

WTCC

FIA World Touring Car
Championship

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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ROUTE TO: VALENCIA, SPAIN

The 5th and 6th rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week in Spain, at Valencia's Circuito Ricardo Tormo. This is the fourth consecutive visit of the FIA Touring Car Championship to the Spanish stadium-like racetrack, where last year a crowd of 59,000 attended.

The event will be presented to the local media next Wednesday, May 16th, at 5.00 pm, in a press conference at Valencia's Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, the futuristic complex designed by architect Santiago Calatrava.

WTCC Spanish drivers – Jordi Gené, Félix Porteiro, Sergio Hernández and María De Villota will attend the event.

50 KG HANDICAP FOR AUGUSTO FARFUS

16 drivers, including the three newcomers María De Villota, Maurizio Ceresoli and Massimiliano Pedalà, will carry handicap weight in Valencia.

The list is topped by championship leader Augusto Farfus with 50 kg, only 10 short of the maximum handicap allowed.

Jörg Müller, Gabriele Tarquini and Andy Priaulx – 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the points – all have 45 kg, while Nicola Larini and Independent Luca Rangoni are on 25 and 20 respectively.

50 kg	Augusto Farfus
45 kg	Jörg Müller, Gabriele Tarquini and Andy Priaulx
25 kg	Nicola Larini
20 kg	Luca Rangoni
15 kg	Alain Menu, Roberto Colciago and Tiago Monteiro
10 kg	Yvan Muller, María De Villota, Maurizio Ceresoli and Massimiliano Pedalà
5 kg	Robert Huff, Tom Coronel and Alessandro Zanardi

MARÍA DE VILLOTA RETURNS TO WTCC

María De Villota, the 27-year old Spanish lady driver, will return to the FIA WTCC next week to take part in her home race meeting at Valencia.

Like she did on the occasion of the World Championship's visit last year to the Circuito de la Comunidad Valenciana, María – daughter of former Formula One driver Emilio De Villota – will be at the wheel of a Maurer Motorsport Chevrolet Lacetti car backed by Chevrolet España. The very same machine she will be driving in the German ADAC Procar Championship that starts on Sunday in Oschersleben.

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TWO RUSSIAN BEARS IN SPAIN

After their maiden appearance in the FIA WTCC at Zandvoort, the Russian Bears Motorsport team will also take part in the meeting of Valencia.

Two of the team's three BMW 320i cars will race in Spain, driven by Lev Fridman and Viktor Shapovalov. At Zandvoort they were joined by Evgeny Zelenov, at the wheel of an identical car, and all the three Russian drivers managed to finish both races, scoring points for the Independents' Trophy.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM VALENCIA

<i>Saturday, 19th:</i>	Qualifying	Eurosport 2, 15.30/16.00
<i>Sunday, 20th:</i>	Warm up	Eurosport International, 09.00/09.30
	Race 1 – LIVE	Eurosport 2, 10.00/11.00
	Race 1 - repeat	Eurosport International, 15.00/15.30
	Race 2 – LIVE	Eurosport International, 15.30/16.15
<i>Monday, 21st:</i>	Races 1 & 2 – highlights	Eurosport International, 10.00/11.00
	Races 1 & 2 – highlights	Eurosport 2, 14.00/15.00
<i>Tuesday, 22nd:</i>	WTCC Magazine	Eurosport International, 23.00

Times are CET (Central Europe Time)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

Rounds 7 and 8 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Pau, France, 2nd and 3rd June.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 22nd May.

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Spain – 19th/20th May, in Valencia

