

# 05.-07. Mai 2023



# Written Drivers Briefing "BOSCH HOCKENHEIM HISTORIC 2023"

From: The Race Director (Briefing notes)
To: All drivers and competitors

Cc: The Stewards of the meeting, secretary of the meeting, scrutineers and time keeper

# **CIRCUIT INFORMATION**

Lap length : 4.574 m | SC Line 1 : at the beginning of pit entry Pole Position : right side (Rolling Start) | SC Line 2 : at the end of pit exit line

Speed limit pit lane : 60 km/h SC initial position : Exit turn 15

Practice starts : after pit exit right side | SC Lights off : before entrance turn 12

Start- and finish line : same By Red Flag go to : Pit Lane

Official notice board : virtually notice board | Pre-start area : Inside turn 16 and turn 17

#### **EVENT NOTES**

#### in Paddock:

- Walking pace, no practice starts, watch out for pedestrians
- Engine silence during official lunch break, as well as before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m. (Friday 8 p.m.)

#### in the pit lane:

- maximum 60 km/h, violation in training/qualification = fine / in the race = drive-through penalty
- Access teams aside of pit 1, exit at the end of the pit area to the right, ONLY one-way traffic!
- after the session has been flagged, clear the pit lane area immediately and leave the pit lane
- Driving backwards with engine power is prohibited, including entering the garages backwards
- Racing cars in the pit lane must be <u>pushed</u> into the parc fermé after a session has been flagged.

# on the race track:

- Crossing the white lines to the left and right of the track with more than 3 wheels is prohibited. The track limits especially in turn 1 are monitored and punished by judges of fact.
- Leaving the race track with advantage can be penalized, as can reckless driving back onto the race track endangering other participants.
- In the case of unsportsmanlike behavior or taking advantage, you will receive a black and white warning flag, in the event of a repeat offense a black flag will be shown at the start/finish line.
- In the event of a technical problem, leave the race track and drive to one of the openings in the crash barriers (orange marking) or to a marshal post.

### **SIGNALING**

The flag signs and meanings are described in Appendix H of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and knowledge of them is mandatory for every participant.

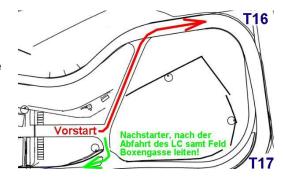
The flag signs of the marshals are partially supported by light panels. These have the same meaning and effectiveness as the waving flags of the marshals.

The checkered flag may only be passed once, multiple passes will result in penalty.

#### PRE-START AREA

The pre-start area is at the end of the "Industriestrasse", after the race control tower. All series with the exception of the 4 series (BOSS, MRL, MEL and Group C), which are more or less completely in the pits, all sessions begin there with the start of the training sessions, qualifyings and races.

The exit from the pre-start area is before turn 16, through turn 17 and the official start takes place by crossing the starting line. Either the start of a training, the start of a qualifying, the start of a regularity, the start of a presentation or the start of the formation lap for a race.







#### "CODE 60"

Practice, qualifying and races can be neutralized with "Code 60". This is indicated to the drivers with the "Code 60 flag" and, if necessary, the additional light panels used. The maximum speed is 60 km/h after showing the "Code 60 sign" and overtaking is prohibited. The minimum permissible lap time during a "Code 60 phase" is published by Bulletin. The cancellation is indicated by green flags

#### **TEST / QUALIFIKATION**

Test and qualification run will always be started from the pre-start area. Vehicles in the pits drive to the end of the pit lane, turn right twice and drive to the pre-start area.

<u>Exception:</u> The 4 series placed in the pits (BOSS GP, MRL, MEL and Group C SC) start their sessions from the pit lane. Opening of the pit lane with GREEN = start of the session. Driving to and on the Fast Lane is only permitted when the green light is turned on, or listen to the track announcer. Participants in these series with a stand in the paddock have to drive into the pit lane via the pre-start area.



After the end of a session, drive back into the pit lane and then into the Parc Fermé (after Qualy or race), into the paddock or to your pits, depending on the agreement with the organizer or like written in your series regulations.

The entrance from the pit lane to the Parc Fermé or back to the paddock is in front of the first 2 pits (FIA garages). Follow the instructions of the marshals.

In the event of a suspension during test/qualifying with **red flags**, all vehicles must immediately **reduce their speed to 80 km/h** and overtaking is strictly prohibited. The maximum speed of 80 km/h is monitored and applies to the entire route (except the pit lane). All vehicles enter the pit lane and line up on the Fast Lane or drive to their teams. A possible restart is made by GREEN at the pit exit.

#### STARTING LINEUP

The starting lineups for the races, regularities and presentations take place for all series in the pre-start area. Vehicles in the pits drive to the end of the pit lane, turn right and join the pre-start area.

**Exception:** The series placed in the pits, see above, drive one lap from the pit lane to the starting grid at the start and finish line on track. Participants in

these series with a stand in the paddock will drive into the pit lane via the pre-start area on instruction.



Please be present min. 20 minutes before the respective starting time for the line-up at the pre-start. Participants who arrive late can lose their right to their starting place, have to queue at the back or start later through the pit lane. The Leading Car is waiting in front of the starting field.

After opening the pre-start, follow the Leading Car onto the track. The formation lap starts from the starting line. In some series there is a short deceleration in front of the starting line in order

to bring the field together again in an orderly manner.

