



Invitation

The sun is low above Rennbahn-Allee in Puch, its light reflecting off the freshly burned-in rubber marks on the asphalt. Numerous motorsport enthusiasts have gathered to compete in Austria. Following in the footsteps of Niki Lauda, Michael Schumacher, or Ayrton Senna, they all want to experience the aura of these legends and recreate those epic duels on a 1:24 scale.

And you can be part of it too!

One thing is already beyond doubt: history will be written here.

SSM has selected you and your group to take part in this special event. While competitors from Germany and Austria must qualify for the coveted starting positions, you are given a unique opportunity to participate without having to go through a qualification process. With the golden ticket, you are our guests of honor.

But what can you expect? Together with Carrera, we aim to write a new chapter in slot racing. You can look forward to a challenging track layout, fast straights, tight corners — and opponents who love racing just as much as you do.

The Carrera European Championship 2026 will be a stage for precision, courage, and passion. A place



where you can experience the kind of duels usually seen only in full-scale motorsport.

What awaits you:

- One of the most impressive 1:24 event tracks in Europe
- International drivers and teams
- Official results – including the European Champion
- Experienced race control
- Carrera World – a special location with tradition
- Possibly one or two guest stars
- Technical service and setup support

We want the European community to grow together just as successfully as it already has under the SSM



umbrella in Germany. One big family, experiencing racing highlights together and writing shared stories.

Because we are aware that there are many different regulations across Europe, we would like to prepare you for the ruleset we have chosen. It is based as closely as possible on the “out of the box” principle, with a few important modifications to bring everyone together. In general, everyone may start with their own car. On site, race control will assist you. The full regulations will follow in writing. However, we would like to point out in advance that we are also able to provide loan cars that meet the highest standards for race day performance.

The most important components have been tested by SSM and proven successful.

Standardized components:

- **SSM pool motor** – each driver receives a pool motor on race day (loan)
- **Ortmann SSM Explorer Cup tires on rear axle** (complete axle – loan)*



- **Guide flag:** Frankenslot / Slotinvasion

* The tires may no longer be sanded or polished. They will be assigned by draw and mounted together with the motor on the rear axle.

All other components must remain essentially in standard production condition. Front tires may be sealed. Custom liveries are permitted, and mirrors as well as rear wing mounts may be optimized using flexible parts.

This was a quick overview of the technical rules. In order to not only manage the high number of participants cleanly over the weekend but also ensure sufficient track time, we will use the SSM seeding system for the main races.

Practice & Parc Fermé

Friday practice is possible, including with loan cars. Once the components are installed, the race car may only be used for installation laps. Hand-over to parc



fermé is mandatory. Any car approved on Friday must remain in technical inspection until Saturday.

Seeding System (Saturday)

- All participants first complete a 5-minute qualifying session
- Groups are formed based on qualifying results
- These groups then run three heats of 8 minutes each
- All groups' results are combined
- Total lap count determines the overall result
- One dropped result is used to compensate for a poor heat

Each participant races 8 minutes per heat within their group. After the first heat, all results are combined. The winner is the driver with the highest lap count; in the



event of equal laps, the better race/overall time decides.

All other participants follow accordingly. The winner receives one point; each following position adds one point.

Heats two and three follow the same procedure. At the end, each participant's worst result is discarded. The two remaining results are added. In case of ties (ex aequo), the results of the two counted races are compared. For example, a driver with a 1st and 3rd place beats one with two 2nd places, as the 1st place is decisive. If both have 2nd and 2nd places, the total laps of both races are compared. If still tied, the run-off time is used, with the best overall run-off time acting as the tiebreaker.

At the end of this preliminary round, the top 24 advance to the intermediate round. While qualifying determined grid positions in the preliminary rounds, the Superpole now applies. Only one lap per group is driven and counted.

Intermediate Seeding – Quarterfinals



- One heat
- No dropped result – group result counts
- Starting order determined by Superpole within the group (one lap)
- 10-minute race duration

Group composition:

- QF A (1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24)
- QF B (2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23)
- QF C (3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22)
- QF D (4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21)

The top 24 drivers compete in their assigned groups.

Results are now determined within each group, not across all groups as before. To advance, drivers must finish at least third within their group.

The resulting final groups can be found in the schedule.

The best 12 drivers advance into two groups.



Semifinals

- Semifinal A and B
- Starting order via Superpole (one lap)
- One heat of 10 minutes
- The best three from each group advance to the final

Group composition:

- SF A (QFA1, QFD1, QFB2, QFC2, QFA3, QFD3)
- SF B (QFB1, QFC1, QFA2, QFD2, QFB3, QFC3)

Finals

The final six remaining drivers compete in the A-Final; all others race in the B-Final. The B-Final is held first, followed by the A-Final.

B-Final:

- Superpole – one lap per driver determines grid position



- 10-minute race duration
- The winner can achieve a maximum overall position of 7

A-Final:

- Superpole – one lap per driver determines grid position
- 15-minute race duration
- The winner becomes **European Champion 2026**

Personal Note

I am addressing you personally as participants because I believe it is extremely important that we come together for an event like this. I am convinced that this weekend will be a gain for all of us, even though costs are involved. That is why I personally worked to ensure that no entry fee is charged. Carrera is also working on providing catering. We will keep you informed. Hotels, campsites, and hostels in the area can be found in the short info. Changes to the schedule are possible; both



organizer and promoter reserve the right to adjust rules up until the start of the event.

Yours sincerely,
Mario Renz

FAQ

Do I need to use my own car?

It is advisable to build and prepare your own car.

How good are the loan cars?

Loan cars are in no way inferior to personal cars. Nevertheless, we also want to see participants prepare their own vehicles within the allowed limits.

Is there a magic formula for a better car?

No. Very experienced drivers may gain a short-term advantage by polishing tires, but this is offset by the end of qualifying or halfway through the first race.

How does the motor system work?

Motors may be purchased from the slot racing shop for testing under “competition conditions.” However, for the event, identical pool motors will be issued. This reduces variation and ensures fairness.

What happens in case of motor failure?

The participant will receive a replacement motor.



What happens in case of an axle break?

Since axles are issued, a new axle will be provided and the driver may refit the previously used tires under supervision.

Can I train as long as I want on Friday?

Each registered participant has a maximum of 2 hours of training time on the tournament track. Driving on other tracks at Carrera World is, of course, possible.

What happens if I am eliminated in the main round?

Additional tracks are available for non-competitive driving. The Hybrid Community European Championship also takes place and is open to everyone.

Can I practice freely on Friday?

Each participant will initially be given one hour of practice. As we do not yet know who will be present on Friday, updates will be provided regularly.

Is there an entry fee?

No. Participants only cover their travel expenses.

Will catering be available?

This is currently being arranged and is the goal. Updates will follow.

Links:



Unterkünfte Hotels:

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 Technisches Regelwerk SSM Explorer Cup - !!ACHTUNG!! Für die Europameisterschaft wurden spezielle Regeln installiert, die vom Regelwerk abweichen. Dazu gehören Schwerpunktmäßig die Ausgabe der Achsen mit dazugehörigen Reifen.

[Carrera WORLD - Spannende Rennen auf über 900 m²](#)



You are very welcome to contact me personally and to send your confirmations or cancellations directly to me.

Only a limited number of starting slots is available, and this will be a very special moment. I am truly looking forward to experiencing this moment together with you.

For now, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mario Renz
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