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PUSHING BEYOND LIMITS THE BRUTAL BEAUTY OF ENDURANCE RACING.

Foreword from the Acting CEO

M S L I Y E M A L E T L A K A

A new season always brings a certain feeling with it... Not pressure. Not promises. Just that quiet sense that something good is about to begin again.

Endurance racing asks a lot from the people who choose it. Time. Energy. Patience. Trust. It rewards preparation and resilience far more than perfection, and it has a way of reminding you why you fell in love with the sport in the first place. That's the space SAES steps into as this new season begins.

This year, we'll be racing at tracks all over South Africa. From Zwartkops and Red Star, all the way down to Killarney in Cape Town, and once again at the iconic, fan-favourite Kyalami. Each circuit brings its own challenges and its own character, and that variety is part of what makes this championship so special.

There's also a lot to look forward to across the race weekends as a whole. Alongside the endurance grid, we'll see strong support categories including Silver Cup, Super Vee South Africa single-seaters, the VW Rookie Cup, Lotus Cup, and more.

These classes add depth, energy, and momentum to every round, and they matter just as much to the story of the season.

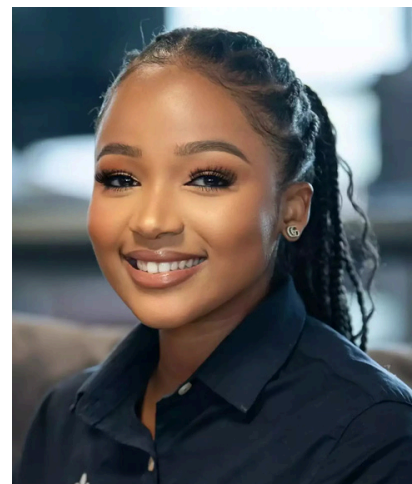
As we start this year, there's a genuine sense of optimism. We're hoping for bigger grids, closer racing, and even more fans coming through the gates. More families at the fences. More first-timers discovering what endurance racing feels like up close. More people finding something here that makes them want to come back.

SAES has never been about ticking boxes or chasing spectacle. It's about people choosing to show up, to commit, and to build something together over time. That sense of belonging is what carries this championship forward, season after season.

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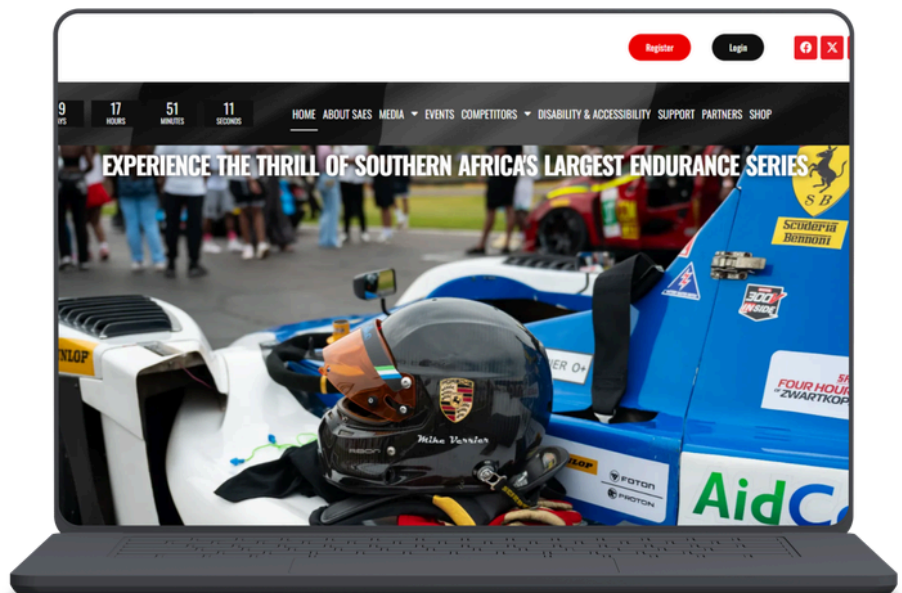
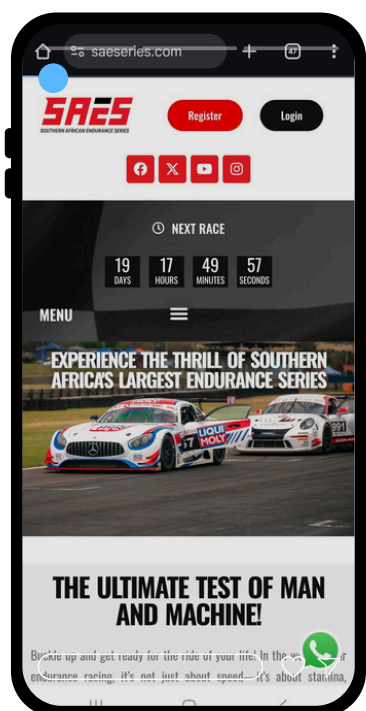
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ENDURANCE RACING

WHAT IS IT?

