

Drivers' Briefing – Histo Cup & Austrian GT

Automotodrom Grobnik / Rijeka 2026

June 19–21

A Warm Welcome

We are pleased to welcome all drivers, teams, volunteers, and officials to the race weekend at **the Automotodrom Grobnik**.

Please read this driver information carefully and share the key points with your team.

Both the entire **Histo Cup** and the **Austrian GT series** will be on-site this weekend.

Officials

Position	Name
Race Director	Rainer Werner
Sports Commissioners	Günther Frühwirth, Martin Tomasini
Technical Commissioners	Reinhard Leroch & Team Event
Management	David Steffny

Drivers' Briefing

The drivers' briefing will take place:

Day	Time	Location
Friday, June 19,	6:00 p.m.	at the admin bus

Attendance is mandatory.

Race Office & Notice Board

- Race Office: **Histo Admin Bus in the paddock**
- Hours: **Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
- Organization Manager: **David Steffny**

Please take care of any outstanding administrative matters at the race office in a timely manner.

Official announcements and important information are posted exclusively via Sportity. Code:

HistoCup

For Apple users: A beta version of the Histo Cup app is already available in the App Store—it will replace Sportity in the future. Anyone who wishes to do so may also use this app.

At least one person per team must monitor the official information on an ongoing basis.

Administrative & Technical Inspection

Administrative and technical inspection will take place on-site as usual.

Category	Information
Administrative Inspection	at the race office / admin bus
Technical Inspection	by Reinhard Leroch & Team
Follow-up inspections	as usual, to be arranged on site

Please ensure that all documents, vehicle paperwork, licenses, and personal safety equipment are complete.

Participation in practice, qualifying, or races is not possible without completing administrative and technical inspections.

Disclaimer / Statement on Taking Personal Responsibility

The Automotodrom Grobnik requires the **Statement on Taking Personal Responsibility**.

Please bring the form, fully completed, along with a **copy of your ID card or passport**.

Important:

The documents will only be shared if necessary. In the event of transport to a hospital, Race Control will forward the necessary documents to the hospital and the police.

Schedule & Sessions

Please refer to the current schedule.

Changes will be announced via the official communication channels and, if necessary, via loudspeaker announcements.

Pre-start / Starting Grid

As usual, the pre-start area is located near the pit exit or next to the Parc Fermé.

Please pay attention to announcements, official information, and the instructions of the race marshals.

- Please be at the pre-start at least **20 minutes before each session**.
 - Pay attention to announcements and notifications.
 - Anyone arriving after the 5-minute sign must start from the back
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Starting Procedure

- Flying Start
- The lead vehicle catches up to the pack
- One warm-up lap without stopping
- Traffic light RED → GREEN
- No tire warm-up after the grid sign

Violations may result in an additional formation lap or a sporting penalty.

Parc Fermé

The entire paddock and the pit area are considered the Parc Fermé zone.

Additional or separate Parc Fermé regulations may apply to individual series. Please follow the instructions of the technical commissioners and race officials.

Awards Ceremonies

The award ceremonies will take place at **the podium near the restaurant**.

Day	Information
Saturday	6:30 p.m. for all Saturday races at the podium near the restaurant
Sunday	30 minutes after the end of each race at the podium near the restaurant

Please arrive on time for the awards ceremony.

Weigh-in

A scale is available in the Parc Fermé.

It can be used as part of the technical inspections. Please follow the instructions of the technical team.

Pit Lane & Flags

- Speed limit in the pit lane: **60 km/h**
- Children under 14 are not permitted in the pit lane.
- Pay close attention to flag and light signals.
- Full Course Yellow / Code 60 may be implemented.
- In the event of technical problems, you must immediately leave the ideal racing line.
- In the event of an accident or if your vehicle comes to a stop, you must strictly follow the marshals' instructions.

Please drive predictably, fairly, and with consideration for other participants.

Signaling/LED Panel at the Grobnik Autodrome

Please pay special attention to the signage at the Grobnik Automotodrom.

