



Driver Categorisation

Welcome! If you are applying for categorisation to participate in a Sportscar Championship, your profile will be assessed by the Categorisation Committee. This independent committee consists of representatives from the world's major Sportscar championships.



Please note: This is a simplified summary. Ahead of any request, you must familiarize yourself with the latest official Regulations available [here](#).

1. INITIAL CATEGORISATION

Your starting category is determined by a few key elements of your driver profile:

- **Your current age:** Drivers under 30 years old are automatically classified as a minimum of Silver.
- **Career timeline:** The age at which you started your racing career.
- **Track record:** Your past achievements in Motorsport.

2. REVIEW REQUESTS & DOWNGRADES

If you are seeking a review of your category, requests must be lodged **before August 31st** each year. Most reviews are based on your monitored race pace after your first season in a monitored series (those organized by SRO, ACO, FIA, IMSA, or affiliated promoters).

A. Eligibility Checklist for a Downgrade based on race pace

(For drivers with recent racing data)

To be considered for a downgrade based on your on-track pace, you must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- **Season Completion:** You must have competed in at least 75% of the races in the series/championship for the seasons being considered.
- **Pace:** You must be as slow or slower than the average performance of drivers in the lower categorisation.
- **Frequency:** This slower pace must occur in 30% or more of the races.
- **Duration:** This pattern must be proven across three or more successive seasons.
- **Silver Driver Age Limit:** If you are a Silver driver, you cannot be eligible for a downgrade before you turn 30.

B. Eligibility Checklist for a Downgrade based on other factors

(Only for drivers without recent race pace or reaching age milestones)

If you do not have recent data, you may still be eligible for a downgrade in the following specific scenarios:

- **Age Milestones:** As a general rule, your categorisation will be reduced by one grade for the season following your 55th birthday. It will be reduced by an additional grade following your 60th birthday, and drivers over 65 are categorised as Bronze. (Note: Exceptions apply if you won a championship recently or had another downgrade within the last 3 years).
- **Time Away from Racing:**
 - If you are aged between 30 and 40 and have been out of racing (maximum one race per year) for at least 10 years, you may apply to return one grade lower.



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- If you are over 40 and have been out of racing (maximum one race per year) for at least 5 years, you may apply to return one grade lower.
- **Serious Accident or Illness:** Drivers returning from significant injury or illness may apply to return one grade lower. Written medical proof must be provided.

C. The following factors are NOT considered in terms of a downgrade:

Please note that the Categorisation Committee will not grant downgrades based on:

- Factory driver status
- Change of profession
- Change of personal circumstances (family, etc.)

(Note: The regulations explicitly state that a driver's categorisation will not be adjusted during the current season due to a change in circumstances).

3. HOW WE MEASURE PERFORMANCE (THE DATA)

Your average performance is primarily determined using lap time averages, though long-run performance and consistency may also be considered. Calculations are based solely on lap times set during actual races within a season. Irrelevant laps are automatically discarded.

Race Duration	Laps Counted for Average
Up to 2 hours	The 10 fastest laps are used.
Over 2 hours	It is recommended to use 20 laps, where possible.

Getting Your Data:

You must request the required performance analysis data sets directly from the timing supplier of your championship. Acceptable formats include average lap calculations (like a "B-pillar report" shown below), top-10/top-20 lap files, sector analysis files, or lap analysis.

