



# **DRIVING REGULATIONS**

## **FOR DRIVING ON THE NÜRBURGRING**

The Nürburgring motorsport complex is going to release its race track for use for touristic drives (tourist rides) on days when it is not being used for racing events or test drives. The German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) shall apply to such tourist rides insofar as nothing to the contrary is agreed.

### **Section 1 – DRIVING PERMIT (DRIVING LICENCE)**

- 1) Only motor vehicles which comply with the German Road Vehicle Registration Regulation (StVZO) shall be allowed to drive on the Nürburgring. Excluded from the tourist drives on the Nürburgring are vehicles which due to their design or because of their technical condition have a minimum speed slower than 60 km/h, with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 2,8 t, with full bucket seats (driver and passenger), with upgraded or not standard removeable steering wheels, with HANS (head and neck support), with unpadded cages, with additional front or rear mounted fittings such as spoilers and aerodynamic components that protrude beyond the car's original width and height and have sharp edges, with number plates (red numbers), short number plates (03 and 04 numbers) and vintage car exchange number plates (07 numbers). Also excluded are quad bikes, trikes and karts.
- 2) Each vehicle driver must be in possession of a valid ticket from the capricorn NÜRBURGRING GmbH (following cNG) and a valid driving licence. Persons who are in possession of a driving licence in the sense of the "accompanied driving from the age of 17 (BF17)" in accordance with Section 48a of the ordinance on the authorisation of persons to drive on the road (learners' licence) shall be exempted from participation. The driver must carry the driving licence and the vehicle registration papers with him/her.
- 3) Drivers of vehicles which are not registered in Germany must carry proof of insurance with them.
- 4) Driving the Nordschleife with a season ticket transponder shall be exclusively allowed in combination with the valid ID card.
- 5) The validity of the season ticket is limited to the duration of the respective season. The season ends on 31 December of the respective year at the latest.
- 6) The cNG reserves the right to exclude vehicles with visibly recognizable defects from the tourist rides. Claims for compensation shall not be allowed on the basis of such exclusions.

### **Section 2 – USE OF THE NÜRBURGRING**

- 1) The Nürburgring may only be entered and exited via the points which have been set up for this purpose and are marked as such.
- 2) The Nürburgring is a one-way street and is marked as such. Vehicles must drive in a clockwise direction.
- 3) Vehicles must use the roadway. They must drive on the right side. Overtaking is only allowed on the left. Drifting is not permitted.
- 4) The entire Nürburgring, including the hard shoulders, is an absolute no-stopping zone. Vehicles with technical defects are exempted from this rule. Turning back and reversing is also banned on the Nürburgring.
- 5) If a vehicle is left standing on the Nürburgring or on the adjacent facilities because of an accident or a technical defect, the vehicle driver must immediately report this incident to the race track management (phone +49 (0) 8000 302 112). The vehicle and/or the danger point must be properly secured and the vehicle must also be removed from the track area by the breakdown recovery vehicle which is used and authorised by the Nürburgring for this purpose in accordance with more detailed instructions from the race track management. The resulting costs shall be charged to the vehicle driver. Private vehicle recovery attempts are not allowed.
- 6) Snow chains and spiked tyres are not allowed to be used. Racing tyres are also banned (for instance slicks). No snow clearance service is provided.
- 7) Motorcyclists must wear complete protective clothing.
- 8) Car drivers and passengers must wear seat belts, and this also applies to persons in the rear seats. Children must be secured in appropriate child restraint systems.
- 9) There is an absolute overtaking ban in the vicinity of accident sites and other dangerous zones. Accident sites must be passed at appropriate speed, but at a maximum speed of 50 km/h. Signals from the deployed race track securing personnel, respectively the race track securing vehicles must be followed at all cost. Race track securing vehicles with their surrounding lights switched on are not allowed to be overtaken. Drivers who fail to observe such regulations shall be banned.
- 10) Road blocks/temporary closures of the track because of accidents, etc. are indicated by red signal lights. A driving on the Nürburgring is prohibited in that case.
- 11) In all other respects the posted safety rules and instructions shall apply.



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## **Section 3 – SPEED**

- 1) On the Nürburgring the basic regulations on driving speed in accordance with Section 3, subsection 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) must be observed (see under excerpt from the German Road Traffic Regulations [StVO]).
- 2) Racing with motor vehicles is banned in accordance with Section 29, sub-section 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO). This explicitly also includes attempts by individual vehicles to set up speed records.
- 3) All users of the Nürburgring must strictly observed with the speed limits on the track.
- 4) Vehicles must drive slower on the sections of the Nürburgring which are designated as "roadworks". The specified speed limits are mandatory.

