

## DRIVERS BRIEFING LE CASTELLET ROUND, 01 MAY - 03 MAY 2026

Centre line	5.821 m	Openings of the track	Orange
Int 1 at	1.583 m	Scrutineering	Paddock
Int 2 at	3.462 m	Sporting regulations	V1.2
Start line at	111 m	Latest Committee Decision	V9 (23.04.2026)
Pit in at	5.451 m	Timetable	V3
Pit out at	277,1 m	Circuit Map	V1 - 05.12.2025
Pit in to pit out	414,70 m	Drivers Season Notes	V2 – 10.04.2026 Team Information n°22
Lap by the pits	5.711 m	Team Managers Season Notes	V2 – 10.04.2026 Team Information n°22
Pole position	LHS	Transfer Map	V1 – 23.04.2026 Team Information n°26
Grid formation between	T11-T12	Starting Process	V1 - 23.04.2026 Team Information n°26
Red flag line	Start line	Race Control Location & Access	Pit Building Ground Floor
Race director signaling	RHS at the Start Line	Timekeeping	Pit Building Ground Floor
Entering pit lane respect white line at	LHS	RD Office	Pit Building Ground Floor
Exiting pit lane respect white line at	LHS	Stewards Office	Pit Building First Floor
SC turn off the lights	T11	Track Limits Counter	TV Channel 6
Minimum pit stop time	160 seconds	Parc Fermé Race	Start / Finish Straight

The stewards will issue Bulletin 1.

### Pit lane procedures

- 1) Pushing a car in the working area: the area starts at the pit in loop and ends at the line perpendicular to the pit exit lights.
- 2) Rotation to and from the ELMS pit lane for the race only is as per the transfer map (V1) you have received.
- 3) Refuelling and Tire Change tests will be conducted after Free Practice 2. Any team performing these tests must push the car into and out of the pit lane without switching the engine on.

### On track driving standards & incident procedures

- 4) Any track limit infringement reported at T15 will entail with the loss of the current lap as well as the next lap.
- 5) Any car driving with the 4 wheels behind the white line at Turns 1 and 2, must then stay out of the track, and follow the escape road and rejoin at Turn 3 by driving on the LHS of the 2 bollards.
- 6) Drivers missing the apex at T3 must drive straight ahead through the asphalted area, bear left and pass on the left-hand side of the board with an arrow. From this point onwards, drivers may safely rejoin the track after the apex of T5 and without gaining any advantage.
- 7) Drivers missing the braking point at T8 must drive straight ahead and use the chicane set up with cones.
  - a. It is the driver's responsibility to re-join the track in a safe way, and without gaining any advantage.
  - b. A driver fighting for a position, the driver will come out behind.
  - c. A driver side by side, the driver will come out behind.
  - d. A driver defending in front will come out behind.
  - e. A driver alone must reduce the gap to the car behind, clearly indicating that there is no gain. This must be done before Intermediate 2.
- 8) In case of a puncture, drivers may use the shortcut after T10 to rejoin safely and proceed to the pit lane by driving off track in the run-off.

### End of session

- 9) Parc Fermé after the qualifying sessions will be in the paddock under each team awning, except for cars which have been chosen to undergo scrutineering. Selected cars must be pushed to scrutineering immediately. All other cars must proceed to their awnings immediately at the end of their category qualifying session. None of the cars are allowed to be lifted.
- 10) The chequered flag will be presented at the Line, on driver RHS.





## Race

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- 11) When driving to the grid, drivers must always respect the instructions of the marshals and the MLMC staff when being positioned in the dummy grid.
- 12) When going to the grid, if drivers wish to warm up tires, they may weave on the following conditions: that it is safe to do so, that they do not obstruct or block any car behind them. A driver when alone, may use the full width of the track but once he is caught up by another driver, he must give way.
- 13) During the formation laps, weaving to warm tires up is allowed until Turn 12 of the second formation lap. From this point onwards, drivers must assume their grid positions and no more weaving will be allowed.
- 14) At the start, the Leading car of each category will keep a gap of maximum 5-car-length to the last car of the category in front until it crosses the Line.
- 15) Should there be a red flag during the race, the red flag line is deemed to be the start line.
- 16) Gate to access the grid in case of a Red Flag is the one in front of race control.

## Safety car

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- 17) The SC will be deployed at pit exit, and at the end of the procedure it will turn out the yellow lights at T11 and will exit the track by the pit entry. Be reminded that at the restart, overtaking is strictly forbidden until you cross the Line.
- 18) If at any given moment the SC has to bring the field through the pit lane, for your help we will inform via the timing monitors that the SC will bring all cars through the pit lane.
- 19) During the SC procedure, and once in line behind the SC, cars may weave in order to minimize the loss of tire temperature, except in the area or areas affected by debris or people working on the track, where all cars must line up. In this/these area/s tire warming is not allowed.

## End of the race

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- 20) After the race, the top car from each class required for underneath the podium will be informed via the timing monitors and pit wall radio.
- 21) Cars selected for scrutineering will be noted via radio and timing monitors.
- 22) After taking the chequered flag, all cars will do a deceleration lap. After this lap, all cars selected for scrutineering and each category winner will enter the pit lane.
- 23) Each category winner will stop under the podium while cars to scrutineering will drive directly to it.
- 24) All other cars will cross the Line one more time and will stop in Parc Fermé located on track after the Line.
- 25) The cars that are under the podium will be pushed to scrutineering by the team after the podium procedures, under the surveillance of a scrutineer. Please ensure mechanics stay after the podium ceremony to assist with this procedure.

## General Information

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- 26) n/a



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