

Drivers' briefing "Histo Cup Season Opening 2025 at the Red Bull Ring"

Welcome to the 2025 season opener at the Red Bull Ring!

We look to welcoming all drivers, teams, helpers and officials.

Our race director for this weekend is Mr. Rainer Werner from Salzburg. The stewards are Mr. Günther Frühwirth, Mr. Günther Kremel and Mr. XXX Maisel. Mr. Reinhard Leroch, Daniel Antoni and the entire technical team are available for technical matters.

Together with our partner, BG Sportpromotion, we are particularly pleased to be hosting our traditional Season Opening 2025 here at the Red Bull Ring again. In addition to the Histo Cup series, Formula 4 CEZ, TCR Eastern Europe and the Bohemian Clio Cup will also be competing.

are particularly proud to launch the Austrian GT, the evolutionary stage of the popular TCO series, with over 20 entries already. Many thanks to our series sponsors Michelin and Milwaukee for their great support.

Histo Cup Magazine 2025

After many hours of hard work by our Don Padrone Michi Steffny, we delighted to be able to present you with the freshly printed Histo Cup magazine again this year. A huge thank you to my dad Michi and to all sponsors, advertisers and supporters for their tireless efforts!

Every rider will receive their personal copy directly after the riders' briefing - enjoy browsing! If you need more copies, you can get them for a small donation of 5 euros to the Kindertraum Foundation.

Annual gift for registered drivers

As is tradition, a small gift awaits our registered drivers again this year: the coveted red Histo Cup T-shirt with the motto: "Life is better on racetrack". Many thanks to Michel and Silvia Purkhart for the successful production!

Registered riders can pick up their copy. The T-shirt is available for purchase for everyone else.

Milwaukee

A big thank you to Milwaukee, who not only generously support the Austrian GT, but also the entire Histo Cup! As a special offer, all participants and teams with the code "Histocup25" will receive a 25% discount on battery packs, workshop trolleys, packouts and tool inserts at **mci tools**. Further special conditions with code 'Histocup25' for other product groups on request. A really great offer - thank you for this great partnership!

Race office and notice board

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The race office is located in the paddock next to the tire service in the Histo Cup scrutineering bus. The contact person is race secretary Viktoria Hinteregger. The organizational management is the responsibility of David Steffny.

The official notice with all important information is online in our Sportity app.

Technical acceptance

The technicians will carry out initial acceptance tests directly at the vehicles on Friday. Please have all relevant documents ready. Vehicles that have not yet approved must be brought to the AMF tent on Saturday between 07:30 and 09:00.

Tire lists

Please all BMW, Formula Young and Austrian GT drivers fill in the tire lists and hand them in at the race office before the first qualifying.

Schedule

The V8 version applies. Please note that the Youngtimer/TCO fields are divided into classes up to and over 2500 cc. Qualifying will be run together and the races will be run separately. Due to the tight schedule, we urgently request that you arrive on time for all sessions.

Please pay attention to Sportity in case the schedule changes again.

