



# Paddock and pit lane regulations

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## Set-up / entry permit:

Every vehicle parked on the site during the set-up/dismantling process (including cars) will need a clearly and legibly written entry permit with the driver's company name, address and mobile behind the windscreen (the set-up/entry permit will be provided by the organizer). The person in charge of the relevant set-up is obliged to hand over this permit to all trades in connection with the respective structure set-up. Vehicles that are not in possession of this permit will not be authorized to enter the area. Vehicles whose drivers cannot be contacted when required will be towed away for a fee. The costs will be charged to the responsible person. This permit is valid until 6:30 am on the Friday morning before the start of the event.

1. Driving on the race track is only permitted during the published times of use and via the entrances provided for this purpose after prior registration with the track management staff in Race Control. During construction and set-up times, only restricted driving on the race track is permitted (maximum speed of max. 50 km/h and hazard warning lights switched on).
2. The entire paddock area may only be driven on at a maximum speed of 10 km/h. The road traffic regulations apply. Parking in the paddock is only permitted in the designated parking areas. In case of violation, towing will be charged.
3. Unauthorized persons are prohibited from entering the pit lane and all other security areas.
4. The use of the paddock areas is only permitted during events or with the express permission of the track management. Overnight stays outside of contractually agreed areas are not permitted.
5. The use of skateboards and similar vehicles and the use of uninsured vehicles, which are subject to insurance according to German regulations, are prohibited.
6. The running of unauthorized motor vehicles (especially mopeds), with the exception of racing vehicles, represents a significant fire risk and is therefore strictly prohibited on the entire Hockenheim-Ring GmbH site.
7. The use of motor vehicles, motorcycles and scooters by children and persons without a driving license is prohibited. Parents are liable for their children.
8. The operation of electrical equipment brought onto the premises is subject to the generally recognized rules of electrical engineering (VDE regulations / Ordinance on Industrial Safety and Health). The operation of untested electrical equipment is not permitted. All electrical equipment has to be labeled with a certificate of conformity. Hockenheim-Ring GmbH reserves the right to check the certificates and, in the event of non-compliance, to decommission the electrical equipment.
9. According to the official permit, it is prohibited to cause noise in the evening or at night between 6 pm and 9 am or 8 pm and 9 am (depending on the noise class and in accordance with the contractually agreed operating times). For this reason, it is prohibited to start or run racing vehicles without a road traffic license during the above-mentioned times (engine rest). Violations will be prosecuted. The same applies to the operation of music systems. Live music or music acts in e.g. hospitality areas or on show stages are only permitted with the approval of the track management.
10. Escape and rescue routes must be kept permanently clear across their full width. No objects may be placed on the escape routes. Temporary storage is also prohibited. In front of stairways and exits from stairwells, a minimum distance equal to the width of the stairs but no less than 1.00 m, must be kept clear by means of barriers, personnel separation systems or other barriers. Directly behind the pits is an escape and rescue route across the entire width of the pit area (marked barrier area). This must be kept clear over the entire marked area. The road between Paddock II and the Baden-



Württemberg Center/Inner Grandstand is a rescue and escape route and must be kept permanently clear for rescue vehicles. The tail lifts of the team trucks must either be completely lowered or completely closed and must not protrude into the escape route or the driveways.

11. All relevant environmental regulations must be followed. This applies to the regulations on waste disposal, soil and water protection and immission control. Fuels, oil and other environmentally hazardous substances have to be handled with the greatest possible care. Spills must be reported immediately to the track management staff.
12. Waste must be collected in the containers provided for this purpose. The operator's waste separation system applies. Waste shall be separated into:
  - a. - Residual waste
  - b. - Paper and cardboard
  - c. - Used oil and oil-contaminated solids such as oil filters, oil cans or rags
  - d. - Food waste and organic waste
13. The disposal of used oil is only allowed at the designated disposal site of Hockenheim-Ring GmbH. The storage of used oil in the box is prohibited. Waste oil left behind will be disposed of at the polluter's expense.
14. When setting up tents and vehicles, it must be ensured that fire water supply facilities such as above-ground and underground hydrants are not obstructed. A minimum distance of 1.50 m must be kept clear from hydrants. The hydrants must be permanently accessible to the fire department in the event of an emergency.
15. While handling flammable substances (fuel, oil, etc.) and when refueling vehicles, increased caution is required and fire extinguishers must be kept on hand. Fuels may only be provided and stored in proper containers and in accordance with official regulations, up to a maximum of 200 liters per row of boxes.
16. In order to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations and to be able to effectively fight incipient fires, each mobile sales and information stand is required to keep a 6 kg ABC powder fire extinguisher on hand. If a sales stand has a deep fryer, an additional grease fire extinguisher must be kept on hand.

The number of gas cylinders per stand is limited to a maximum of 2 (11 kg each). The use and storage of gas cylinders is only permitted in containers or devices intended for this purpose. During storage and operation, care must be taken to ensure that the gas cylinders are not exposed to any sources of heat radiation. The required 2-yearly recurring inspections of the gas systems in accordance with DGUV Principle 310-003 must be carried out. Operation is not permitted without proof of testing.
17. For environmental reasons, unnecessary energy consumption (lighting, heating, technical equipment, etc.) must be switched off.
18. A power supply system can only be used with the consent of the operator. Commissioning may only be carried out by qualified personnel.
19. All damages on facilities at the Hockenheimring must be reported immediately to the track management for documentation purposes. The causer or renter is liable for all damage to the pit facilities, the sanitary facilities and damage in the paddock, e.g. holes in the asphalt (caused by using groundnails or other anchoring means), asphalt deformation caused by tire heating tents, cable damage, pipe damage, damage to electrical distributors, etc.
20. Barbecues and open fires are strictly prohibited inside the pit area, on the marked restricted areas, in the vicinity of vehicles, combustible waste collection containers and fuel containers.
21. Smoking is absolutely prohibited in all buildings, in the pits, the marked restricted areas, the entire pit lane, the fuel station areas and in the vicinity of fuel tanks.
22. All commercial activities in the paddock, such as the sale of merchandising articles or the offering of services, require the approval of the organizer or the race track operator.
23. The operator has the catering rights in the entire paddock area. The sale of food and beverages is therefore generally prohibited. The operation of hospitality facilities must be agreed before the event.



24. The distribution of advertising material in the paddock such as flyers, give-aways etc. and the display of products are generally prohibited. are to be coordinated with the operator.
25. Dogs and other pets are prohibited in the paddock and spectator areas.
26. The race track operator is authorized to exercise domiciliary rights. The instructions of the Hockenheimring staff and their representatives for safety and fire protection must be followed.
27. Only residue-free adhesive tape may be used for markings in the pit lane. The applied markings must be removed completely and without residue after the event. The removal of any residues will be at the expense of the renter/causer. Furthermore, for example it is forbidden to drill holes in the concrete surface of the pit lane (working lane) make fixings by hammering in nails. Any damage repair costs will be charged to the responsible person.  
If the causer cannot be identified, the costs will be charged to the responsible series operator.
28. The premises are monitored by video cameras. The video surveillance of the premises is for security purposes, to safeguard domiciliary rights and to prevent and investigate criminal offenses.
29. Garage tents that are mounted to a semi-trailer or truck and have a floor area of more than 75 square meters (the truck or semi-trailer is included in the floor area) are temporary structures within the meaning of the Guidelines for Temporary Structures (FlBauR, Section 76 (1) LBauO Rheinland-Palatinate). This means that if these structures are to be erected at the Hockenheimring, they must have a valid construction permit or an inspection book. The ballasting required for the tent must be provided by the tent owner.