


# Porsche aims to defend all titles at Road Atlanta IMSA finale

08/10/2025 Porsche Penske Motorsport is determined to repeat last year's success at the upcoming IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship finale at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta and once again clinch all IMSA championship titles. The factory team will enter two Porsche 963 prototypes in the 10-hour ☒Petit Le Mans." In the drivers' standings, overall leaders Matt Campbell (Australia) and Mathieu Jaminet (France) start as the favorites. Their teammates Felipe Nasr (Brazil) and Nick Tandy (UK) are currently second in the standings and remain in contention for the title.

**Braselton, GA.** Heading into the season finale at Road Atlanta, the fight for the manufacturers' crown is on a knife-edge. Porsche tops the standings with four victories but holds only a seven-point advantage over Acura. With 350 points awarded for a race win and 35 for pole position, every session could prove decisive.

☒We will give absolutely everything at Road Atlanta to defend all titles," Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President Porsche Motorsport, said. ☒After our extraordinary start with four wins in a row, the circumstances prevented further victories. The six-hour race at Indianapolis didn't go as planned. We

know we have the potential – now it's about executing flawlessly. The team is fully focused on the 'Petit Le Mans.' I'm confident we can emerge from the big finale as winners."

"We need to deliver maximum performance in all areas to achieve our dream of title defense," explains Urs Kuratle, Director Factory Motorsport LMDh. "The team, the drivers, and above all the Porsche 963 bring everything needed for another triumph. Since the start of the LMDh regulations in 2023, the 963 has been the most successful car by far – 11 wins in IMSA, more than any rival. At Road Atlanta, we're targeting win number 12 and, just like last year, all the championship titles."

"Petit LeMans is the final round of the 2025 IMSA season and is one of the most difficult. The tight confines of the Road Atlanta circuit and the high car count is a recipe for non-stop action," Jonathan Diuguid, Managing Director Porsche Penske Motorsport, said. "Porsche Penske Motorsport is entering the race leading all championships; however, we are not taking anything for granted. Both of our cars have had a strong eight previous races but it will all be decided in Atlanta and we must stay focused and hopefully rewarded when the checkered flag falls."

For the endurance classic at the 2.540-mile Road Atlanta circuit near Braselton, Porsche Penske Motorsport will once again field three drivers per car. Jaminet and Campbell will share the #6 Porsche 963 with Frenchman Julien Andlauer, while the #7 sister car will be driven by Nasr, Tandy, and Belgian Laurens Vanthoor. JDC-Miller MotorSports enters its 659 PS (485 kW) #85 Porsche 963 with Tijmen van der Helm (Netherlands), Max Esterson (USA), and Neel Jani (Switzerland).

**Championship scenarios: thrilling title fight goes down to the wire**
In the drivers' championship, three duos still have a mathematical shot: Campbell/Jaminet lead with 2,582 points ahead of Nasr/Tandy on 2,451. BMW's Dries Vanthoor (Belgium) and Philipp Eng (Austria) are third, 145 points behind. The equation is simple: a seventh-place finish is enough for Campbell/Jaminet to secure the drivers' crown. The same scenario applies to the teams' championship.

The manufacturers' title fight is even tighter: with just a seven-point lead, at least one Porsche 963 must finish ahead of the best-placed Acura to secure the title. In the IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup – the special classification for the long-distance races at Daytona, Sebring, Watkins Glen, Indianapolis, and Road Atlanta – Porsche also leads across the board. In 2024, Porsche swept all titles in this sub-championship as well.

**GT classes: Wright Motorsports fights for IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup**
After finishing second at Indianapolis, Wright Motorsports still has a shot at the Endurance Cup. The Ohio-based customer team fields a Porsche 911 GT3 R in the GTD class, driven by Americans Adam Adelson and Elliott Skeer alongside Australia's Tom Sargent, a Porsche Motorsport North America Selected Driver in 2025, in the #120 entry.

In GTD Pro, AO Racing is chasing a third win of the season with its fan-favorite "Rexy" Porsche 911 GT3 R. The #77 will be shared by Laurin Heinrich (Germany), Klaus Bachler (Austria), and Porsche factory driver Michael Christensen (Denmark) – all three former Porsche Juniors.

**The race**

The ⊠Petit Le Mans," part of the IMSA calendar since 1998, is one of North America's most prestigious endurance races. The 28th running will again be held at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, roughly 60 miles northeast of Porsche Cars North America in Atlanta. The 10-hour race on the undulating 2.540-mile natural-terrain circuit, with its twelve corners including the famous fast downhill ⊠Esses" is highly popular among both fans and drivers. Autumn weather in Georgia can bring blazing sunshine, heavy rain, or even thunderstorms, and the race runs into the night on an unlit circuit for additional challenge.

