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None of us is as smart as all of us

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Rising to the challenge



THE FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION'S NEW GIRLS ON TRACK – RISING STARS INITIATIVE AIMED AT DETECTING AND ASSISTING YOUNG FEMALE RACING TALENT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS FIRST MAJOR PARTNER – SCUDERIA FERRARI

The search for the next generation of female racing talent took a major step forward last month with the announcement that the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission has added Scuderia Ferrari as the first partner for its recently launched 'FIA Girls on Track - Rising Stars' initiative.

As part of the Women in Motorsport Commission's project to detect and nurture the female racing talent of the future, Ferrari will assist in identifying the best 12-16 year old female drivers from around the world and help them reach a professional career in motor sport at the most critical age of development.

With backing from the FIA Innovation Fund, the Commission will work with the Ferrari Drivers Academy (FDA), which has promoted world-class talents such as Charles Leclerc to the top rung of motor sport in Formula 1, as it builds a strong,

long-term pathway to support young females on their motor sport journey.

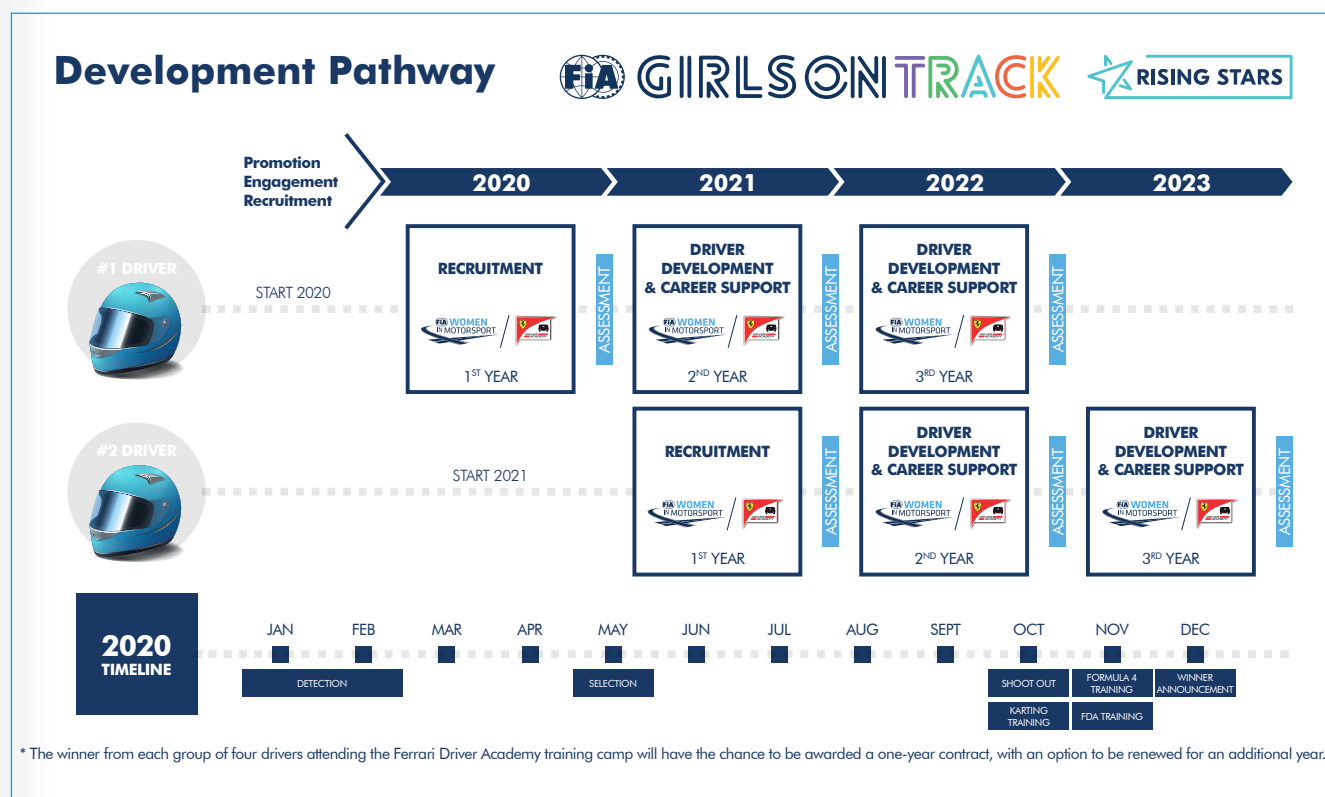
"FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars is another immense step forward at the grassroots level of the sport and, with manufacturer partners, we have a really concrete opportunity to find, develop and support young women drivers," said Michèle Mouton, President of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission.