Inside the World of the Southern African Endurance Series



Most people meet motorsport through short, sharp sprints; a handful of laps, a burst of speed, a winner. Endurance racing is built differently. It asks a far bigger question: how long can you stay fast, focused, and faultless?

That's the world the Southern African Endurance Series (SAES) operates in: a world where the race isn't just against other teams, but against the clock, the heat, the circuit, fatigue, and every variable that creeps into a day-long fight.

Endurance racing strips the sport down to its real essentials. You can't rely on a single lap of brilliance or one lucky overtake. You need hours of consistency. You need a car that doesn't melt under pressure. You need people; drivers, engineers, mechanics, strategists, who can keep their heads while everything around them is trying to pull their attention apart.

It's deep, and when it all comes together, infinitely more rewarding.



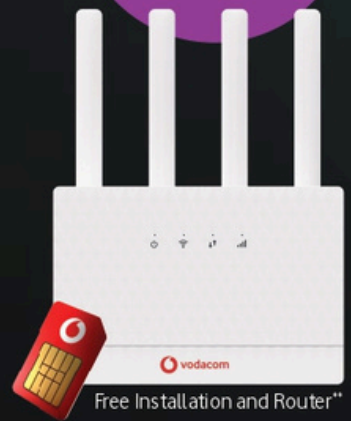
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Praga South Africa was launched in 2016. Whilst the brand immediately gained attention from well known South African drivers, their first real taste of success came in 2017, when Jarrod Waberski finished second in the Mini Rok National Championship, won the Northern Regions Mini Rok Championship and finished second in the Mini Max Northern Regions Championship, in the same year.



The brand achieved their first National title with Jarrod Waberski in 2018 and continued their success with Luke Hill finishing second in the Micro Rok National Challenge Championship and winning the Northern Regions Micro Rok Championship.

Supporting future champions from the age of 7 Years Up. Karting to Endurance racing.

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The Praga R1 takes the established conventions of racing car design and amplifies them. When we talk about lightweighting, we do so with the authority of a brand that has designed and built a proven bespoke carbon fibre chassis.

When we talk about aerodynamics, we do so as a company that understands that a racing driver requires grip not only for outright speed, but for confidence, driver feel and overtaking performance.

And when we talk about strength, integrity and reliability, we do so as a company that has established these as guiding principles.

We don't do things differently just for the sake of it. We analyse, improve, test and evolve.



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A RISING FORCE

Jenna's Journey From Childhood Passion to Motorsport Trailblazer

The Southern African Endurance Series (SAES) is proud to spotlight 24-year-old Jenna Laidlaw, a rider whose story embodies strength, courage, and the refusal to shrink herself to fit into a space not built for her.

Jenna's love for motorcycles started early. At just eight years old, she climbed onto a bike for the first time and never really climbed off. Today, she stands as the Road Captain for Crest Riders MCC, the motorcycle club founded by her father. It's a role built on trust and respect. She leads the pack not with volume, but with presence, the same way she rides: focused, calm, and quietly fearless.

In 2023, Jenna stepped formally into racing and made an immediate impact, earning third place in two of the four races she entered. Talent is one part of the story, the other part is consistency, discipline, and a kind of inner drive that doesn't fade when things get difficult.



Financial constraints have kept her from racing as often as she'd like. But whenever the door opens, Jenna walks through it with everything she has.

Off the track, Jenna gives back more than she takes. She teaches at Synergy Racing Academy, showing young riders how to find confidence on a bike, how to listen to the machine, and how to trust themselves.

Riding is more than a sport, it's my life, my passion, and my way of showing young women that they belong in every space they dream of," Jenna says.

SAES Acting CEO Liyema Letlaka reflects it perfectly: "Jenna Laidlaw is the embodiment of resilience and inspiration. Her journey proves that talent and determination can overcome any barrier. We look forward to watching her story continue to unfold on our tracks."

She is, in every sense, the future we want to see more of.



SAES stands for youth empowerment through this phenomenal sport

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH

Motorsport has always had an edge of glamour around it... the speed, the noise, the machinery. But beneath all of that is something far more powerful: the chance for young people to discover who they could be.