Porsche's greatest Road Atlanta triumph came in 2015 in torrential rain, when Nick Tandy, Patrick Pilet (France), and Richard Lietz (Austria) claimed overall victory with the Porsche 911 RSR ahead of all quicker prototype cars – the brand's only outright win at Road Atlanta to date. Porsche has celebrated a total of 24 class victories at Petit Le Mans in the history of the race.

**Live coverage**

Race fans in the U.S. can see the race flag-to-flag via NBC's Peacock streaming service, and the opening three hours on the NBC network. Followers outside the U.S. and Canada can watch the entire race free of charge on imsa.tv. Live timing is available at scoring.imsa.com. The green flag for the 2025 IMSA season finale drops on Saturday, October 11, at 12:10 p.m. EDT.

**Other Porsche Race Cars at Road Atlanta**

Beyond the five WeatherTech Championship Porsches, the IMSA weekend at Road Atlanta is packed with Porsche race cars.

Six Porshche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsports are on the Michelin Pilot Challenge entry list in the GS class, led by championship leaders Jan Heylen and Luca Mars in the #28 RS1 entry. Mars and Heylen hold a 100 point advantage in the point standings and can clinch the title with a sixth-place or better.

In addition to his WeatherTech championship duties, Wright Motorsport's Adelson leads the VP Racing SportsCar Challenge GTDX class standings by 210 points with two sprint races at Road Atlanta remaining. Adelson's #24 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R is one of two Porches in the GTDX field, with three Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsports in the GSX field of the multi-class race.

Porsche Carrera Cup North America's highly competitive field adds 29 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars to the paddock. While the Road America round is just seven of eight for that series, the championship race is tight – Topp Racing's Ryan Yardley leads Kellymoss' Riley Dicksinson for the top spot overall by just 10 points.

**Driver quotes**

**Matt Campbell (Porsche 963 #6):** ⊠This is it! Petit Le Mans is the perfect stage for a big season finale. For me, it's the best event of the year. Hopefully we can celebrate a successful end to the season. Together with our teammates in the #7, we're fighting for the championship – it's going to be thrilling!"

**Felipe Nasr (Porsche 963 #7):** ⊠Here we are, entering the final race of the season. Road Atlanta always

delivers a thriller, and I enjoy the unique challenges this race brings. I'm eager to fight for the manufacturers' championship with Porsche, that's our main goal. I'm excited to team up with Nick Tandy and Laurens Vanthoor again, and hopefully we pick up right where we left off in Sebring!"

**Neel Jani (Porsche 963 #85):** ⊠It's a shame Proton Competition can't be there, so I'm really pleased to join JDC-Miller MotorSports at Road Atlanta. We may be outsiders, but anything can happen at Petit Le Mans. The team tested here recently, so the car should be well-prepared. I know the circuit very well and have already won here twice. In 2023, Proton and I even managed a podium with the Porsche 963. We've got a shot!"

**Laurin Heinrich (Porsche 911 GT3 R #77):** ⊠The mood is a bit subdued since we lost our chance to defend the title at Indianapolis. But I'm fired up for Road Atlanta: I've got unfinished business there. In 2024, we secured the championship but suffered a tough race on Saturday after leading early. Now I want to win the Petit Le Mans – it's high on my wish list and a huge motivation. We'll give everything to celebrate another win with Rexy."

**Tom Sargent (Porsche 911 GT3 R #120):** ⊠The first race I came to watch in the USA was Petit LeMans in 2022. To now have the chance to finish off my first IMSA championship at Petit is such a complete circle. I've waited so long to be able to drive at this track so I'm beyond excited. Coming off the back of a strong six hour race only makes us more confident for this one."

**Schedule (EDT)**
**Thursday, October 9**
8:35 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.: Porsche Carrera Cup North America Qualifying
10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.: WeatherTech Championship Free Practice 1
1:05 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.: VP Challenge Race 1
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: WeatherTech Championship Free Practice 2
5:05 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.: Porsche Carrera Cup North America Race 1
6:25 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.: Michelin Pilot Challenge GS Qualifying
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: WeatherTech Championship Free Practice 3

**Friday, October 10**
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.: VP Challenge Race 2
10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.: Porsche Carrera Cup North America Race 2
12:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Michelin Pilot Challenge Race
3:20 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.: WeatherTech Championship Qualifying

**Saturday, October 11**
12:10 p.m. – 10:10 p.m.: Petit Le Mans Race (10 hours)

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