



## **Safe Driving on Track: A Guide for Beginners**

Participating in a track day is an exciting and rewarding experience. However, it's crucial to follow basic rules and best practices to ensure your safety and that of others. Here are some tips to help you get the most out of your time on the circuit.

The Honda Euro Meet Track operates in Open Pitlane mode, meaning you can drive freely throughout the day, while respecting the maximum track capacity (see the Clastres circuit regulations – Pôle Mécanique de la Clef des Champs).

### **EVERYONE DRIVES AT THEIR OWN PACE**

**Without putting themselves or others at risk !**

**It's up to the faster driver to adapt.**

However, slower drivers must stay alert and check their mirrors when turning the wheel : **as on the road, no sudden lane changes.**

/!\ Faster drivers respect slower ones /!\

/!\ Slower drivers respect faster ones /!\

**The goal is simple: Have fun safely !**

## **1. Prepare Yourself and Your Vehicle :**

- **Vehicle Check:** Before heading to the track, ensure your car is in good condition. Check fluid levels (oil, coolant, brake), tire condition, and pressure. Make sure there are no leaks — a leak can cause your session to be stopped.
- **Safety Gear:** Wear an approved helmet and, if possible, a fireproof racing suit. Ensure your seat belts or harnesses are in good condition.
- **Noise:** The Clastres circuit has a 95 dB sound limit – take precautions. You are solely responsible for being removed from the track for exceeding noise limits.
- **Performance:** You don't need to invest thousands in modifications to enjoy the circuit. However, simple upgrades to braking (for durability) and suspension can make your track time more enjoyable and safe.
- A tow hook is mandatory (front or rear) !

## **2. Know the Track**

- **Study the Layout:** Before driving, take time to familiarize yourself with the circuit's layout – corners, straights, and braking zones.
- **Attend Briefings:** Join the safety briefings. Organizers will inform you of circuit-specific rules and flag signals.

## **3. Adopt Safe Driving Habits**

- **Gradual Progress:** Increase your speed progressively. Start slowly to warm up your tires and brakes, and to get used to the track conditions.
- **Stay Focused:** Always stay alert and focused. Keep your eyes on the road and regularly check your mirrors to stay aware of surrounding cars.
- **Racing Lines:** Follow the ideal racing line but be ready to move aside for faster cars.

## **4. Overtaking Etiquette**

- **Mutual Respect:** Overtaking should be done safely and respectfully. Use the straights to pass and indicate your intentions.

## 5. Track Signals and Flags

- Yellow Flag: Danger on the track, slow down and be ready to stop.  
No Overtaking !
- Red Flag: Session stopped, reduce speed and return to the pits immediately.  
No Overtaking !
- Fixed Black Flag : Finish your lap and exit the track to go and see the marshall. Either you're too loud, or a problem with your behaviour.
- Waved Black Flag : Stop the car immediately ( safely ! ), Danger on your car !  
(fire, loss of fluid, etc ... ).
- Checkered Flag: End of the session.

**Respect the marshals: They are there for your safety.**

**Always follow their instructions.**

## 6. Track Attitude

- Stay Calm and Patient: Avoid aggressive behavior and always prioritize safety.
- Handling Incidents: If you experience a mechanical issue or accident, report it quickly and follow the marshals' instructions.
- If you spin out or oversteer: Brake firmly and keep the brake pressed until the car comes to a full stop. Before rejoining the track ( and after the marshall authorized it ), ensure it is clear and re-enter off the racing line.

## 7. After the Session

- Debriefing: Discuss your session with friends or other drivers to gather tips and improve your driving.
- Inspect Your Vehicle: After each session, check your vehicle to ensure it hasn't suffered any damage.

**In Summary:**

**Safety is the key word!**

Drivers must behave impeccably on track.