Lap Analysis from Timekeepers

Driver	Category	Best Lap 1	Best Lap 2	Best Lap 3	Best Lap 4	Best Lap 5	Best Lap 6	Best Lap 7	Best Lap 8	Best Lap 9	Best Lap 10	Average Best Time
A	Platinum	01:34.719	01:34.820	01:34.904	01:35.044	01:35.060	01:35.116	01:35.180	01:35.293	01:35.296	01:35.334	01:35.076
B	Platinum	01:34.670	01:34.820	01:34.928	01:34.983	01:35.018	01:35.096	01:35.261	01:35.315	01:35.319	01:35.367	01:35.077
C	Gold	01:35.047	01:35.077	01:35.098	01:35.149	01:35.348	01:35.417	01:35.428	01:35.593	01:35.637	01:35.724	01:35.351
D	Gold	01:35.027	01:35.057	01:35.066	01:35.133	01:35.370	01:35.373	01:35.460	01:35.546	01:35.800	01:35.900	01:35.373
E	Gold	01:35.062	01:35.174	01:35.420	01:35.421	01:35.477	01:35.484	01:35.550	01:35.622	01:35.667	01:35.721	01:35.459
F	Platinum	01:35.329	01:35.358	01:35.392	01:35.426	01:35.474	01:35.479	01:35.564	01:35.634	01:35.640	01:35.695	01:35.499
G	Gold	01:35.138	01:35.339	01:35.393	01:35.463	01:35.474	01:35.560	01:35.700	01:35.720	01:35.785	01:35.894	01:35.546
H	Gold	01:35.458	01:35.462	01:35.612	01:35.639	01:35.674	01:35.726	01:35.908	01:35.940	01:35.984	01:36.022	01:35.742
I	Gold	01:35.547	01:35.566	01:35.583	01:35.620	01:35.638	01:35.912	01:35.945	01:36.067	01:36.238	01:36.268	01:35.838
J	Silver	01:35.498	01:35.544	01:35.558	01:35.727	01:35.931	01:35.945	01:35.998	01:36.116	01:36.184	01:36.269	01:35.877
K	Silver	01:35.581	01:35.718	01:35.833	01:35.866	01:35.907	01:35.970	01:36.000	01:36.010	01:36.268	01:36.326	01:35.947
L	Silver	01:35.602	01:35.610	01:35.744	01:35.831	01:36.005	01:36.013	01:36.098	01:36.162	01:36.385	01:36.484	01:35.993
M	Silver	01:35.447	01:35.677	01:35.696	01:35.787	01:35.829	01:36.069	01:36.178	01:36.279	01:36.402	01:36.656	01:36.002
N	Bronze	01:35.707	01:35.743	01:35.752	01:35.820	01:35.830	01:35.896	01:36.020	01:36.102	01:36.574	01:36.630	01:36.007



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Sector Times from race files

1	1	1:59.235	41.746	199	36.578	208	40.911	125	181	19	1	1:41.141	32.997	222	35.442	206	32.702	243	
2	1	2:43.338	1:04.783	112	54.581	99	43.974	127	76	20	1	2:53.879	1:47.380	205	36.114	205	30.385	237	
3	1	2:23.843	48.926	130	50.378	112	44.539	114	166	21	1	1:39.537	34.478	220	35.596	207	29.463	238	225
4	1	2:15.566	44.742	137	47.851	135	42.973	240	105	22	2	1:38.639	33.342	223	35.520	206	29.777	239	233
5	1	1:39.284	33.512	226	35.651	207	30.121	245	225	23	2	1:38.075	33.540	226	35.114	208	29.421	240	242
6	1	1:38.666	33.827	226	35.366	207	29.473	241	221	24	2	1:37.237	32.941	227	34.941	208	29.355	239	242
7	1	1:38.123	33.299	229	35.601	207	29.226	240	237	25	2	1:37.615	33.334	227	35.260	207	29.021	240	239
8	1	1:37.243	32.724	228	35.323	207	29.196	241	243	26	2	1:37.544	33.261	220	35.024	208	29.259	240	244
9	1	1:39.081	32.836	228	36.851	207	29.394	241	244	27	2	1:41.856	33.050	200	36.281	207	32.525	238	246
10	1	1:37.526	32.952	228	35.437	206	29.137	241	241	28	2	1:38.668	33.531	219	35.584	207	29.553	239	239
11	1	1:37.151	32.891	227	35.176	207	29.084	241	246	29	2	1:38.579	33.484	222	35.818	207	29.277	239	238
12	1	1:36.865	32.579	229	35.227	207	29.059	241	246	30	2	1:39.335	33.357	226	36.432	207	29.546	239	243
13	1	1:36.966	32.749	228	35.209	207	29.008	241	243	31	2	1:40.098	34.243	215	36.277	206	29.578	240	220
14	1	1:36.699	32.493	229	35.075	207	29.131	241	247	32	2	1:39.450	33.269	221	35.697	207	30.484	237	235
15	1	1:37.443	32.821	228	35.503	207	29.119	241	246	33	2	1:40.883	34.553	213	36.678	207	29.652	240	231
16	1	1:37.499	32.849	224	35.518	207	29.132	241	245	34	2	1:38.778	33.507	217	35.719	208	29.552	239	242
17	1	1:37.456	32.787	224	35.530	207	29.139	240	245	35	2	1:38.347	33.317	219	35.505	207	29.525	239	242
18	1	1:38.072	33.156	224	35.723	206	29.193	240	237										

