



24 Hours Of Le Mans

No, not one for the petrol heads out there, we are talking about a bike race.

While the concept of 12 and 24 hour team and individual races are not uncommon in mountain biking, holding road events over such a timed distance is something rather uncommon.

So, on August 22 and 23 the French Cycling Federation in partnership with Shimano France and the MSV cycling Club will be organising an event on the famed LeMans Bugatti motor racing circuit, south west of Paris.

The race is open to all bike riders over the age of 18, whether they are members of a Cycling Federation or not, and they can enter the event as individual competitors or in teams of 2, 4, 6 or 8 riders. Already teams from all across Europe have entered the event, with race organisers expecting that between 2000 and 3000 competitors will take part.

Build in 1966 the Bugatti Circuit is a permanent, floodlit racetrack (4.185km in length) located in the south of Le Mans in France (only 55 minutes from Paris and 1h30 from Roissy CDG Airport by train). Various motor-sport races take place there. The most famous are the automotive, motorbike and truck races under the world-known designation of *24 Heures* (which also feature a roller-skate competition) and the French Moto Grand Prix.

There are five categories in the event:

SINGLE (1C*) : 1 Man or 1 Woman

PAIR (2C) : 2 Men or 2 Women or 1 Man and 1 Woman

PRESTIGE (4C) : 4 Men or 4 Women (Mixed not available)

COMPETITOR (6C) : 6 Men or Mixed (2 Women minimum)

LEISURE (8C) : 8 Men or Mixed (3 Women minimum)

For full details on the event, entry fees, accommodation and transport, visit the race website at www.24heuresvelo.fr

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