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Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 -
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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 Introduction

INTRODUCTION

The Cowana Team is hosting the ADAC Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy in RaceRoom, in which SimRacers get the opportunity to qualify online for the on site semi-final at the ADAC SimRacing Expo 2022, which is going to host the grand final as well.

The Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy is played in five online multiplayer Rounds. Drivers score points in each of the five Races on the Road 2 SimRacing Expo, and the best 24 drivers in the standings advance to the semifinal at the Expo on December 2nd 2022. The final will be contested by the top 12 of the semifinal on December 3rd 2022.

Before each round, the community will decide which car will be raced by polls on social media to vote for their favourite class. The semi-final will see the Porsche Carrera Cup Classic in action, and the final is going to be contested in DTM 1992 vehicles - a perfect fit for the RETRO CLASSICS Bavaria partner event which is held at the same time at Nürnberg Messe.

To participate, drivers need to join the Leaderboard for each Round. Drivers have one week to set their fastest time. The 16 fastest drivers make it to the Race. Additionally, eight more drivers will be invited to the grid - racing drivers, SimRacing influencers or other personalities of the SimRacing scene.

After each Round of multiplayer Races, the Race Results will be processed to create an overall Championship Standing to determine the Top 24 drivers who will drive at the semifinal at the ADAC SimRacing Expo in December 2022. The final will be contested by the Top 12 of the semi-final.

Prizes will be announced on Social Media in the months leading up to the ADAC SimRacing Expo in December 2022. Once announced, they will be added to the Rulebook.

2.0 Glossary

- Driver: Person that drives in the competition.
- Race Server: In-game room Drivers join to participate in an event.
- Rulebook: Document containing all information about the Competition in general and the online multiplayer part of the Competition
- Staff: Person(s) organising the leagues for RaceRoom.
- Text Chatting: Use of the in-game chat function which Drivers can use to send text messages to other competitors and/or staff.
- Voice Chatting: Speech between two or more persons, usually via Discord, but refers to contact through any other software.

- Official Discord: Free software that can be used to connect with communities, send text messages and call each other. The official RaceRoom Discord server is used for Driver briefings, important notifications and as a general place where all participants can communicate.

3.0 Staff List

3.1 Staff

The team behind RaceRoom is part of the Staff and can be contacted via email at esports@raceroom.com.

3.2 Other Staff

The “RaceRoom” and “Sector3” accounts on the forum forum.sector3studios.com also count as Staff.

The users with the role “Staff”, “Admin”, “Esports Team” and “SimRacing Expo” on the Official Discord server (<https://discord.gg/RaceRoom>) also count as Staff.

The Staff can only be contacted via email at esports@raceroom.com, not through the forum or the Official Discord server.

4.0 General rules

4.1 Reading and understanding the rules

Every Driver participating in any event of the ADAC Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy agrees to the rules by entering the event and agrees to obey to the rules. If you have questions about certain rules, ask the Staff via email at esports@raceroom.com.

4.2 General Behaviour

Every Driver participating in any event of the ADAC Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy must always show good behaviour. Any discriminatory or offending actions, words, posts or contents are forbidden and can lead to permanent exclusion from the events.

4.3 Cheating and usage of external software

It is not allowed to use external programs or data that alter the functions of the simulation to gain a competitive advantage. Drivers caught cheating in any part of the competition will be excluded from all parts of the Competition. If you are unsure about a program, you should ask the Staff before using it.

In case no usage of software can be proven directly in the files but if due to video evidence it is still obvious that the driving behaviour of the car cannot be explained with normal game functions, a ban based on video evidence is also possible.

For clarification, programs that are allowed:

- CrewChief

- Wheel/pedal drivers/software (Logitech Profiler/LGS/Ghub, Thrustmaster Control Panel etc)
- Stream Deck, Button boxes
- Dashboard apps, both internal (web hud) and external
- Setup and telemetry tools, such as Motec or Second Monitor

4.4 Accounts

You must enter your real name in your RaceRoom in-game account in order to participate. Using fake names, aliases or names with clan tags is not allowed.

Using multiple accounts per player or address or deliberate creation of new, lower ranked accounts is not allowed and will result in a permanent exclusion from the ADAC Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy, or in case of repeat offence or ban evasion, an exclusion from RaceRoom in general.