B-Pillars Reports

DRIVER PERFORMANCE REPORT - Fastest Racing Laps (max. 20 laps); 2024 GT WORLD CHALLENGE EUROPE - 500KM OF PAUL RICARD; SESSION: RACE; CLASS: GT3														
DRIVER	TEAM	MANUFACTURER	AVG LAP	F/LAP	STD. DEV.	AVG. ZSCORE	CLEAR AIR %	O/TAKES*	SHOWN	LAPS (%)				
DANIEL HARPER	#99B (ROWE RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.323	1:55.049	0:00.177	-1.46	39%	0	20	31 (36%)				
PHILIPP ENG	#98 (ROWE RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.390	1:55.156	0:00.147	-1.33	35%	0	20	31 (36%)				
MAX HESSE	#99B (ROWE RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.456	1:54.918	0:00.222	-1.19	34%	0	20	29 (34%)				
ANDREA CALDARELLI	#63 (IRON LYNX) : GT3	LAMBORGHINI HUR.	1:55.479	1:54.960	0:00.279	-1.31	73%	0	20	30 (35%)				
NICK YELLOU	#98 (ROWE RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.586	1:55.275	0:00.167	-1.31	18%	0	20	28 (33%)				
FABIAN SCHILLER	#2 (M-AMG TEAM GETSPEED) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:55.587	1:55.213	0:00.183	-1.30	21%	0	20	28 (33%)				
LAURIN HEINRICH	#22 (SCHUMACHER CLRT) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:55.627	1:55.410	0:00.100	-1.13	64%	0	20	28 (33%)				
RICARDO FELLER	#99 (TRESOR ATTEMPTO RACING) : GT3	AUDI R8 LMS GT3 E.	1:55.688	1:55.116	0:00.371	-1.18	34%	0	20	29 (34%)				
FRANCK PERERA	#163 (GT GRASSER RACING TEAM) : GT3	LAMBORGHINI HUR.	1:55.695	1:55.423	0:00.156	-0.92	52%	0	20	33 (39%)				
KLAUS BACHLER	#911 (PURE RXING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:55.697	1:55.265	0:00.267	-0.93	26%	0	20	31 (36%)				
RAFFAELE MARCIELLO	#46 (TEAM WRT) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.727	1:55.486	0:00.126	-0.93	28%	0	20	32 (38%)				
MARCO ENGEL	#98 (PROTON COMPETITION) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:55.729	1:55.033	0:00.351	-0.99	30%	0	20	33 (40%)				
LUCA STOLZ	#2 (M-AMG TEAM GETSPEED) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:55.778	1:55.429	0:00.187	-0.75	39%	0	20	31 (36%)				
NICKI THINI	#7 (COMTOYOU RACING) : GT3	ASTON MARTIN VAN.	1:55.785	1:55.331	0:00.276	-0.88	43%	0	20	29 (34%)				
MATTEO CAROLI	#63 (IRON LYNX) : GT3	LAMBORGHINI HUR.	1:55.803	1:55.327	0:00.246	-0.80	30%	0	20	30 (35%)				
SVEN MÜLLER	#96 (RUTRONIK RACING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:55.862	1:55.569	0:00.199	-0.75	50%	0	20	32 (38%)				
DORIAN BOCCOLACCI	#22 (SCHUMACHER CLRT) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:55.867	1:55.025	0:00.575	-0.80	31%	0	20	32 (38%)				
MAXIME MARTIN	#46 (TEAM WRT) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.870	1:55.306	0:00.399	-1.15	4%	0	16	25 (29%)				
DAVIDE RIGON	#51 (AF CORSE - FRANCOORCHAMPS MOTORS) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:55.951	1:55.415	0:00.281	-0.92	43%	0	20	30 (35%)				
CHRISTOPHER HAASE	#99 (TRESOR ATTEMPTO RACING) : GT3	AUDI R8 LMS GT3 E.	1:55.994	1:55.535	0:00.237	-0.99	26%	0	20	31 (36%)				
JENS KLINGMANN	#30 (OO BY OMAN RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:55.996	1:55.716	0:00.159	-0.62	47%	0	20	30 (36%)				
JULIEN ANDLAUER	#96 (RUTRONIK RACING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:55.999	1:55.488	0:00.326	-0.91	43%	0	20	28 (33%)				
MARVIN DIENST	#54 (DYNAMIC GT) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.045	1:55.415	0:00.354	-0.45	40%	0	20	30 (36%)				
VALENTINO ROSSI	#46 (TEAM WRT) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:56.052	1:55.502	0:00.287	-0.91	4%	0	20	28 (33%)				