South Africa has no shortage of talent. What we've lacked, for a long time, is access. The moment you open a door; a karting league, a marshaling program, a paddock internship, a media role, a motorsport academy, you realise how quickly young people latch onto the environment. The sport teaches discipline, teamwork, problem-solving, technical curiosity, confidence under pressure. Skills that transfer far beyond a racetrack.

Some want to drive. Some want to engineer. Some want to manage events, tell stories, analyse data, or build careers in PR, hospitality, and operations.

That's the beauty of motorsport: it's an industry, not a single job.

And now, with the global rise of Formula One and the renewed interest in African motorsport, there's finally momentum behind giving the next generation a real shot. The world is paying attention. Sponsors are paying attention. Communities are paying attention.

If we treat motorsport as a pipeline for youth development (not just entertainment) we can build something meaningful. Something long-term. Something that actually changes the landscape for young South Africans who never knew this world was an option for them.

The opportunity is here.
The responsibility is ours.
And the future is wide open.

To get involved with our youth program,
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Silverlakes

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Where two worlds collide in the city

In the heart of Silverlakes, Pretoria East, lies a hidden gem that blends modern luxury with rustic farm-style charm. Set on 70 hectares in Jacaranda City, this historic hotel was restored to its former glory through new ownership and a vision to create a bushveld retreat. Amidst lush greenery, diverse animal species roam freely, giving guests the rare chance to experience bush wildlife within city limits.



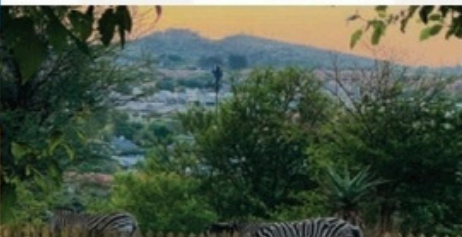
Unmatched farm-style hospitality

Come and experience this lavish hotel featuring 80 meticulously appointed rooms, 12 state-of-the-art conference centres, and two enchanting chapels. The ultimate breakaway from the hustle of the city without the hours of driving.

The allure of Silverlakes Farm Hotel extends far beyond its luxurious accommodations. With an eye toward innovation, the hotel is currently undergoing extensive renovations and recently finished the construction of a breathtaking 1200m2 undercover glass venue. The largest of its kind in the area, which is readily available to hire for weddings, year-end functions, brand launches, corporate events and even big celebrations like birthdays.

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WHY MOTORSPORT WORKS AS A PLATFORM

Motorsport has quietly become one of the most effective places for brands to sit, not because of the trophies or the highlight reels, but because of what the environment naturally creates.

On the surface, it's simple: big crowds, high engagement, emotionally invested audiences.

But the deeper value actually sits in the details:

- Brand visibility that feels earned, not forced
- Hospitality that actually delivers experiences, not just catered rooms
- A PR ecosystem that blends sport, culture, lifestyle, technology and community
- A growing youth market, pulled in by global F1 interest
- A sharp rise in women's participation, both as fans and industry professionals

Motorsport brings people together in a way few sports do. You see families, engineers, young fans, seasoned supporters, corporate guests, media, lifestyle influencers all sharing the same space, the same noise, the same atmosphere. It's democratic. It's exciting. And people remember the brands they encounter in environments they emotionally connect with.

For companies looking to grow awareness, build community trust, activate experiences, or tell a story that feels bigger than a product... motorsport checks every box. And with Africa positioned as the next frontier for global motorsport investment, smart brands are getting in early.

Add the PR value of behind-the-scenes storytelling, data-backed performance narratives, content opportunities, and the prestige that motorsport brings... and suddenly it's not "a nice marketing extra." It's a strategy.

Motorsport is evolving.

The audience is evolving.

Brands that recognise this now will lead the conversation later.

For collaboration opportunities, contact cindy@saeseries.com



SOUTH AFRICANS **WHO MADE IT**

How Three Local Racers Became International drivers and BMW Factory Stars



For years, South African motorsport fans have watched young talent grind it out on dusty kart tracks, Main Circuit grids, and tight national circuits, wondering who might be the next to break through internationally.

Today, we have three answers and they're all wearing BMW overalls.

Sheldon van der Linde, Kelvin van der Linde, and Jordan Pepper have carved out careers most drivers only dream about. They didn't come from European feeder systems or manufacturer-backed karting academies. They came from Benoni, Edenvale, and South African club racing... and still found their way to the top of the global GT and endurance world.

