

SA ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDED NATIONAL STATUS BY MOTORSPORT SOUTH AFRICA

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The Southern African Endurance Championship has been awarded National Championship status by Motorsport SA following a successful 2022 season.

The short-term goal of the Southern African Endurance Series, the rights holder to both the SA Endurance Championship and SA GT National Championship, was to improve the standard and quality of their racing properties as well as afford competitors the opportunity to be crowned as National Champions for both the overall title as well as the Index of Performance Championship.

Xolile Letlaka, the first black motorsport promotor in South Africa and SAES owner said: "It has been my objective to gain National Championship status for the SA Endurance Championship, which delivered the first Black and youngest endurance champion last year after Kwanda Mokoena sealed the title at the final round. Our three champions will forever be inscribed in South African motorsport history which makes me very proud."

"Now that we have achieved this goal, it makes our properties more attractive to Sponsorships and in turn increased focus on development from our Africa Race Together Foundation. Our attention can turn to my medium-term objective of establishing an All-African Championship which will see us racing in various countries", Letlaka added.

The Southern African Endurance Championship presents races from three to nine hours in duration and caters for cars ranging from open-top sport cars like the Ligier JS53, GT3 cars including Porsches, Lamborghinis and Audis, modified and standard saloons as well as the Class E Lexus-powered Backdraft Roadsters which features as a championship-in-a-championship.

The first round of the SA Endurance National Championship takes place with the opening round of the SA GT National Championship on 3rd and 4th March at Zwartkops Raceway in Pretoria.

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