



Le Mans, April 25th 2019

The 2019 Shimano 24 Hours Cycling (Le Mans)

Several personalities will join the pack!

The 11th edition of the Shimano 24 Hours cycling race will take place on the **24 and 25 August 2019**, on the Le Mans Bugatti Circuit. The French cyclosporive by team was sold out with 540 teams only two months after the opening of registrations.

Several personalities will come too, to cover the greatest numbers of laps in 24 hours for the biggest delight of the 2564 riders expected at the start. At the corner of a pit in the paddock or during a relay on the track, everyone will have the opportunity to meet champions from all backgrounds.

Jérémy Roy, professional rider from 2003 to 2018 at « La Française des Jeux », will ride under the colors of Shimano France. Three privileged people will join his team for a unique experience with access to the pit lounge and complete equipment offered, including an Ultraga Group. **Sandy Casar**, also professional rider from 1999 to 2013 at « La Française des jeux » will ride under the colors of the French Police. He will be the mentor of the initiative launched by the general direction which aims to develop team cohesion. **Roger Legeay**, mentor of the event, professional rider from 1973 to 1982 and director of the « Crédit Agricole » team will participate at the event for the 11th time in a row. The skier and pilot **Luc Alphand** might be part of the event once again...

The radio host, **Bruno Vandestick**, who just celebrated his 25th anniversary as the official speaker of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, will animate a new broadcasting and live video device. Romain Gasnal (CGO Événement) comments: «This is the voice of the 24 Hours of Le Mans! His mission will be to meet participants for immediate interviews: just before the start, after a relay, at night or even in the early morning...»

For the non-competitors and families, the weekend will begin with « La Matinale » from 10:30 to 11:30am (on-site registration). The schedule has been changed this year to allow as many people as possible, adults and kids, to share a friendly moment in this legendary place... by bike.

WATCH THE VIDEO TRAILER: <http://k6.re/RORTQ>

The Shimano 24 Hours Cycling of Le Mans in figures:

- Information: www.24heuresvelo.fr/en/
- 24 Hours Cycling 2019: 2564 registered riders (540 teams)
- Represented countries in 2019: Germany, Belgium, Canada, Spain, United States, France, Hungary, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Switzerland
- La Matinale: One hour ride on the circuit from 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Registration on site: 10 €
- Bugatti circuit: 2600 miles - Uphill: 656 yd. from 3.5% to 7% - Downhill: 1094 yd. at 2%
- Visitors: Free entry - Access to the Village and "spectator zones" alongside the track

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