In 2026, all three will be part of BMW Motorsport's international factory lineup; a milestone for them, and a proud moment for South African racing.

SHELDON VAN DER LINDE

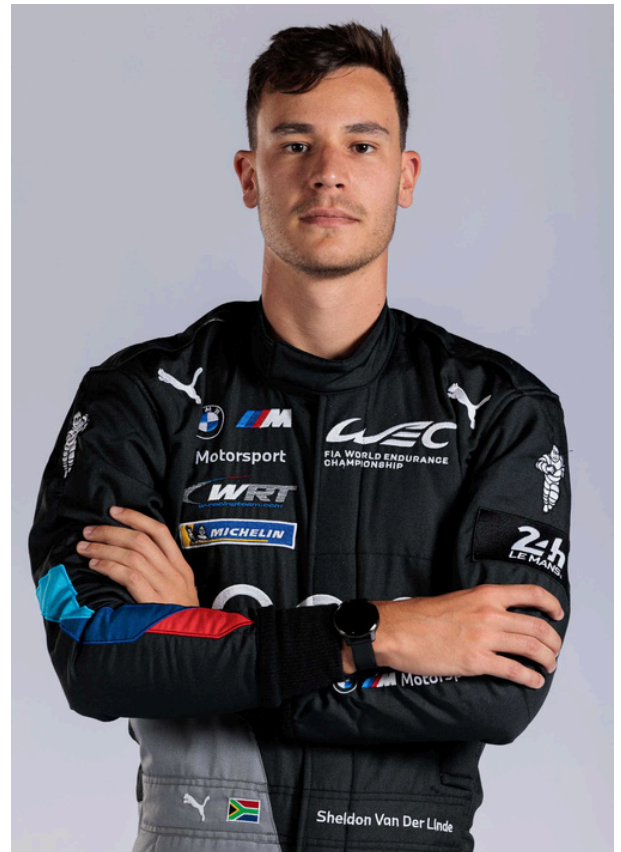
The Kid Who Became DTM Champion

Sheldon's journey feels almost cinematic in hindsight. South African karting prodigy. Teenager sent to America for a one-off GT race. Then the shock moment that changed everything.

At 17, Sheldon went to Petit Le Mans in Georgia as a nobody from the southern tip of Africa... and won his class on debut. That result caught BMW's attention, and by 19 he was signed as a factory driver.

The rest moved fast...

In 2019 he made his DTM debut.
In 2022 he made history as the first South African DTM champion.
In 2024 and 2025 he stepped into BMW's new Hypercar program, competing in both WEC and IMSA.
In 2025 he won the Bathurst 12 Hour alongside his brother, Kelvin



By 2026, Sheldon is firmly established as one of BMW's top global talents. And if his season trends keep going the way they are, he may become the first South African to stand on the Le Mans Hypercar podium in the modern era.



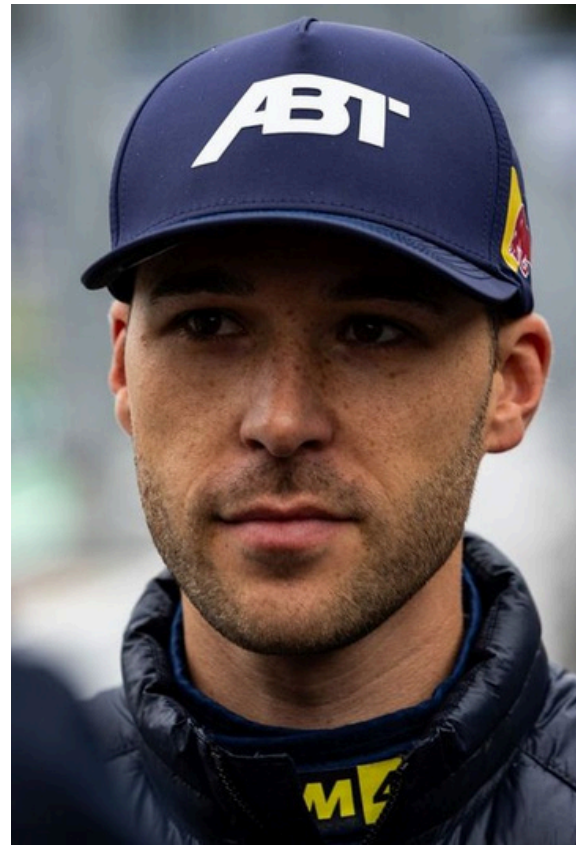
KELVIN VAN DER LINDE

TRAILBLAZER GONE GLOBAL

Kelvin left South Africa young, threw himself into the European GT scene, and rewrote the record books on arrival...

