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## Press release from the Moto-Club d'Iffendic

Last night on Monday, our President, Emmanuel Macron, confirmed the extension of the confinement set up on March 17. until May 11. He also made an announcement on the holding of public events in our territory: "Major festivals and events with a large audience cannot be held until at least mid-July". As a result, the Steering Committee of the Moto-Club of Iffendic is forced to give up organizing the French GP of Sidecarcross on the weekend of 4&5 July 2020.

At the beginning of this health crisis, we had already postponed the date, but this is no longer possible for this year 2020 and this for many reasons that everyone will easily understand: an impossible postponement to the autumn as the calendar is already bottled in our Western region; the total uncertainty about a full recovery date of economic activity across the country, and the modalities concerning the implementation of the sanitary measures that will apply to public events after the total deconfinement.



On the other hand, the financial balance of an event like the one we were supposed to organize this year is based on a network of private partners, who are themselves very affected by this crisis, which is already having a devastating effect on their finances. This will limit or even prevent them from giving us their faithful and usual support. The presence of a large public paying for its entrance is also an essential factor. The Public Authorities, the Fédération Française de Motocyclisme (FFM), although they have assured us of their support, could not alone contribute to balancing the budget necessarily deficit of our event.



The human investment of the volunteers of the Moto Club d'Iffendic, both for the material preparation on the ground and the administration and communication/promotion part is very disturbed since the mid-term March and the announcement of containment and the first restrictions put in place to limit the spread of the pandemic. Everyone's priority is to get our country's economic activity back on track. This will require our volunteers to invest first in their professional activity and they will be less available for the preparation and holding of sporting events like ours.

We hope, as our President of the Republic said, a return to happy days as soon as possible. It is for this reason that we too must understand that what may appear to be dramatic at the moment, at our level of organizing motorcycling events, is nothing compared to the impact on our society as a whole, of this crisis that is spreading to the whole planet.

The Moto Club d'Iffendic, with the support and collaboration of the FFM, the FIM and the promoter WSC/APO, will be happy to welcome again a French GP of Sidecarcross on the mythical site of the Chambre au Loup, and that when all the 'lights have gone green' and that we hope for 2021.

Long live the World Sidecarcross Championship and motorcycling in all its diversity.

The Steering Committee of the Moto Club d'Iffendic

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