Current information regarding the signage must be observed on-site.

Instructions from Race Control, the race officials, and the marshals are binding at all times.

Refuelling

The gas station directly at the **Grobnik Automotodrom** is closed.

There are two gas stations on the highway, each about **5 km from the racetrack**, in both directions.

Please plan your refueling stops well in advance.

Pits & Quiet Hours

Please observe the general rules in the paddock and in the pits.

- Extra caution is required in the pit lane and the paddock.
 - Avoid unnecessary driving in the paddock.
 - Be mindful of volunteers, children, pedestrians, vehicles, and equipment.
 - Quiet hours and consideration for others in the paddock must be observed.
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Order in the paddock / Tires & trash

Please leave your area clean and tidy.

Used tires, oil cans, spare parts, packaging, and other trash must not be left behind on the premises.

The Automotodrom Grobnik grounds are under video surveillance. Any tires or trash left behind will be tracked down and charged for.

Please take all scrap parts and trash with you when you leave.

Fairness & Safety

We ask all participants to behave fairly, sportsmanlike, and respectfully both on and off the track.

You don't win a race weekend in the first corner—but you can lose it there very quickly.

Please look out for one another, drive cautiously, and respect the rules, flags, and decisions of the officials.

We wish all participants a safe, fair, and exciting race weekend at the Automotodrom Grobnik!

David Steffny

Head of Organization

Rainer Werner

Race Director

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Race Director Instructions for the Histo Cup Grobnik 2026

In addition to the Race Director Instructions for 2026 in Sportity, please pay special attention to the following:

Schedule

The latest version published in SportityV1 is binding.

Qualifying

Participation in qualifying is mandatory for all participants. If a participant is unable to take part in qualifying or has not completed the required minimum number of laps, they may submit a written request to the race director to apply for permission to start. The request 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 Race Control.

Starting Grid

The starting grid for each race is formed on the access road at the beginning of the pit lane. All participants in the respective race must report to the starting grid **20 minutes** before the scheduled race start. This also applies to participants who are in the pits.

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

Start Procedure

Before the start of the formation lap, the "5 minutes," "3 minutes," "1 minute," and "30 sec." signs will be displayed to the participants. When the "1 minute" sign is displayed, all mechanics and assistants must leave the starting grid.

After the "30 seconds" signal, once the displayed seconds have elapsed, a green flag is shown to indicate that participants must drive a formation lap in single file behind a lead vehicle, in the order of their starting positions.

The distance between vehicles must not exceed 3 vehicle lengths. The vehicles are led behind the lead vehicle across the racetrack to the starting line (formation lap).

During the formation lap, any change to the assigned starting position is prohibited.

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

Vehicles that were unable to return to their assigned starting position by the grid sign must enter the pit lane and may rejoin the field from the pit lane.

Changing position or making sudden changes in direction—including to warm up the tires—after the grid sign is expressly prohibited.

Start of the Race

Once the lead car has pulled out, the race is under the supervision of the starter.

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



All vehicles must drive through the starting boxes marked on their starting side of the track as starting corridors from the very beginning. For this type of start, the procedure will be explained in detail during the drivers' briefing.

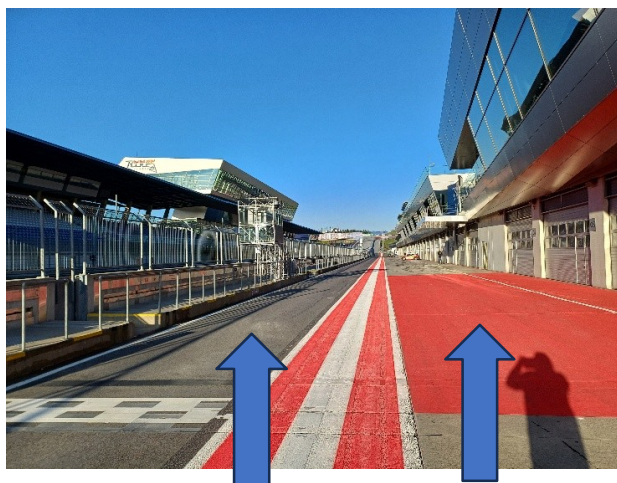
The start signal is given by the starting lights when the starter—once the vehicles in the first row are approximately 50 m from the starting line—switches the lights from red to green. Overtaking is permitted once the start is authorized.