- Volkswagen Scirocco R-Cup champion at 17
- Youngest ADAC GT Masters champion in history at 18
- Two Nürburgring 24 Hour victories
- Multiple DTM wins and two seasons where he fought for the championship right until the final race

He wasn't just good, he was unavoidable.



In 2025, after nearly a decade as an Audi factory driver, Kelvin made a major switch, he joined BMW Motorsport, reuniting with his younger brother under one badge.

The season that followed was enormous. Kelvin won the GT World Challenge Europe Sprint Cup, the Intercontinental GT Challenge, and the Bathurst 12 Hour, all in BMW machinery.

He also tested the BMW Hypercar for the first time at the WEC rookie test, which feels a lot like BMW lining him up for bigger and louder things.

Heading into 2026, Kelvin is expected to anchor BMW's GT3 program worldwide, with a very real possibility of stepping into BMW's Hybrid V8 prototype full-time in the near future.

Two South African brothers, both BMW factory drivers, both winning, both chasing Le Mans... that is not a sentence motorsport historians will forget easily.



JORDAN PEPPER

SA'S BREAKOUT STAR

If the van der Lindes grew up in a racing dynasty, Jordan Pepper built his own path brick by brick.

He came through Polo Cup, went to Germany at 17, won the VW Scirocco R-Cup title, and then chose the long road: GT3. Bentley signed him early. Lamborghini signed him next. And Jordan delivered every time...

- Bathurst 12 Hour winner (2020)
- Spa 24 Hour overall winner (2025)
- GT World Challenge America Champion (2021)
- IMSA Petit Le Mans class winner (2024)
- DTM race winner and 2025 championship contender

Then November 2025 arrived, and BMW made the call: Jordan Pepper will become a BMW M works driver in 2026.

It's the kind of announcement that feels overdue. He's one of the best GT drivers of his generation, and 2026 will finally give him a factory-supported car to match the talent.

Pepper is expected to race the BMW M4 GT3 Evo globally next season, joining Kelvin and Sheldon as part of a three-driver South African powerhouse inside BMW's lineup.

Three SA-born works drivers. One manufacturer.
It's a generation-defining moment.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RACING

Having one South African factory driver in a major global program is rare. Having three, all in the same manufacturer, is historic.

More than that: the three of them didn't get here through luck or European privilege. They got here through years of work on South African tracks that don't always get the spotlight they deserve.

Their rise says something bigger about our country's racing scene:

The talent is real.

The world is watching.

And pathways from SA to the top levels of GT and endurance racing do exist; even if they take sacrifice, patience, and a lot of one-way plane tickets.

For young drivers standing on karting grids today, this trio is proof that careers built in Vereeniging, Zwartkops, Aldo Scribante, and Killarney can reach Spa, Fuji, Daytona, and Le Mans.



JARROD WABERSKI

South Africa's Quiet Climber in the European Racing World

Jarrold Waberski has always carried himself with a kind of quiet steadiness. It showed in karting, it showed in Formula 1600 back home, and it followed him to the UK; first in GB4, where he finished runner-up in 2022, and then into two solid seasons in GB3. Nothing flashy, nothing forced. Just steady progress, weekend after weekend.

What makes his journey interesting now is how naturally he's shifted into GT racing. In 2025, he joined Century Motorsport to race a BMW M4 GT3 in the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup. It's a move that suits the driver he's become. GT racing asks for patience, race craft, and the ability to keep your head during long stints, mixed conditions, and traffic. Those are strengths he's been building for years.



For South African motorsport, his path matters. Not because he's trying to be someone he's not, but because he's carving out a realistic, sustainable career in a part of the sport where experience counts more than hype. It's the same world our own endurance and GT drivers compete in; the same discipline you see at the Nine Hours of Kyalami, the same mindset you find in the SAES paddock.

Jarrold's story is simple, and that's what makes it appealing. He worked hard at home, stretched himself overseas, and is now settling into a category where South African drivers have always had room to thrive. No shortcuts. No inflated expectations. Just a young driver finding his place in a part of the sport that rewards the long game.

He's one of the names worth paying attention to, because he's building something that looks solid, sustainable, and pointing in the right direction.



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The people and brands helping South African endurance racing go the distance.



Motorsport doesn't run on passion alone. It runs on partnership that turns a race weekend into a sustainable, professional stage.

Behind every lap at the Nine Hours of Kyalami and across the SAES calendar, a handful of brands make that possible.

