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FIM Speedway Grand Prix World Championship

Five Wild Cards Confirmed for FIM Speedway GP 2022

Jason Doyle, Robert Lambert, Leon Madsen, Anders Thomsen and Martin Vaculik named as wild cards for 2022 FIM Speedway Grand Prix

The line-up for Discovery Sports Events' first-ever FIM Speedway Grand Prix season in 2022 is complete.

Australian icon Jason Doyle, Great Britain racer Robert Lambert, Danish ace Leon Madsen, Danish champion Anders Thomsen and Slovak star Martin Vaculik were confirmed as 2022 permanent wild cards.

They are joined in the SGP World Championship's 15-rider line-up by this season's top six – new world champion Artem Laguta, Poland's double world champion Bartosz Zmarzlik, world No.3 Emil Sayfutdinov, Polish star Maciej Janowski, Swedish champion Fredrik Lindgren and Britain's triple world champion Tai Woffinden, who all gain automatic entry.

The top three from the SGP qualification rounds also join the line-up, with Poland's Pawel Przedpelski, Australian champion Max Fricke and Poland's former world No.2 Patryk Dudek earning places at the GP Challenge meeting in Zarnovica, Slovakia on August 21.

Denmark's Mikkel Michelsen completes the field after booking his place by winning his second Speedway European Championship title in July.

Each SGP round will also feature one wild card nominated by the host nation, as well as two track reserves.

The five permanent wild cards received nominations from the SGP Commission – featuring representatives from the FIM and, for the first time, Discovery Sports Events, who take over as SGP rights holders from 2022.

Doyle, who famously won the 2017 world title in front of his home fans in Melbourne, Australia, made his SGP debut in 2015 and has never previously needed a wild card, having always qualified for the following season's series automatically.

He finished ninth in SGP 2021, but has still enjoyed strong club campaigns for Polish side Leszno and Bauhaus Elitserien play-off finalists Dackarna in Sweden.

Madsen took seventh place in this season's standings, reaching finals at Polish rounds in Wroclaw and Torun. But his progress has been hampered by knee-ligament damage suffered at a Speedway European Championship round in Bydgoszcz, Poland in June.

GB's former European champion Lambert finished 10th in his full-time SGP debut season after qualifying as 2020 European champion.



But he burst into form over this year's final three rounds, reaching the semi-finals at the Danish SGP sponsored by Ecco in Vojens on September 11 and on both nights of the eWinner Torun SGP of Poland double-header last weekend.

Two-time Danish champion Thomsen, who retained his national title at Vojens in June, was handed a wild card for SGP 2021 and took 11th place in his first full World Championship season. He gets another opportunity for 2022 as he bids to build on reaching his first SGP final, which saw him storm to third spot in Togliatti on August 28.

Slovak star Vaculik completes the list of wild cards. He was 12th this year after crashing out of Orlen Lublin SGP of Poland round six on August 7, sustaining a broken collarbone and shoulder blade, which forced him out of the Swedish SGP in Malilla and the Togliatti SGP.

The list of substitute riders will be confirmed in due course.

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2022 FIM SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX LINE-UP

1. Artem Laguta (MFR)
2. Bartosz Zmarzlik (Poland)
3. Emil Sayfutdinov (MFR)
4. Maciej Janowski (Poland)
5. Fredrik Lindgren (Sweden)
6. Tai Woffinden (Great Britain)
7. Leon Madsen (Denmark)
8. Max Fricke (Australia)
9. Jason Doyle (Australia)
10. Robert Lambert (Great Britain)
11. Anders Thomsen (Denmark)
12. Martin Vaculik (Slovakia)
13. Pawel Przedpelski (Poland)
14. Mikkel Michelsen (Denmark)
15. Patryk Dudek (Poland)

About Discovery Sports Events

Discovery Sports Events is the Discovery-owned event management division that oversees 55 events per year across 5 continents. With 15 years of experience as Eurosport Events, it offers a wealth of expertise on two and four wheels with a focus on electric car racing, motorbike racing and track cycling. It acts as the global promoter and commercial rights-holder for 6 global Championships under long-term relationships with governing bodies including the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) and Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). On four wheels it promotes the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup and PURE ETCR, the world's first all-electric touring car championship that will upgrade to the FIA eTouring World Cup from 2022. Launching in 2023, it will also promote the groundbreaking FIA Electric GT Championship, a new long-term platform for manufacturers to showcase their flagship GT cars and innovative technologies. On two wheels, its 10-year alliance with FIM will see it promote Speedway events way globally, including FIM Speedway Grand Prix, starting in 2022 in addition to its promotion of the FIM Endurance World Championship for motorbikes since 2015. Launching in November 2021, it will promote the UCI World Track League, the innovative new series that opens a new chapter in the history of track cycling. Discovery Sports Events delivers a full spectrum of event management services including promotion, television production, media rights distribution, press office management, sponsorship acquisition and client servicing.

About the FIM (www.fim-moto.com)

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 115 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs,



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an Environmental Code in 1994.