more information and pictures: www.fiawtcc.com

2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

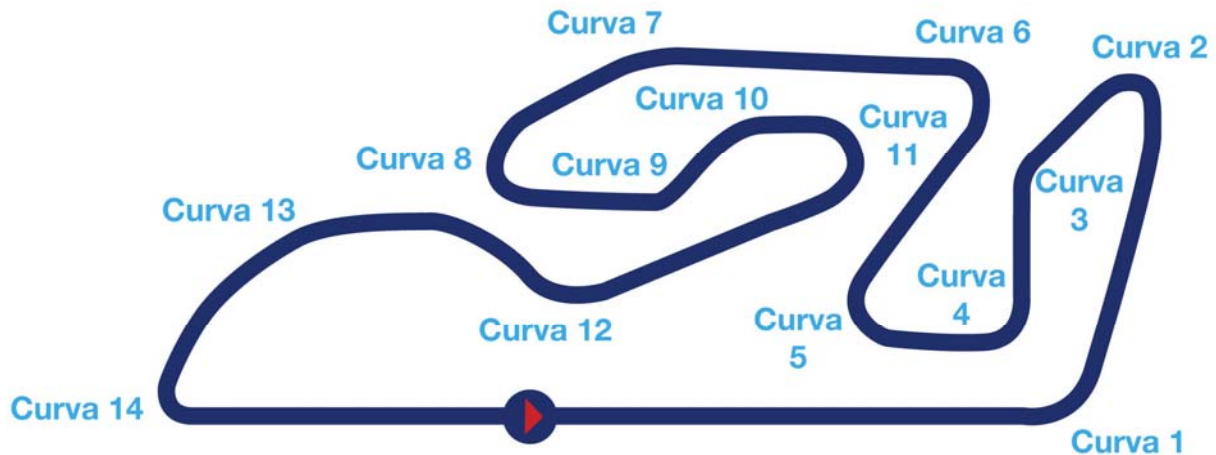


ROUNDS 5 & 6 - VALENCIA, May 19/20 - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
3		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
5		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León
10		SEAT Sport	Michel Jourdain (MEX)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León
12		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León
15		N.technology	James Thompson (GBR)	Alfa Romeo 156
16		N.technology	Olivier Tielemans (NED)	Alfa Romeo 156
18		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León
19	/	SEAT Sport Italia	Roberto Colciago (ITA)	SEAT León
20		GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
21	/	GR Asia	Emmet O'Brien (IRL)	SEAT León
22	/	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT León
23	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León
26	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
30	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
33	/	Racing for Belgium	Miguel Freitas (POR)	Alfa Romeo 156
34	/	SEAT Sport Italia	Massimiliano Pedalà (ITA)	SEAT León
36	/	Maurer Motorsport	María De Villota (ESP)	Chevrolet Lacetti
50	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Lev Fridman (RUS)	BMW 320i
52	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	BMW 320i



Rounds 5 & 6 – TRACK FACTS



Circuito Ricardo Tormo, Valencia – SPAIN

Lap distance – 4,005 m
Race distance – 2 x 13 laps

- Location:** 20 km North of Valencia
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- Airports:** Valencia-Manises (10 km), Alicante-El Altet (200 km);
Madrid-Barajas (350 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:40.819/143.00 kph, Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156), 17 Apr 2004
Race - 1:42.438/140.74 kph, Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156), 18 Apr 2004
- Previous winners:** 2004 FIA ETCC Race 1: Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156)
2004 FIA ETCC Race 2: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Jordi Gené (SEAT León)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)



Rounds 5 & 6 – Valencia (ESP) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 18th May 2007

09.30 – 10.15	International Formula Masters	Free Practice 1
10.30 – 11.00	Junior Master Formula	Free Practice 1
11.15 – 11.45	SEAT León Supercópa	Free Practice 1
12.00 – 13.00	International GT Open	Free Practice 1
13.15 – 14.00	International Formula Masters	Free Practice 2
14.30 – 15.00	Junior Master Formula	Free Practice 2
15.15 – 16.00	SEAT León Supercópa	Free Practice 2
16.15 – 17.15	International GT Open	Free Practice 2
17.30 – 18.00	International Formula Masters	Qualifying

Saturday 19th May 2007

08.30 – 09.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.25	Junior Master Formula	Qualifying Race (12 laps)
10.05 – 10.40	International GT Open	Qualifying 1
10.50 – 11.20	SEAT León Supercópa	Qualifying
11.30 – 12.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
12.30	International Formula Master	Race 1 (35 minutes)
14.15	Junior Master Formula	Race 1 (12 laps)
15.00 – 15.30	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
15.55	SEAT León Supercópa	Race 1 (40 minutes)
17.05	International GT Open	Race 1 (65 minutes)

Sunday 20th May 2007

08.00 – 08.15	FIA WTCC	Warm Up
08.30 – 08.45	International Formula Masters	Warm Up
09.00 – 09.15	International GT Open	Warm Up
10.20	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (13 laps)
10.50	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
11.15	SEAT León Supercópa	Race 2 (7 laps)
11.55	SEAT León Supercópa	Race 3 (7 laps)
12.45	International GT Open	Race 2 (45 minutes)
14.10	International Formula Master	Race 2 (40 minutes)
15.35	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (13 laps)
16.10	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.30	Junior Master Formula	Race 2 (12 laps)