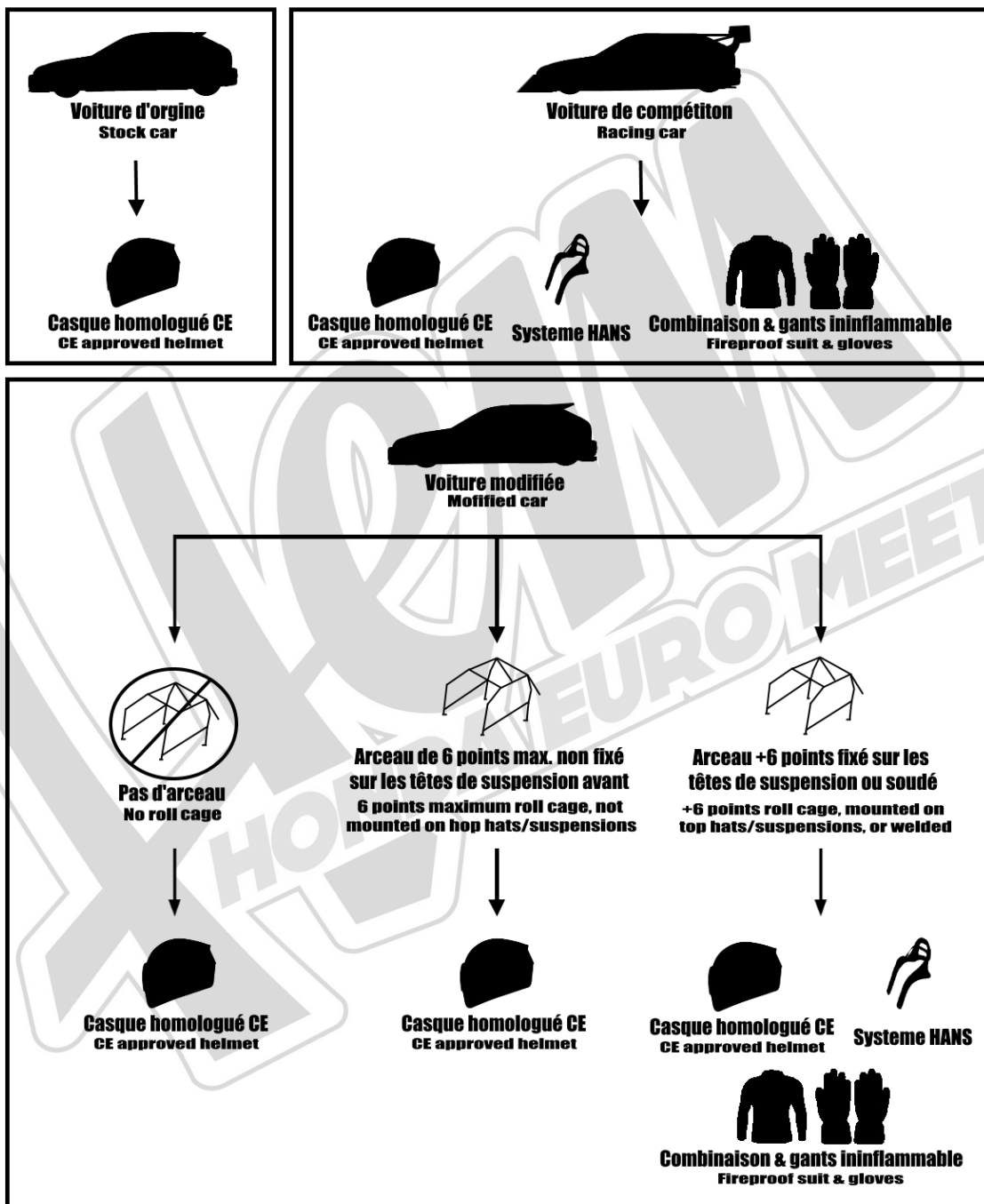
Of course, contact is prohibited, and it is mandatory to respect flags and track lights.

We will not allow anyone with inappropriate behavior to compromise everyone's safety.

**Reminder about vehicle damage liability:**

Each driver is responsible for their own damage and cannot hold others liable, unless there is a proven deliberate intent to cause harm.

**Quel équipement est nécessaire ?  
Which gear is needed ?**



We hope this guide is useful. Drive safe and have fun on track !