



HistoCup & CobraTrophy Backgrounder

Since 1998, the Austrian old & youngtimer scene has been enriched by a new, attractive racing series. The Historical Drivers' Association e.V., under the leadership of Michael Steffny, announces the "Histo Cup" for historical touring cars and GTs.

Over the course of time, a very large community of interests has emerged that advertises real races according to the regulations of the time and conducts them with great success.

This series is particularly characterized by its clear positioning:

- 14 circular races on 7 weekends per racing season for historic touring cars and GTs
- simple classification and fair scoring system
- high level of safety due to the modern racetracks
- Honest sport, friendship and ambience are equally important
- professional management and media support

The offer and the professional organization motivates many drivers to take part in the "Histo-Cup Austria". There are sometimes more than 300 participants and thousands of visitors at the major events at the Salzburg Ring.

The Classica Trophy (whose rules we fully apply for our **Cobra Trophy**)

Historic rally events have boomed over the last two decades. Being able to move the beloved oldie really sporty and fast on a modern and safe racetrack was and is the idea of Mike Höll from Classica Cars in Salzburg.

Circuit feeling for old & youngtimers with a **regularity rating** is the recipe for success – in detail:

- Non competitive - you only compete against yourself
- Pace car leading for 'warm up lap/s'
- Then set your own 'reference time'
- Complete 3 more laps and repeat as close as possible your 'reference time'
- Winner is the one who repeats closest to standard time

And finally, the **good old gentlemen racing rules apply**, like (a) the curve belongs to the (wo)man in front (b) no pressing and jostling at all and (c) only overtaking when it is safe to do so!

CobraTrophy

For our two sessions on Saturday, September 16, we will have the racetrack all to ourselves = max. 40-50 Cobras of ECM Participants only (no other vehicles on the track!) but depending on the weather, there will probably be a few hundred/thousands of visitors at the stands and in the paddock creating a fantastic atmosphere.

Everyone can drive as fast or comfortably as they want - the winner is who drives 3 laps exactly as fast as his own reference lap before - not the fastest driver!

Important 1 of 2: Please don't forget to bring your crash helmets (own/borrowed but motorsport/motorcycle helmets required!) Crash Helmets cannot be rented on anywhere near - and if you want to ride evenly to win in the regularity competition, you should also have a stopwatch (or mobile phone with stopwatch app) to hand!

Important 2 of 2: Strict Noise Limitation to 98 dB (+ 2 dB normally tolerated)

There is an officially decreed volume limit of 98dB, which is constantly measured and recorded around the racetrack by the regional government - a tolerance of +2dB (but no more!) is normally granted - if your car is louder, you'll get the black flag and you are out - then the fun is over and unfortunately there is no refund or money back!

So better you check the noise volume of your car (e.g. with dedicated sound measurement devices or free cell phone apps).

Just my personal tip/but no guarantee: If you have about 80 dB when idling, you usually have around 90 dB at 2/3 of the max RPM - but backfire can be the killer and easily can go over 100 dB (that's just my personal experience and what I have on my car - quite tight but still within accepted limits!).

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