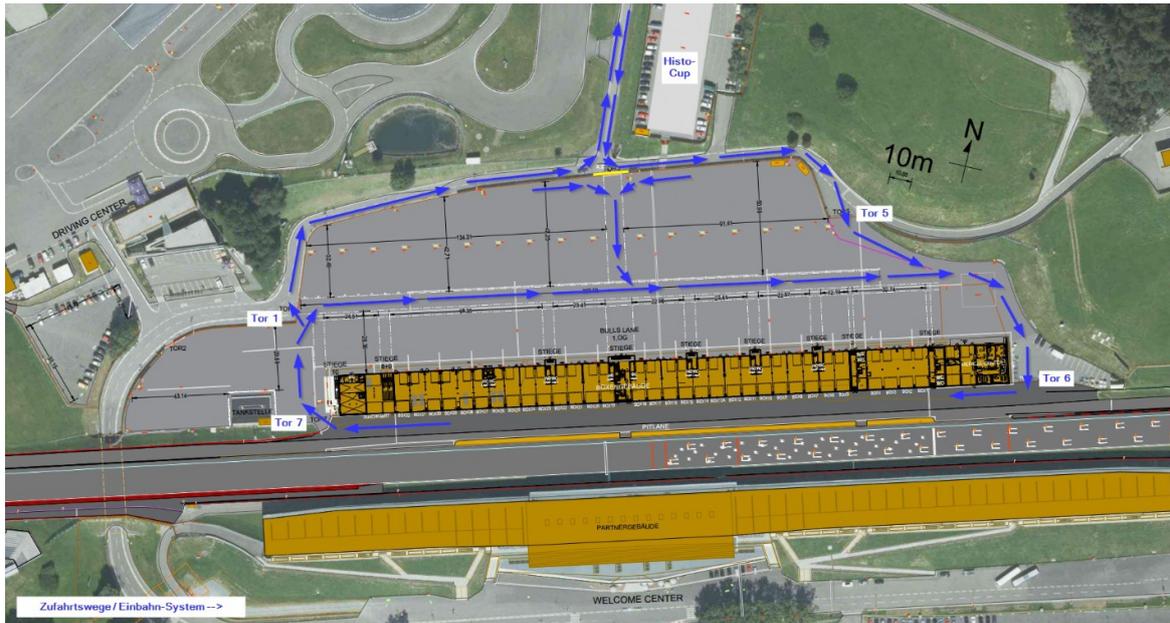
SPORTITY App

All important information during the race weekend will be communicated via the SPORTITY app. Download the app (available in the PlayStore/AppStore) and enter the event password "HistoCup". At least one person per team should actively monitor the app.

Pre-start / Start grid

ATTENTION: The pre-start is via the rear access road. The pre-start team will meet you there. Find out your starting positions in good time and be at the pre-start at least 20 minutes before your respective start. Vehicles arriving later than 5 minutes before the start of the race will start from the back.

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Attention: Start times may change slightly. Please pay attention to announcements and app messages!

Starting procedure

The starts are always flying starts. Exception: Trofeo di Serie - here a standing (start-stop) start applies.

Parc Fermé

The entire paddock and the pit area are generally considered to be Parc Fermé. For Austrian GT, BMW and Mini Challenge as well as Formula Young, the parc fermé is located in pit 33 or in front of the gas station. You will be instructed there by staff.

Award ceremonies

Saturday evening: All Saturday races at 18:30.

Sunday: 12:00 noon for the morning races and 30 minutes after end of each afternoon race on the podium.

Box organization and volume

You will receive the pit keys at the Histo Point (scrutineering bus). They must be returned by 12:00 noon on Sunday at the latest. Please observe the night's rest from midnight to allow all participants a well-rested race day.

Race service

The RSC (Race Service Center) race service will be on site according to the paddock plan. Tire changes are only possible until 11:00 am on Sunday, as the service starts at 12:00 pm.

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has to leave. Please pay particular attention to the Austrian GT - which has both races on Sunday.

Ravenol 1-H-Endurance Race

The start time is Saturday, April 12 at 5:00 pm. Further details can be found in the announcement. Pre-start is in the paddock; no stop on the start/finish straight, direct formation lap and flying start.

Entry deadline is half an hour before qualifying on Saturday morning. Late entries are possible by arrangement.

Note the pit window. Mandatory pit stop of 3 minutes between minute 35 and 25.

Penalties will be imposed if this time is exceeded.

Classica

Please remember that the Classica is a regularity competition - not a race! Pay particular attention to flag signs and lights. Two vehicles will be drawn before each classification, in which our organizer cameras will be mounted. Please also note the new digital class (teams or solo) and let us know if you are driving digitally.

Clearing the paddock

We ask you to clear the paddock on Sunday evening by 18:30 at the latest so that it can be cleaned for the following event.

We wish you all a great weekend with exciting and fair races! David Steffny, Head of

Organization

Rainer Werner, Race Director

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Race director instructions AUSTRIAN GT Red Bull Ring 2025

In addition to the race director instructions for the year 2025 in Sportity, please pay special attention:

Schedule

The last published version in Sportity is binding.

Qualifying

Participation in qualifying is mandatory for all participants. If a participant is unable to take part in qualifying or has not achieved the required minimum number of laps, it is possible to apply for permission to start by submitting a written request to the race director. The application must be received by the race director or the stewards no later than one hour before the start of the respective race.

The corresponding form is available at Racecontrol.