"To be able to collaborate with Ferrari, our first partner of the programme, is fantastic, and real recognition of the progress we continue to make after 10 years of our Commission's work. It is an incredibly exciting multi-year agreement, which we hope will result in two winning drivers becoming Ferrari's first-ever female racers. That is a very special thought and would be an historic moment for our Women in Motorsport Commission."

The new partnership will see the Commission and the Italian outfit commit to a four-year programme resulting in two drivers potentially joining Ferrari for an FIA Formula 4 Championship season.

"We are really pleased to be collaborating with the FIA in this innovative Girls on Track - Rising Stars programme," said Scuderia Ferrari Team Principal Mattia Binotto. "We are firm believers in the value of helping youngsters develop in motor sport. The FDA has been operating for over a decade now, not just purely and simply selecting the best drivers, but also working on their cultural, technical and ethical education.

"With this in mind, we felt we had to make a further effort to expand our area of operation to include female youngsters who want to get on in motor sport," he added.



Kart partner Praga will work with the top young drivers at training camps in October and November.



"Although there is no actual barrier to their participation, we are aware that it is harder for women to progress in this field," the Ferrari Team Principal continued. "That's why we have responded enthusiastically to the FIA initiative and we believe that we can help introduce even more young women to this fantastic sport."

"Who knows, maybe one day we will once again see a woman competing in a Formula 1 World Championship race for the first time since 1976."

Tyre manufacturer Pirelli has also joined the programme to support the progression of young women in motor sport.

"For Pirelli it's a pleasure to support this initiative that is totally aligned with our tradition," said Mario Isola, Head of F1 and Car Racing at the Italian company. "In fact, Pirelli

has been sustaining young drivers' programmes for many years and has been involved with the FIA in several campaigns focused on sustainability and safety.

"FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars brings together all of the best of these points and has got many characteristics to write an important page on motor sport history."

Launched earlier this year, the FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars programme involved a worldwide detection among the FIA's 145 national sporting authorities, who nominated promising young drivers with national or international racing experience.

Twenty drivers from five continents have already been selected and will now be invited to a shoot-out in October hosted by the Winfield

Racing School, the iconic and historical racing school based at the Circuit Paul Ricard renowned for being the nursery for most of the well-known drivers from the '70s to the '90s.

The next step in the programme will see 12 drivers selected to undergo two different karting and Formula 4-focused training camps in October and November, also hosted by

Winfield Racing School along with kart partner, Praga. Finally, four drivers will be selected to attend a one-week course at the Ferrari Driver Academy, also in November.

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Venturi Formula E team boss Susie WOLFF was the star guest of the first FIA Girls on Track Virtual Experiences Instagram Live session.



FIA Girls on Track goes online with Virtual Experiences



THE WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION'S INNOVATIVE INITIATIVE TO BRING YOUNG WOMEN INTO THE WORLD OF MOTOR SPORT IS TARGETING AN EVEN LARGER AUDIENCE – THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Since its launch the FIA Girls on Track initiative has enjoyed huge success in giving young women a first taste of the world of motor sport and raising awareness of the wide range of career opportunities available to them on and off track. And to broaden the programme's reach even further, Girls on Track is going online with a series of events designed to inspire, educate and empower girls considering getting involved in motor sport.

The events, which will take place on Facebook, Instagram and Zoom, will split across three different formats – webinars, conferences and webcasts – each of which will give an insight into different aspects of motor sport.

The purpose of the webinars is to educate young girls by introducing them to the world of motor sport through a series of different online modules related to sports, career and education. Each module, aimed at girls aged 8-18 can be carried out using materials that everyone has in the household.

The conferences are aimed at young women who are interested in pursuing a career in motor sport. Through the experiences and insights of Women in Motorsport Commission ambassadors such as sportscar racer Tatiana Calderón and multiple Le Mans-winning race engineer Leena Gade, as well as other sporting role models, the conferences will help empower young women by giving them the confidence to believe in themselves. Each session will also feature a live Q&A with the conference host.

