

Audi Sport customer racing, USA Communications

## **Audi Sport customer racing begins the 2020 IMSA season at Daytona International Speedway**

- **WRT Speedstar return to the IMSA 24hr classic looking for class victory**
- **Returning GS class Team and Driver Champions will lead Michelin Pilot Challenge Audi R8 LMS GT4 teams**
- **Six Michelin Pilot Challenge Audi RS 3 LMS teams will fight for the podium**
- **Audi Sport experience will thrill customers with access to teams and activities**

**Columbia, South Carolina, January 22, 2020 – Eleven Audi teams will compete at IMSA’s season kick-off race weekend. WRT Speedstar will represent Audi in the Rolex 24 At Daytona GTD class. Audi teams will make up nearly 20% of the Michelin Pilot Challenge grid with ten cars navigating an action-packed GS and TCR four hour race. Audi Sport experience customers will enjoy three days of racing and access to teams.**

The WRT Speedstar Audi R8 LMS returns to the 24hr classic looking to best last year’s 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the IMSA WeatherTech Championship Rolex 24 At Daytona. The Belgium/Canadian based team driver line-up shows a history of success with three of the four drivers winning the race within the past three years; Audi Sport drivers Dries Vanthoor and Mirko Bortolotti (2018-2019), Switzerland’s Rolf Ineichen (2018-2019) and Canada’s Daniel Morad (2017). The race will begin on Saturday, January 25 @ 1:40 PM EST.

Thirty-three IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge GS entries represented by eight manufacturers confirm one of the most competitive race classes in the GT4 category. The Audi R8 LMS GT4 of CarBahn with Peregrine Racing wrapped up the 2019 season winning the GS Team and Drivers Championship. Team Principal Steve Dinan with drivers Jeff Westfall and Tyler McQuarrie return to defend the title. Team Hardpoint, with drivers Rob Ferriol and Spencer Pumpelly, is committed to race a full GS season effort in 2020. McCann racing, new to IMSA but not the Audi brand, will be driven by the Jr.’s – Michael McCann Jr. and Britt Casey Jr. Rounding out the Audi GS class is a late GS entry by Ave Motorsports with a Charlotte, NC, based driver squad of Mike Skeen and Mark Brummond.

The Audi RS 3 LMS will defend the 2019 TCR Manufactures Championship with six teams supporting the platform. Road Shagger Racing’s driver line-up, having placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2019 season, will be powered by Gavin Ernstone and Jon Morley. JDC-Miller Motorsports driver

pairing will remain the same with Michael Johnson and Stephen Simpson behind the wheel. FastMD Racing will field a two-car effort with James Vance and Max Faulkner. Mikey Taylor and Dr. William Tally will complete the second entry. Team Premat with Alex Premat and Stephan Vajda will enter IMSA competition for the first time in the Audi RS 3 LMS. The final entry, TWOth Autosport, with team owner Travis Hill and Ron Tomlinson representing Audi Canada and Shopify.

“The weekend line-up in both series looks extremely positive for Audi Sport customer racing”, said Tristan Herbert, Audi Sport customer racing Manager. “2019 was a successful year as we brought home the GS Team and Drivers’ Championship and finished first in the TCR Manufacturers’ Championship.”

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Broadcast information:

**IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship**

Tune in to NBC network: Saturday, January 25, 2020 – 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM EST

Visit [www.IMSA.com](http://www.IMSA.com) for additional broadcast information

**2020 IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge**

TrackPass on NBC: Friday, January 24, 2020 – 1:10 PM to 5:10 PM EST

NBCSN Thursday, February 6, 2020 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM EST

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