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Ajo MotoE Team to debut in 2019 with Niki Tuuli



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The Finnish rider will be the first representative for the Ajo Motorsport structure in the new FIM MotoE World Cup series.

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The MotoGP World Championship will debut a new class next season, with the introduction of the FIM MotoE World Cup. This will be a single manufacturer event with electric bikes and the participating teams coming from current MotoGP, Moto2 and Moto3 structures. Ajo Motorsport will be one of the structures taking part, running the Ajo MotoE Team with rider Niki Tuuli.

FIM MotoE World Cup events will take place alongside 5 European Grands Prix: Jerez, Le Mans, Sachsenring, Red Bull Ring and Misano. They will follow the standard schedule of Free Practice sessions on Friday, qualifying on Saturday and the race on Sunday. The races themselves will be short 10-lap sprints, in which 18 Energica prototypes will compete this season.

Niki Tuuli, born in Imatra, Finland, on October 26th, 1995, has made a name for himself in the World SuperSport Championship, where he achieved 1 victory and a total of 5 podiums. This season he has competed in 10 Grands Prix in the Moto2 World Championship and hopes that this new electric series will be another platform through which to continue his development as a rider. Tuuli will try out the Energica bike for the first time next week in Jerez -from the 23rd-25th of November- in the first tests for the series.

Ajo Motorsport will be present in three categories next year: Moto2, Moto3 and MotoE.

Aki Ajo - Team Manager

"The start of the FIM Enel MotoE World Cup is like a new era for the MotoGP family. We are very excited about this new MotoGP project and are very proud to be part of it from its first season. It is sure to be a series that will surprise us positively in many aspects and it will be a challenge. Niki [Tuuli] is a rider who I've known since he was very young, and who I've been following throughout his career. This year he competed in his first Moto2 races, after taking podiums in the World SuperSport Championship. He is a rider whom I believe has a great

future ahead of him, and I think that the MotoE World Cup is a good opportunity for him to continue growing. I'm sure that we will form a great team."

Niki Tuuli - Rider

"I want to thank Aki [Ajo] and all the Ajo Motorsport structure for this opportunity that they are giving me. I can't wait to compete with this team and be part of the first MotoE season. It will be a great experience and it will be very interesting for everyone, because nobody knows what to expect. I expect that the races will be fun and closely matched, as there will be many World Championship riders from this past season. MotoE is part of the future, as everything is becoming increasingly electronic. I can't wait to try the bike out at Jerez, because I have never ridden an electric motorcycle before; it will be something completely new for me. I'll take things step by step and try to get used to the bike, but I think we can do a good job. As I said, it's a pleasure to compete for Ajo Motorsport. I'm from Finland, so it has always been a dream to be able to ride under Aki Ajo's guidance."

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