Drivers' Briefing: Salzburgring 2026

Histo Cup and Austrian GT | September 18–20, 2026

Dear Drivers, welcome to our home race at the Salzburgring. Please take note of the following organizational and sporting guidelines. They apply to all series and participants; additional bulletins and decisions posted on Sportity take precedence.

Official

Position	Name
Race Director	Rainer Werner, Salzburg
Sports Commissioners	Günther Frühwirth, Günther Kremel, Robert Breitfelder
Technical Commissioners	Reini Leroch and team
Organizational Management	David Steffny
Race Office	Histo Cup Admin Bus in the paddock | Viktoria Hinteregger

1 Race Office and Official Notice Board

- Race Office: Histo Cup Admin Bus in the paddock.
- Official Notice Board: Sportity and the Histo Cup app. Sportity Channel: HistoCup.
- Enable push notifications. At least one person per team must monitor these updates on an ongoing basis.
- Schedule changes, bulletins, results, and decisions will be announced via the official channels and additionally via loudspeaker announcements.

2 Administrative and Technical Inspection

- Administrative inspection is available all day at the Histo Cup Admin Bus. If you haven’t been there yet, please do so immediately.
- Technical inspection by Reini Leroch and his team will be conducted directly at the vehicles and teams.
- Any necessary re-inspection must be completed in a timely manner before the first official session.
- Vehicle documentation, driver’s clothing card, and all required documents must be complete.
- Tires must be assigned to the vehicle in the RSC system before the first qualifying session. Paper tire lists will no longer be accepted.

3 Sponsor Stickers and Vehicle Markings

- All required sponsor stickers must be affixed in full, unaltered, and clearly visible according to the current template.
- Formula Historic, Appendix K, STW, and PCC: Affix BRETT Eyewear stickers clearly visible on the left and right sides.
- Appendix K and STW: Replace old BOSCH stickers with the current Histo Cup stickers.
- Austrian GT windshield wedges: Porsche 911.2 and 992—white; Porsche 997.2 and 991.1—gray; Porsche 996 and 997.1—black.

4 Schedule and Starting Grids

- The current schedule on Sportity applies. Please check it regularly.
- The sprint races generally last 22 minutes, unless otherwise specified in the schedule or bulletin.
- Young Timer and TCO classes will race in two groups: up to 2,500 ccm and over 2,500 ccm.

- Pfister Racing will compete in the Young Timer and TCO class up to 2,500 cc.
- On Sunday, the Ferrari Trophy is also part of the supporting program. Please pay special attention to the schedule and the various paddock movements.

5 Pre-start and Start Procedures

- Please be in the pre-start area at least 20 minutes before each session. Anyone arriving after the 5-minute sign goes up must expect to start from the back of the grid.
- Pay attention to public address announcements, Sportity Push messages, and the instructions from officials.
- For flying starts, the lead car will catch up to the field. This is followed by a formation lap without stopping.
- After the “Grid” sign, tire warming is no longer permitted. The formation must remain orderly and closed.
- The start signal is given when the traffic light changes from red to green. Overtaking is permitted only after the start signal has been given.

6 Flags, Safety Car, and Behavior in the Event of a Breakdown

- Flags and light signals must be strictly observed. Overtaking is prohibited under yellow or red flags; reduce speed in a controlled manner and avoid abrupt braking maneuvers.
- A Full Course Yellow may be deployed. The published race director’s instructions apply.
- Once the Safety Car has left the track, passing is permitted only after crossing the finish line.
- Never reverse on your own, neither on the track nor in the pit lane. Wait for instructions from the marshals.
- For formula cars, helmets and seat belts must be worn during towing.

7 Pit Lane

- Speed limit: 60 km/h. Speed checks may occur at any time.
- Do not cross the white lines at the pit entrance and exit.
- Children under 14 years of age are not permitted in the pit lane.
- Parking in front of the pits is permitted only in the designated areas. Access and emergency routes must be kept clear at all times.
- Fill out the pit sticker completely and attach it in a clearly visible location.

8 Parc Fermé

- The entire paddock, including the pit facilities, is considered Parc Fermé.
- For the BMW 325 Challenge, MINI Cooper Cup, Austrian GT, and Formula Young, a separate, fenced-off Parc Fermé will also be set up. Immediately follow the officials’ instructions after qualifying and the race.
- Work on the vehicle is prohibited until clearance is granted. Selected vehicles from all classes may be directed to a technical inspection area for a follow-up inspection.
- The weigh-in station in the Parc Fermé is available to participants throughout the weekend.

9 RAVENOL 1h Endurance Race

- Qualifying and the race will take place on Saturday according to the current schedule.
- Pit stop window: Minutes 25 through 35.
- Mandatory minimum pit stop duration: 3 minutes.
- Participants must observe all supplementary instructions and bulletins regarding the hour-long race.