DENNIS OLSEN	#64 (PROTON COMPETITION) : GT3	FORD MUSTANG GT3	1:56.086	1:55.556	0:00.240	-0.92	75%	0	20	28 (33%)				
MARCO SØRENSEN	#7 (COMTOYOU RACING) : GT3	ASTON MARTIN VAN.	1:56.101	1:55.571	0:00.438	-0.77	48%	0	20	31 (36%)				
MIRKO BORTOLOTTI	#63 (IRON LYNX) : GT3	LAMBORGHINI HUR.	1:56.141	1:55.167	0:00.666	-1.13	92%	0	17	25 (29%)				
BEN TUCK	#74 (KESSEL RACING) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.154	1:55.163	0:00.609	-0.62	23%	0	20	30 (35%)				
MIKAEL GRENIER	#77 (ALMANAR RACING BY GETSPEED) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:56.154	1:55.628	0:00.196	-0.50	61%	0	20	31 (36%)				
CHRISTOPHER MIES	#64 (PROTON COMPETITION) : GT3	FORD MUSTANG GT3	1:56.189	1:55.654	0:00.233	-0.50	38%	0	20	32 (38%)				
MAXIMILIAN GÖTZ	#9 (BOUTSEN VDS) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:56.219	1:55.755	0:00.233	-0.37	48%	0	20	31 (36%)				
EDWARD CHEEVER III	#53 (SKY - TEMPESTIA RACING) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.257	1:55.504	0:00.451	-0.11	23%	0	20	31 (36%)				
AYHANCI OLVEN	#22 (SCHUMACHER CLRT) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.267	1:55.148	0:02.173	-1.06	4%	0	17	25 (29%)				
CHARLES WEERTS	#32 (TEAM WRT) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:56.315	1:55.584	0:00.439	-0.95	19%	0	10	16 (100%)				
THOMAS NEUBAUER	#71 (AF CORSE - FRANCOORCHAMPS MOTORS) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.344	1:55.519	0:00.696	-0.50	10%	0	20	29 (34%)				
AUGUSTO FARRUS	#99B (ROWE RACING) : GT3	BMW M4 GT3	1:56.353	1:55.318	0:02.131	-1.00	0%	0	17	25 (29%)				
NICOLAJ KUJERGAARD	#158 (GARAGE 59) : GT3	MCLAREN 720S GT3	1:56.354	1:55.710	0:00.342	-0.20	26%	0	20	31 (37%)				
JIM PLA	#25 (SAINTELOC RACING) : GT3	AUDI R8 LMS GT3 E.	1:56.366	1:55.682	0:00.538	-0.61	54%	0	20	28 (33%)				
MARCO MAPELLI	#163 (GT GRASSER RACING TEAM) : GT3	LAMBORGHINI HUR.	1:56.378	1:55.342	0:00.746	-0.65	30%	0	20	27 (32%)				
DAVID FUMANELLI	#8 (KESSEL RACING) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.382	1:55.785	0:00.302	-0.12	43%	0	20	30 (35%)				
MORRIS SCHURING	#51 (HERBERTH MOTORSPORT) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.388	1:55.989	0:00.244	-0.17	28%	0	20	29 (35%)				
PATRIC NIEDERHAUSER	#96 (RUTRONIK RACING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.405	1:55.759	0:00.375	-0.85	4%	0	16	25 (29%)				
ALESSANDRO PIER GUIDI	#51 (AF CORSE - FRANCOORCHAMPS MOTORS) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.414	1:56.116	0:00.150	-0.32	76%	0	20	29 (34%)				
GILLES MAGNUS	#25 (SAINTELOC RACING) : GT3	AUDI R8 LMS GT3 E.	1:56.432	1:55.897	0:00.210	-0.23	72%	0	20	32 (38%)				
ALAKSANDOR MALYKHIN	#63 (PURE RXING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.477	1:55.940	0:00.319	-0.56	59%	0	20	29 (34%)				
BASTIAN BUUS	#13 (LIONSPEED GP) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.493	1:56.171	0:00.191	-0.01	19%	0	20	32 (38%)				
LOEK HARTOG	#97 (RUTRONIK RACING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.594	1:55.601	0:00.564	-0.76	8%	0	16	26 (31%)				
FREDERIC VERVISH	#64 (PROTON COMPETITION) : GT3	FORD MUSTANG GT3	1:56.596	1:55.746	0:00.657	-0.74	4%	0	16	25 (29%)				
NICCOLO SCHIRO	#8 (KESSEL RACING) : GT3	FERRARI 296 GT3	1:56.603	1:55.783	0:00.527	-0.22	13%	0	20	30 (35%)				
COLIN CATESANI	#57 (WINWARD RACING) : GT3	MERCEDES-AMG GT.	1:56.608	1:56.016	0:00.372	0.20	33%	0	20	30 (35%)				
DENNIS MARSHALL	#97 (RUTRONIK RACING) : GT3	PORSCHE 911 GT3	1:56.613	1:55.919	0:00.339	0.08	55%	0	20	31 (37%)				

