

Gumpton Racing Presents

MELONS
24H

18-19 June 2022

RACE PROGRAMME

We are very pleased to welcome you to the most prestigious fruit-themed virtual racing event of 2022. Last year's inaugural race was a big success, so we're back for more.

For those teams joining us for a second year, we're delighted to see you again. If you're joining us for the first time, we can wait to meet you on track.

Stupid paints are still highly encouraged, awful team names are expected and the top prize is still an air freshener.

On track we race hard and fair.
Off track, anything goes.

From everyone at Gumption Racing, we hope you enjoy the 2022 Melons 24h.

Andy, Bart, Jeff, Jonathan, Mat and Tom
Gumption Racing Team / Race Stewards

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Event at a Glance

Date	18-19 June 2022	Circuit	Okayama Full Course
Green Flag Time	13:00 UTC	Incident Penalty	120x (then every 20x)
Duration	24h	Vehicles	Mazda Global Cup Volkswagen Jetta
Qualifying Format	Open Qualifying, 45 minutes	Minimum SR	D4.0
Minimum iRating	1000		

Contact the Stewards

Up to date race information will be shared through the Melons 24h discord. A link to join the discord will be provided once your team has registered. If you require access, please email race control.

melons24h@gmail.com

www.nerdic.net/melons-24h



FERNANDO'S RACE CAR STORAGE

"ALL THE TIME, WE HAVE A SPACE."

Timetable

	UTC	PDT	EDT	BRT	BST	CEST	JST	AEST
		UTC-7	UTC-4	UTC-3	UTC+1	UTC+2	UTC+9	UTC+10
Driver's Briefing and Questions	11:45	04:45	07:45	08:45	12:45	13:45	20:45	21:45
Warm-up (20 minutes)	12:00	05:00	08:00	09:00	13:00	14:00	21:00	22:00
Open Qualifying (40 minutes)	12:20	05:20	08:20	09:20	13:20	14:20	21:20	22:20
Race Start (Green Flag)	13:00	06:00	09:00	10:00	14:00	15:00	22:00	23:00

Los Angeles

New York

São Paulo

London

Berlin

Tokyo

Sydney

Sim time will be 14:00.

Start times are approximate. Actual green flag time likely to be slightly later due to the session transitions.



Jackman
for the gentleman racer

ALL THE HITS. ALL RACE LONG.



BLUE FLAG RADIO

18:00 Drivetime with DJ Seb
21:00 Lime Rock n Roll
23:00 Melon Nights

MELONS
24H
Official Radio

Official Beer of the Melons 24h



When you drink, never drive.



Track Information

Weather and track conditions are automatically generated. Please don't moan at us if we get a 45°C track, though this did happen last year.

Maximum 50 teams. US-Boston server. Driving aids allowed. 120 incident point limit, penalty every 20 after.

Vehicle Information

	Fuel tank capacity	Fuel tank size	Estimated stint length
Global Mazda MX5	70%	~31.5l	~1 hour
Volkswagen Jetta	25%	~13.5l	~1 hour

Official vehicle paint decal layers will be provided for both cars in the Discord. These aren't mandatory for the event, but they look nice so we'd encourage you to use them.

Prizes

- A custom melons 24h air freshener will be awarded to each class winner.
- An additional prize will be awarded to the team with the best paint or meme livery. The GUMPTION RACING TEAM WITH BLUE FLAG RADIO MELONS 24H TEAM OF THE DAY AWARD FOR BEST CAR PAINT SUPPORTED BY NALETET ZERO POINT ZERO PERCENT PILSNER will be awarded 1 hour before the chequered flag.

ARCA BRAKES

"If we won't stop you, nothing will."



Event Rules

Rule 1: Don't be a dick.

We don't want loads of boring rules.

In short, treat it like a real life race. Don't do anything you wouldn't do in a real race car.

The event will follow the iRacing sporting code. We expect drivers to be courteous at all times.

The race will be continuously monitored by stewards. Repeated infractions may incur penalties, up to and including disqualification.

Intentional wrecking or retaliation will incur an instant disqualification.

Registration

All participating drivers will need to join the Melons 24h league (#7198) on iRacing.

New teams must also join at least one practice session (see below) to be eligible to race.

- When requesting to join the league, all drivers should write the name of their team in the comments box.
- Drivers not registered in the league before the race will not be able to take part in the event. Late requests to join the league on race day may not be accepted in time.

