

23 – 25 JUNE 2010

NEXT STOP: PORTIMÃO, PORTUGAL

The 9th and 10th rounds of the 2010 FIA WTCC will take place at Portimão next week.

This event marks the championship's first visit to the modern Autódromo Internacional de Algarve located in Southern Portugal, which was inaugurated in 2008.

Among the many possible layouts offered by this impressive, state-of-the-art venue, the FIA WTCC cars will run on the 4.6km racetrack for two 11-lap races.

In previous seasons the WTCC Race of Portugal was hosted alternatively by the Porto street circuit (in 2007 and 2009) and the Estoril permanent track (in 2008).

Action at Portimão will begin on Friday afternoon at 14.30, when the drivers will explore the new circuit in a 30-minute test session.



Yvan Muller's Chevrolet during the winter test at Portimão

NO CHANGES FOR THE HANDICAP WEIGHTS

The handicap weights for the WTCC Race of Portugal remain the same as for the previous event in Zolder.

The Chevrolet Cruze and the SEAT León TDI remain the heaviest cars of the field and for the third consecutive race meeting they will carry the maximum compensation weight of 40 kg.

The compensation weight was determined by the lap times set in Morocco, Italy and Belgium. According to this calculation, the León TDI emerged as the fastest car, two tenths faster than the Cruze and half-a-second faster than the BMW 320si. The German cars have again been imposed 20 extra kilos for the Portuguese event.

The Chevrolet Lacetti and Kristian Poulsen's BMW (an old model) will have 20kg deducted from their minimum weight.

Compensation weight Portimão

+ 40 kg	SEAT León TDI, Chevrolet Cruze LT
+ 20 kg	BMW 320si
- 20 kg	Chevrolet Lacetti, BMW 320si (old model)



Once again the BMW cars will be 20 kg lighter than the Chevrolet and SEAT cars

CURRENT SUPER 2000 CARS WITH 1.6L TURBO

Following a proposal from the Touring Car Commission, the FIA World Motor Sport Council decided to adopt a new cost-controlling technical regulations to permit the adaptation of the current Super 2000 cars to the new 1.6L turbo engine in 2011.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRANDS HATCH

Rounds 11 and 12 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brands Hatch, UK, 17th and 18th July.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 6th July.

Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series (except the FIA Formula 2 permanent media passes) will NOT be valid.

Accreditation forms can be downloaded from www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Portugal – 3rd / 4th July in Portimão

2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 9 & 10 - PORTIMÃO, 4 July - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SR-Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SR-Sport	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SR-Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SR-Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		Zengő-Dension Team	Norbert Michelisz (HUN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		Chevrolet	Yvan Muller (FRA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
10		BMW Team RBM	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
11		BMW Team RBM	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
15	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
16	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrei Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
17		SUNRED Engineering	Michel Nykjær (DEN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
18		SEAT Swiss Racing by SUNRED	Fredy Barth (SUI) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
19	/	bamboo-engineering	Harry Vaulkhard (GBR) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
20	/	bamboo-engineering	Darryl O'Young (HKG) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
21	/	Wiechers-Sport	Mehdi Bennani (MAR) *	BMW 320si
24	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
25	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
36	/	eBay Motors	Colin Turkington (GBR)	BMW 320si

