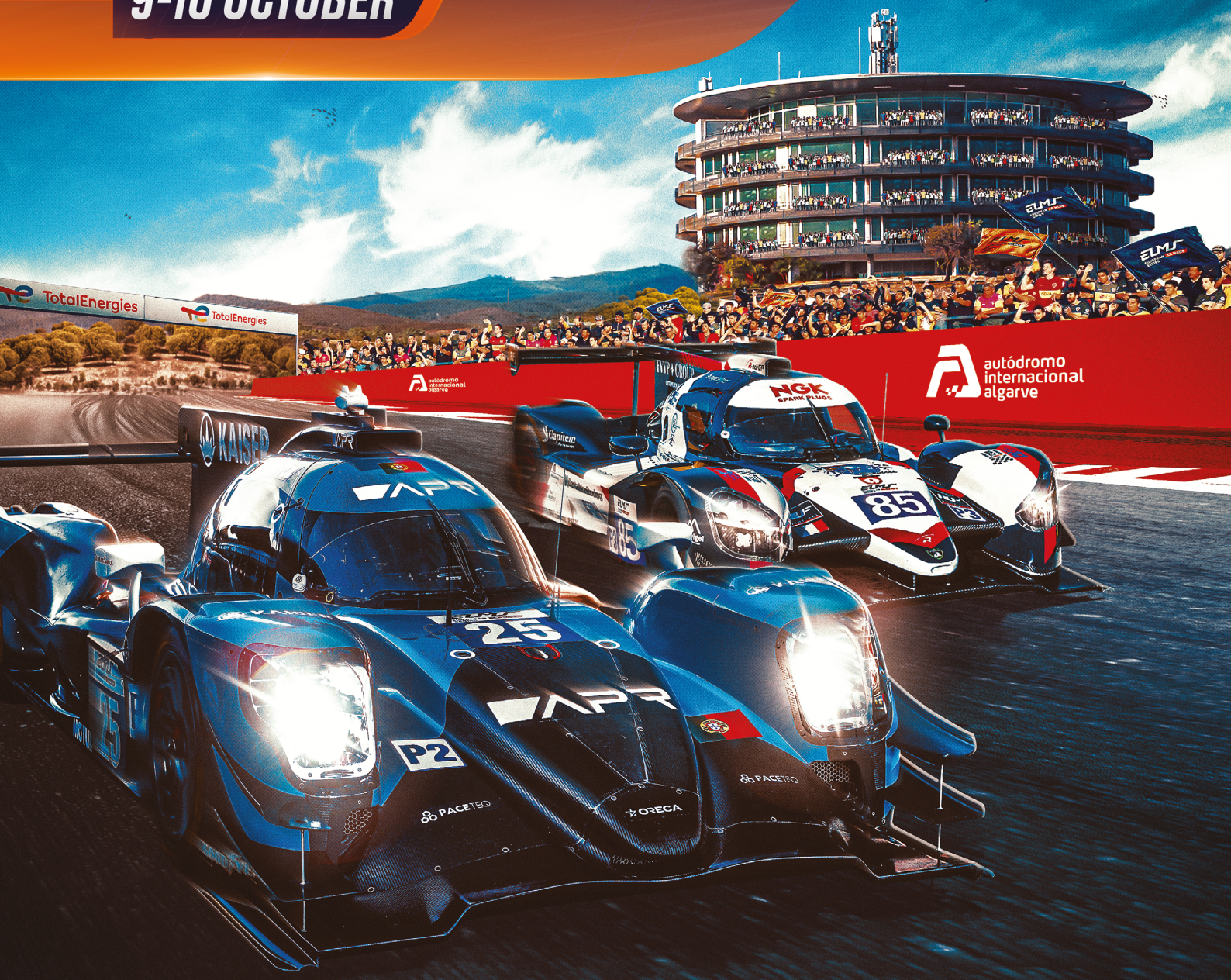
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2026

9-10 OCTOBER



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2026 CALENDAR

PROLOGUE	BARCELONA	06 - 07 APR.
R1	BARCELONA 4 HOURS OF BARCELONA	12 APR.
R2	LE CASTELLET 4 HOURS OF LE CASTELLET	03 MAY
R3	IMOLA 4 HOURS OF IMOLA	05 JULY
R4	SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS 4 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS	23 AUG.
R5	SILVERSTONE GOODYEAR 4 HOURS OF SILVERSTONE	13 SEPT.
R6	PORTIMÃO 4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO	10 OCT.