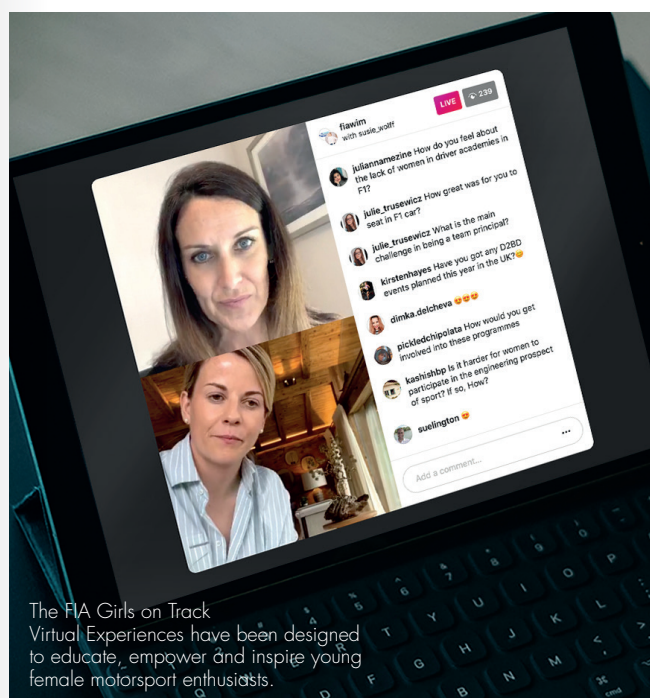
Finally, the webcast format will inspire, with in-depth guides to careers in motor sport, introductions to Commission partners and educational institutions and offers career opportunities and education through participating partners.

"We have decided to adapt to the current situation and to take the opportunity to widen our community by developing a virtual version of FIA Girls on Track," said FIA Social Responsibility Programmes Manager Barbara Silva. "Our virtual workshops and webinars will ensure we can reach even more young women and girls around the world and further develop the pool of future talents."

The first FIA Girls on Track Virtual Experience took place in July with an Instagram Live presentation with Susie Wolff, a Commission ambassador and Team Principal of the Venturi Formula E Team. She, and host Lee McKenzie, were joined by hundreds of followers from all four corners of the globe as they chatted about life as a woman in motor sport and answered fans' questions about career opportunities in the sport.

FIA Junior WRC star Catie Munnings has also lent her support to the programme. "It's great to be a part of the project, and to inspire younger girls to get involved with motor sport at the most accessible level, in their own houses," said Catie of the Virtual Experiences initiative. "It will be great to see the different levels of involvement possible, and to hear from such a diverse panel of drivers and professionals, sharing their experience and advice. At the end of the day, the more exposure the sport has in all its forms, the more chance we have of encouraging girls to pursue their passion in motor sport, and then the more females we will have in the sport as a whole."

Each Virtual format will take place over the coming 12 months and the content modules and the identity of the Experiences' exciting and inspiring hosts and participants will be released in the coming weeks.



US off-road Truck racer Sara PRICE is the first female driver to sign with an Extreme E team.



Quest for equality goes to the Extreme

INNOVATIVE ELECTRIC OFF-ROAD RACING SERIES EXTREME E IS PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY BY REQUIRING TEAMS TO FIELD BOTH MALE AND FEMALE DRIVERS AT EVENTS, A STRATEGY SUPPORTED BY THE FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION

Extreme E, the new electric off-road racing series set to launch in early 2021, will see teams field both a male and female driver in its races in a bid to promote gender equality in motor sport. Across a five-event season each race will have a gender balanced driver line-up who will compete in every two-lap race. Each will complete one lap behind the wheel of the ODYSSEY 21 electric-SUV, with a changeover incorporated into the race format.

Extreme E founder and CEO Alejandro Agag said: "We are striving for equality, and this sporting format is the truest reflection of that goal. Everybody will race together and the most effective combination of drivers, team, engineer and car will rise to the top."

The drive to promote racing equality will be supported by the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission, with Commission President Michèle Mouton saying: "This is a great opportunity for

women and men to team up, compete together and against each other with the same material.

"Alejandro [Agag] and his team continue to really support gender equality in our sport with concrete actions that help highlight the ability of female racers and give them a chance. It will be interesting to see the team line-ups as they are announced and I look forward to following Season 1 when it starts early next year."

Extreme E has already announced its first female driver in the shape of US off-road truck champion and X Games medallist Sara Price who has joined the Chip Ganassi Racing team for the series.