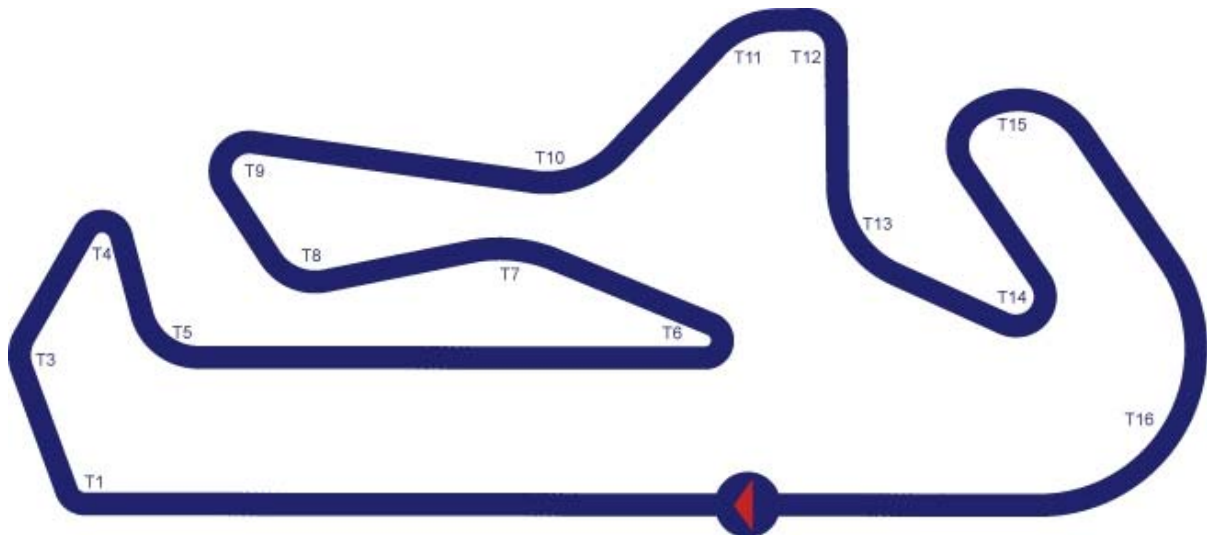
/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

* Drivers eligible for the WTCC Rookie Challenge

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ROUNDS 9 & 10 – AUTÓDROMO INTERNACIONAL DO ALGARVE



Lap distance – 4,654 m
Race distance – 2 x 11 laps

- Location:** 7 km North of Portimão
- Contacts:** Autódromo Internacional do Algarve, Sítio do Escampadinho, Mexilhoeira Grande, 8500-130 Portimão
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- Airports:** Faro (70 km), Seville-San Pablo (230 km), Lisbon-Portela de Sacavém (250 km)
- Lap records:** none
- Previous winners:** none



Rounds 9 & 10 – Portimão (POR) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 2nd July 2010

08.15 – 08.55	Taça de Portugal de GT e SP	Free Practice
09.05 – 09.25	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Free Practice 1
09.35 – 10.05	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
10.20 – 11.00	SEAT León Supercopa España	Free Practice 1
11.10 – 11.30	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Free Practice 2
11.40 – 12.00	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos 1300	Free Practice
12.15 – 12.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
13.00 – 13.20	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos	Free Practice
13.30 – 14.10	SEAT León Supercopa España	Free Practice 2
14.30 – 15.00	FIA WTCC	Testing
15.15 – 15.55	Taça de Portugal de GT e SP	Qualifying
16.10 – 16.40	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1
16.55 – 17.25	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Qualifying
17.40 – 18.10	SEAT León Supercopa España	Qualifying
18.25 – 18.55	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos 1300	Qualifying
19.05 – 19.35	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos	Qualifying

Saturday 3rd July 2010

08.30 – 09.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.35	Taça de Portugal de GT e SP	Race 1
11.00	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos 1300	Race 1
11.45 – 12.15	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
13.05	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1 (max. 40 min.)
14.15	SEAT León Supercopa España	Race 1
14.50	SEAT León Supercopa España	Race 2
15.45	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Race 1
16.30 – 17.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2
17.30 – 18.05	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
18.30	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos	Race 1

Sunday 4th July 2010

08.30 – 08.45	FIA WTCC	Warm up
09.30	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Race 2
10.35	SEAT León Supercopa España	Race 3
12.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (11 laps)
12.35	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
13.05	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2 (max. 35 min.)
14.15	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos 1300	Race 2
15.25	Taça de Portugal de Clássicos Circuitos	Race 2
16.50	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (11 laps)
17.20	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
17.50	Taça de Portugal de GT e SP	Race 2