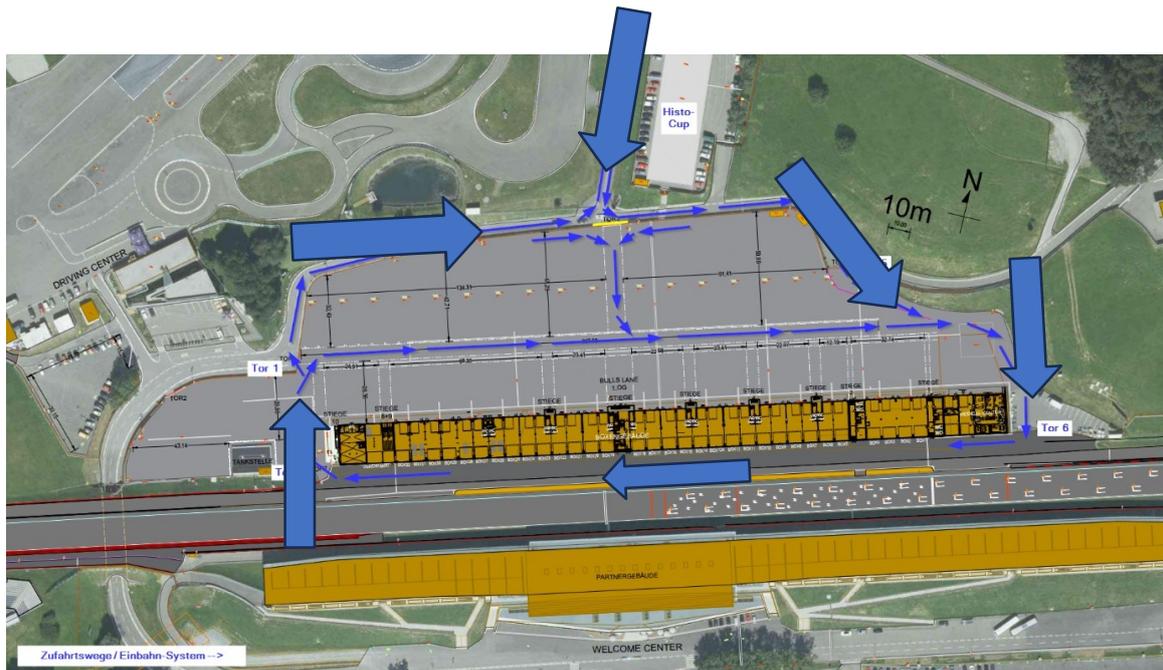
Driver teams must announce 1 hour before the start of qualifying which driver will drive Qualifying 1 and which driver will drive Qualifying 2.

Starting grid

The starting grid for each race will be on the access road to Gate 6 at the beginning of the pit lane. All participants in the respective race must be on the starting grid **30 minutes** before the scheduled start of the race. This also applies to participants who are in the pits.

Anyone who has not taken their starting position when the 5-minute board is shown must start at the back of the field. Overtaking during the formation lap is prohibited.

The starting grid for race 1 is determined by the qualifying session, the starting grid for race 2 by the result of race 1.



Start procedure

Before the start of the formation lap, the signs 5 minutes, 3 minutes, 1 minute and 30 seconds are displayed to the participants. When the 1 minute sign is shown, all mechanics and helpers must leave the starting grid.

After the "30 seconds" signal, the participants will be shown a green flag at the end of the displayed seconds, indicating that they have to drive an introductory/formation lap one behind the other in the order of their starting positions behind a lead vehicle.

The distance between the vehicles must not be more than 3 vehicle lengths. The vehicles are led behind the lead vehicle across the race track to the starting line (introductory/formation lap).

During the introductory/formation round, any change to the assigned starting position is prohibited.

Vehicles that are passed by the entire field remain at the end of the grid and also start from the last position. Vehicles that have not been overtaken by the entire field may resume their assigned starting position up to the grid sign.

Vehicles that have not been able to regain their allocated starting position by the time they reach the grid sign must enter the pit lane and may follow the field from the pit lane.

A change of position and sudden changes of direction, e.g. to warm up the tires after the grid sign, are expressly prohibited.

Start of the race

After the lead vehicle has pulled out, the race is under the supervision of the starter.

The vehicles must approach the starting line at a constant speed (approx. 80 km/h) in an orderly and closed parallel formation in two starting rows under the guidance of the vehicle in pole position.



All vehicles have to drive over the start boxes recorded on their start page on the race track from the beginning as start corridors. With this type of start, the execution of the start is explained in detail in the drivers' briefing.

The start signal is given with the start light when the starter switches the light from red to green when the vehicles in the first starting row are approx. 50 m in front of the starting line. Overtaking is permitted from the start signal.

Pit lane

The maximum speed in the pit lane is 60 km/h.