Pit Lane

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

Observe the white line at the pit exit;

Vehicles may only stop and work on the vehicles within the working line.



Extra Formation Lap

If the start fails, the traffic light remains red and the yellow lights on the traffic light are activated. An “Extra Formation Lap” sign is displayed immediately, and approximately 2 seconds later, all drivers are instructed to complete another formation lap by means of a green flag or by the activation of the green lights on the starting traffic light.

In this case, participants must complete one lap at low speed and, when the grid sign is displayed, approach the starting line in an orderly and closed parallel formation in two starting rows at a constant speed (approx. 80 km/h), led by the vehicle in pole position. All vehicles must drive through the starting boxes marked on their starting side of the track as starting corridors from the very beginning.

For this type of start, the procedure will be explained in detail during the drivers' briefing. The start signal is given by the starting lights: when the vehicles in the first starting row are approximately 50 m from the starting line, the starter switches the lights from red to green.

Safety Car

When the safety car is deployed, SC signs are displayed and the yellow flag is waved along the entire track. As soon as the signs and yellow flags are displayed, all participants **must reduce** their speed to **approximately 80 km/h**. The safety car will line up in front of the race leader. All participants must follow the safety car in a closed formation.

When the safety car phase ends, the lights on the safety car are turned off when the grid sign is in position, and the safety car accelerates and leaves the track. The leading vehicle takes the lead of the field after the lights on the safety car are turned off.

When the starting line is crossed, the race will be restarted by means of a green light and/or the waving of a green flag. Overtaking is permitted **only after crossing the starting line**.



Full Course Yellow

If it is not absolutely necessary to stop qualifying, the race director may initiate a Full Course Yellow phase. The FCY sign and yellow flags are displayed along the entire track. Participants must reduce their speed to approximately **80 km/h** and maintain a safe distance from the participant ahead of them. Once the Full Course Yellow phase ends, green flags are displayed along the track. Qualifying resumes as soon as the green flag is displayed.



Cancellation of Qualifying or the Race with a Red Flag

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

The race will be restarted with a safety car start from the pit lane.

LED Panels

In addition to the flag signals, LED panels are used.

Track Limits

All participants must keep their vehicles on the race track. If a participant leaves the track with all four wheels of their vehicle, the respective lap times will be disqualified in qualifying.

During the race, after crossing the track limits three times, a warning is issued via a black-and-white checkered flag and the display of the respective start number. After crossing the track limits five times, a 5-second penalty is imposed.



Parc Ferme

For all vehicles, the paddock/pits serve as the Parc Ferme. Selected vehicles from the Austrian GT, BMW Challenge, Mini Challenge, and Formula Young series will be directed to the Parc Ferme by the scrutineers.

Work on the vehicles is not permitted until 30 minutes after the qualifying results or race results are posted.

At all events, randomly selected participants from **all** racing classes will be directed to the Parc Ferme for a technical post-race inspection.

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

Protests

A protest against another participant must be submitted in writing, along with a protest fee of €300, to the race director or the stewards within 30 minutes of the unofficial qualifying or race results being posted.

Technical Failure During Qualifying or the Race

If a participant is forced to end qualifying or the race prematurely due to a technical problem, they must immediately leave the racetrack (ideal line) and, if possible, stop at an opening marked in orange on the guardrail.

In the event of engine failure with oil leakage, the participant must stop immediately next to the track.

In the event of a breakdown, participants must remain with the vehicle until further instructions are given.

1-hour race

Safety Car phase while the pit stop window is open:

The pit lane remains open during a Safety Car phase.

Exception: If the safety car must lead the field through the pit lane for safety reasons, no pit stops are permitted.

*Rainer
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Director*