



Announcement: VRS SCO 24h of Spa

## **Sports Car Open announces 24h of Spa with title partner Virtual Racing School and \$10.000 prize pool**

**Munich.** International simracing series organizer Sports Car Open, in cooperation with title partner Virtual Racing School, announces the endurance event of the year with the SCO VRS 24h of Spa on the final weekend of July 2021. After collaborating with series partners Morphicon and Racespot on the Sprint Series, Sports Car Open now follows up on its long-standing endurance racing history. The 24h of Spa will spearhead the endurance side of virtual GT racing on the iRacing platform and feature a dedicated prize pool of \$10,000.

### **Per-car qualifying format and dedicated balance of performance return**

Following the Sprint Series the SCO VRS 24h of Spa will once again feature the car-based pre-qualifying format with up to 54 entries in total and 9 slots available for each car manufacturer. The dedicated balance of performance hereby ensures equality among all manufacturers while maintaining their individual strengths and weaknesses.

### **Top 20 Qualifying Shootout to create peak tension for qualifying**

Following two 60-Minute qualifying sessions, the Top 20 Qualifying Shootout will only feature the 20 quickest teams. They will send their quickest driver on a single lap on the Ardennes rollercoaster to determine the pole sitter and starting order of the top 20.

### **Event Schedule**

Date	Time (UTC)	Date
Free Practice 1 (120 min)	18:00	Wednesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Free Practice 2 (120 min)	16:00	Thursday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Qualifying 1 (60 min)	18:00	Thursday, July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Qualifying 2 (60 min)	17:00	Friday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Top 20 Shootout (1 Lap)	19:30	Friday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Free Practice 3 (120 min)	10:00	Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Warm-Up (60 min)	12:30	Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Race Start (24 hours)	13:30	Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
Race Finish	13:30	Sunday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021

**Sign-Ups open July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**



## Press Release

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**Peter Dimov (Virtual Racing School):** After supporting the VRS SCO Sprint Series I am delighted to also have VRS become the title partner for the VRS SCO 24h of Spa. As a developer and supplier of simracing products and services, it is important for us to build an organic relationship with our customers as well as with top competitors. In addition, supporting not only professional sprint racing but also an endurance event strengthens the entire simracing community. We are excited to be the title partner for the VRS SCO 24h of Spa.

**Ronald Großmann (Sports Car Open):** I am incredibly grateful for the long-standing popularity of the Sports Car Open in the simracing community. I am particularly pleased that we are now able to expand our range even further and feature the VRS SCO 24h of Spa. The Sports Car Open has founded its activities on endurance racing, so adding a 24h race with the support of our great partners came naturally.

**Morris Hebecker (Morphicon Media AG):** We are pleased to add the VRS SCO 24h of Spa on top of the newly launched VRS SCO Sprint Series. Together with Sports Car Open and Virtual Racing School we manage to set up international GT racing at the highest possible level. I am very much looking forward to the race.

**Arjuna Kankipati (Racespot):** After a partnership of many years with Sports Car Open, we are delighted to be part of the next chapter with the VRS SCO 24h of Spa as well. We are united with Sports Car Open as we both have a long-standing history in endurance racing and therefore are pleased to be the broadcast partner for the VRS SCO 24h of Spa.

*About Sports Car Open: The Sports Car Open is the creator and host of the Sports Car Open Endurance Series, the highest-level endurance racing series on the iRacing simracing platform. Since 2017, the SCO has offered sports car racing at the highest level and runs several series and special events at racetracks around the world. The Sports Car Open Sprint Series now permanently complements the established Endurance Series. For more info see [sportsscaropen.com](http://sportsscaropen.com)*

*About Virtual Racing School: VRS is a comprehensive online learning platform designed specifically for simracers. It offers a broad range of content (videos, articles, driving data, setups, etc.), software tools (statistics and driving analysis) and access to some of the world's best simracers in the form of 1:1- and group-coaching sessions. For more info see [virtualracingschool.com](http://virtualracingschool.com)*

*About Morphicon: Morphicon Media AG was founded in 2010 and has been a publisher, developer, and content provider for mobile, social and browser games as well as PC software since its inception. With its extensive distribution network, it reaches all relevant markets worldwide and maintains a manifold of international cooperations with experienced gaming marketers. For more info, see [morphicon.com](http://morphicon.com)*

*About Racespot: RaceSpot TV was founded at the end of 2013 by Rafael Sanque, Hugo Luis, and Will Vincent. They provide live broadcasts and extensive audio and video production of simracing events. Providing a top-quality product for each race is the top priority here. Since 2014, RaceSpot TV has been the leading broadcaster of simracing competitions on the iRacing platform and since the inception of the Sports Car Open (2017), Racespot has been the official series partner. For more info see [racespot.tv](http://racespot.tv)*

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