



Press release

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IDEC SPORT at the start of the 2026 24 Hours of Le Mans

The Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) has unveiled the official entry list for the 94th edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, confirming the participation of IDEC SPORT. For the tenth consecutive year, the French team will take part in the most legendary endurance race.

The 2026 edition will see the French team line up at the start with the #28 car. Paul Lafargue will once again be joined by his loyal teammate Job Van Uitert. Paul-Loup Chatin, who is also competing with Genesis Magma Racing in the World Endurance Championship and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, will be replaced. The third driver will be announced shortly.

Patrice Lafargue, Président d'IDEC SPORT

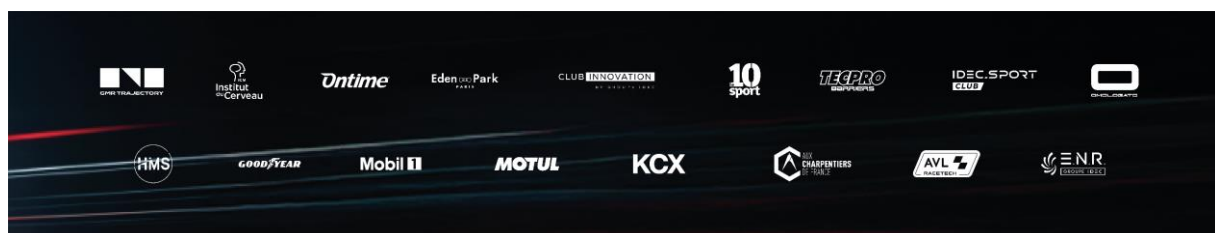
"I would like to thank the ACO for considering us once again and including us in the most beautiful peloton in the world. It is always magical to see the team's name on the entry list for this legendary race. Le Mans is legendary. This is our tenth participation and we still feel the same sense of wonder as we did when we first took part. I know that the drivers and staff will give their all, as they always do. We have had some great moments at Le Mans, as well as some big disappointments. But I already know that we will make sure that this 94th edition ends in the best possible way."

Nicolas Minassian, Team Principal d'IDEC SPORT

"It is always an honor to be chosen from among the 62 cars in the world to participate in this prestigious race. Although we have been invited for many years, participating in Le Mans is never a given. Every year, we wait impatiently and with a little pressure for the ACO to unveil the list of entrants. We prepare for a year, hoping to be selected. It's a gamble, but we have to be ready just in case. So when we see the team's name on the list, it's a very emotional and proud moment for the whole team. With Paul (Lafargue) and Job (Van Uitert), we can count on a high-performing duo who know each other very well and have experience at Le Mans. The LMP2 category is very competitive. It's up to us to do what we do best and remain humble in the face of the formidable challenge that this circuit represents."

Paul Lafargue, pilote de la #28

"I feel like a child living out his dream. Racing at Le Mans is always an extraordinary experience, a unique moment filled with emotion and challenges. I would like to thank the ACO for this opportunity, which also recognizes the work accomplished by the entire IDEC SPORT team. This will be my tenth time participating in this legendary race, and I am just as excited as ever. We know that the competition is fierce and that every detail counts, but we are ready to take on the challenge."





This means that a total of 18 additional LMP2 cars will join the field, which also includes 18 Hypercars and 25 GT3s, for a total of 62 cars. IDEC SPORT returns to the Sarthe with the firm intention of averting the fate of 2025 and adding another line to its list of achievements, which already includes a European championship title in 2019, a podium finish at Le Mans in 2024 (3rd) and two pole positions in LMP2 at the 24 Hours of Le Mans (2018 and 2023).

24 Hours of Le Mans schedule

- Sunday, June 7: Official practice
- Wednesday, June 10: Free practice 1 and Hyperpole qualifying
- Thursday, June 11: Hyperpole and Free practice 2
- Saturday, June 13: Start of the 24 Hours of Le Mans
- Sunday, June 14: Finish of the 24 Hours of Le Mans

While waiting to meet up in Le Mans from June 11 to 14, IDEC SPORT will kick off its European ELMS season in Barcelona with official testing on April 7, followed by the 4-hour race on Sunday, April 12, which can be watched live on the Championship's official YouTube channel.

ELMS CALENDAR 2026

Barcelona	12 april
Le Castellet	3 may
Imola	5 july
Spa-Francorchamps	23 august
Silverstone	13 september
Portimao	10 october

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