Drivers are not allowed to share an IP address. If you live in the same household, practice in an Esports training centre or have another valid reason that leads to multiple accounts using the same IP, you have to inform us **in advance** via mail to esports@raceroom.com with the location, IP address and usernames of the Drivers.

Scenarios that raise questions can lead to more serious fact-checking.

Registration is randomly checked for duplicate IPs. All cases not registered in advance will be considered as attempted fraud.

4.5 Staff Decisions

The decisions made by the RaceRoom Staff are binding. If a situation is not covered by the rules, the RaceRoom Staff will have the final decision on it. Any statements made by the RaceRoom Staff on the Forums, at Events, in Text Chatting or in Voice Chatting, that are specified as rules, also count as rules and are considered to be accepted by all Drivers.

4.6 General Competition Rules

Every Driver participating in the Championship agrees to the rules and agrees to obey to the rules as written in the General Competition Rules:

<https://www.raceroom.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/RaceRoom-General-Competition-Rules-v1.02.pdf>

5.0 Organisation

The competition is organised by:

RaceRoom Entertainment GmbH
Aspachweg 14
74427 Fichtenberg
Germany

For questions regarding the sporting regulations: esports@raceroom.com

6.0 Declaration of Consent

The Drivers agree that their names will appear in live streams and press releases handled by all partners of the ADAC Road 2 Simracing Expo 2022 Community Trophy.

The Drivers agree that RaceRoom can make and broadcast photographs and video recordings (e.g. internet stream), on which Drivers are identifiable as well as statements, interviews and similar, captured on audio and video. RaceRoom is entitled to use these recordings.

7.0 Data Privacy

All personal data is collected and processed in accordance with the statutory provisions governing data protection in Germany. Only the personal data that is required to handle the competition, communication and prizes is collected and forwarded onto partners of RaceRoom. All employees and partners of RaceRoom are obliged by RaceRoom to maintain data secrecy. Data is only transferred to state agencies or authorities within the framework of legal regulations. The Drivers agree to this. The data is deleted after the Championship has ended.

8.0 Premature Termination of the Competition

RaceRoom has the right to terminate or cancel the online qualifier at its discretion at any time. No claims can be derived from any premature termination.

RaceRoom has the right to exclude one or more participants from taking part in the competition in the event of manipulation or attempted or suspected manipulation.

9.0 Changes

RaceRoom explicitly reserves the right to amend or modify the Rulebook and conditions at any time, with effect for the future. The version number of the Rulebook is specified in the header.

The latest version of the Rulebook can always be found on the competition page (<http://game.raceroom.com/championships/87>).

10.0 Legal disclaimer

There is no legal recourse. The law of the Federal Republic of Germany applies exclusively and the jurisdiction of RaceRoom applies in the event of a dispute. If any of the above mentioned provisions in these conditions of entry should be ineffective or contain a loophole, the other provisions shall remain unaffected by this. Ineffective or incomplete provisions shall be maintained with effective content which comes as close as possible to reflecting the sense of the ineffective content.

By participating, the Driver automatically accepts the conditions of entry.

B. PARTICIPATION & REGULATIONS

11.0 Entry criteria

The Staff have the right to deny any entries without giving reasons.

The Staff also has the right to invite additional Drivers to enter the race.

You must use the email address with which you registered on RaceRoom for official email correspondence.

11.1 Entry fees

Participation in the Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy is free. There is no entry fee.

11.2 Entry process

To participate in the Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy, you have to set a time on the Leaderboard. For each Round, a Leaderboard will be made available to join.

The deadlines for entering the competition are published on the Competition page (<http://game.raceroom.com/championships/87>).

12.0 Cars and liveries

Prior to each Round, a poll with three options will go live on social media where you can vote for your favourite car class.

Drivers can pick any livery they own.

13.0 Qualifying/Registration

13.1 Format

The Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy is played in five Rounds.

To participate in the Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy, drivers need to join the Competition at RaceRoom.

For each Round, Drivers have one week to set their fastest time.

After the Leaderboard for the upcoming Round closes, the Top 16 Drivers will be invited to the Race.

