



Le Mans 2018 – Programme & Information

IMPORTANT 2018 INFORMATION FROM THE CIRCUIT

This ticket is sold providing the holder complies with the rules of the organisation, Keep your ticket. No ticket money will be refunded once the ticket has been issued. It cannot be either re-sold or given up under penalty of legal proceedings. The public is informed that the law of 06/12/93 states that any person caught entering or attempting to enter the site in possession of an object likely to be construed as a weapon or as likely to cause injury, including glass bottles, is liable to 3 years imprisonment and a fine of €15,245. The public is informed that, for its security, the site may be equipped with a video surveillance system, placed under the control of the correct authority; which may be used in any legal proceedings. A right of access is provided in compliance with article 102 of the law of 21st January 1995. Searches can be made at the entrance; would you be so kind to conform to it.

**We have had reports of thieves stealing items from tents while they are left unattended
PLEASE LOCK YOUR VALUABLES AWAY ESPECIALLY YOUR PASSPORTS**

We are pleased to enclose your tickets for this year's race, together with some information to make your trip to Le Mans as smooth and memorable as possible (for all the right reasons). **Please take a moment to read these notes.** If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your Tickets

Please check your enclosed tickets carefully and keep them somewhere safe, as once issued, **lost tickets are technically not replaceable.** We have enclosed ticket wallets and lanyards to help you keep your tickets safe and accessible during the race. Tickets can usually be scanned without taking them out of the wallet. (In 2019 we will be asking you where possible to re-use your plastic wallets to help with the world's problem of plastic waste)

Your camping tickets will be scanned on arrival at your campsite and your vehicle registration number will be written on to them. It is not possible to use more than one vehicle per ticket, as they are scanned every time you enter and leave your campsite. You should therefore ensure that you have a ticket for each vehicle that you need to bring onto your campsite. **In some campsites your tickets will be replaced by a sticker on your windscreen once they've been scanned.**

Campsites

All campsites open on the Sunday morning the weekend before the race and close on the Monday morning after the race. Your ticket will confirm these arrangements.

Note carefully the dimensions of the plot size printed on your ticket(s). At many campsites you will have a marked and numbered plot relating to your ticket number. Alternatively, a marked space of this size will be allocated to you by a marshal on arrival.

Certain items are prohibited inside the circuit and on the campsites. **A copy of the leaflet from the ACO will be posted on our website when received.** Please note that gas bottles within caravans are permitted **in a limited number**, as are those used to supply camping cooking equipment. Technically some campsites are within the circuit boundary and as such may be subject to tighter rules than those elsewhere. This may result in your vehicle being searched on entry. Most campsites now have 24-hour security personnel on site until the Monday morning after the race. It is of course impossible to keep such a large area completely secure and we recommend adopting a co-operative approach to security with your camping neighbours.

Race Programme

An brief outline of the programme, is overleaf although this is subject to change. A shuttle bus will once again provide free transport to ticket holders from the main circuit to Mulsanne and Arnage corners.

Staying Safe - Please check with your Insurers, motoring organisations etc for up to date French laws which can change regularly

You should be aware of French law, particularly relating to driving. These are just a few ... The police impose heavy on the spot fines for any infringement of the law. Over the race weekend a campaign is operated to catch as many speeding motorists as possible using a variety of cameras and devices. Depending on your speed, your car and driving licence are subject to confiscation as well as a heavy fine imposed.

France has particularly strict rules on drinking and driving, and roadside tests are conducted randomly in the area during race week. Please be aware that the limit is much lower than in the U.K, at 0.02 mg per ml of blood. A law requiring all road users to carry their own breathalysers was passed in 2012, but the fine for failing to do this is not currently enforceable.

Satellite navigation devices that have a database of speed camera locations along with speed radar detectors are illegal in France. Use of such devices also carries a heavy fine and confiscation of the device.

Emergency Contact

In the event of any problem regarding your tickets and camping arrangements on arrival, please contact us - we will try to help. You can call us on +44 (0)1304 228866 during UK office hours. Outside of these hours please ring the same number but you will NOT be able to leave a message. If no one answers, please try again and someone will answer your call. We recommend storing the telephone numbers of your insurer(s) and breakdown recovery provider in the memory of your mobile phone to allow quick access in the unlikely event of a problem occurring.

[Please see full programme of events at the circuit](#)

THURSDAY 14TH JUNE 2018

19.00 – 21.00 – QUALIFYING PRACTICE SESSION

Everyone pretends that pole position has no importance for a 24-hour endurance race. Rubbish! For manufactures like Toyota or Porsche a pole position in Le Mans is of capital importance because it guarantees worldwide media attention. The qualifying sessions are always the scene of the first achievements and sometimes also the first moments of anguish as drivers test their cars limits.

21.00 - CONCERT – *Dr Feelgood*

22.00 – 00.00 – QUALIFYING PRACTICE SESSION

This is a decisive moment. As the sun sets on the circuit, you could be forgiven for thinking that the chase for pole position is over. Think again! Every year in the last few minutes of this session, the air is thick with drama as the sprinters of the best teams do their utmost to register the best time. It's guaranteed to send shivers down your spine!

FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 2018

10.00 – 20.00 – PITS & TRACK DISCOVERY

There is no racing on the Friday. The pit lane is open to the public all day. Those with an 'Enceinte Générale' ticket can observe the 60 cars and their drivers and jostle for photographs in front of the garages. For most spectators a 'selfie' with a driver is an absolute must!

17.00 – 19.00 - DRIVERS PARADE

The Drivers' Parade, celebrating its 22nd running this year, is the not-to-be-missed rendezvous between the drivers and the public the day before the race. In the late afternoon all the drivers in the Le Mans 24 Hours will parade in the Le Mans town centre in historic cars. The organiser, Classic Automotive, in partnership with the Automobile Club de l'Ouest will pull out all the stops to give the spectators an unforgettable festive spectacle along the specially prepared route that winds through the streets of the town.

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018

09.00 – 09.45 – WARM-UP

The big day has arrived - at last! Before the start drivers and cars have a final 45-minute free practice session in the morning to carry out final preparations. The warm up provides the 60 participants with the last opportunity to fine-tune the setups and adapt the cars to cope with the day's prevailing weather conditions.

15.00 - 24 HEURES DU MANS – START

Those long minutes before the start are legendary. After the morning's entertainment and races, the tension mounts as the cars line up along the grandstand straight. It goes up another notch as the band plays the national anthems. Adrenaline peaks at 3pm when the green flag hails the beginning of 24 hours excitement and fervour.

21.20 - CONCERT – *Yarol and Black Minou*

22.40 - CONCERT – *Texas*

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 2018

00.15 – CONCERT – *DJ Loran*

15.00 - 24 HEURES DU MANS – FINISH