Extreme E has signed a number of high-profile female competitors to its Drivers' Programme including sportscar star Katherine Legge, Porsche works driver Simona de Silvestro, Williams F1 development driver Jamie Chadwick, Mikaela Åhlin-Kottulinsky, and top rally drivers Molly Taylor and Catie Munnings.

"Hearing the format was like waking up on Christmas morning. It is a giant step in the right direction for motor sport as a whole. I have been looking forward to something like this my entire racing career," said Legge, who is currently racing in sportscars in the European Le Mans Series.

De Silvestro, who is currently test and development driver for the Porsche Formula E team added: "It's a great idea and it's never been done before. In most of motor sport, as drivers, you're kind of alone. Having the opportunity to team up with someone is great and it's going to be a lot of fun. You'll be approaching everything as a pair and as a team. There will be no room for selfishness and it'll be something new to work together with the boys and try and win races. "It's cool because gender just doesn't matter and whoever is the quickest combination of drivers, team and engineers will come out on top. It balances things out – everybody has to contribute and the format is there to create that opportunity."

The Extreme E Drivers' Programme is designed to promote professional drivers and assist teams and prospective entries. Series organisers will recommend prospective competitors from its Drivers' Programme, however, if teams prefer, they may select drivers from outside the pool.



Mikaela ÅHLIN-KOTTULINSKY is one of a number of top female stars in Extreme E's driver pool.



At each EXTREME E event gender balanced driver line-ups will compete in every two-lap race.



Richard Mille Racing
team members Tatiana
CALDERÓN, Sophia
FLÖRSCH and
Katherine LEGGE.

24 Hours of Virtual excitement for Richard Mille crew

WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT-SUPPORTED SQUAD FINISHED IN 19TH PLACE OVERALL AS THEY GEARED UP FOR THE ELMS SEASON

With competition almost totally suspended around the world for almost four months during the COVID-19 pandemic, motor sport turned to digital racing to stay sharp. And the all-female Richard Mille Racing squad of Katherine Legge, Tatiana Calderón and Sophia Flörsch were no exception, with the crew taking part in June's Virtual 24 Hours of Le Mans as preparation for their return to real life racing in the European Le Mans Series in July.

Joined by ace digital racer Emily Jones from Australia the team entered a computer generated version of the Oreca 07-Gibson car run by Philippe Sinault's Signatech team alongside a field featuring the cream of international racing talent. As well as the top stars of endurance racing such as WEC champions Sébastien Buemi and Fernando Alonso, the entry list also featured grand prix legends such as Juan Pablo Montoya and current F1 superstars such as Max Verstappen, Charles Leclerc and Lando Norris.

And the all-female crew acquitted themselves extremely well, finishing in 19th place overall. For team member Katherine Legge the experience was

not only hugely enjoyable but also valuable preparation for their real visit to the legendary Le Sarthe circuit, now scheduled for 19-20 September.

"It was awesome to work with the girls and the team and to learn the track," she said afterwards. "I think they all did a fantastic job and it was cool to say we took part in the first ever virtual Le Mans. With the hours of practice I think it really helped us to learn the track and how the team works, which was really nice."

Team-mate Sophie Flörsch added: "As we were three real racers and one digital racing pro (Emily) we already had a different team setup compared to many others who actually ran with two racers and two sim pros. For us it was clear that it would be really difficult to beat them, also because Signatech was new to digital races.

"I expected it to be harder to stay fit and everything but I was on fire and it was really difficult for me to sleep and not watch the girls race. All in all, I think it was a super event and also a pretty good preparation for the real 24h of Le Mans. We did so many laps in the simulator so we really know the track

and car well. Also being able to work so intensely with the team before the season was really positive. Hopefully this event will happen again next year so we are on the grid again."

Tatiana Calderón, meanwhile, said it was a thrill to compete against some of racing's biggest stars in the event.

"I haven't had so much fun in a long time," she smiled. "We had two very intense weeks of preparation with the whole team, everyone put so much effort and dedication into it. To compete against some of the top drivers and teams in the world from both the real world and in digital racing was a big privilege. It was an incredible event and I'm so happy we were all part of it!

"It was without a doubt a great preparation for ELMS and Le Mans," she concluded. "We got to know each other better and the atmosphere within the team is great. Also in terms of track knowledge, traffic management, night stints, staying awake, this is all great preparation. The concentration and mental stress is also there, like in reality, so I feel this was a great way to start building the team relationship."



