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MS LIYEMA LETLAKA
**FOREWORD FROM
ACTING CEO**

Round 1 reminded us exactly why the Southern African Endurance Series exists.

What makes SAES special has never been just the cars or the results. It's the people behind it. The drivers who commit themselves to the challenge of endurance racing. The teams who work late into the night preparing their cars. The officials and volunteers who make sure every race weekend runs safely and smoothly. The partners and sponsors who continue to believe in the championship and support its growth. And of course, the fans who come through the gates and stand by the fences to watch it all unfold.

As we now look ahead to Round 2, there is a real sense of momentum building for the rest of the season.

The series continues to grow, new stories are emerging across the paddock, and more people are discovering the unique experience that endurance racing offers.

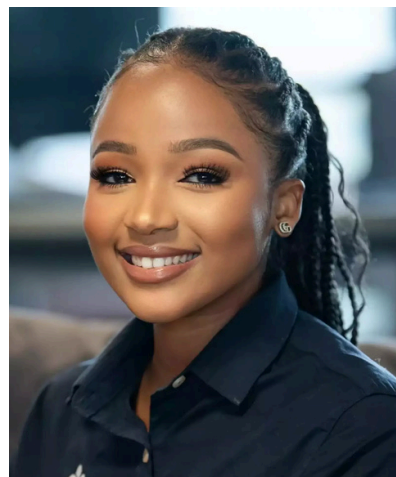
It is incredibly encouraging to see that energy building around the championship, and it speaks to the effort and commitment of everyone involved.

To our teams, drivers, officials, partners, and supporters... thank you for being part of this journey. Motorsport is never built by one person or one organisation. It is built by a community that chooses to show up, race after race, season after season.

The year ahead promises many moments worth remembering. We are proud of what this championship represents, and we look forward to sharing the rest of the 2026 season with you.

See you at the track.

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2025 PRIZE GIVING & DRIVERS CONFERENCE

On 22 February, the SAES paddock gathered at Silverlakes Hotel for the Drivers' Conference and 2025 Championship Prize Giving, bringing drivers, teams, families, officials, and partners together to close the season in a more considered way than a typical race weekend allows.

It's one of the few moments in the year where the whole ecosystem is in the same room, not rushing between sessions, but actually taking stock of what the season asked of them.

The evening recognised not only the champions on track, but also the officials and support crews whose work quietly holds the championship together from round to round.

At the same time, the Drivers' Conference set a clear tone for the year ahead, opening up conversations around standards, direction, and growth, as the SAES community reflected on 2025 and began shaping what comes next.





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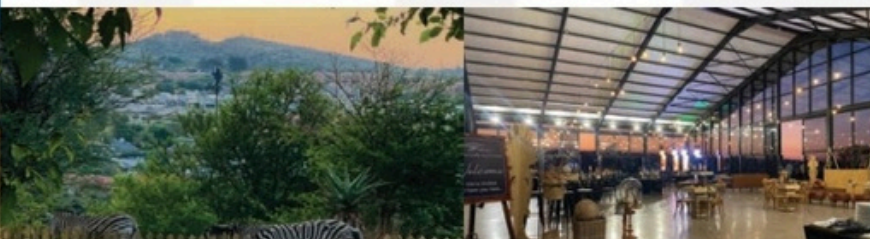
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2026 SEASON CALENDAR

The 2026 SAES calendar has been finalised, setting up a championship that will take the paddock across South Africa over the coming months.

Round 1 is already behind us. The 4 Hours of Zwartkops delivered a strong start to the season, with close racing and the first early signals of how the championship may unfold.

Next up is 10–11 April at Aldo Scribante in Gqeberha for the 5 Hours of Aldo Scribante. The flowing circuit rewards drivers who carry momentum through its long corners, and this year the race carries added significance as a night race with double championship points.

Mid-season brings the championship to Cape Town for the 6 Hours of Killarney on 31 July – 1 August. The coastal circuit always delivers a special atmosphere, and the dusk race format with double points makes it one of the most important rounds of the year.

October then introduces a different challenge as the series heads to East London on 3–4 October for a double-header weekend, featuring two three-hour races across Saturday and Sunday.

The season builds toward its conclusion on 13–14 November at the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit for the Nine Hours of Kyalami, the championship's flagship event and a night race with double points.

