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Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Preview, Formula 1 race in Barcelona/Spain

### **Six champions take on the competition in the 27th season**

**Stuttgart.** The Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup is heading into an exciting season, beginning this weekend (10-12 May) in Barcelona. This year, the international one-make cup calendar again includes ten championship races at nine venues. Like in previous years, all races are contested as support to the Formula One World Championship. The new season brings a substantial expansion in the media coverage of the one-make cup, which was launched in 1993. All ten rounds can be watched live on the Internet and also in full length on TV. "From this year, fans are able to follow the Supercup even better in the audio-visual media. There are some very strong drivers coming up through the ranks from the national one-make cup series. At several rounds, celebrities will enhance the championship at the wheel of our VIP vehicle," says Oliver Schwab, the Manager of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, outlining the novelties for 2019.

### **Proven race calendar for the 2019 season**

The Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup maintains its proven race calendar. The 2019 season begins on the second weekend in May with the start of the European Formula One season in Barcelona (Spain) and concludes on the last weekend in October with a double-header event on the Grand Prix circuit in Mexico City. Between these rounds, the 357 kW (485 hp) Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racers will take up the challenge in Monaco (Monte Carlo), Austria (Spielberg), Great Britain (Silverstone), Germany (Hockenheim), Hungary (Budapest), Belgium (Spa-Francorchamps) and Italy (Monza).

**Open fight for the title**

Joining the reigning Supercup champion Ammermüller on the grid this season are five defending champions from Porsche's national one-make race series: Tio Ellinas (champion Porsche Carrera Cup Great Britain), Porsche Junior Jaxon Evans (champion Porsche Carrera Cup Australia), Ayhancan Güven (champion Porsche Carrera Cup France and Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Benelux), Gianmarco Quaresmini (champion Porsche Carrera Cup Italia) and Al Faisal Al Zubair (champion Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East) are keen to demonstrate their skill in the exclusive environment of the Formula One World Championship.

**More VIPs as guest drivers in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup**

The series organisers continue the long tradition of running a VIP vehicle this coming season. At selected rounds, prominent guest drivers will take the wheel of the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. At the Silverstone race, Chris Hoy will join the field. The Scotsman has won six Olympic gold medals in track cycling and in 2015 clinched the LMP3 class of the European Le Mans Series. Last season, three VIPs took on the Supercup challenge: Dakar Rally winner Matthias Walkner contested his home race in Spielberg, BBC's *Top Gear* star Chris Harris competed at Silverstone, and Formula E driver Felix Rosenqvist stirred up the field at Spa-Francorchamps. The current IndyCar driver from Sweden netted an impressive tenth place in Belgium. The greatest success in a VIP-Porsche was achieved by ex-Formula 1 world champion Mika Häkkinen. The Finn won his 1993 guest starts in Monaco and Budapest.

**Porsche Juniors set sights on successes**

The 2019 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup season marks an important step in the still young motorsport career of Jaxon Evans (New Zealand). The 22-year-old has come from the Porsche Carrera Cup Australia as the new Porsche Junior to tackle his maiden season in the fast one-make cup on an international stage. Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (France) contests his second Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup season in 2019. The 19-year-old gave a convincing performance last season with two victories at the double-header finale in Mexico City.

### More TV coverage

The TV channel Eurosport broadcasts all races over the whole distance live or taped and shown at a later time. Eurosport televises to more than 60 countries. The free-TV station Sport1 broadcasts all rounds of the 2019 season. The races in Spielberg, Silverstone and Hockenheim will be televised live. Sky also covers the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. Formula One Management (FOM) distributes TV footage of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup to TV stations around the world. The official Formula 1 (F1 TV) streaming service transmits all sessions of the one-make cup and offers live broadcasts for a fee.

### 2019 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup race calendar

- 10.05-12.05.2019, Barcelona (Spain), race 1
- 23.05-26.05.2019, Monte Carlo (Monaco), race 2
- 28.06-30.06.2019, Spielberg (Austria), race 3
- 12.07-14.07.2019, Silverstone (Great Britain), race 4
- 26.07-28.07.2019, Hockenheim (Germany), race 5
- 02.08-04.08.2019, Budapest (Hungary), race 6
- 30.08-01.09.2019, Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium), race 7
- 06.09-08.09.2019, Monza (Italy), race 8
- 25.10-27.10.2019, Mexico City (Mexico), races 9+10

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