

IMPROVED GT86 CUP TO CONTINUE IN 2017

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TOYOTA Motorsport GmbH (TMG) is delighted to confirm that the GT86 Cup competition will return for another exciting season in 2017.

The GT86 Cup, which TMG introduced in 2013, runs within the VLN series on the Nürburgring Nordschleife and provides private competitors with a cost-efficient way to compete in one of the biggest GT-based championships in Europe.

The 2016 campaign saw the mid-season introduction of TMG's updated GT86 CS-Cup car, replacing the CS-V3 version. The new car is lighter, with more power and improved aerodynamics, helping to significantly improve lap times during the season.

With more power, more torque and reduced weight, the CS-Cup delivers better performance while modifications such as flat-foot gear shifting with auto-blip and adjusted sixth gear enhance the driving experience whilst still maintaining the CS-V3 car's ease of use.

For 2017, TMG will further optimise the CS-Cup with minor changes based on feedback from Cup participants and test activities this year.

With this new car delivering a performance step whilst retaining its value-for-money reputation thanks to running costs of just €6.20 per kilometre*, TMG is confident that the Cup grid will expand next year with new participants in discussions to join.

As well as constantly improving the car, TMG also has exciting plans to enhance the Cup itself, delivering better value and an improved experience for competitors in 2017. Exact details will be finalised in the coming weeks, with a target to retain the low entry fee and generous prize money which has made it such a popular part of the VLN series.

Nico Ehlert, Principal Engineer Customer Motorsport: "We are really pleased to continue with the Cup at least until the end of 2017 as this is a significant part of TMG's customer motorsport strategy. I would like to say thank you to our existing teams who have shown great commitment and performance over the past seasons; it is a pleasure to work alongside this talented group. I am convinced the Cup provides the best cost/performance balance in the VLN series and when you see the smile on the face of drivers who experience the GT86 CS-Cup for the first time, it's clear this car is great fun to drive. So we are looking forward to welcoming new teams to the Cup in 2017 when we expect another exciting season."

* Price per kilometer estimate is indicative only and is based on 10 races in the GT86 Cup, including fees for insurance, race entry, Cup entry fee, mechanical costs and revisions. For more details please see www.RacingByTMG.com.

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About TOYOTA Motorsport GmbH:

TOYOTA Motorsport GmbH (TMG) has been based in Cologne, Germany since 1979 and built its reputation in the World Rally Championship, winning four drivers' and three manufacturers' titles during two decades of competition. TMG was also the home of TOYOTA's works Le Mans



24 Hours (1998-1999) and Formula 1 (2002-2009) teams and a tuning and sports conversion subsidiary (established in 1994). TMG has competed in the World Endurance Championship since 2012, winning the drivers' and manufacturers' World Championship in 2014. Since 2009, TMG is a leading engineering services supplier, offering its cutting-edge development facilities and know-how to a range of industries. In recent years TMG has developed a thriving customer motorsport business, selling cost-efficient but high-performance cars to private participants.

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