From Zwartkops to Gqeberha, Cape Town, East London and finally Kyalami, the 2026 calendar sends SAES across South Africa, with every circuit adding its own chapter to the championship story.

R1

20 - 21 FEB

4H OF ZWARTKOPS



R2

10 - 11 APRIL

5H OF ALDO SCRIBANTE



R3

31 JUL - 1 AUG

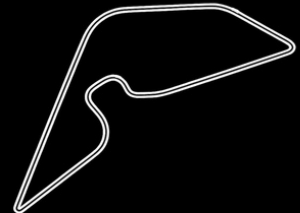
6H OF KILLARNEY



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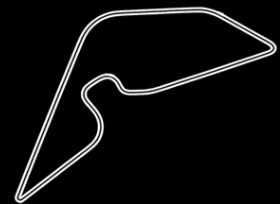
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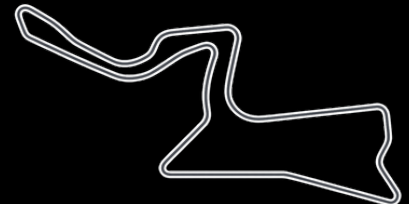
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R6

13 - 14 NOV

9H OF KYALAMI



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THE STORY BEHIND ***ALDO SCRIBANTE RACEWAY***

Long before the first car turned a wheel at Aldo Scribante Raceway, the idea of a permanent racing circuit in the Eastern Cape had already taken hold.

For years, the Algoa Motor Sport Club worked to raise funds and establish a proper home for local racing. The breakthrough came when club president Louis Krittiger approached Italian-born construction magnate Aldo Scribante, whose Scuderia Scribante team had supported Formula One legend Dave Charlton during his championship years in South Africa.

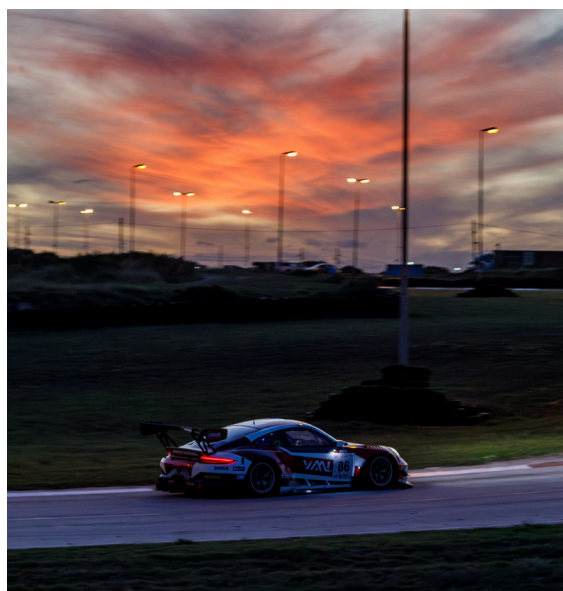
Recognising the project's importance, Scribante agreed to fund the circuit. In tribute, the new venue was named Aldo Scribante Raceway.

The circuit officially opened on 30 November 1974, attracting around 12,000 spectators for its first race meeting. The facilities were basic, with no permanent pit garages and plenty of open ground around the track, but the excitement of racing more than made up for the rough edges.

Interestingly, the first chequered flag at Aldo Scribante went not to a car, but to a motorcycle. Tiny Marriner, riding a Sharwoods Honda 750, won the opening race of the day before Ernst Viljoen claimed the first car victory in a Ford Escort 1600 GT.

Like many circuits built by passionate racing communities, the track evolved gradually. Pit garages, a control tower and improved spectator areas were added over time, while the circuit retained the relaxed club-racing atmosphere that drivers and fans still value.

More than fifty years after it first opened, Aldo Scribante Raceway continues to play a vital role in South African motorsport. When the Southern African Endurance Series returns for the Five Hours of Aldo Scribante, another chapter will be added to a story that began with a simple ambition: to give racing in the Eastern Cape a home.



SOUTH AFRICANS TOOK ON THE NÜRBURGRING

ON THE SAME GRID AS MAX VERSTAPPEN



There are races that look important on paper, and then there are races that feel important once you understand who was there and what it took to get through them. March 2026 at the Nürburgring was one of those.

The Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie doesn't always arrive with noise, but the moment Max Verstappen's name appeared on the entry list, the tone changed. A four-time Formula 1 world champion lining up for a four-hour endurance race on the Nordschleife doesn't happen by accident. He was there to prepare, to learn, to put laps into one of the most demanding circuits in the world ahead of a Nürburgring 24 Hour attempt.

And alongside him, in the same field, were South African drivers doing exactly the same thing, just without the spotlight. That part matters more than it seems.

Verstappen's Mercedes-AMG GT3 he shared with Jules Gounon and Daniel Juncadella was quick from the first lap. Pole position came with a margin, and over four hours, that car controlled the race in a way that suggested the result was already settled.

Jordan Pepper approached the race from a different place. In the Rowe Racing BMW M4 GT3, alongside Dan Harper, the job was never about chasing headlines. It was about staying present in the race, managing traffic properly, keeping the car in a window where it could still respond late on.



Pepper crossed the line second after an epic drive, and at that point, it looked like the story had already been written. But things took a legendary turn for the South African driver...

A post-race disqualification for Verstappen's car, due to exceeding the allocated number of tyre sets, reshaped the result entirely. It was not a question of pace or performance, but a procedural error that still carried the same consequence. And just like that, Pepper and Harper were no longer the runners-up. They were winners of a four-hour race at the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

There were also other South African drivers flying the flag high at the Nürburgring...

Sheldon van der Linde has a reputation that has been earned over years of showing up in difficult conditions and delivering when it counts. His presence there is no longer surprising, which in itself says something about how far he has come.

Alongside that, Jonathan Mogotsi is working through a very different phase of the same journey. Racing in the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie is not just about results at this stage. It is about learning a circuit that does not allow shortcuts, building the experience required for the Nürburgring 24 Hours, and proving, step by step, that you belong in that environment.

South African drivers are not just appearing at the Nürburgring anymore. They are part of the ecosystem that defines endurance racing at that level.

The Nürburgring Nordschleife strips everything back. It is too long, too complex, and too unforgiving for reputation to carry you...

Over 20 kilometres, it demands complete focus. Blind crests, tightening corners, and constant traffic leave no room to switch off. Winning there, in any context, carries weight.

Doing so in a field that includes one of Formula 1's most complete drivers places South African drivers in that same competitive space, under the same pressure, with the same demands.

It is the same discipline that defines endurance racing in the Southern African Endurance Series.

We're beyond excited to see what our South African drivers are able to achieve when they take on the 24 hours of the Nürburgring later this year.

ABU DHABI PODIUM FOR INTO AFRICA

6 HOURS OF ABU DHABI

The 6 Hours of Abu Dhabi, opening round of the 24H Series Middle East Trophy at Yas Marina Circuit, delivered a race defined by strategy, interruptions, and endurance. Amid a race filled with Code 60 caution periods, Herberth Motorsport claimed overall victory, while the Into Africa Racing by Dragon Ferrari 296 GT3 secured an impressive third place overall.

The #25 Ferrari, shared by Stuart White, Xolile Letlaka, and Axcil Jefferies, fought through a race heavily disrupted by neutralisations that repeatedly reshuffled the order and complicated fuel and pit strategies.

Despite the event's stop-start nature, the trio remained competitive throughout the six-hour contest. After 134 laps, they brought the Ferrari home third overall, claiming a podium finish.

Together, the trio combined pace and patience to convert a strong performance into a podium finish for Into Africa Racing by Dragon, a team familiar to South African fans through its appearances in the Southern African Endurance Series (SAES).

While Herberth Motorsport took the victory and Team WRT secured second place, the podium for White, Letlaka and Jefferies stood out in a race where interruptions and penalties frequently reshaped the order.

For the team, it marks a strong start to the Middle East Trophy campaign, and another notable international result for South African endurance racing.



JONATHAN MOGOTSI

FROM SIMULATOR TO THE NORDSCHLEIFE

South African Johnathan Mogosti lined up for a four-hour Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie race on the Nordschleife, marking a significant step in his journey toward the Nürburgring 24 Hours later this year. The outing forms part of the process required to earn a Grade A Nürburgring licence, a prerequisite for competing in one of endurance racing's most demanding events.

Driving for Max Kruse Racing in a Volkswagen Golf 8 TCR, Mogosti entered an environment that does not allow for shortcuts. The Nordschleife stretches over 20 kilometres and combines high-speed sections with blind crests, constant elevation changes, and relentless multi-class traffic. It is a circuit that rewards patience and punishes inexperience, often in the same lap.

