR (SEQ) driver pairing of Gavin Erntstone and Jon Morley are prepared to contest another podium finish. The team took the checkered flag at Sebring International Raceway and would have certainly found the podium at Daytona if they weren't involved in a blind side crash that damaged the car beyond immediate repair. The team is arriving at Mid-Ohio as the 2020 TCR Race 2 class winners.

The Unitronic JDC-Miller MotorSports Audi RS 3 LMS SEQ won Daytona and led most of Sebring before the #respectthebumps caused mechanical issues halfway through the race. Mikey Taylor and Chris Miller are ready to move forward at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and improve their current position in the TCR championship.

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2021 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Schedule

Jan 22 - 24	Roar Before
Jan. 27 - 31	Daytona International Speedway 24 hr.
Mar 17 - 20	Sebring International Raceway 12 hr.
May 14 - 16	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course 2 hr., 40 min.
June 11 - 12	Detroit Grand Prix 1 hr., 40 min
June 24 - 27	Six Hours of the Glen 6 hr.
July 1 - 2	Watkins Glen 2hr., 40 min.
July 16 - 18	Lime Rock Park 2 hr., 40 min.
Aug. 6 - 8	Road America 2 hr., 40 min.
Sept. 10 - 12	WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca 2 hr., 40 min.
Sept. 24 - 26	Grand Prix of Long Beach 100 min.
Oct 8 - 10	VIRginia International Raceway 2 hr., 40 min.
Nov 11 -13	Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta 10 hr.

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