

Lifetime Sport Achievement Award

Jacky Ickx

The "Gentleman Driver" enters the history of the SPORTEL Awards

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The **SPORTEL Awards**, the international cultural event that celebrates excellence in sports media and honours the most beautiful sporting emotions on screen, today unveils the recipient of the **2025 Lifetime Sport Achievement Award**. The trophy will be presented to **Jacky Ickx**, an iconic figure in world motorsport, during the SPORTEL Awards Ceremony on **Monday, 20 October 2025** at the Grimaldi Forum Monaco.

The Lifetime Sport Achievement Award honours an international athlete for his or her sporting exploits. This prestigious distinction pays tribute to outstanding careers that have left a lasting mark on history and on the collective imagination.

A driver of universal talent, Jacky Ickx spanned more than three decades of motor racing, excelling wherever speed was at stake. With **32 active seasons between 1961 and 1992**, over **555 races contested** and an extraordinary record of achievements, Jacky Ickx left his mark on every discipline he embraced. A **two-time European Formula 2 Champion** (1967 and 1970), **twice Formula 1 Vice-World Champion**, and **winner of 8 Grands Prix**, he established himself as one of the greatest talents of his generation

It is, however, in endurance racing that he truly entered legend: **six-time winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans**, named **Driver of the Century** in this discipline, he boasts a record **46 endurance race victories** and **two World Endurance Drivers' Championships** with Porsche (1982 and 1983). **Winner of the 1983 Paris-Dakar Rally** and author of **40 stage wins in rally raid**, he also shone in **Can-Am**, claiming the title in 1979.

Nicknamed the Gentleman Driver, Mr. Le Mans and the Rain Master, Jacky Ickx fascinates with his exceptional versatility, elegance and charisma. More than just a driver, he has become a benchmark, respected and admired throughout the world.

A man of action, he has also served as ambassador for leading automotive brands, notably Volkswagen and Porsche, and since February 2024 he has been brand partner of Genesis, the luxury label of the Hyundai group, which recently announced its entry into the World Endurance Championship.

"Presenting the Lifetime Sport Achievement Award to Jacky Ickx means paying tribute to much more than an exceptional record. It is about celebrating a unique career that spans generations and has shaped the history of motorsport. His passion, versatility and aura make him a truly unique champion, whose influence goes far beyond the circuits", stated **Marine Picoulet, Executive Director of the SPORTEL Awards.**

Following Didier Deschamps in 2018, Alain Prost in 2019, Katarina Witt in 2023 and Nikola Karabatic in 2024, the **SPORTEL Awards 2025 Lifetime Sport Achievement Award** will be presented to **Jacky Ickx**, unanimously recognised as one of the greatest drivers of all time.

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