WELCOME

WELCOME TO PORTMÃO FOR THE LAST DANCE OF THE 2026 EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES SEASON.

The Autódromo Internacional do Algarve provides a spectacular and demanding venue for the final round of the ELMS season, combining fast and flowing sections with technical corners and significant elevation changes that consistently challenge both drivers and teams. As the championship reaches its final stage, Portimão marks the last dance of the season, with every lap and every point carrying added importance as competitors battle to close their campaigns on a high.

Across LMP2, LMP2 Pro/Am, LMP3 and LMGT3, the level of competition remains exceptionally high. With the title battles reaching their conclusion, the final round of the season promises another weekend of close and hard-fought racing.

A full weekend of racing action awaits with the Michelin Le Mans Cup and Ligier European Series, bringing an exciting endurance racing celebration to Portimão.

To all media joining us for the event, we wish you a fantastic and productive weekend. We hope you find the information provided in this document useful, but should you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The ELMS team, together with the staff at Portimão, look forward to welcoming you and hope you'll enjoy celebrating the final round of the season with us.

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HOW TO GO TO THE TRACK

— BY PLANE

Nearest airports:
Faro Airport (FAO) - 53 min (81,8 km) via A22 or 1 h 12 min (95,5 km) via N124 and A22
Lisbon Portela Airport (LIS) - 2 h 30 min (290 km) via A2

— BY ROAD

Adress : Sítio do Escampadinho, Mexilhoeira Grande, 8500-148 Portimão, Portugal

From Portimão City:
The taxi ride takes approximately 10-15 minutes from Portimão city.

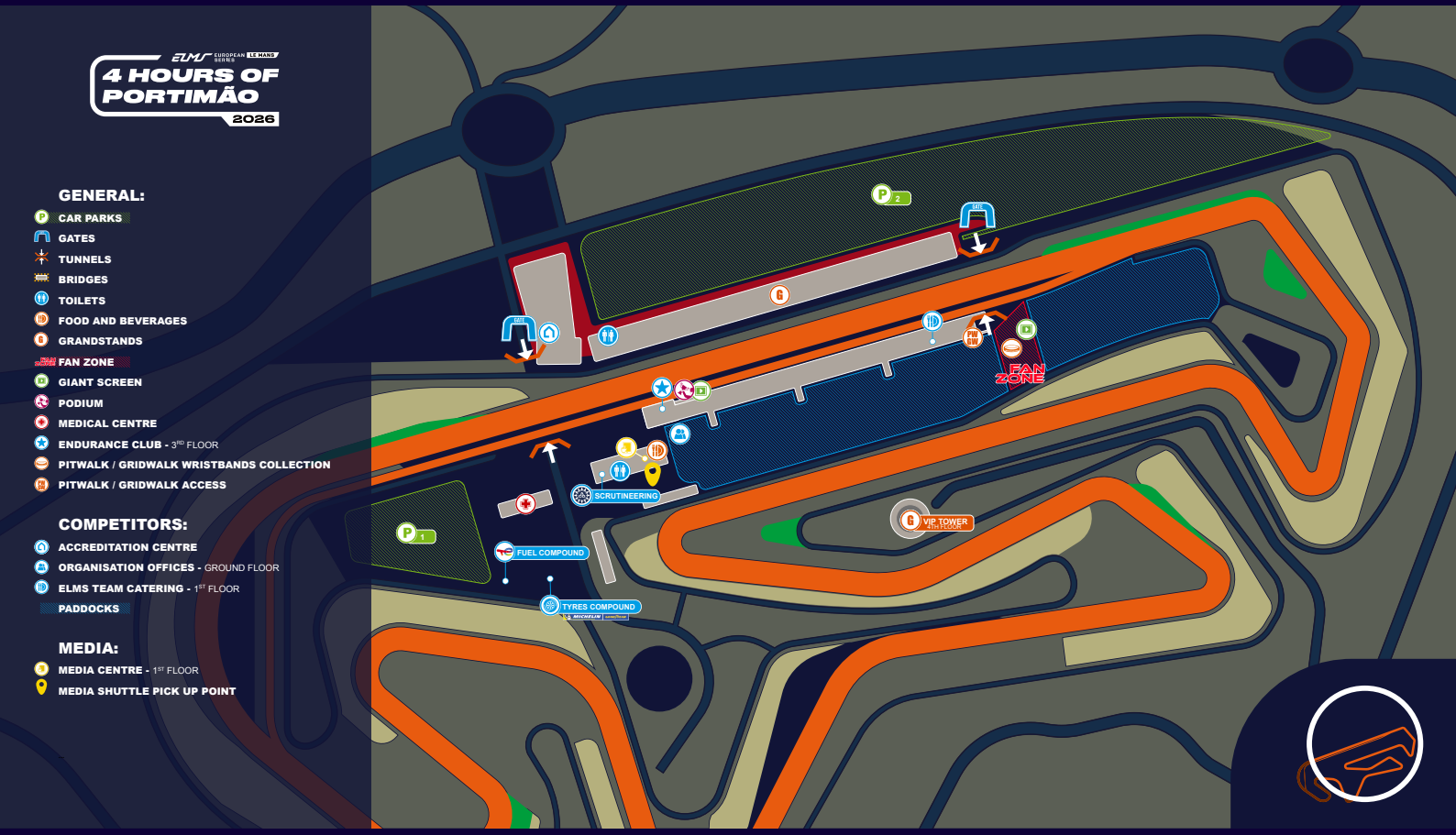
Ways from the airports:

Via A22
Get on A22 from N125-10, IC4 and N125-4 | 13 min (11.5 km)
Follow A22 to CM1054. Take exit 3 from A22 | 33 min (63.0 km)
Continue on CM1054 to your destination | 7 min (7.3 km)

Via N124 and A22 from Faro
Get on A22 from N125-10, IC4 and N125-4 | 13 min (11.5 km)
Follow A22 and A2 to N124 in São Bartolomeu de Messines. Take exit 14 from A2 | 20 min (35.3 km)
Get on A22 in Silves from N124 and N124-1 | 23 min (24.0 km)
Follow A22 to CM1054. Take exit 3 from A22 | 9 min (17.5 km)
Continue on CM1054 to your destination | 7 min (7.3 km)

Via A2 (from Lisbon Airport
Get on E1 from Av. Berlim | 2 min (750 m)
Follow A12, A2 and A22 to CM1054 in Faro. Take exit 3 from A22 | 2 h 20 min (282 km)
Continue on CM1054 to your destination | 7 min (7.3 km)

EVENT MAP



RED ZONES

There are no red zones in Portimão.
However, we ask you to always remain careful around the track, the barriers and to apply the Safety Briefing rules.

ACCREDITATION & CAR PARK



ACCREDITATION CENTRE

Your Media Pass will be available at the Accreditation Centre.
Your pass will be available from Tuesday morning. It's not necessary to come before that time.

On arrival at the accreditation centre, you can collect your Event media pass if you have followed all the process that was sent by email. If you never received any confirmation email, then your pass won't be available;
LOCATION: it is located just before the main tunnel of paddock entrance, on your left-hand side.

OPENING TIMES FOR THE ELMS WEEKEND:

Tuesday 06/10	**08:30 - 18:00**
Wednesday 07/10	**08:30 - 18:00**
Thursday 08/10	**08:00 - 18:30**

Friday 09/10	**08:00 - 18:00**
Saturday 10/10	**07:45 - 17:30**

All passes must be collected during the opening's times of the Accreditation Centre above.
They must be collected by the person to whom the pass is issued. You cannot collect the pass for another person.
Please do not ask as it will not be permitted.

REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:
- **A copy of your accreditation acceptance letter (if you have one).**
- **A proof of identity (passport, press card or driving license).**

MEDIA CAR PARK - P1

For this weekend, the Media Car Park is the **P1.**

You can ask a Car Park Sticker at the Accreditation Centre upon your arrival.
It will only be issued if you are accredited for the event, and must be collected by the person to whom it is issued. You cannot collect a sticker on behalf of someone else; please do not ask, as this will not be allowed.

Please note that the quantity is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
Since some medias were abusing it, one parking pass will be allocated to three media representatives from the same organisation.

