

The Benelux Endurance Championship is a new initiative by Prospeed in collaboration with VRM, the organisers of the Dutch Supercar Challenge. It's the official Benelux GT Championship designed to offer teams and drivers a new competitive endurance format in the region.

Endurance racing is becoming increasingly popular each year, with drivers, fans, and teams eager to experience the thrill of intense competition. In endurance racing, it's not just about speed. It's about endurance, teamwork, strategy, and making split-second decisions. However, endurance racing opportunities in the Benelux are limited. This new endurance championship aims to change that by offering 3-hour races at all four Benelux circuits, held together with the Supercar Challenge.

Sporting Format

The championship is built around the concept of 3-hour races with a minimum of three pit stops, ensuring that a well-executed strategy is essential to secure victory. Each race weekend offers a total driving time of 290 minutes, which can be shared between two and three drivers, making participation more accessible by allowing costs to be shared. At one round of the BEC, two 60-minute races are held instead of a single 3-hour race.

Event Schedule

The events take place over two days, with an optional test day on Friday. On Saturday, a 60-minute free practice session is held, followed by two 15-minute qualifying sessions. Sunday begins with a 20-minute warm-up, before drivers and teams conclude the weekend with 180 minutes of thrilling racing action.

Joint races with the Supercar Challenge

The BEC races will be held alongside the Supercar Challenge. After 60 minutes, the chequered flag will be shown for all Supercar Challenge participants. However, drivers entered in both the Benelux Endurance Championship and the Supercar Challenge may continue racing, allowing them to score points in both championships.

Pitstop Strategies

With a minimum of three pit stops and the Supercar Challenge joining the pit stop strategy, race strategy will play a crucial role. The first pit stop must take place between the 25th and 35th minute, aligning with the Supercar Challenge regulations. The remaining two pit stops may be taken at the team's discretion. During each pit stop, teams are free to choose whether to perform a driver change, tyre change, refuelling, or a combination of these actions. A minimum pit lane time will apply to all cars.

Each team is allocated three new sets of scanned tyres. For free practice, teams are permitted to use used tyres.

Race Calendar 2026

Round 01	18 - 19 April	Voorjaarsraces	Zandvoort	180'
Round 02	30 - 31 May	Spa Euro Races	Spa	2x 60'
Round 03	27 - 28 June	American Sunday	Zolder	180'
Round 04	01 - 02 August	Jacks racing day	Assen	180'
Round 05	03 - 04 October	Trophy of the Dunes	Zandvoort	180'
Round 06	24 - 25 October	Finals	Assen	180'

Categories

Drivers can participate in four different categories based on the type of the car. The series uses Balance of Performance (BoP) regulations to ensure fair and competitive racing across all car categories. BoP adjustments help level the playing field, making driver skill, team strategy, and teamwork the deciding factors on track.

GT Cup: the GT Cup category is for GT3 cars with more than 3.1 kg/hp. Such as the Porsche Cups, Ferrari Challenge etc. and expired GT3 cars, BOP will be applied.

GT Sport: in the GT Sport category all current and past GT4 with more than 3.6 kg/hp cars can participate, a BOP will be applied.

Super Sport: this category is suitable for cars such as TCR and cars with more than 4.0 kg/hp.

Club Sport: this division is intended for fast hatchbacks and compact race cars, making it particularly suitable for vehicles with more than 5.0 kg/hp.

Driver line-up

Each car may have 2 to 3 drivers, with full pro line-ups not permitted. Every entered car must include at least one Bronze* rated driver, who is required to complete a minimum of 45 minutes in the 180-minute race, and participate in one qualifying session. The remaining drivers can be chosen freely, with Silver* and Gold* drivers allowed. Platinum* drivers are not permitted.

*Driver rating based on FIA driver categorisation regulations

The Benelux Championship will take on a new points awarding system, where drivers benefit from the number of participants in their class. This ensures that competition in larger fields is rewarded accordingly.

Awarding points

The new points system will be based on the number of participants in each class, the more participants, the more points that can be earned. In the 60-minute races, only half of the points will be awarded. Overall championship standings will be determined by combining the overall race result points with the points earned within each class.

		Amount of participants in Class								Points earned per finishing position
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Finish position after 180' race	P1	1	2	3	4	6	8	11	15	
	P2		1	2	3	4	6	8	11	
	P3			1	2	3	4	6	8	
	P4				1	2	3	4	6	
	P5					1	2	3	4	
	P6						1	2	3	
	P7							1	2	
	P8								1	

Drop results

Points are awarded to each registered driver based on their classified race results. The overall championship will be decided by the best five race results. With six rounds scheduled for the 2026 season, each driver will drop their lowest result at the end of the season. If only five rounds are completed, all five results will count toward the final classification. Dropped results will apply to both the class standings and the overall championship standings.

Championship Titles

As the Benelux Endurance Championship is the official GT championship in the region, the drivers with the most points in the overall championship standings will be crowned Benelux GT Endurance Champions. The title will be officially awarded by the KNAF and the RACB. In addition to the overall champions, class champions will also be announced.

Brand Trophies

When multiple cars from the same brand participate in the Benelux Endurance Championship, a separate brand trophy can be organised. The Porsche Endurance Trophy Benelux is already part of the BEC, with Prospeed present in the paddock to provide technical support and spare parts services to participating teams. Other brands interested in organising their own brand trophy within the BEC are invited to contact the championship organisation.

Live Streaming

All racing action can be followed live on YouTube, where Alpha Live will provide high-quality live streaming coverage of each event. The broadcast will capture the on-track action, pit stops, and behind-the-scenes preparations. In addition to live streaming, live timing will also be available.

Paddock & Hospitality

The paddock will be vibrant and filled with racing enthusiasts, including teams, drivers, and fans. Teams will operate from the pit garages, while a hospitality area will be available for teams and drivers to relax and enjoy the atmosphere. They will also be able to welcome guests and partners, offering them the opportunity to experience the racing scene up close.

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