Practice Sessions

We will be running a series of official practice sessions in the run up to race day. Each new team must field at least one driver in at least one practice session to be eligible to race. Teams that competed in the 2021 event are not required to join a practice session.

If a new team does not attend a practice before race day, their grid spot will be offered to a team on the waitlist.

Please check the discord for up to date practice session dates and times.

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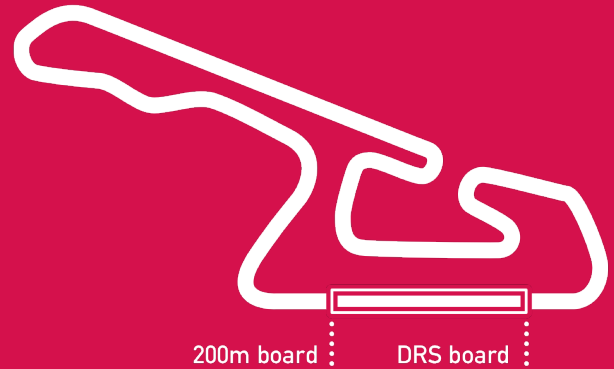
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Start Procedure

Contrary to the wisdom of many GT3 drivers, the race is never won in the first corner. We want to see every car make it through the first lap, so to make things as safe as possible, each class will have its own independent rolling start. All drivers must ignore the in-game prompts and instead take the start at their own speed.

- Double file rolling start for each class. Mazdas in first group, with a gap to the Jetta group behind.
- Each group should continue to the Start Zone at a steady speed for their own start.
- The leader of each class will choose when to accelerate at the 'Start Zone' as shown on the diagram.
- Once the leader of the group has started accelerating, other drivers may accelerate and overtake.
- All drivers **MUST IGNORE** the iRacing green light (which may be displayed early).
- The start will be closely monitored. Infractions such as attempting a dummy start or unfairly trying to game the start will incur severe penalties.



Reporting Incidents

- You can report incidents to race control through the Race Control discord channel.
- All incidents will be investigated and action will be taken where necessary, but the stewards will not respond to individual incidents.
- Updates will be posted to the Race Updates channel.
- Warning or penalties will also be posted in the iRacing in-game chat.
- If malicious intent is not obvious, the incident may be noted and further behaviour will be scrutinised closely. Please remember that racing incidents do occur.
- Retaliation will incur an instant ban.

Broadcasts, Streams and Social Media

- If you're streaming the event online, post a link in the discord channel so we can get all up in your chat.



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ICE MAN

Yes, we have the drinks!

Victory Road
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Sugared Donuts

**Okayama
Turns 2+3**

My First Endurance

A Guide To Participating In Your First 24 Hour Race

Preparing for the Event

Driving safely and quickly around other cars is a very different skill compared to hot lapping and takes practice. For this reason we **STRONGLY** recommend all drivers join a practice session or two before the event.

You'll need to ensure all drivers are members of your team before the event starts. All drivers will also need to be members of the iRacing Melons 24h league and meet the minimum requirements to join the session. Your team will not need to nominate your driver line-up; if a driver in your team decides not to race there will be no penalty.

Joining the Event Session

It is important all drivers join the session properly. Failure to join the session correctly may result in some or all of your drivers not being able to participate.

Registering a team and registering a driver are separate processes in iRacing. To register the team, the session can be found in the League Sessions area of the iRacing UI. Once the team is registered, all drivers should register as a driver from the Team Sessions area of the iRacing UI.

If your team is already registered and you mistakenly register with another team you cannot unregister and rejoin with your preferred team. iRacing will not allow a driver to register for the same session twice. Do not do this.

It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that drivers in your team **DO NOT** register with a different team when attempting to join the session.

No Really. Don't.

If any driver is unsure about joining, please contact the stewards **BEFORE** attempting to join and we will be happy to help.

To avoid potential issues, we recommend you nominate a single person who will register your team. Once the team is registered for the session, all other drivers should then join the session using the Team Sessions area of the UI.

Teams can be formed with up to 15 drivers, however when joining a session the UI may show 0/6 drivers connected. Only 6 drivers from each team can be connected to the iRacing server at any one time.



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"If you don't go for every gap, you're not a real racing driver."