Each brings something unique to the paddock: technology, logistics, reliability, or just plain belief in what South African motorsport can become.

Here's a look at a few of the names powering that story...



DUNLOP SA

Tyres are the one part of a race car that never gets a break. They carry the heat, the weight, the stress, and the pressure of every lap. Dunlop's role in SAES is bigger than supplying rubber, they're the foundation for fair, competitive racing.

Teams know exactly what they're working with, and that consistency lets the drivers push harder and the engineers plan with confidence.

It's a partnership built on trust and decades of South African motorsport history.

SILVERLAKES FARM HOTEL

Endurance weekends are intense. Early mornings, late nights, pressure everywhere. A calm place to reset matters more than people realise.

Silverlakes Farm Hotel has become that space for drivers, engineers, sponsors, and even families. Their involvement shows how motorsport ripples outward, supporting local tourism, building links between events and communities, and giving the series a sense of home base.

VODACOM 4U

So much of modern racing happens off the track: timing systems, live updates, fan content, internal comms, and broadcast feeds. Vodacom 4U helps make that possible. Their support strengthens the digital side of SAES: the part that keeps fans connected, teams informed, and the entire event running smoothly.

Good connectivity isn't a bonus anymore. It's infrastructure.



ATS MOTORSPORT

If you've ever been near a South African race car, chances are you've seen an ATS Motorsport part somewhere inside it. From performance components to pit-lane essentials, ATS has been supplying the country's racing community for decades.

Their role within SAES is part technical, part cultural. They represent the grassroots engineering core of the sport, the suppliers who understand that local quality can match anything imported.

ATS isn't just in the business of parts. They're in the business of making South African racing work, reliably and relentlessly.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Together, these partnerships form the scaffolding of the Southern African Endurance Series. Each brings a different skill set, but they share one thing: a belief that motorsport here is worth investing in.

They don't just see advertising, they see growth, community, and possibility. And in a sport defined by endurance, that kind of belief might be the most valuable fuel of all.



**AFRICA
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The Future of Motorsport Starts Here

The **Africa Race Together Foundation** is the innovative creation of visionary entrepreneur Xolile Letlaka, whose guiding philosophy, **“we lift as we rise,”** reflects a deep commitment to fostering the growth of the sport. His aim is to transform it into an inclusive industry that embraces the entirety of Africa.

The objective is to identify learners as early as Grade Eight who demonstrate exceptional skills in Mathematics and Science, along with a strong passion for pursuing a career in the motorsport industry. We aim to financially support these individuals throughout their tertiary education, nurturing them into the next generation of engineers and technicians.

To establish a platform that sparks interest in motorsport, a dedicated team is essential. This team should include graphic artists to craft captivating artwork for promoting upcoming events, camera operators to broadcast races, lighting and sound engineers for studio production, as well as journalists and photographers to cover the races. All of these roles qualify for ART support.





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THE FAN EXPERIENCE IS THE PRODUCT



When people talk about motorsport, they usually talk about the cars. The speed, the noise, the battles on track. But anyone who's walked through an SAES race weekend knows the truth: the racing is only half the story. The rest (the part people remember) lives in the fan experience.

Because what SAES has been building isn't just a championship. It's a day out. A place to bring your kids, your friends, your parents. A place you can come for the cars and stay because everything around them feels alive.

THE GRID WALK

The grid walk has become its own ritual. Fans shoulder-to-shoulder with GT3 monsters, kids posing with their favourite cars, drivers shaking hands and sharing the kind of small, unplanned moments that mean more than any autograph.

You can feel the energy shift when the crowds pour onto the track. The selfies, the conversations, the nervous excitement before the engines fire, it sets the tone for the rest of the day.



FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

Across the circuit you hear music floating over the paddock, youth bands warming up for their sets, and the buzz of the Vortex and other inflatables pulling people in between sessions.

Entertainment isn't filler here, it's part of the culture. A way for people who aren't lifelong race fans to feel welcome, connected, and part of the moment.

FOOD STALLS AND BESPOKE MARKETS

As you stroll past the paddock, you encountered another heart of the event: the food trucks. The enticing aroma of grilled delights wafts through the air, promising a culinary adventure.

Local vendors showcased their finest, offering a range from juicy burgers to flavorful bunny chow. The tables are filled with enthusiastic people.



THE BIG PICTURE

SAES knows the secret: you're not just building an event; you're building a reason for people to come back.