This race was never about a headline result. It was about exposure to the conditions that define endurance racing at this level. Managing traffic, understanding how the car evolves over a stint, and learning where the circuit allows commitment and where it demands restraint. These are things that cannot be replicated in testing or simulation. They are earned over time, and usually under pressure.

Mogosti's presence on the grid also placed him in the same competitive space as some of the most recognised names in global motorsport, including Formula 1 World Champion Max Verstappen. That context is not about comparison. It is about understanding the level at which he is now operating.



LEYTON FOURIE

MAKING HIS MARK IN THE RACING WORLD

Although his career has increasingly taken him onto international grids, Leyton Fourie remains closely connected to the local endurance scene, particularly through the Nine Hours of Kyalami.

A defining moment came in 2023, when Fourie joined the Adjust4Sleep Nova Proto lineup alongside Nick Adcock, Michael Jensen and Jonothan Thomas. After nine demanding hours, the team secured overall victory, marking a major result on home soil.

In 2024, Fourie competed in the ADAC RAVENOL 24 Hours of Nürburgring, sharing an FK Performance Motorsport BMW M4 GT4 with Joseph Warhurst, Christian Konnerth and Yannick Fübrih. The team finished second in the SP10 class, a strong result at one of endurance racing's toughest events. Later that season, Fourie and Warhurst returned to the Nürburgring for the Nürburgring Langstrecken-Serie, securing SP10 class victory in a six-hour race on the Nordschleife.

Alongside his endurance programme, Fourie has progressed through Europe's GT ranks. In 2025, he stepped up to ADAC GT Masters with FK Performance Motorsport, driving a BMW M4 GT3 EVO alongside Tim Zimmermann. The pair secured Fourie's first GT Masters victory at Zandvoort, before adding another win at the Salzburgring, where he also claimed his first pole position in the championship.

Despite his growing European programme, Fourie returned to Kyalami for the 2025 Nine Hours, competing with MJR Motorsport in a Porsche GT3 and maintaining a strong link to South African endurance racing.

With a Nine Hours of Kyalami victory, a Nürburgring 24 Hours class podium, NLS success and wins in ADAC GT Masters, Fourie is steadily establishing himself in one of motorsport's most demanding disciplines. From Kyalami to the Nordschleife, his endurance journey is only just beginning.



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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.



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MEET SAES AWARD WINNING
PHOTOGRAPHER:

JEFF LATHAM

Jeff Latham is a South African professional photographer known for his dynamic work capturing motorsport, aviation, powerboat racing, action events, and live concert imagery under his brand Jeff Latham Photography. He is recognized as an award-winning photographer in both national and international competitions, particularly for his high-energy action and sports photography.

Latham's photography is characterized by action-packed composition, technical precision, and the ability to freeze dramatic moments, especially in fast-paced settings like motorsports.



His work's recognition includes winning prestigious competitions such as the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) photographic competition, where he emerged as the overall winner among international contenders

Jeff Latham Photography offers a portfolio that spans sporting events, aviation displays, concerts, and community occasions, showcasing versatility across high-motion and culturally relevant subjects.

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Brand Awareness, Hospitality & PR ***PARTNER WITH SAES***

When people think of motorsport partnerships, they often envision large logos on cars or full-season sponsorships. However, there are many ways to become part of a racing championship, not all of which require multiple year-long commitments.

In the Southern African Endurance Series (SAES), businesses can engage in various ways that align with their size, goals, and budgets. Some partners commit to an entire season, while others may start with a single race weekend, a digital campaign, or even a feature in the championship magazine.

The idea is simple: every type of business should have the opportunity to enter the motorsport environment and explore its potential.

Race weekends create a unique environment for brands. Unlike traditional advertising, motorsport places companies directly in an experience that people care about. Fans arrive early, stay throughout the day, follow their teams, and engage with the content long after the checkered flag falls.

For partners, this means visibility across multiple platforms, ranging from trackside signage and event branding to social media, digital coverage, photography, video content, and press features related to the championship.

One of the strengths of the SAES partnership model is its flexibility. For example, a business might choose to support a single race weekend, participating in the promotional build-up, branding, and event activation for that round. Others may prefer a presence in the SAES magazine, which reaches teams, fans, and industry partners connected to the championship.

