

Press Release

2006 Permanent Team Entry List Announced

The FIM have today released the provisional list of permanent teams who will compete in the 2006 FIM World Endurance Championship.

Old Friends, New Faces

Suzuki Castrol, Kawasaki Bolliger, Yamaha Austria, Yamaha Phase One, Diablo Kawasaki, the Shell Endurance Academy and Suzuki No Limits took the top seven places in the championship last year and all are back to challenge for the title again. While Suzuki Castrol have kept their winning rider combination of Philippe, Lagrive and Kitagawa in place, their closest rivals have all recruited at least one new rider. Horst Saiger joins Bolliger, Sebastien Scarnato moves to Yamaha Austria, Christer Miinin moves to Phase One and Marko Rohtlaan will ride for Diablo.

Amongst the teams who did not compete in the championship last year are a number who are familiar from the French endurance scene and from previous years; Raffin Motos Kawasaki, Yamaha Endurance Moto38 and Yamaha Acropolis Zone Rouge are expected to make a real impact this season.

For the first time there is an entry from Monaco, with Monaco Moto Team Yamaha fielding riders from Monaco, France, and Italy. There are also new teams from Belgium, Germany and France.

24 Teams, 60 Riders, 17 Nations

24 teams and 60 riders are already in place, representing 17 nationalities and a real mix of new entries and experienced championship regulars. Some of the rider line-ups are still to be confirmed; the final list of permanent team entries will be announced in early February.

Suzuki's GSX-R1000 and Yamaha's YZF-R1 are equally well represented amongst the entry list, with each manufacturer being chosen by ten of the 24 teams. The only switch of factory this year comes from Projecteam Suzuki Austria 76, the new team being a combination last year's Suzuki Austria and Projecteam Honda squads.

Championship Starts on Easter Monday

The first round of the World Endurance Championship will be held at Assen, Netherlands, on Easter Monday, the 17th of April, with the Le Mans 24 Hour second round being held a week later.

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Start No.	Team	Nat.	Riders	Nat.	Manufacturer
1	Suzuki Castrol Team	FRA	Vincent Philippe	FRA	SUZUKI
			Matthieu Lagrive	FRA	GSX-R1000
			Keiichi Kitagawa	JAP	
3	Yamaha Phase One Endurance	GBR	Warwick Nowland	AUS	YAMAHA
			Damian Cudlin	AUS	YZF-R1
			Christer Miinin	SWE	
4	X - One Yamaha	ITA	Paolo Tessari	ITA	YAMAHA
			Giancarlo De Matteis	ITA	YZF-R1
			tba		
5	XZ Track Racing Team	BEL	Eddy Peeters	BEL	SUZUKI
			Mario Van Vossel	BEL	GSX-R1000
			Kris Jennes	BEL	
6	Shell Endurance Academy Yamaha	GBR	Ben Wylie	GBR	YAMAHA
			Alex Dubelski	POL	YZF-R1
			tba		
7	Yamaha Austria Racing Team	AUT	Igor Jerman	SLO	YAMAHA
			Gwen Giabbani	FRA	YZF-R1
			Sebastien Scarnato	FRA	
			Thomas Hinterreiter	AUT	
8	Bolliger Team Switzerland Kawasaki	SUI	Marcel Kellenbeger	SUI	KAWASAKI
			David Morillon	FRA	ZX10R
			Horst Saiger	AUT	
			Patric Muff	SUI	
9	SRU Racing Sangerhausen Suzuki	GER	Marco Apel	GER	SUZUKI
			René Raub	GER	GSX-R1000
			René Landgjaß	GER	
10	Team Raffin Motos Kawasaki	FRA	Damien Chene	FRA	KAWASAKI
			Patrick Carrara	FRA	ZX10R
			Wilfried Veille	FRA	
			Claude Desmaris	FRA	
11	Primo Racing Yamaha	BEL	Patrick de la Ruelle	BEL	YAMAHA
			Hans Westra	BEL	YZF-R1
			tba		
12	Team Fagersjo-el Suzuki	SWE	Lars Carlberg	SWE	SUZUKI
			Tobias Andersson	SWE	GSX-R1000
			Paul Young	GBR	
14	Maco Moto Racing Team Yamaha	SLK	Martin Kuzma	SLK	YAMAHA
			Marek Svoboda	CZE	YZF-R1
			tba		
15	Team Innodrom Racing Suzuki	GER	Niggi Schmassmann	SUI	SUZUKI

			Agoston Rosivall	HUN	GSX-R1000
			Eric Monot	FRA	
16	Team ABG Performance Suzuki	FRA	Christophe Allaurd	FRA	SUZUKI
			Jerome Bard	FRA	GSX-R1000
			Franck Giroguy	FRA	
20	Team SRK Suzuki	FRA	Thomas Metro	FRA	SUZUKI
			Giovanni Legname	FRA	GSX-R1000
			Eric Thomas	FRA	
21	RMT 21 Racing Kawasaki	GER	Thomas Roth	GER	KAWASAKI
			tba		ZX10R
			tba		
38	Endurance Moto 38 Yamaha	FRA	Gregory Fastre	BEL	YAMAHA
			Julien Enjolras	FRA	YZF-R1
			Denis Bouan	FRA	
44	No Limits & RT Racing Team Suzuki	ITA	Roberto Ruozi	ITA	SUZUKI
			Moreno Codeluppi	ITA	GSX-R1000
			tba		
76	Projecteam Suzuki Austria 76	AUT	tba		SUZUKI
			tba		GSX-R1000
			tba		
98	Monaco Moto Team Yamaha	MON	Leon Benechou	MON	YAMAHA
			Philippe Rebaudo	FRA	YZF-R1
			Giorgio Salvatico	ITA	
99	Team Acropolis Zone Rouge Yamaha	BEL	Michel Nickmans	BEL	YAMAHA
			tba		YZF-R1
			tba		
100	Team Endurance Moto 45 Suzuki	FRA	Thomas Perreau	FRA	SUZUKI
			Nicolas Duprez	FRA	GSX-R1000
			David Brière	FRA	
			Arnaud Larose	FRA	
199	Team Acropolis Zone Rouge Yamaha	BEL	Nicolas Pirot	BEL	YAMAHA
			Alain Botton	BEL	YZF-R1
			tba		
666	Diablo 666 Bolliger Kawasaki	GBR	James Hutchins	GBR	KAWASAKI
			Mark Rohtlaan	EST	ZX10R
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