When you pair the racing with music, food, activities, photo ops, grid walks, youth performers, markets, and a paddock that feels open rather than intimidating, suddenly everyone finds a place to belong.

And that's what makes the SAES fan experience the real product.

A race you watch is one thing.
A race you feel is something else entirely.



MOTORSPORT MEETS MUSIC

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH (ON & OFF TRACK)

How SAES is giving South African youth more than a racetrack, it's giving them a stage.

At first glance, engines and amplifiers don't have much in common. One screams through exhaust pipes, the other through speakers. But if you stood trackside at the Nine Hours of Kyalami this year, you'd have seen they share the same heartbeat: rhythm, energy, and a crowd that lives for the moment.

That's what sparked the collaboration between the Southern African Endurance Series (SAES) and South Africa's youth music scene. Together, they're building something bigger than a race: a celebration of local talent, both mechanical and musical.

This year, the Nine Hours hosted performances by emerging youth bands and artists in an effort to champion young performers.

It's not just background noise. It's part of the event's identity. Between practice sessions and qualifying, we heard guitars tuning, drums echoing across the paddock, and voices that sound like the future.

The same generation that's learning to fix cars in the garages is now filling the air with their own soundtracks. SAES wanted that connection to be visible: speed meets soul, horsepower meets harmony.





A LOOK BACK ON...

9H OF KYALAMI

NOVEMBER 29 2025







FROM SIM TO CIRCUIT: A NEW PATH INTO THE 9H

Sim racing has changed the landscape of motorsport in ways we couldn't have predicted a decade ago. What used to be a side hobby has become a serious training tool, and now, in some cases, a way for young drivers to get their first real connection to major events long before they're old enough to sign up for the real thing.

This year, SAES took that step properly. For the first time, we gave upcoming young drivers a chance to "race" the Nine Hours of Kyalami, not behind the wheel of a GT3/4 car, but in a fully structured sim endurance race running live at Kyalami at the exact same time as the on-track Nine Hours.

It meant that a 14-year-old could sit in a professional sim rig, run stints, manage traffic, deal with pressure, work with a team, and experience the rhythm of a nine-hour race while the real one unfolds just meters away. Early exposure to everything that makes endurance racing what it is: concentration, teamwork, decision-making, and staying calm when the mind gets tired.

The live Nine Hour sim race was just the beginning. It's a signal that SAES isn't only thinking about the grid today, we're thinking about who fills it tomorrow, five, ten, fifteen years' time. We want the next wave of South African drivers to feel ready for endurance racing locally and internationally, and this is how we start building them.

Three teams, 9 drivers but only 1 team could emerge victorious. Congratulations to Luke Hill, Keegan Nathan and Mauro De Luz. Posing with our 2025 Nine Hours of Kyalami on track champions Xolile Letlaka, Stuart White and Axcil Jefferies. History in the making!





COST EFFECTIVE RACING

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The goal of the MRSSA Racing Series is to put the fun back into competitive racing, keeping it simple with minimal rules, whilst still racing in a safe environment. The motorcycle-only racing series is founded on the idea of catering for every kind of racer in an affordable manner. In this sense, the Series welcomes all riders, no matter their skill level, type of motorcycle or preference of tyres.

MRSSA is a Motorsport SA accredited club series with the aim of keeping racing alive as costs continue to soar. MRSSA Committee member Mick Landi explained: "Racing with the prestigious National Championship Southern African Endurance Series (SAES) to consolidate the costs while offering excellent coverage of our series across their media platforms. The added exposure will hopefully assist in attracting new sponsors to the series which runs as a non-profit organization."

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2026 SEASON OPENER 4H OF ZWARTKOPS

Round 1 of the 2026 SAES Season Kicks off on the 21st of Feb at Zwartkops Raceway.



The gates open, engines fire up, and we (FINALLY!) go racing again...

The 2026 season of the South African Endurance Series kicks off at Zwartkops Raceway, and the 4 Hours of Zwartkops does what a season opener should do best: it brings everyone back together.

This is a proper race-day race. The kind you bring friends and family to. The kind where even people who "don't really watch motorsport" end up standing at the fence, tracking a car, asking questions, getting invested without realising it.

On track, it's classic SAES. Multiple classes and categories sharing the circuit, all racing their own battles at the same time. Zwartkops is short, busy, and unforgiving, which means the action never stretches out or disappears. There's ALWAYS something happening somewhere on the circuit!



Off track, the day is built for more than just hardcore fans. Vendors and food stalls in the paddock. Space to walk, sit, and soak it all in. A dedicated kids' entertainment area, so the day works for families too. Zwartkops has always been good at that balance, giving us serious racing without taking itself too seriously.