Digital partnerships are another option. Brands can align themselves with specific pieces of content, race coverage, or social media campaigns that accompany the season. For organizations seeking a deeper connection, full-season sponsorships are available, allowing brands to align with the championship throughout the year.

Each approach provides exposure in different ways, but they all place companies firmly within the motorsport environment.

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VW ROOKIE CUP

COMES TO SAES 5H OF ALDO SCRIBANTE



Not every driver arrives in motorsport fully formed. For most, the journey begins somewhere small: a first race weekend, a first grid, the first time they feel the pressure of lining up alongside other competitors. In South African motorsport, one place where that journey begins is the Volkswagen Rookie Cup.

When the Southern African Endurance Series heads to Round 2 at Aldo Scribante, the Rookie Cup will be one of the support races on the programme. While the drivers may be the youngest competitors of the weekend, the racing is often among the most spirited.

The Volkswagen Rookie Cup is designed for young drivers between the ages of 14 and 16. At that stage, most drivers are only just beginning their circuit racing careers. The championship gives them the opportunity to develop their skills in a structured environment before moving into higher levels of motorsport.

All competitors race in identical Volkswagen Polo Vivo GT race cars, ensuring the focus remains firmly on driver ability rather than equipment advantages. When every car is the same, the smallest differences in driving style, braking points and racecraft become the deciding factors.

Participants receive training that covers several important areas of professional motorsport. Alongside driving techniques such as racing lines, braking points and car control, drivers also work on physical fitness, race preparation and media training.

That broader preparation is important because modern racing drivers are expected to do far more than simply drive quickly. They must understand how to work with teams, communicate with sponsors and represent the sport professionally.

When the Volkswagen Rookie Cup joins the programme at Aldo Scribante, it adds something special to the race weekend. The endurance cars may be the headline act, and the GT machinery may grab the attention with their speed and sound, but the Rookie Cup reminds everyone where racing begins.

And for spectators watching from the fence, there is something quietly exciting about that moment. You may very well be watching the first chapter of a future South African racing career unfold on track.

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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.



THE FAN EXPERIENCE

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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.

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G&H Racing Team, often seen competing as G&H Transport Racing, is a passionate and competitive South African motorsport outfit that has made a mark on the national racing scene. The team competes in premier circuit racing events, including the South African Endurance Series (SAES Racing)

Founded with a love for speed and performance, G & H Racing fields a range of powerful GT and supercar machinery (from Lamborghinis to Audis), showcasing their commitment to high-end motorsport and engineering excellence. Their entries are household names on tracks like Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit, Zwartkops Raceway, and other iconic South African circuits that form the backbone of the national racing calendar.

The team has enjoyed notable success on the national stage. More than just a competitive force, G & H Racing embodies the passion of South African motorsport, combining strategic racecraft, technical expertise, and an unrelenting drive to improve.

Their presence in endurance and GT-style racing highlights both driver skill and team collaboration under pressure, earning them respect among fans and rivals alike.

FORZA DUCATI RACING

SOUTH AFRICAN DUCATI MOTORCYCLE RACING TEAM

Forza Ducati Racing is a South African motorcycle racing team that competes in national road racing on Ducati machinery. Built around the performance and character of the iconic Italian brand, the team fields Ducati superbikes (including the Panigale V4) in some of the country's most competitive motorcycle classes.

The team is closely connected to the wider Ducati community in South Africa, including the FORZA Ducati Official Club, which brings together Ducati riders and enthusiasts through events, group rides, and track activities. While the club celebrates the lifestyle and culture of the brand, Forza Ducati Racing carries that passion onto the racetrack.

On race weekends, riders representing the team line up in the Motorcycle Racing Series South Africa (MRSSA), which forms part of the Southern African Endurance Series race programme. The championship now hosts the National Superbike (NSB) category, the only national-level motorcycle championship in South Africa.

Competing against some of the country's fastest riders, the team showcases the performance and engineering of Ducati's Panigale superbikes while continuing to grow its presence within the national racing scene.

At its core, Forza Ducati Racing is about more than results. It reflects a shared passion for high-performance motorcycles, rider development, and the spirit of racing; all values that sit at the heart of Ducati's global heritage.





