



FX RACING WEEKEND
AUTODROMO “RICCARDO PALETTI” VARANO DE’ MELEGARI
16-17 MAGGIO 2026

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To: All Competitors/ Drivers LOTUS
Cc: Stewards, Secretary of the meeting

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DRIVERS & TEAM MANAGERS’ BRIEFING
ROLLING START

1. CIRCUIT MAIN DATA

Circuit Length.	2350 mt
Speed Limit in Pit Lane	60 Km/h
Rolling Start Pole Position	Left
Length of the Pit Lane	462 mt
Practice Start	Exit Pit Lane – right side
Safety Car at first lap	Turn 12
Safety Car during the race	Exit Pit Lane
SC Line 1	Pit Entry
SC Line 2	At the end of the Pit Lane
SC Lights Off	Between Turn 7 e Turn 9
Stop and Go Penalty Area	Exit Pit Lane – right side
Race Direction Signaling Place	Finish Line – Right Side
Parc Fermè	Behind Race Direction
Start and Finish Line Offset	60 mt

2. GENERAL NOTES

- A) The official time is the one shown on the monitors and checked by the timekeepers.
- B) The openings of the track for cars to be placed in safe position are marked in ORANGE.
- C) If you encounter a mechanical problem that could cause an oil or water leak, you must leave the track and move to a safety zone away from the racing line.
- D) If you are involved in an accident, you must inform the marshals of your condition, similarly if you stop and cannot restart your vehicle, immediately report the situation to the marshals and unless you require medical attentions, exit to the vehicle.
- E) **Pit exit white line:** Drivers must stay to the **right** of the pit exit white line when leaving the pit lane.
- F) Drivers must remain to the **right** of the white line even when entering the pit lane.
- G) At the end of the qualifying practice and races, all cars must proceed to the parc fermè located behind race direction, following the instructions given by marshals.

3. REGULATIONS AND BEHAVIOR DURING THE RACE

- A) The green and red lights at the end of the Pit Lane must be respected; access to the track is only permitted with a GREEN light. During the race the light will remain green (except during the SC procedure – See Art. 14.10 RDS VC).

- B) During a free practice, qualifying and races the lights will remain flashing blue at the pit lane exit and it will be the driver's responsibility to enter the track.
- C) The speed limit in the Pit Lane is **60 Km/h** and any violation will be penalized. Drivers are responsible complying to this limit. Failure to comply with **60 Km/h** speed limit in the pit lane will incur the following penalties:
 - During the practice: euros 100,00 for every 5 Km/h over the 60 Km/h limit up to maximum of 80 Km/h. Over 80 Km/h the driver will be given a black flag, will be fined € 1.000,00 and all times will be cancelled.
 - During the races: Drive Through
- D) Refueling is always prohibited in Pit Lane.
- E) Using reverse gear in the Pit Lane is prohibited.
- F) **Yellow flags** are a danger signal and when displayed you must slow down. Overtaking is forbidden from the first yellow flag until the next green flag.
- G) **The blue flag** will be used for overtaking during practice and lapping during the races.
- H) If a car stops, the driver must leave the gearbox in neutral to facilitate recovery operations.
- I) The rear light/ rear lights must be illuminated at all times when the track has been declared WET or the race has been declared WET, even if you are running with slick tyres (dry tyres).
- J) **Respect the Track Limits:** one tyre must remain in contact with the white/ red kerb.

4. STARTING PROCEDURE

Rolling Start

4.1 Standard Starting Procedure

When the Pit Lane opens cars will leave the Pit Lane and cars must proceed directly to the starting grid. The car must be positioned in its starting position with the engine off. **The Pit Lane will remain open for 5 minutes.**

Once the Pit Lane is closed, any car still in the Pit Lane may start only after the entire field has passed the Pit Lane exit during the first lap.

5 Minutes board – end of works on the cars – **3 Minutes board** – teams exit the grid – Engines must be started when the **1 Minute board** is displayed – **30 Seconds board** – Green Flag – “Formation Lap”.

When the green flag is displayed, the cars will start behind the Leading Car; at the end of the lap, the Leading Car will enter in the Pit Lane and the cars will proceed in 2 lanes at a speed no higher than **80 km/h**. Overtaking is prohibited during this lap.

Zigzagging to warm up the tires during the formation lap is permitted up to Turn 10. After this point, keep the formation as close as possible.