10 Awards Ceremony and kronehit Paddock Party

- The main awards ceremony on Saturday will take place after the racing program, according to the schedule or as announced. Please arrive on time and together with your teams.
- Immediately afterward, the Histo Cup Paddock Party powered by kronehit will begin in the paddock.
- Food trucks and bar trucks will provide refreshments; kronehit DJ Indygo will provide the music. Drivers, teams, friends, and partners are all cordially invited.
- The award ceremonies on Sunday will take place approximately 30 minutes after the end of each race. Please pay attention to the announcements.

11 Paddock: Pits and Rest Periods

- The paddock at the Salzburgring is very compact. Please use only the designated areas and be considerate of others.
- Trailers and vehicles not immediately needed must be parked in the designated areas after unloading.
- Starting at 10:00 p.m., keep noise levels to a minimum; starting at midnight, complete quiet is required throughout the entire paddock.
- Return pit keys and transponders to the race office by Sunday at the latest.
- Take old tires, oil cans, spare parts, and other trash with you and leave your parking space clean.
- The paddock must be completely cleared by the end of the event on Sunday in accordance with the Salzburgring's guidelines.

12 Fairness and Safety

- Histo Cup is all about "Racing for Fun": respectful and fair behavior on the track and in the paddock. Aggressive behavior has no place here.
- A 0.00 per mille alcohol limit applies to all participants. Random checks may be conducted.
- Window nets are mandatory for touring cars. Personal protective equipment and vehicle equipment must comply with the regulations.

13 Notes for the Classica Trophy

- The Classica Trophy is a regularity competition, not a race.
- Strictly observe flags and light signals.
- A minimum speed of 50 km/h applies in the start/finish area. Abrupt braking and intentionally tailgating are prohibited.

We wish all drivers and teams a safe, fair, and successful home race at the Salzburgring!

David and the entire Histo Cup Team

Race Director’s Instructions for the Histo Cup at the Salzburgring 2026

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

Schedule

The latest published version (V3) on 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 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 appropriate form is available at Race Control.

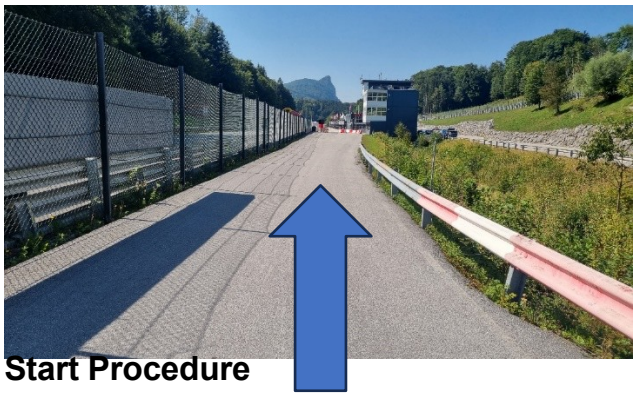
For participants sharing a vehicle with two drivers and for participants in the one-hour race:

It must be announced no later than 1 hour before the start of qualifying or 1 hour before the start of the 1-hour race which driver will compete in the first qualifying session and the first race, and which driver will compete in the second qualifying session and the second race.

For the 1-hour race, it must be announced which driver will drive Turn 1 and which driver will drive Turn 2.

Starting Grid

The starting grid for each race will be formed in front of the race tower at the Salzburgring, at the entrance to 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.



Start Procedure

Before the start of the formation lap, the “3 minutes,” “1 minute,” and “30 seconds” 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 will indicate to the participants that they 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.

The starting line is located at the end of the pit lane.



Pit Lane

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

Observe the white line at the pit entrance and exit. During qualifying and the race, pay attention to the blue lights at the pit exit.

Vehicles may only stop and work on them exclusively 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 an additional 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 (approximately 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 at the scene of the accident. All participating vehicles line up behind the safety car at intervals of less than 5 car lengths.

Any vehicle that drives unnecessarily slowly or erratically during the safety car period, or that is considered a potential hazard to other drivers, will be reported to the stewards. This applies to all vehicles both on the racetrack and at the pit lane entrance, within the pit lane, or at the pit lane exit.

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 once the lights on the safety car are turned off.

When the starting line is crossed, the race is resumed 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 the use of the safety car is not absolutely necessary, the race director may initiate a Full Course Yellow phase during qualifying. 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.

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

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 during 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

Parc Ferme applies to all participants in the BMW Challenge, the Mini Challenge, and Formula Renault 2.0.

For all other vehicles, the paddock serves as the Parc Ferme.

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 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.

Conduct on the Race Track

- **Dangerous maneuvers are prohibited.**
- **Avoid moving in the braking zone.**
- **According to FIA guidelines, you must always leave a space equal to one car width between you and your competitors.**

- **Repeated changes of direction are prohibited; a maximum of one change is permitted.**
- **During qualifying, keep the race line clear when driving a slow lap.**

The tire stacks in the chicanes have been replaced with bollards.



Rainer Werner, Race Director