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ACCESSIBILITY AT SAES RACES

A race weekend is a big, busy environment. Engines are loud, crowds move constantly, and circuits can be spread out across large areas of land. For many people, that's part of the thrill of motorsport. But for others, especially spectators or participants living with disabilities, those same environments can make attending an event more difficult.

At the Southern African Endurance Series, accessibility has become something organisers think about before the cars even arrive at the circuit.

To help guide that process, SAES uses a race-day disability and accessibility checklist that officials work through during each event. It's a practical document designed to ensure that basic considerations are not overlooked when a venue fills with teams, fans, and infrastructure.

Some checks are simple but important. Organisers look at whether accessible parking or drop-off areas are available, whether main spectator routes are clear of obstacles like cables or uneven surfaces, and whether signage or staff can help visitors find their way around the venue.

Facilities are another focus. Event teams confirm that accessible toilets are available and clearly marked, and that there are places where spectators can sit, rest, or watch the racing comfortably where possible.

Accessibility also becomes part of how the event runs. Officials and volunteers know who the contact person is if a spectator or participant needs assistance.

Just as importantly, the process emphasises dignity and safety. Emergency routes must stay clear, assistance should never compromise safety, and any issues identified during the event are recorded so they can be improved at future races.

Motorsport will always be energetic and sometimes chaotic. That's part of race weekends. But with thoughtful planning, those same environments can still feel welcoming to everyone who wants to be there. For SAES, accessibility means a lot to us to ensure the sport we love is something more people can experience, enjoy, and feel included in.



Taylor Hill, a South African advocate for inclusive motorsport and the Disability & Accessibility Officer for the Southern African Endurance Series



A LOOK BACK ON...

4H OF ZWARTKOPS

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A STRONG OPENING ROUND FOR SAES AT ZWARTKOPS RACEWAY

The 2026 Southern African Endurance Series season opened at Zwartkops Raceway with a lively race meeting that set the tone for the year ahead. Grandstands filled early, the paddock stayed busy throughout the day, and by the time the main race began, there was a clear sense the championship had started with momentum.

Round 1, the 4 Hours of Zwartkops, is always a demanding way to open the season. The tight 2.4-kilometre Pretoria circuit forces drivers to spend much of the race negotiating traffic rather than running clean laps, making consistency essential over four hours.

The race was controlled by Rico Barlow Racing, whose #15 Nova Proto NP02, shared by N. Adcock and C. Visser, delivered a measured and confident performance. The prototype also set a new all-time lap record at Zwartkops before building a four-lap lead to secure victory.

Behind them, the GT3 battle remained competitive throughout the race. Into Africa Racing finished second with X. Letlaka and S. White in the #1 Lamborghini Huracan GT3 Evo, while MJR Motorsport completed the podium as M. Jackson and J. Ellerin guided the #81 Porsche 911 GT3 R (991 Gen2) home in third.

Combined Racing finished fourth (but first in their class0 with the #37 VW Supa Polo driven by R. and P. Loureiro, while Corsa Dei Gemelli rounded out the top five with their #69 Shelby Can-Am Sport Prototype shared by M. Bezuidenhout, K. Ensor-Smith and J. Vaughan.

Under the revised points structure, which places greater emphasis on class results across the field, Combined Racing's strong finish in their class sees them leave Zwartkops level on points with Rico Barlow Racing at the top of the overall championship standings. It's an early reminder that outright victory doesn't guarantee a clear advantage, and that consistency across classes will play a decisive role over the season.

Supporting categories kept the circuit active throughout the weekend. C. Arangies won the 1-Hour Dash in the #86 Porsche GT3R 991.2, ahead of G. Giannoccaro (#015 Audi R8 GT3) and D. Hammond (#57 Mercedes-Benz GT3 Evo). Hammond also took victory in the Sports & GT category, finishing ahead of X. Letlaka's Lamborghini Huracan GT3 Evo and J. Famelaris in the IRC Mustang.

In the GT Cup classes, R. Obery won Class A in the #91 Porsche GT3 Cup MR 991.2, N. Dicks secured Class B in the #90 Porsche 991, and A. van Vuuren claimed Class C in the #97 Porsche 997.

Motorcycle racing added further excitement, with A. Boshoff winning the MRSSA 1000cc race, T. Harvey Tonking taking the 600cc class, and A. Phiri claiming victory in Sub-500cc. The Silver Cup grid was so large that the class had to be split into two groups, producing some of the closest racing of the weekend. With strong racing across the programme and a large crowd in attendance, the 4 Hours of Zwartkops provided a fitting start to the 2026 championship.