## **Section 4 – LIABILITY & DAMAGE**

- 1) Driving on the Nürburgring is not subject to any liability on the part of cNG and persons appointed by this company. This particularly applies to damage suffered by the user due to violations of the obligations stated in §§ 2 and 3 committed by the user themselves. This exclusion shall not apply to damage to life or limb or impairment of health caused by a deliberate or negligible violation of obligations – also by a legal representative or vicarious agent of the group of persons released from liability – and also not to damage caused by a deliberate or negligible violation of obligations – also by a legal representative or vicarious agent of the group of persons released from liability.
- 2) Accidents and damage to the roadway, the hard shoulders, the fencing, the crash barriers or other installations or facilities of the Nürburgring must be immediately reported to the personnel of cNG. Violations shall be reported as unlawfully leaving the site of an accident. The incurred damage shall be noted in a damage report and must be signed by the person causing the damage. The costs for repairing the damage, including the use of the race track securing personnel and the race track securing vehicles, shall be charged to the person who caused the accident. Upon request the hourly rates charged for staff or vehicles to the person that caused an accident, soiling of the track etc. are available from race track management. The enforcement of higher claims for compensation for damage in individual cases shall remain unaffected by this regulation. This shall also apply to deployments which are not caused by accidents but instead by the loss of operating equipment.
- 3) cNG shall be entitled to demand an adequate advance cash payment for any damage caused by the user in accordance with the provision outlined above in sub-section 2.

## **Section 5 – TAXI RIDES**

- 1) Operating commercial taxi rides, whether paid or unpaid, is forbidden within the framework of the tourist rides without authorization by cNG. A commercial taxi ride is every type of paid or unpaid passenger transportation of third parties which serves to achieve or initiate a direct or indirect profit and/or contractual performance. This in particular includes the achievement of initiation of business relationships with third persons, linking with other services of the person performing and/ or operating the taxi rides, company incentives (internal, external), lotteries as well as the auctioning of rides via online auction sites, such as "eBay" and the offering of such rides on websites, in newspaper advertisements, etc.
- 2) A violation against sub-section 1 shall be punished by an immediate ban on entering the premises.

## **Section 6 – NOISE / ENVIRONMENT**

- 1) Any type of environmental damage must be immediately reported to the race track management.
- 2) Vehicles which do not comply with the noise threshold values entered in the vehicle registration papers with regard to the noise emissions from stationary and moving vehicles shall be banned from driving on the Nürburgring. Furthermore, the noise threshold value is not allowed to exceed the level in accordance with the near field measurement method (95 dB [A]) and the maximum sound-power level (130 dB [A]) stipulated by cNG, measured when the vehicle is driving past. cNG conducts sound measurement surveys on the course, and reserves the right to exempt vehicles from the tourist rides if they exceed the above noise threshold values, even if their noise threshold values do not exceed those stipulated in the vehicle registration papers. Vehicles with defective or illegally altered exhaust systems shall also be banned.
- 3) Drivers shall not be entitled to claims for compensation or repayment of the driving charge because of a ban imposed because of sub-section 2.



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## **Section 7 – MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1) Driving on the "Steilstrecke" (a steep short cut), the rescue and supply roads is forbidden.
- 2) The instructions of the personnel of cNG must be followed at all cost.
- 3) Photographs, filming and video recordings are banned during ongoing tourist rides as a matter of principle. Exceptions from this regulation shall require the explicit approval of cNG.
- 4) Every type of commercial use of the tourist rides shall require the explicit approval of cNG. Driver training sessions or driving instructions conducted by third parties or private persons are forbidden during tourist rides as a matter of principle. This ban also applies to driving schools.
- 5) All types of guided drives, with vehicles travelling in pairs or in convoys, are forbidden. Violations shall be punished by imposing a ban on the respective driver. Users shall not be entitled to compensation or a refund of the driving fees in case of such a driving ban.
- 6) Drives for training purposes to increase safety during tourist rides shall require the explicit authorization of cNG.
- 7) In the event of the loss of a season ticket and/or the transponder, this must be reported to cNG within 48 hours, so that a replacement card and/or the transponder can be issued. If cNG is not appropriately notified regarding the loss of a card within 48 hours after ascertaining that a card has been lost, no replacement card and/or transponder shall be provided. If the loss is reported in good time, cNG shall provide a replacement card and/or transponder. A processing fee will be charged for the replacement card and/or transponder.
- 8) cNG reserves the right to conduct random tests to check the identity of the season ticket owner. In the event of misuse of the season ticket (for instance transfer) the card shall be confiscated without replacement and without reimbursement of the purchasing cost. Furthermore, cNG reserves the right to impose a driving ban on the respective person and to report the misuse.
- 9) In cooperation with an officially appointed expert cNG conducts technical inspections at the entry point. Vehicles which have defects or represent a danger to other users of the track shall be banned from participating in the tourist rides. No claims for compensation shall be allowed on the basis of such bans.
- 10) The track may be immediately closed down due to unforeseen reasons (for instance accident, weather, the state of the track, etc.). No claims for compensation shall be allowed on the basis of such track closures.

## **Section 8 – SANCTIONS**

- 1) A contractual penalty of at least € 250 (in words: two hundred and fifty euros) to the benefit of cNG shall be agreed between the user and cNG for every culpable violation by the user of their obligations set out in § 1 subsection 1, § 2, § 3, § 5 as well as § 7 subsection 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Imposing such a contractual penalty explicitly does not exclude the assertion of damage claims besides the contractual penalty.
- 2) cNG reserves the right to impose a driving ban on track users for serious culpable violations of these general terms and conditions for driving on the Nürburgring. Information on the nature and extent of driving bans imposed for various types of violations can be obtained from cNG.

## **Excerpt from Section 3, sub-section 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO)**

"The driver of the vehicle is only allowed to drive at speeds where he/she is capable of continually controlling the vehicle. The driver must in particular adapt his/her speed to the road, traffic, visibility and weather conditions as well as his/her personal driving skills and the characteristics of the vehicle and its load."...