Tatiana CALDERÓN working in the simulator ahead of the Virtual Le Mans race.

The third-placed Iron Dames crew of Michelle GATTING, Manuela GOSTNER and Rahel FREY with Deborah MAYER and FIA WIM President Michèle MOUTON.



Calderón finishes fifth as Iron Dames take LMGTE silverware at Le Castellet

FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT-SUPPORTED CREWS
RACE INTO THE POINTS AT PAUL RICARD BUT
OPENING ELMS WEEKEND IS MARRED BY INJURY TO
KATHERINE LEGGE



Richard Mille Racing Team driver Tatiana Calderón raced through the pack to claim a battling fifth place in the LMP2 category and the Iron Dames squad of Manuela Gostner, Michelle Gatting and Rahel Frey grabbed their first podium of the year in LMGT-E as the highly-anticipated 2020 European Le Mans Series got underway at the Circuit Paul Ricard.

However, a successful opening round was marred by a pre-event accident involving Calderón's team-mate Katherine Legge. The British racer was left with broken bones after she went off the track and hit the barriers at the Signes corner during testing.

With the team's other regular driver Sophia Flörsch in Budapest to take part in the F3 event at the Hungarian Grand Prix, the Richard Mille Racing Team drafted in Brazilian driver André Negrão to partner Calderón at the wheel of the team's Signatech-run Oreca 07, Gibson-powered car for the remainder of the weekend.

"First and foremost we all send Katherine our best wishes for a fast recovery," said Michèle Mouton, President of the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission of the incident. "We really have to thank Richard [Mille] and Signatech for their unwavering support for this women in motor sport programme. To decide to rebuild the car and draft in such an experienced driver at the last moment to help mentor and support Tatiana on her learning journey in endurance racing is incredible commitment; I really can't thank everyone enough for their highly professional attitude."

Starting from 13th on the grid Calderón and Negrão muscled their way through the midfield over the four hours of the race, rising to as high as fourth at one point. In the closing stages Calderón was passed for fifth by the Cool Racing's Nicholas Lapierre but at the flag the Women in Motorsport-supported Colombian was

boosted back to P5 when the second-place Graff Oreca of James Allen, Thomas Laurent and Alexandre Cougnaud was handed a three-lap penalty for a rules infringement which dropped them to ninth. The race was won by the United Autosports crew of Job van Uitert, Will Owen and Alex Brundle.

"We finished our first ELMS race and I'm very happy with the work of the whole team, I think they did an amazing strategy," said Tatiana afterwards. "Of course I'm getting used to the traffic and a little bit the car with heavy fuel, so I'm very happy to have finished and to have got all this experience, which will be very beneficial for the next couple of rounds. I want to thank everyone who came to support us, especially the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission, Michèle Mouton and Cathy Muller, they are always here to support us so thank you."

In the LMGT-E category, the Iron Dames - a unique project conceived and supported by Deborah Mayer, a passionate French driver and promoter of women in motor sport - put in a superb performance with Manuela Gostner, Michelle Gatting and Rahel Frey claiming third and a place on the podium at the opening round.

In a race won by the #77 Proton Competition Porsche of Christian Ried, Michele Beretta and Alessio Picariello, the Women in Motorsport-supported crew pushed hard to climb from 32nd overall on the grid and seventh in their class to third place at the flag.

"The race couldn't have ended any better," said Michelle afterwards. "I took the start and had a lot of fun out there trying to chase the other cars. I knew I had to get some positions as we started P7 and the car was great to drive, I was enjoying every single lap and to get the podium at the first race of the season, I guess it couldn't be any better. Everybody did an amazing job."

Tatiana CALDERÓN at the wheel of the Richard Mille Racing, Signatech-run, Gibson-powered Oreca 07. And (right), getting ready for another stint.



It was a tense race to the flag, however, as in the closing stages Rahel was told to fuel save drastically and she finished the lap after the flag with barely any fuel remaining.

"We just got our first podium of the season so we are really really happy," said Rahel. "Like last year, first race, first podium, this is a really great motivation for all of us. We went through all the feelings, we had really good lap times, we needed to do some fuel saving, so it was really team spirit and I'm really happy that we made it."

Manuela added: "It's an unbelievable feeling, I'm full of emotion. Everyone did the best she could and I am super super happy and excited."

"The race couldn't have ended any better"

Michelle Gatting

For WIM President Michèle Mouton the weekend results were a validation of the Commission's efforts in sports cars in recent years.