IF YOU NEED A CAR PASS PLEASE REMEMBER TO ASK FOR IT AT THE ACCREDITATION CENTRE.

MEDIA CENTRE



OPENING TIMES FOR THE EVENT

Tuesday 06/10	**14:00 - 19:00**
Wednesday 07/10	**08:00 - 20:00**
Thursday 08/10	**08:00 - 20:00**

Friday 09/10	**08:00 - 20:00***
Saturday 10/10	**08:30 - 22:30***
Sunday 11/10	**09:00 - 17:00**

(*): until the last media/journalist's left.

Find all the information you need about the ELMS in the Media Kit of the Press Area. From session results to entry lists, pit garage allocation, timetable, photos and everything is online and at your disposal at: **press.europeanlemansseries.com**

LOCKERS

Lockers are available in the Media Centre. The system is managed by the circuit and a caution of 10€ will be requested.

Please note that the quantity is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

SAFETY MEDIA BRIEFING



Important – In a change this season all safety briefing will be held at the circuit. Please see the schedule below.

You need to attend one of the briefings on this schedule. DO NOT be late as you will not be able to join the briefing once it has started.

If you have any problem and cannot attend the briefing for a very good reason, please contact our Press Officer Jeff Carter at j.carter@europeanlemansseries.com.

This season anyone caught not having attended the safety briefing will have their passes removed and they will be escorted from the circuit.

The safety briefing is mandatory in order to collect your tabard as a token will be given to you. You'll be asked to sign the safety waiver and fill in the deposit form when you collect your tabard after the safety briefing.
Season passes who already attended this safety briefing in Barcelona or Le Castellet, don't need to do it again.

SCHEDULES OF THE SAFETY BRIEFING SESSIONS

Wednesday 7 October	09:00 13:30
Thursday 8 October	08:30 13:30
Friday 9 October	08:30
Saturday 10 October	08:15

Important – For the Rookie Test on Sunday 11 October, access to the event and the delivery of a media tabard are only possible for those who were present for the race and attended one of the briefings mentioned above.

If you missed a session, you'll have to wait until the next session. No exception will be made.

TABARDS, TV & ENG CREWS



In order to shoot videos during one of the European Le Mans Series event you have to receive permission prior to the event. The fee applies for ELMS, MLMC and LES.
Please contact Antonios ARGYROPOULOS at tvservices@europeanlemansseries.com & Jeanne VATAT at j.vatat@europeanlemansseries.com.

All camera must carry a sticker. No filming is allowed anywhere on the circuit without this camera sticker and the specific tabard .

To collect your tabard and camera sticker, visit Jeanne VATAT at the Media Centre, where you'll have to sign the waivers (safety briefing and deposit form).

PHOTOGRAPHERS TABARDS ACCESSES

	Pitlane access	Service Road access
Service Road tabard	✗	✓
Pitlane tabard *(only if wearing fireproof and helmet)*	✓	✓

TV/ENG CREW TABARDS COLOUR FOR THE WEEKEND

4 Hours of Portimão - TV & ENG Crew	

AUTHORIZED AND RESTRICTED FILMING AREAS

Track action during all sessions	Requires the ENG Crew
Pitlane during all sessions (also from the garage)	Requires the ENG Crew
GridWalk, PitWalk & Podium	Requires the ENG Crew
Paddock and inside the garage	✓
Grandstand	✓
Trackwalk	✓

MEDIA INFORMATIONS



WORKING IN THE PIT LANE

Pitlane access is strictly limited and is granted to photographers who need to access the area.
Please note that the access to this area is limited for safety reasons. The requests will be evaluated and the priority will go to media working whether for a team, a driver or a media outlet involved in the championship.

All photographers and TV crews working in the pitlane are required to wear a fireproof overall to the standard FIA 8856-2000 or FIA 8856-2018 (no other fireproof is a acceptable) and a helmet, such as a cycle or skiing helmet.

If you don't have these items - in addition to this area on your pass - you will not be able to access the pitlane during any session.

CIRCUIT MEDIA SHUTTLES

There are regular media shuttles that run around the circuit perimeter urban road during the event.
The start and finish times for this service will be posted on the notice boards in the both Media Centre.
Pick-up point: in front of the Media Centre. Where there is the grandstand, at the entrance of the paddock. Please refer to the event map.

