

Fiesta Mexicana with the 919 Hybrid

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02/09/2016 Porsche has enjoyed a busy and trouble free beginning to the Mexico race weekend. The fifth round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) provides entirely new challenges.

The six-hour race at the multi-million population metropolis is the fifth of nine rounds of the 2016 WEC. The 4.303 kilometre long track lies 2,250 metres above sea level, which means thin air for men and machines. Furthermore, September is one of the rainiest months in the region. At the end of every lap at the "Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez" the drivers arrive at a right-left-hander to dive into a baseball stadium that can accommodate 26,000 spectators – fiesta Mexicana on steep grandstands.

Having won in Silverstone, Le Mans and at the Nürburgring, the Porsche Team leads the manufacturers' world championship with 164 points ahead of Audi (129) and Toyota (97). In the drivers' world championship, the trio of Romain Dumas (FR), Neel Jani (CH) and Marc Lieb (DE) is leading. The Le

Mans winners have 106 points to their tally, the second placed Audi trio has a total of 73 points. The Porsche sister car's crew of Timo Bernhard (DE), Brendon Hartley (NZ) and Mark Webber (AU) currently ranks eighth with a score of 28.5 points. The reigning World Champions were unlucky in the first three rounds, but struck back by winning the six-hour race at the Nürburgring in July.

Thirty-two cars are registered for the venue between the Sierra Nevada and the twin volcanoes of Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuati. The field of prototypes and sports cars is divided into four classes. The Porsche 919 Hybrid belongs to the highest category of the class one Le Mans prototypes (LMP1). In the LMP2 class four Mexican drivers are competing: the brothers Ricardo and Roberto Gonzáles jr as well as Alfonso Diaz Guerra and Luis Diaz.

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