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Maserati Trofeo MC World Series 2014

The Maserati MC World Series Trophy was launched in 2010 and is now about to begin its fifth season with a calendar of events arranged in six rounds and visiting six countries on three different continents. After collective trials on the 12th April in Vallelunga, the first race of the season will take place over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd May on the Spa circuit in Belgium, coinciding with the World Endurance Championship. The second round, scheduled for the 31st May and 1st June, moves to the Hungaroring track in Hungary to complement the third meeting of the DTM series. On the 19th and 20th July, the Silverstone circuit in the UK will host the racing, along with the International GT Open, concluding the first part of the season. The European Trophy will be presented to the driver leading the points table after these first three races.

The second part of the series kicks off in the USA on the 23rd and 24th August with the Maserati MC World Series Trophy moving to the Virginia International Raceway near Danville, Virginia, on the occasion of the Tudor USCC Championship. After this visit to America, the cars will fly to Shanghai in China for the 11th and 12th October, to partner the WTCC. As in 2013, the final race of the season will be held on the Yas Marina circuit in the United Arab Emirates on the 11th and 12th December to coincide with the Abu Dhabi 12 Hours race. The season's closing ceremony will also take place here. Prizes will include: the Overall Winner's Trophy (open to all drivers), the European Trophy (also open to all drivers), the Pirelli Single Driver Cup (for single drivers racing Maserati-owned cars), the Pirelli Twin Drivers Cup (for drivers racing in a two-man team with Maserati-owned cars), the Over 50 Trophy, the Under 30 Trophy, and the Pirelli Pole Position Award.

The large number of applications received for this 2014 edition confirms the excellence of the event's organisation, based on an all-in package that includes intensive activities for single and team drivers, exclusive accommodation at all the events and the enticing prospect of racing a Maserati in the company's centenary year. Statistics for 2013 prove that the Maserati single marque formula is a winner: 18 races with an average of 26 Maserati GranTurismo cars lined up on the grid, 70 drivers from 22 different countries, and a total of 688,828 kilometres covered in 29,640 minutes of racing.

The Belgian Renaud Kuppens won the 2013 season, repeating his exploit of 2012.

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The registration fee for the official trials and three European races is 70,000 Euros (excluding VAT). That for the World Series is 125,000 Euros (excluding VAT), payable by the 15th March (the cost of late payments rises to 130,000 Euros).

Privateer drivers are welcome to enter their own cars in the Trofeo Maserati, provided they pass Maserati's technical inspection and homologation. All teams must use the same setup with no changes or adjustments permitted.

This year's Maserati GranTurismo MC Trophy introduces a number of developments that have been worked out in recent months. Changes mainly concern aerodynamics, with the adoption of a new, completely redesigned rear diffuser and front splitter and the introduction of a completely flat underbody to increase downforce on the front of the car and balance the large rear spoiler. A rear anti-roll bar has also been added to improve control and precision on bends. The engine remains the 4,691 cc V8 unit which develops 488 HP. Weight too remains the same, at 1,380 kg. All cars entered for the series are prepared by a team of expert mechanics to ensure the same level of performance and have the same set-up.

The duration of the longer race increases this year from 50 to 60 minutes. Qualifying is spread over two 15-minute sessions, while practice covers two sessions of 45 minutes. The two 30-minute races, the longer race and the mandatory pitstop are confirmed, giving a total of 240 minutes behind the wheel every race weekend.

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