PRESS CONFERENCES

Press conferences will be held in the Media Centre. Check the planning in the next pages.

MEDIA CAR PARK

The media car park is available to the media pass holders. Please ask at the Accreditation Centre for a car pass, whether you have an Event or Season Pass.
As mentionned previously, the parkings for this weekend are the P1 and it will be will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For medias working for the same client or under the same entity, only one parking will be given.

Please be careful not to leave any belongings in your car, whether during the day or in the evening, and regardless of whether you leave it for 5 minutes or 2 hours. We cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, or damage to your vehicle or its contents.

PRESS CONFERENCES



In 2026, we are introducing the Pre-Event Press Conference, to kick off each race weekend. It will feature drivers playing a key role in the event, whether they are local competitors or have a direct impact on the championship storyline.

Here is the press conferences programme for this event.
They'll be held in the Media Centre.

17:30 — **THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER**
Pre-Event Press Conference (Media Centre)

Griffin Peebles (United Autosports #22) - LMP2 - ELMS
Matthieu Vaxiviere (AF Corse #83) - LMP2 Pro/Am - ELMS
Julian Hanses (Team Qatar by Iron Lynx #62) - LMGT3 - ELMS
Alexander Jacoby (CLX Motorsport #17) - LMP3 - ELMS
Gillian Henrion (Motorsport98 #98) - LMP3 Pro/Am - MLMC
Simon Schranz (Team Virage #14) - JS P4 - Ligier European Series

13:15 — **FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER**
Post-Qualifying Press Conference (Media Centre) — MICHELIN LE MANS CUP

17:00 — **FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER**
Post-Qualifying Press Conference (Media Centre) — ELMS EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES

11:45 — **SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER**
Post-Race Press Conference (Media Centre) — MICHELIN LE MANS CUP

18:45 — **SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER**
Post-Race Press Conference (Media Centre) — ELMS EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES

TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

08:00	13:00	ELMS	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
09:00	12:00	ELMS	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Pit Building	
09:00	18:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Pit Building	
14:00	19:30	Michelin Le Mans Cup	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
16:30	17:00	ELMS	MARSHALLING & TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	30’
17:00	18:00	Ligier European Series	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Pit Building	
17:00	20:00	ALL SERIES	TRACKWALK	Track	120’

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026

09:00	09:15	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ONLY FOR LMP3 & LMGT3	Track	15’
09:15	10:35	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ALL CATEGORIES	Track	80’
10:35	10:50	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ONLY FOR LMP2 & LMP2 PRO/AM	Track	15’
11:00	13:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	120’
13:00	13:40	Track Break			40’
13:35	13:50	ELMS	PROMOTION LAPS FOR SELECTED CAR	Track	15’
14:00	17:00	Ligier European Series	MANDATORY SCRUTINEERING	Scrutineering bay	
14:00	17:00	Ligier European Series	ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS	Pit Building	
14:00	14:15	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ONLY FOR LMP3 & LMGT3	Track	15’
14:15	16:35	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ALL CATEGORIES	Track	140’
16:35	16:50	ELMS	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST - ONLY FOR LMP2 & LMP2 PRO/AM	Track	15’
17:00	18:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	PROMOTER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	60’
17:45		ELMS	TEAM MANAGERS AND DRIVERS BRIEFING	Briefing Room	
18:15	19:15	ELMS	EXTRICATION EXERCISE	Pitlane	75’
18:15	20:15	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	120’
18:15	20:00	ALL SERIES	TRACK WALK	Track	105’
18:30		Michelin Le Mans Cup	TEAM MANAGERS AND DRIVERS BRIEFING	Briefing Room	
19:15		Ligier European Series	TEAM MANAGERS AND DRIVERS BRIEFING	Briefing Room	

