

Real racing drivers and elite sim racers pursue the title

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01/09/2020 Two races, 20 competitors and one aim: to clinch the title in the Porsche Esports Carrera Cup Deutschland. The grand finale of the digital championship will be contested this coming Saturday (5 September).

In the double-header event, six experienced racing drivers in real Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars go up against 14 sim racers. The simulation platform "Raceroom" hosts the virtual event. The identical digital Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racing cars guarantee equal chances for all and gripping action. To win entry into this championship, around 3,500 online players took part in four qualifying phases.

"It became apparent during last year's debut season of the Porsche Esports Carrera Cup Deutschland that our concept of combining sim racers and real racing drivers is extremely popular. Especially under the current circumstances, sim racing is gaining traction and is a fantastic addition to real-life

motorsport events. We're very curious to see who will ultimately come out on top at the final round," says Hurui Issak, Project Manager of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland.

Sim racers and Carrera Cup drivers secured their grid positions independently of each other. The German e-racers Moritz Löhner, Leon Rüdinger, Alexander Dorniedem, Florian Hasse, Marko Pejic, Thorsten Ulrich, Lucas Müller, Max Duhr as well as Néstor García (Spain), Jakub Brzezinski, Nikodem Wisniewski (both Poland) and the three Italians Gianmarco Fiduci, Carlo Luciano Bedin and Simone Prete will contest the finale. Prior to this, online players demonstrated their skills in qualifying heats, with the best claiming a grid spot for the two semi-final races. Moritz Löhner won both of the semi-finals.

Real racing drivers also earned their entry in four qualifying time periods. The grid line-up for the final event includes the German quartet Lukas Ertl, Michael Essmann, Julian Hanses, Laurin Heinrich and Donar Munding as well as Austrian Luca Rettenbacher. All six drivers contested last year's Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland or the Porsche Sports Cup Deutschland.

In addition to the two 30-minute races, the grand finale programme includes a free practice (35 minutes), a qualifying session (15 minutes) as well as two warm-ups (5 minutes each). Drivers fight for prize money to the value of 15,000 Euros. Fans can watch the event live on the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland YouTube channel. The racetrack venue for the finale will be announced 24 hours before the event.

Schedule (5 September)

2:00 to 2:35 pm: Free practice
2:35 to 2:50 pm: Qualifying
2:50 to 2:55 pm: Warm-up
2:55 to 3:25 pm: Race 1
3:25 to 3:30 pm: Warm-up
3:30 to 4:00 pm: Race 2
(All times CEST)

Grid line-up (5 September)

Moritz Löhner (D/Porsche Zentrum Bamberg)
Néstor García (E/Porsche Zentrum Regensburg)
Jakub Brzezinski (PL/Porsche Zentren in Stuttgart)
Leon Rüdinger (D/Porsche Zentrum Leipzig)
Nikodem Wisniewski (PL/Porsche Zentrum Niederbayern)
Alexander Dornieden (D/Porsche Zentren in Hamburg)
Florian Hasse (D/Porsche Zentrum Schwarzwald-Baar)

Marko Pejic (D/Porsche Zentrum Chemnitz)
Thorsten Ulrich (D/Porsche Zentrum Niederrhein)
Lucas Müller (D/Porsche Zentrum Karlsruhe)
Gianmarco Fiduci (I/Porsche Zentrum Wiesbaden)
Max Duhr (D/Porsche Zentrum Bayreuth)
Carlo Luciano Bedin (I/Porsche Zentrum Bad Homburg/Oberursel)
Simone Prete (I/Porsche Zentrum München Süd)
Lukas Ertl (D/Porsche Zentrum Gießen)
Michael Essmann (D/Porsche Zentrum Schwäbisch Gmünd)
Julian Hanses (D/Porsche Zentrum Mannheim)
Laurin Heinrich (D/Porsche Zentrum Hannover)
Donar Munding (D/Porsche Zentrum Essen)
Luca Rettenbacher (A/Porsche Zentren in Berlin)

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