"The Commission has been working for the last 10 years and for me the goal was always to have our top drivers being accepted in a professional

team and it's really what we have today," she said. "We have two very serious and professional teams who are participating and really it cannot be better. It's exactly what our top women needed to progress.

Tatiana was really good, everyone was fully working for her, she was so well in her head and full of confidence, which showed in her driving," she added. "Michelle, Rahel and Manuela were also impressive and Rahel, in particular, did an incredible job to manage the fuel to the end. That's not easy for an hour but she showed real mental strength. As a crew, you feel they are just getting stronger and stronger."

Aside from her efforts in the main event, it was a particularly busy weekend for Gatting. The Danish racer also joined Iron Dames project leader Deborah Mayer in a second Ferrari for the ELMS support series, the Michelin Le Mans Cup. The Iron Lynx racing team is now fielding two allfemale Iron Dames crews, adding further strength and value to this unique project. The pair finished a solid fifth in Deborah's comeback to the track after two years.



NEW CALENDAR

SEASON 2020



OFFICIAL TEST

LE CASTELLET
14TH - 15TH JULY



ROUND 1/5

**4 HOURS OF
LE CASTELLET**
19TH JULY



ROUND 2/5

**4 HOURS OF
SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS**
9TH AUGUST



ROUND 3/5

**4 HOURS OF
BARCELONA**
29TH AUGUST



ROUND 4/5

**4 HOURS OF
MONZA**
11TH OCTOBER



ROUND 5/5

**4 HOURS OF
PORTIMÃO**
1ST NOVEMBER



Kristen BAILEY and (below) Jessica NICHOLSON have taken on key roles at Motorsport Australia.





Motorsport Australia empowers female officials

AS WELL AS APPOINTING THREE FEMALE BOARD MEMBERS, THE AUSTRALIAN ASN RECENTLY WELCOMED ITS FIRST FEMALE DEPUTY RACE DIRECTOR, JESSICA NICHOLSON

In February of this year, Australian motorsport history was made at the Adelaide 500, when the country's ASN appointed its first female Deputy Race Director, Jessica Nicholson, for the opening round of the 2020 Porsche Payce Carrera Cup Australia.

Prior to her selection by Motorsport Australia to work alongside Race Director David Mori, Nicholson had spent more than a decade working variously as clerk of course for the World Time Attack Challenge as well as some rounds of the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships.

"It's a magical feeling to be honest because it's something different and something I have been working towards since I started my career as a clerk of course," Nicholson told the Australian ASN's website. "Over the years, I have been working on building my skill set through exposure at a variety of different events with the goal of getting my knowledge up to a level that is accepted for this kind of role.

"It's definitely special to be considered for this role as a woman, especially now that the industry is pushing for women involvement," Nicholson added.

"To have a role like this open up to a woman is fantastic because it proves that we can do it. I race myself so I understand on and off track, which is important.

"My advice to other females looking to make their mark in the sport would be to dream big and don't think you can't make it. It's taken me a long time to get here, but

you have to be ready. There are paths for women, and it's not a closed shop like some may think."

Nicholson's appointment is further evidence of the increasingly important presence of women in senior positions in motor sport, particularly at Motorsport Australia, where women are now strongly represented from board level down.

Late last year Kristen Bailey was elected to the Motorsport Australia Board as Director for South Australia and the Northern Territory. Prior to her appointment Bailey served as the Deputy Chair of the Australian Women in Motorsport Commission, President of the Scout Motorsport Club of SA (SMCSA) and served on the SMCSA Executive since 2014, as well as previously being the Secretary for both the Circuit Excel Association of SA and Tarmac JDP Association.

"Motorsport is in my blood, my family all compete and it has been such a big part of everything I do and I couldn't be prouder to be joining the Board," she said. "As a competitor and administrator, I am well aware of both the opportunities and the challenges faced by those in our sport and look forward to playing a role in driving the strategic direction of the organisation as a Board member."

Kristen joins Margot Foster AM OLY and Thea Jeanes-Cochrane as the third woman on the Board, highlighting Motorsport Australia's commitment to gender diversity at the highest level.



Michelle GATTING made an impressive debut in the Ferrari Challenge Europe claiming a podium on her maiden weekend.



