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SRO GT ACADEMY PRESENTATION

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INTRODUCTION TO SRO GT ACADEMY & PRIZE DETAILS

Win a **fully funded*** GT World Challenge Europe
Endurance Cup **seat** with a leading
Mercedes-AMG Customer Racing Team in 2027

Launched for the 2026 season, this incredible opportunity is open to **all Silver-graded drivers under the age of 30** who contest the 2026 GT2 European Series powered by Pirelli season with **Maserati, Mercedes-AMG or Ginetta**.

Other manufacturers are also set to join the programme.

**Excludes crash damage below and above in the insurance coverage*

Please note that drivers already competing in GT World Challenge Europe are not eligible to take part.

All details remain provisional and subject to revision.





SRO GT ACADEMY OVERVIEW

Successfully introduced in the French GT Championship, the SRO GT Academy will be extended to the GT2 European Series powered by Pirelli in 2026.

Open to **Silver-graded drivers aged under 30 years** competing in either Silver or Pro-Am. Entrants in both classes will be judged equally (new Silver class to be introduced for 2026).

Currently open to drivers racing **Maserati, Mercedes-AMG or Ginetta GT2** machinery, but other GT2 manufacturers are likely to enter the programme.

The driver assessment process is designed to reveal a driver's true **individual ability and potential** regardless or reducing the influence of external factors such as co-driver performance, reliability and luck.

Race results will not be considered. Points are awarded for the **quickest qualifying and race laps**, as well as the **average time across each driver's fastest 10 race laps**. Points are also deducted when a driver is deemed responsible for an accident by the panel of Stewards or for losing control of the car off-track.

In addition to a full **Endurance Cup season in GT World Challenge Europe, including the CrowdStrike 24 Hours of Spa**, the winning driver will receive an **award at the annual SRO prize giving ceremony** and will benefit from the Group's assistance in their career progression over the following years.



CLASSES

GT2 European Series powered by Pirelli will expand to feature three classes in 2026, with the **new Silver class** joining the existing **Pro-Am** and **Am** (now known as Masters) categories. GT Academy applicants can compete in two of those classes:

SILVER

New! Silver class open to a single or two Silver graded drivers. In order to balance the advantage of racing alone, solo Silver drivers registered for the SRO GT Academy will enter only one of the two free practice sessions per event.

PRO-AM

Pro-Am class allows an amateur (graded FIA Bronze and SRO graded Bronze+) driver to share with a professional (up to FIA Silver grade for a Bronze+ driver and up to FIA Gold grade for a Bronze driver). Per SRO's categorisation, a Bronze+ driver is considered:

- FIA Bronze aged 35 years old or younger
- FIA Bronze under review
- Bronze with a racing career in their 20s
- Bronze who was Silver the year before
- Bronze that has previously been Gold or Platinum
- These drivers will be Bronze+ unless we have recent data proving their pace is Bronze level

MASTERS (NOT APPLICABLE TO GT ACADEMY)

Previously known as Am, the renamed Masters class caters for a single or two Bronze/ Bronze+ drivers. A scale of handicap weight is applied to Bronze+ drivers or pairings.

This class is not applicable to GT Academy.

All classes offer independent rewards, with trophies and a champion crowned in each category.



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ELIGIBLE CARS

Cars eligible for SRO GT Academy

Others likely to be announced.



Maserati GT2



Mercedes-AMG GT2



Ginetta G56 GT2

Other cars eligible for the Series



Audi R8 LMS GT2



Brabham BT63 GT2



KTM X-BOW GT2

Invitational Cars



Porsche 992
& 911 GT3 Cup



Lamborghini
Huracan Super Trofeo EVO2

GT2 homologated and invitational cars compete for the **same classification** and follow the **same Balance of Performance process**.

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ABOUT GT2 EUROPEAN SERIES POWERED BY PIRELLI

GT2 European Series powered by Pirelli puts aspiring **professional and amateur drivers** at the centre of GT racing.

GT2 sits above GT4 and below GT3 in the SRO pyramid, giving drivers a place to develop on a level playing field and hone their skills with extensive track time. A GT2 car features **more outright power than a GT3** but is less dependent on its aerodynamics to produce the best lap times.

Global platform

Four GT2 European Series powered by Pirelli rounds will run in tandem with GT World Challenge Europe powered by AWS for 2026, while one round will feature in SRO's Spa Speedweek preceding the **CrowdStrike 24 Hours of Spa**.

With the GT4 European Series powered by RAFA Racing Club accompanying most rounds, the combined festival of GT racing attracts tens of **thousands of spectators** to every event. All races are streamed live on the **GT World YouTube channel to 800k+ subscribers around the globe**.

The integration of multiple series also allows competitors to make use of either the Mic Food (present at each event), or the more elaborate SRO Hospitality structure (present at selected events).

Race Weekend Format

Each race weekend consists of two 60-minute free practice sessions, followed by two 15-minute qualifying sessions to define the grids for two 50-minute races, each with a mandatory pit stop.

With **no limit on private testing** outside of championship rounds, there are plenty of opportunities to take part in additional paid testing events.

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Stéphane Ratel, SRO Motorsports Group Founder and CEO:

“SRO GT Academy is a measure of speed, performance and reliability: characteristics that teams and manufacturers really value in young drivers. We’d like GT2 to become a gateway to GT3, not just for amateurs but also those with aspirations of a professional GT career. I’d like to thank Maserati and Mercedes-AMG for their continued support and belief in our GT2 concept. I truly believe our new joint Academy initiative has the potential to uncover sportscar stars of the future.”



PROVISIONAL 2026 CALENDAR

R1 |  **MONZA**

30-31 MAY



R2 |  **SPA SPEEDWEEK**

20-21 JUNE



R3 |  **MISANO**

18-19 JULY



R4 |  **ZANDVOORT**

19-20 SEPTEMBER



R5 |  **PORTIMAO**

17-18 OCTOBER



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