For those who want to get closer, VIP and Grid Walk tickets are available once again. Standing on the grid before the start changes how you experience the race. You see the teams working, the nerves, the last-minute adjustments. When the cars roll off, you're no longer just watching a race, you're following stories.

And that's what this round really is: the first chapter of the 2026 season. We've got new line-ups, fresh hopes, early momentum being built quietly, lap by lap, and points on the board for the first time in 2026.

If you've missed race weekends, this is where you come back. We're SO excited to see you there!

SAES SOUTHERN AFRICAN ENDURANCE SERIES **FOUR HOURS OF ZWARTKOPS**
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The GT Cup is South Africa's premier one-make GT category, featuring Porsche 996, 997, 991, and 992 GT3 Cup cars.

Every car on the grid shares the same DNA as Porsche's international Carrera Cup racers, they're purpose-built, track-only weapons designed for speed and reliability.

Races are run under Motorsport South Africa's regulations and SAES sporting code, with Dunlop as the official tyre partner. Cars are split into performance classes, ensuring close, competitive racing.

Each event features intense qualifying sessions and sprint-format races where driver skill, braking precision, and consistency make all the difference.

It's pure GT adrenaline, delivered through one of motorsport's most iconic badges.

Interested in joining the grid or learning more? Contact: cindy@saeseries.com

QUICK FACTS

- Eligible cars: Porsche 996–992 GT3 Cup
- Tyres: Dunlop spec (2 new sets per debut, 1 per event)
- Licence required: MSA Circuit Licence
- Race format: Sprint races within SAES weekends

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SPORTS & GT

If it's fast, safe, and engineered for the track, it has a place here.

The Sports & GT category is one of SAES's most diverse and accessible. It brings together modified GT3 and GT4 cars, factory track-day specials, bespoke builds, and even vintage GT legends that still have racing fire in them.

Eligible cars fall under categories like GTO (modified GT3/GT4), GT4 (factory track cars), and Vintage GT (historic GTs).

This class runs under full MSA regulations with a flexible structure designed to include as many eligible cars as possible. If fewer than six entries appear in GT4 or GTO sprint classes, they can join the 1-Hour Dash grid to ensure competitive track time.

The Sports & GT class thrives on variety, and it's exactly what keeps fans glued to the fences. Whether you're restoring a car, building one, or ready to bring your track-day toy to a national grid, there's a spot waiting for you.

Want to know if your car qualifies or how to start racing?

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ENDURANCE + 1-HOUR DASH

THE LONG GAME. THE BIG SHOW.

Endurance racing is the heartbeat of SAES. It's where skill, teamwork, and strategy push machines to their limits.

The Southern African Endurance Series (SAES) stages some of the continent's most demanding races, from 4-hour and 6-hour events to the flagship 9 Hours of Kyalami.

Each race features multiple classes sharing the same circuit, creating non-stop action as GT3s, prototypes, and production cars battle through heavy traffic and unpredictable weather. Every second counts, from pit stops to driver changes to fuel strategy.

Within the weekend, the 1-Hour Dash offers a condensed version of the endurance experience. It's fast, fierce, and ideal for drivers moving up from sprint racing or testing their endurance setup before tackling the longer formats.



These races attract top-level entries like Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO IIs, Mercedes-AMG GT3s, Porsche 911 GT3 Rs, and Nova Proto NP02s - all cars capable of competing internationally, right here on South African soil.

QUICK FACTS

- National Championship
- Entry: Open to GT3, GT4, prototypes, and production cars
- Drivers: 1–4 per team (driver swaps mandatory in main endurance)
- Series rulebook: MSA SA Endurance Championship Regulations



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Volunteers are the unsung heroes of motor sport and racing would simply not be possible without them. All motorsport events need volunteers to help run the events safely and successfully.

Officials provide vital assistance to the competitors during the race through a variety of roles, including Race Organisation, Track Marshalling, Fire & Rescue, Recovery, Media and more.



Officials have a responsibility to ensure the safety of competitors and spectators during events. Volunteering is the next best thing to competing – so come and meet your motorsport heroes while spending your weekends with fellow enthusiasts who share your passion for motorsport.

There are no minimum requirements and volunteers are welcome at any age, although the duties of younger people may be limited in certain instances. Youngsters from their 16th birthday can qualify as cadet marshals and, though they will be unable to perform trackside duties, they can get involved in other ways. Whether you have motorsport experience or not, new volunteers are always welcome to get involved.



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