Observe the white line at the pit lane exit,

Stopping the vehicles and working on the vehicles is only permitted in the working line.



Extra Formation Lap

If the start is unsuccessful, the traffic lights remain red and the yellow lights on the traffic lights are switched on. An "Extra Formation Lap" sign is displayed immediately and approx. 2 seconds later all drivers are requested to drive another formation lap by a green flag or by switching on the green lights of the start traffic light.

In this , the participants must drive one lap at low speed and, when the grid sign is shown, approach the starting line at a constant speed (approx. 80 km/h) in an orderly and closed parallel formation in two starting rows under the guidance of the vehicle in pole position. All vehicles have to drive over the starting boxes recorded on their start page on the race track as starting corridors from the beginning.

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Safety car

When the safety car is deployed, the SC signs are displayed along the entire route and the yellow flag is waved. All participants **must reduce** their speed to approx. **80 km/h** from the moment the signs and yellow flags are displayed. The safety car will line up in front of the leading vehicle in the race. All participants must follow the safety car in closed formation.

At the end of the safety car phase, the lights on the safety car are switched off at the position of the grid sign and the safety car accelerates and leaves the track. The leading vehicle takes over the lead of the field after the lights on the safety car are switched off.

When the starting line is passed, the race is reopened by means of a green traffic light and/or waving of the green flag. Overtaking is **only permitted after passing the starting line**.



Full Course Yellow

If the use of the safety car is not absolutely necessary in the race or if the race is stopped in qualifying, the race director can initiate a full course yellow phase. The FCY board and yellow flags will be displayed along the entire route. The participants must reduce their speed to approx. **80 km/h** and maintain the distance to the participant in front of them. At the end of the Full Course Yellow phase, the green flags will be displayed on the track. Once the green flag is shown, the race or qualifying is open again.



Aborting the qualifying session or the race with a red flag

If the qualifying session or race is interrupted with a red flag, the participants must reduce their speed and return to the pit lane at a slow speed. Overtaking is absolutely prohibited.

The race is restarted by means of a safety car start from the pit lane.

Track Limits

All participants must drive their vehicles on the race track. If a participant leaves the track with all 4 wheels of his vehicle on the track, the respective lap times will be canceled in qualifying.

In the race, a warning will be issued after the track limits have been exceeded 3 times by means of a black/white diagonal flag and the respective start number will be shown. After crossing the track limit 5 times, a 5 second penalty will be imposed.



Parc Ferme

Parc Ferme applies to all participants in the AUSTRIAN GT.

Violations of the Parc Ferme regulations will be forwarded to the stewards for further action.

Protests

A protest against another participant must be submitted in written form and the protest fee of € 300,-- within 30 minutes - after the unofficial result of the qualifying or race has been posted - to the race director or the stewards.

Technical failure during qualifying or race

If a participant has to end qualifying or the race prematurely due to a technical problem, he must leave the race track (racing line) immediately and, if possible, stop at an opening marked orange on the guard rail.

In the event of engine damage with oil loss, stop immediately next to the track.

In the event of a breakdown stay with the vehicle until further instructions are given.

1 hour race

Individual starters (one driver, one vehicle), driver teams (2 drivers, one vehicle, 2 drivers, two vehicles from the same class) are permitted. The best qualifying time achieved in qualifying practice counts towards the starting grid for the race. For driver teams, the best qualifying time achieved is the starting position for the 1st turn. Each participant must complete their mandatory pit stop between the 25th and 35th minute of the race. **The mandatory pit stop is 180 seconds for all races.** The measurement of the time begins with the passing of the PIT IN line and ends with the PIT OUT line. The PIT IN line and the PIT OUT line are with boards or lines. **The minimum speed in the pit lane is 25 km/h, the maximum speed in the pit lane is 60 km/h.** If the vehicle is refueled during a pit stop, this must be done in front of the respective pit. A fire extinguisher must be in the immediate vicinity and the person refueling the vehicle must wear fireproof equipment (overalls, gloves, helmet). No further work on the vehicle or driver changes are permitted during the refueling process. For drivers who do not have a pit box, a refueling area will be set up at the beginning or end of the pit lane. Teams intending to refuel during the pit stop must indicate this on the entry form.

Failure to comply with the mandatory pit stop time will be penalized as follows:

30 sec. time penalty plus missing the mandatory pit stop. (Example: pit stop time 2 min 50 sec. results in a time penalty of 30 sec. + 10 sec.= 40 sec.)

***Rainer
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Director***