The access for the teams to the pit lane is aside of the FIA-garages, the exit **only** at the end of the pit lane to the right. See sketch. There is one-way traffic. Please clear and leave the pit lane area together with your trolleys immediately after your session has been waved off. Vehicles in the pit lane must exit or be pushed to the end of the pits.



# **ROLLING START (Indianapolis Start)**

In the pre-start area, the vehicles are lined up behind the Leading Car in the starting formation. The fastest participant is on the right (Pole Position) The following panels / signals are shown, each associated with an acoustic signal: 5 min. / 3 min. / 1 minute (the Leading Car shows YELLOW) / 30 seconds / green flag.

The Leading Car drives onto the track with the field behind and without stopping again at the start/finish line directly into the Formation Lap. In series with a large number of participants, it is possible to delay or stop briefly at the start/finish line in order to bring the vehicles together before the Formation Lap and to completely empty the pre-start area.



Overtaking is only permitted if a vehicle has left the pre-start area late. Vehicles not overtaken by the full field may overtake carefully up to the GRID sign to restore the original starting order. Vehicles that fail to do this must fall back to the end of the field.

The GRID sign is displayed at MP 32 on the right side of the track before the entrance of the Motodrom. From this sign on, the starting positions must be resumed and two rows must be formed. The distance to the vehicle in front should not be more than 5 vehicle lengths. Zig-zag driving is prohibited. The Leading Car drives towards the start at a constant speed (approx. 80 km/h).

The Leading Car then turns right into the pit lane, the two rows drive at a constant speed across the two rows of grid boxes in a closed, parallel formation towards the starting line. You will be expected with **red** starting lights, the start is only released when we switch to **GREEN**, the formation may be broken up and you may overtake then immediately.

If the start is unsuccessful, the starting lights remain Red. In this case, the participants must drive one lap past the red starting lights at low speed and stop at their original starting points again. Then the start process will be repeated. The race will be shortened accordingly.

# **STANDING START (Grand-Prix-Start)**

The vehicles (Lurani and HSCC F2) drive independently from the pre-start area directly into the grid. Driving through the pits is not permitted and will be penalized. The fastest participant is on the left side (Pole Position).

After taking the starting places, the start countdown begins with the starting boards (5min.) and acoustic signals: The vehicles independently drive a Formation Lap ("green flag lap") and return to their starting grids. There is a permanent ban on overtaking. Vehicles that leave their starting place late and are passed by the entire field have to start from the last position. Vehicles that are not overtaken by the entire field may only resume their original starting position when all cars in front of them are into their starting grids.

When the last vehicle has taken its starting position, the starter will show the "5-second board". After 5 seconds the starting lights turns red. After a further 1-3 seconds the starting lights turns from **RED** to **OFF** and the start is enabled.

The race management reserves the right to shorten the start countdowns for reasons of time.

#### **START DELAY:**

If a driver realizes at the start that he is not able to start, he must indicate this immediately (flashing the headlights, horn, opening the door or hand signals, etc.). If the Starter decides to stop the start of the race in this case, the yellow flashing lights at the start light will be switched on.

The sign "EXTRA FORMATION LAP" will be shown and then the green lights will be switched on. All cars able to do this must complete another Formation Lap. The race will be shortened. The offending vehicle can, if it can be started, start from the last position or is pushed into the pit lane and can start from there

If the "Start Delayed" sign is shown, the red lights will remain on and the yellow flashing lights will be added. The engines are to be switched off. The starting process then begins again with the display of the boards for the new warm-up lap.

The race management reserves the right to shorten the new start countdown for reasons of time.

#### **SAFETY CAR**

If a Safety Car is deployed, SC signs will be displayed and yellow flags will be waved. There is an absolute ban on overtaking and the speed must be reduced. The SC will drive onto the track before turn 16, the participants have to line up behind it.

The Safety Car can take a shortcut or use the pit lane. Drivers must follow the SC as long as the yellow flashing lights are on. When the SC completes its mission, the lights will be turned off before turn 12 and the leading racecar will take the lead and the restart. With the lights off, the Safety Car drives into the pit lane and the race will be restarted by switching the start lights to green and waving green flags from the start line on.

**Attention:** Overtaking is only allowed **after crossing** of the start and finish line.



If the race is suspended with the **RED FLAG**, all vehicles must immediately reduce their speed. The maximum permissible speed is then **generally 80 km/h** and applies to the entire track (except for the pit lane). All vehicles must then proceed to the Pit-lane without overtaking. The first vehicle to arrive takes the place in front of the pit exit light. All following vehicles fill up the Fast Lane behind them. Leaving the Fast Lane to the team means starting from the end of the field.

When the race will be resumed, the restart takes place behind the safety car.

#### **END OF RACES / PARC FERMÉ**

After the checkered flag, there is a cool-down lap, then the entry into the pit lane and into the Parc Fermé behind the race control building (for different Parc Fermé-regs please ask your series coordinator).

With the flagging of the first vehicle of a qualification or a race, all classified vehicles are subject to the Parc Fermé regulations until the end of the protest period. No work may be carried out on the vehicles during this time.

#### PRICE GIVING / AWARD CEREMONY

The first three finisher of a race are honored immediately on the podium (next to Parc Fermé). Please ask your coordinator about the times of the class award ceremonies for the respective racing series.

