**YOKOHAMA Trophy excitement till last race**

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With the World Touring Car Championship Driver’s title already clear and pending only the Official results confirmation from the FIA, the uncertainty of who will take the prestigious independent’s YOKOHAMA Trophy is creating excitement till the last race of the season.

The night race in Qatar 26th-27th November, which is the first visit to the country of the FIA WTCC, will resolve who from three main contenders will become the new YOKOHAMA Trophy Drivers Champion. The Hungarian Norbert Michelisz is leading the bid with 152 points and a solid season which places him as the strongest contender. Close behind Michelisz is Mehdi Bennani with 145 points who has been catching up in the last few races. A little distant in the chase for the trophy is Tom Chilton who is third with 121 points.

The YOKOHAMA Trophy offers a significant prize money to non-works team drivers, which were formerly classed as privateers or independent drivers. For this season YOKOHAMA, the Japanese Tyre Manufacturer who is also the exclusive tyre supplier to the FIA World Touring Car Championship, offers a total €240,000 as prize money. €20,000 are allocated for each event and all independent competitors are eligible for the trophy and financial reward.

**Current Standings in the YOKOHAMA Trophy 2015**

Norbert Michelisz 152 points

Mehdi Bennani 145 points

Tom Chilton 121 points