The series now heads to the Eastern Cape for Round 2; the 5 Hours of Aldo Scribante Raceway in Gqeberha, a night race that will award double championship points and could quickly reshape the standings.



ONE EVENT, MANY STORIES

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS AT AN SAES RACE WEEKEND

When people hear “Southern African Endurance Series,” they usually picture one thing: a long race with teams battling for hours. And yes, the endurance race is the centre-piece, but if you spend a full day at an SAES event, you quickly realise the programme is far richer than that. In the next few pages, we’ll explain each of the other racing categories you’ll get to see at a SAES race weekend..



The headline act is always the SAES Endurance Race, but there is SO much more than just that.

Unlike sprint racing, endurance racing rewards discipline as much as speed. Teams share driving duties over several hours, balancing tyre wear, fuel strategy and traffic management. Drivers aren't just racing the car in front of them, they're managing the race as a whole.

Because multiple classes run on track together, faster cars are constantly navigating slower traffic. That creates a rhythm unique to endurance racing. Drivers have to make quick decisions: where to pass, when to wait, and how to protect the car while still pushing the pace. It's part strategy, part instinct, and part patience. The teams who manage that balance best are usually the ones standing on the podium when the chequered flag falls.

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.

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MOTORCYCLE RACING

MRSSA

Just when you think you've settled into the rhythm of car racing, the MRSSA motorcycles roll out onto the circuit and change the whole dynamic.

Bikes move through corners in a completely different way. Riders lean into the track, carry incredible corner speed, and often run in tight groups where the slightest movement can change the outcome of a race.

There's something raw and immediate about motorcycle racing. The machines are smaller, the riders are more exposed, and every overtake feels personal.

Watching the bikes race after the cars is a reminder that speed can look very different depending on what's underneath you.

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CLOSE RACING, FAMILIAR MACHINES

One of the most enjoyable categories to watch at SAES events is the GT Cup.

These races typically feature Porsche machinery across multiple classes. Because the cars share similar performance characteristics, the gaps between drivers tend to be small. That naturally leads to close racing.

Instead of one car disappearing into the distance, you often see packs of cars fighting for position over several laps.

It's the kind of racing where drivers study each other's lines, wait for a small opening, and then commit fully when the opportunity appears.

For fans watching trackside, it often feels like the battles never really settle until the final lap.

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SPORTS & GT

These races feature some of the fastest and most exciting machinery of the weekend. GT3 cars, purpose-built race cars and high-performance sports machines line up for shorter sprint races where drivers can afford to be far more aggressive.

There's no long game here. Drivers push from the start because the race distance leaves little room to recover lost positions.

The result is often intense wheel-to-wheel racing, where small mistakes are punished immediately and bravery under braking can make the difference between finishing on the podium or finishing mid-pack.

For spectators, these races are a reminder of just how quick modern GT machinery has become.

If the endurance race is about patience, the GT & Sports Car races are about immediacy.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN MOTORSPORT



When most people think about motorsport, they picture drivers and race cars. But every race weekend depends on a much larger team behind the scenes that all play a role in making sure an event runs safely and smoothly.

For anyone curious about joining that world, Motorsport South Africa (MSA) offers free official training webinars to get you started. You can learn about the GCR (General Competition Rules) – the regulations that govern motorsport in South Africa, and become an official for the MSA. Or you can learn how race cars and motorcycles are inspected to ensure they comply with safety and technical regulations (Scrutineering).

Volunteering is often how many people begin their journey in the sport. Track marshals, recovery teams, officials, and environmental officers all help keep events running safely, while media accreditation pathways exist for photographers, writers, and content creators who want to work trackside. There are so many ways to get involved!

Several free webinars take place throughout the year, covering everything from becoming an environmental officer, a scrutineer, learning the General Competition rules, and there is even training available for marshalling and media. There really is a place for everyone.

- 8 April: GCR Full Webinar (18:00 - 20:00)
- 29 April: Scrutineer & Technical Webinar (18:00 - 20:00)

All sessions are hosted online via Zoom and are free to attend, although participants must register in advance via the MSA website. You don't have to be behind the wheel to be part of motorsport. Sometimes, the first step is simply learning how the sport works from the inside.

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