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

07:30	08:15	ELMS	MARSHALLING & TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
08:00	09:30	Michelin Le Mans Cup	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	90’
08:15		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:30		ELMS	RACE DIRECTOR INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
09:00	09:40	Ligier European Series	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	40’
09:50	10:50	Michelin Le Mans Cup	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	60’
09:50	11:00	Ligier European Series	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	60’
11:00	12:30	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	90’
12:40	13:20	Ligier European Series	FREE PRACTICE 1	Track	40’
13:20	14:00	Track Break			40’
14:00	14:30	Michelin Le Mans Cup	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	30’
14:40	15:10	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	Track	30’
15:20	15:35	Ligier European Series	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	Track	15’
15:40	15:55	Ligier European Series	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	Track	15’
16:05	17:05	Michelin Le Mans Cup	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	60’
17:05	17:30	Michelin Le Mans Cup	REFUELING AND TYRES CHANGE TEST	Pitlane	25’
17:15	17:55	ELMS	SAFETY CAR EXERCISE	Track	40’
17:30	18:00	ELMS	PRE-EVENT PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre	30’
17:45	20:45	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	150’

TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

07:45	08:30	ELMS	MARSHALLING & TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
08:00	08:30	ELMS	PIT LANE MARSHALS MEETING	Briefing Room	30’
08:00	10:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	SCRUTINEERING OPEN	Scrutineering bay	90’
08:10		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:25		ELMS	RACE DIRECTOR INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:54		Ligier European Series	GREEN FLAG	2 formation laps	
09:00	10:00	Ligier European Series	RACE 1	Race 1	60’
10:15	11:45	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2	Track	90’
11:55	12:10	Michelin Le Mans Cup	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3	Track	15’
12:20	12:35	Michelin Le Mans Cup	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3 PRO/AM	Track	15’
12:45	13:00	Michelin Le Mans Cup	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	Track	15’
13:00	13:54	Track Break			54’
13:15		Michelin Le Mans Cup	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre	
13:54		Ligier European Series	GREEN FLAG	2 formation laps	
14:00	15:00	Ligier European Series	RACE 2	Race 2	60’
15:15		Ligier European Series	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre	
15:15	15:30	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMGT3	Track	15’
15:40	15:55	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	Track	15’
16:05	16:20	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2 PRO/AM	Track	15’
16:30	16:45	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2	Track	15’
17:00		ELMS	QUALIFYING PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre	
17:00	19:00	ALL SERIES	TRACK WALK	Track	120’
17:30	18:30	ELMS	PITLANE & MAIN STRAIGHT WALK	Pitlane - Track	60’
18:30		ELMS	TOP 4 STARTING DRIVERS OF EACH CATEGORY	Breifing Room	

TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

07:45	08:30	ELMS	MARSHALLING & TIMEKEEPING CHECKS	Track	
07:45	09:00	ELMS	SCRUTINEERING OPEN (NO CHECKING OF SPARE PARTS)	Scrutineering bay	
08:00		ELMS	MEDICAL INSPECTION LAPS	Track	
08:15		ELMS	RACE DIRECTOR INSPECTION LAPS	Race 5	30'+1L
09:24		Michelin Le Mans Cup	GREEN FLAG	Pit Lane	45'
09:30	11:30	Michelin Le Mans Cup	RACE	Track	30'
11:45		Michelin Le Mans Cup	PRESS CONFERENCE	Pit Lane	30'
12:00	13:00	ELMS	PIT WALK	Pit Lane	5'
12:15	12:45	ELMS	AUTOGRAPH SESSION	Pit Lane	
13:15		ELMS	PIT LANE OPEN	Track	40'
13:20		ELMS	PIT LANE CLOSED	Track	
13:30	14:10	ELMS	GRID WALK	2 formation laps	
14:23		ELMS	1' BOARD	Race 6	4h
14:24		ELMS	GREEN FLAG	Media Centre 1	
14:30	18:30	ELMS	RACE	Race 6	4h
18:45		ELMS	PRESS CONFERENCE	Media Centre 1	

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

10:00	12:00	ELMS - MLMC	ROOKIE TEST - MORNING SESSION	Track	120'
13:00	16:00	ELMS - MLMC	ROOKIE TEST - AFTERNOON SESSION	Track	180'
16:00	17:00	ELMS - MLMC	ADR COLLECTION	Scrutineering bay	
19:00		ELMS - MLMC - LES	AWARDS CEREMONY	Portimão Arena	

	Free Practice	Qualifying	Race
ELMS	Bronze test 30' + 2 x 90'	4 x 15' (gap 10')	4h
Michelin Le Mans Cup	Bronze test 40' + 2 x 60'	3 x 15' (gap 10')	2h
Ligier European Series	2 x 40'	2 x 15' (gap 5')	2 x 60'

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