How to Prove Your Pace:

When submitting your data, you must provide analysis showing that your performance is truly equivalent to the lower category you are aiming for. For example, if you are a Silver driver aiming for Bronze, you must prove your pace is closer to a Bronze driver than a Silver driver. **Aim to match the average driver of the lower category**; simply being slower than the fastest Silver driver does not automatically mean you are Bronze.

While there is no single absolute way to show your performance, here are two highly recommended templates to include in your application:



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Option A: Comparison Table Create a table to compare your race-by-race performance against a good representation of drivers in your current and target categories.

SERIES NAME - SEASON

Race	Driver	Best Silver	Average Silver	Best Bronze	Average Bronze
Race 1					
Race 2					
Race 3					
Race 4					

- *Tip:* If your performance consistently falls between the "Best Bronze" and "Average Bronze", this is a strong step toward proving a Bronze pace.

Option B: Position Table Create a ranked list combining drivers from both categories based on Average Best Time for an event.

EVENT1 - RACE 1		
Driver	Category	Average Best Time
A	Gold	01:35.076
B	Gold	01:35.077
C	Silver	01:35.351
D	Silver	01:35.373
E	Silver	01:35.459
F	Bronze	01:35.499
G	Bronze	01:35.546
H	Silver	01:35.742
I	Bronze	01:35.838
J	Bronze	01:35.877
K	Bronze	01:35.947
L	Bronze	01:35.993
M	Bronze	01:36.002
N	Bronze	01:36.007

- *Tip:* Highlight your name to clearly show where you would rank if placed in the lower category (e.g., showing that even as a Silver, you were only the 3rd-fastest Bronze). Providing this analysis across a number of races is highly effective

4. NEXT STEPS

Ready to apply or submit a review? Please submit your data and application via the [Driver Categorisation Portal](#) or direct further inquiries to driverscategorisation@fia.com