Michelle Gatting makes Ferrari Challenge debut as Fabienne Wohlwend challenges for series lead

IRON DAMES DRIVER CLAIMS POINTS ON HER SERIES DEBUT AT IMOLA, WHILE SERIES REGULAR WOHLWEND MOUNTS EARLY TITLE CHALLENGE



Iron Dames driver Michelle Gattling finished on the podium at Imola earlier this month as she made her debut in the Trofeo Pirelli class of the Ferrari Challenge Europe.

The Danish racer was at the wheel of a Scuderia Niki Ferrari 488 for the opening round of the series at the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari and in Race One Michelle enjoyed a race long tussle with fellow female racer Fabienne Wohlwend in the Octane 126 car.

Wohlwend started the race from pole position but lost out at the start to eventual winner Emanuele Maria Tabacchi. Fabienne and Michelle then battled for the runner-up spot for much of the race. In the final stages, after passing Gattling with a splendid manoeuvre, Wohlwend had to

yield second position to the Dane when she ran out of fuel on the last lap and while Michelle hung on to take P2 the Lichtenstein-based racer was classified sixth. In Race Two, Wohlwend finished second behind Tabacchi with Michelle taking fourth place. Wohlwend's solid result saw her leave the opening round in P2 in the championship standings, 10 points behind leader Tabacchi.

While Iron Dames star Gattling sat out the second round of the series in Barcelona, Wohlwend claimed two more podium finishes with third place in both races at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. The Lichtenstein racer now sits in third place in the standings with 45 points, 15 behind series leader Tabacchi.

WOHLWEND (below right) finished in P3 in both races in Barcelona.



Freya NORMANN: "I was always on the side watching. Then I decided to race as well and now I love it too."



Freya Normann selected for FIA Karting Academy Trophy in 2020

WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION CHOOSES 12-YEAR-OLD FROM DENMARK TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Young Danish karter Freya Normann has been chosen as the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission representative in this year's FIA Karting Academy Trophy.

Open to drivers aged between 12 and 14 years the Trophy is a unique series of events designed to pit the best young karters against each other on equal terms and Normann comes to the competition after finishing third in the Danish national championship in just her fourth year in karts.

The youngster from Ølstykke began her karting career in 2016 and the following year finished third in the Cadet Mini class. She went on to win the Ladies' Cub Rotax Mini class of Denmark's Rotax Max Challenge last year and was Club Champion at AAK Hedeland in Rotax Mini/OK Junior.

"I'm really happy," Freya says of her selection for the Academy Trophy. "My friends don't really understand it all but they are happy for me!

"Ahead of the competition I'll be doing lots of training, running and karting. I will train with my brother and also with [Danish sports car racer and FIA Women in Motorsport driver] Michelle Gattling, she really inspires me," adds Freya, who will also this year be competing in OK Juniors in Denmark.

Freya began her karting journey emulating her older brother who also races. "I was always on the side watching. Then I decided to race as well and now I love it too". With her throughout has been her

father, Mads, who is thrilled that her application for the Trophy, through ASN DASU was successful.

"The whole thing is quite overwhelming, especially this season with Corona. I'm happy and proud of my daughter," he says. "I know Freya is very excited but she's a little shy and humble, she's not a bragger and she's taking the opportunity very humbly and with commitment.

"Her first day in a race kart we went to the hospital! She hit the wall with a lot of power and I remember when we went to the hospital and the nurses asked what happened, they yelled at me for putting my beautiful daughter in the race car," he laughs. "She's pretty fearless and very determined on the track. Our whole family is involved in her racing and her brother is very helpful, even if he's a little bit irritated he never got the same opportunity. But he's downloaded a lot of tracks and put her in the sim in the garage and they practice a lot."

Freya's ultimate goal is, of course, to make to it Formula 1 and she's a big fan of "Lando Norris and Charles Leclerc, and also my older brother; they are all good drivers."

The first step on that pathway will come on 13-16 August when Freya travels to Adria in Italy for the first round of the Academy Trophy. She'll then journey to Genk in Belgium for round two at the start of September before taking part in the final round at Lonato in Italy on 2-4 October.

Iceland WIM Seminar postponed

The third FIA Women in Motorsport International Seminar, which was due to be held in Reykjavík, Iceland in October has been postponed until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Owing to uncertainty over travel arrangements, health and safety concerns, difficulty in securing speakers

due to the deferral of many motorsport events to the second half of the calendar year, and a desire to maintain the interactive nature of the event, the decision has been taken to move the Iceland Seminar to next year. New dates are being sought and more information will be made available in due course.





