Over 4,900 participants attempt to qualify for the virtual Porsche Supercup

14/02/2020 Porsche expands its partnership with the sim racing provider iRacing. Since mid-December, competitors have pitted themselves against each other in qualifying rounds for the 2020 Porsche Esports Supercup in the so-called “Porsche iRacing Cup” on different virtual racetracks.

Over 4,900 sim racers have already taken part in the qualifying rounds – twice as many participants compared to last year. The qualification concludes on March 2, with the top 20 qualifiers gaining entry to contest the Porsche Esports Supercup. At present, the Formula 1 driver and avid sim racer Max Verstappen is competing, with the Red Bull racer from the Netherlands currently ranking 20th as of February 10, 2020. The illustrious grid line-up will be enhanced by the 20 top sim racers from last season. They automatically qualify for the 2020 races.

During the qualification, an iRating system created by iRacing ensures that the level of performance is evenly-matched. The individual numeric value gives an idea of the general skill and success of each driver. The key to achieving the highest possible numeric value is, for example, flawless driving and the corresponding result. Moreover, the points gained at the end of the qualifying rounds determine the performance level in relation to the entire starting grid.

Last year, a total of 2,372 drivers attempted to qualify for the Porsche Esports Supercup. For the 2020 season, the defending champion Joshua Rogers (Australia) and his hottest rivals Max Benecke (Germany), Sebastian Job (Great Britain) and Mitchell deJong (USA) return as the favorites. In 2019, they clinched the first four places in the championship.

The world's best sim racers will contest the 2020 Porsche Esports Supercup. A total of 40 drivers will compete against each other in ten online races in a virtual Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Most of these races take place parallel to the real championship rounds of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, which are held as support to the European Formula 1 events.

The first championship sim race takes off on May 2 on the virtual version of the Circuit Zandvoort in the Netherlands. Simultaneously, the actual Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup will contest its first round at the same venue. On September 19, Italy's Circuit Monza plays host to the final round of the Esports Supercup.

The 2020 rounds of the Porsche Esports Supercup

Date	Racetrack
March 27-29, 2020	Test drives Barcelona
May 2, 2020	Circuit Park Zandvoort
May 9, 2020	Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya
May 23, 2020	Donington Park Circuit
June 13, 2020	Circuit des 24 Heures Le Mans
July 4, 2020	Nürburgring Nordschleife
July 18, 2020	Silverstone Circuit
August 1, 2020	Road Atlanta
August 15, 2020	Brands Hatch Circuit
August 29, 2020	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps
September 19, 2020	Autodromo Nazionale Monza

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