When the cars reach the starting straight, the lights will be red and if the alignment is correct the lights will change from red to green; signaling the start of the race. **Cars may only begin overtaking once the lights turns green.**

In the event of a false start, the lights will remain red and the flashing yellow lights will also be on and a new formation lap will be conducted using the same procedure described above. The driver in pole position will be responsible for the pace. Race time will begin at the end of the first formation lap.

5. SAFETY CAR

When all marshal posts display waving yellow flags and SC boards, drivers must be ready to slow down and line up behind the Safety Car. Overtaking is prohibited, unless specifically required by the Safety Car by flashing the green lights. The first car behind the SC must not be more than five car lengths away from the SC. When the Race Director calls in the Safety Car, the yellow lights will be switched off between turn 7 and turn 9, all marshal posts will take away SC board and yellow flag will become fixed. When cars get closer to the Finish Line, the green lights will be switched on and a green flag will be displayed, but overtaking will be prohibited until when the car will pass the Finish Line. **See RDS Velocità in Circuito Art. 14.10.**

It is not permitted to undertake the DRIVE THROUGH AND STOP&GO during a Safety Car.

6. FULL COURSE YELLOW

- A) A “Full Course Yellow” board is deployed under decision of the Race Director in order to neutralize a practice session and/ or a race.
- B) A “Full Course Yellow” board will be deployed only in case drivers and marshals are in immediate physical danger and only when the circumstances not require to stop the race or to let the Safety Car in.
- C) In case of use of the “Full Course Yellow”, the Race Director will comply the following rules:
 Imposed speed limit on full track: in this case every marshal post will deploy the FCY board (it means "Full Course Yellow") together with a waved yellow flag. The Race Director shall decide whether deploying double waved yellow flag in the marshal post before the accident area. During FCY all cars must limit their speed to **80 Km/h**, keep the same distance from other cars until restart the practice session and/ or the race.
 The end of FCY period is reported by a green flag.
 Every lap completed during “Full Course Yellow” period will be calculated as race lap.

7. RULES IN THE PIT LANE

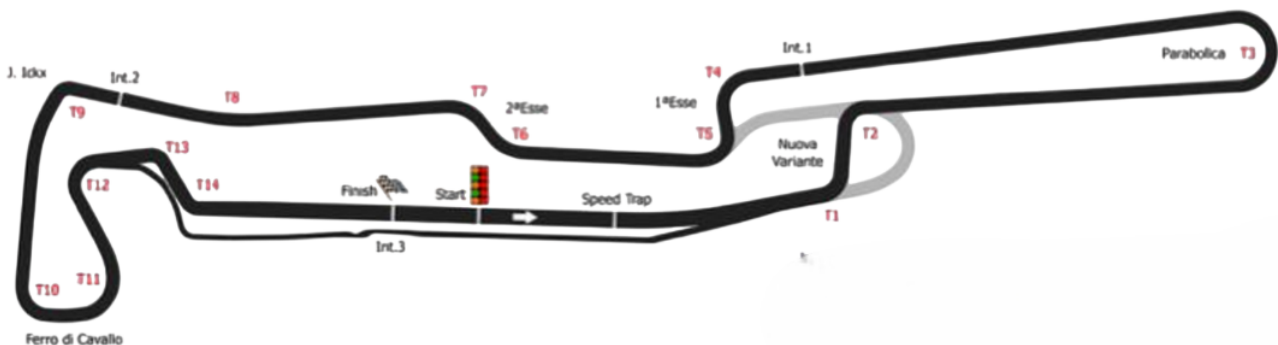
Only four people are allowed to work on each car in front of the box, just as only authorized persons for each competitor’s car will be able to access to the Pit Wall.

Team attendants will wear rational and safe garments; in particular the authorized people to work on the car shall cover their arms and legs.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- A) Any driver using any part of the run-off areas and who is suspected of obtaining any kind of advantage will be immediately reported to the Stewards.
- B) Fire Extinguishers Along the Circuit: are indicated by an white board with a red letter “F” on the guardrail or on the fence.
- C) The notices published on the Official Notice Board have the value of notification for all purposes.
- D) All Competitors and Drivers cannot leave the circuit if their actions are subject of investigation by Stewards and/ or the Race Control.
- E) Podium: 1-2-3 overall. All other cars in Parc Fermè.

Attached 1: Circuit Layout



Il Clerk of the Course
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