The Vortex of Danger

As the old saying goes, "To finish first, first you must finish."

Here at Melons HQ, we love the Vortex of Danger. It's a great mental tool that helps us in our racing when trying to overtake cleanly and safely. Over at yousuckatracing.com real-life racing driver Randy Pobst explains it well, so here we present to you a brief summary.



"The Entry Vortex of Danger is a triangle inscribed by the turn-in point of the lead car, the apex, and the inside edge of the road. When overtaking, keep out of the Vortex of Danger. It's too late to pass. The hole you see is closing rapidly, you are in a blind spot, there will likely be contact, and it will be your fault."



"The Exit Vortex of Danger is a triangle inscribed by the apex, the track-out point of the lead car, and the outside edge of the road. When attempting a pass on the outside, be aware of the Exit Vortex of Danger, and back out of it if not in the lead car's vision. It's too late to safely pass. The hole you see on the outside is closing rapidly, you are in a blind spot, there will likely be contact, and it will be your fault."

For more information, check it out at yousuckatracing.com
<https://yousuckatracing.com/2021/04/07/the-vortex-of-danger-is-your-fault/>



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Frequently Asked Questions

I'm slow. Is that allowed?

Yes. The Melons 24h is an endurance race for all abilities. Last year we had drivers with iRatings from 1 to 5k. The only other requirement is that all drivers should be able to drive in traffic safely. We do recommend all drivers join a practice session if they haven't participated in a previous Melons 24h.

I don't meet the minimum iRating and Safety Rating requirements, can I participate?

You must have an iRating of 1000+ and be at least D4.0 license to join the session.

Can I solo the race?

Yes, but we wouldn't recommend it. Last year we had several drivers attempt the event on their own. Only one made it to the finishing line. We may decide to limit the number of solo entries in order to give more teams a chance to compete. If you are a solo driver looking for a team, feel free to join the discord as existing teams will be on the look out for participants.

One of our drivers might not race. Is this okay?

Totally fine. If a registered driver does not then take part there are no penalties. Just make sure all potential drivers are members of your team and added to the iRacing league in case they decide to race.

Does our team need to be melon-themed?

Not at all. We strongly encourage themed paints and teams, so you can let your imagination run wild. There will of course be a prize for the best paint or theme.

Gentlemen, a short view back to the past. Thirty years ago, Niki Lauda told us 'take a trained monkey, place him into the cockpit and he is able to drive the car.' Thirty years later, Sebastian told us 'I had to start my car like a computer, it's very complicated.' And Nico Rosberg said that during the race – I don't remember what race – he pressed the wrong button on the wheel. Question for you both: is Formula One driving today too complicated with twenty and more buttons on the wheel, are you too much under effort, under pressure? What are your wishes for the future concerning the technical programme during the race? Less buttons, more? Or less and more communication with your engineers?

Sorry, can you repeat the question?



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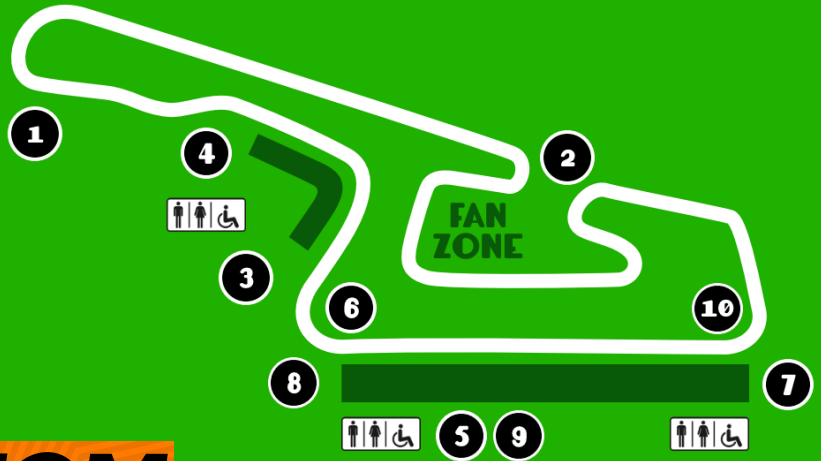
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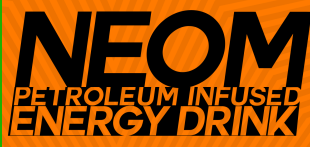
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