13.2 Leaderboard Calendar

For Track Layouts, see the Race Calendar in 14.2.1

Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy	Leaderboard Opens	Leaderboard Closes	Live Stream / Race Day
Round 1: Brands Hatch	30.05.2022	06.06.2022	09.06.2022 – 19:00 CEST
Round 2: Daytona	26.06.2022	04.07.2022	07.07.2022 - 19:00 CEST
Round 3: Watkins Glen	24.07.2022	01.08.2022	04.08.2022 – 19:00 CEST
Round 4: Red Bull Ring	21.08.2022	29.08.2022	01.09.2022 – 19:00 CEST
Round 5: Nürburgring	25.09.2022	03.10.2022	06.10.2022 - 19:00 CEST

13.3 Leaderboard rules

Additionally, leaderboards will be opened to set the fastest lap time. Remember that this is not a way to qualify for the races.

Difficulty	Free choice (TC/ABS optional)
Automatic Clutch	Allowed
Automatic Gears	Allowed
Tyre Wear	Off
Fuel Usage	Off
Damage	Off
Cut Rules	Enabled, invalidates the lap
Game Time	Noon
Fixed setup	Yes

13.4 Team and Community

You can specify a team or a community that you will be representing during the Competition in your RaceRoom driver profile. Any offending or discriminatory names will be rejected by the Staff, even if the Drivers are in the Top 24, as specified in 14.4.

14.0 Multiplayer races

14.1 Invitations for the multiplayer races

Each round, the top 16 Drivers will be invited to the multiplayer races on Race Days via email (check your spam box, too).

Please follow the instructions in the email carefully and confirm your attendance asap. A deadline to respond and accept or decline your spot will be sent to you by email (make sure to check your spam box).

If you miss the deadline or have declined your spot, your spot will be given to another Driver.

Once you have confirmed your presence, you are expected to show up for the event. If you miss an event for which you have confirmed your presence, you will receive a warning. Late absence reports are not possible and will therefore be ignored. If you miss a second event, you will receive a penalty.

14.2 Calendar and timetable

14.2.1 Race Calendar

Road 2 SimRacing Expo 2022 Community Trophy	Layout	Race Schedule
Round 1: Brands Hatch	Grand Prix	09.06.2022
Round 2: Daytona International Speedway	Road Course	07.07.2022
Round 3: Watkins Glen International	Grand Prix (no Inner Loop)	04.08.2022
Round 4: Red Bull Ring	Grand Prix	01.09.2022
Round 5: Nürburgring	Grand Prix	06.10.2022
Semifinal: Norisring		02.12.2022
Final: Norisring		03.12.2022

14.2.2 Race Day Timetable

From		To		
19:30	CEST	20:00	CEST	Free Practice
20:01	CEST	20:11	CEST	Qualification (10 mins)
20:12	CEST	20:32	CEST	Race 1 (20 mins)
20:34	CEST	20:54	CEST	Race 2 (20 mins) (reverse grid)

Note: if applicable, changes to the Race Day Timetable will be sent by mail.

14.2.3 Stream Timetable

The Races on Race Days will be broadcasted live on YouTube and Twitch, details in 14.7.

From		To		
19:45	CEST	19:55	CEST	Stream starts with countdown
19:55	CEST	20:00	CEST	Welcome and Introduction
20:01	CEST	20:11	CEST	Qualification
20:12	CEST	20:32	CEST	Race 1
20:34	CEST	20:54	CEST	Race 2
20:55	CEST	21:00	CEST	Stream ends

Note: these are rough estimates and subject to change.

14.3 Server settings

Difficulty	Free choice (TC/ABS optional)
Automatic Clutch	Forced Manual with Auto Clutch
Automatic Gears	Allowed
Tyre Wear	Normal
Fuel Usage	Normal
Damage	On
Flag Rules	Visual Only
Cut Rules	In-Game Cut Detection (slowdown)
Mandatory Pits	No
Max ping allowed	350 ms
Game Time	Noon
Qualification Duration	10 minutes open qualification
Formation Lap	No
Type of Start	Standing
Practice Duration	30 minutes
Race Duration	2 x 20 minutes
Max Incident Points	30
Fixed Setup	Yes

14.3.1 Important information

14.3.1.1 Internet connection

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a stable internet connection. If you lose connection to the server, you can not rejoin the Race.

14.3.1.2 Server crashes and restarts

Once a Race is started, it will not be restarted, regardless of incidents or a server crash.

If less than 50% of the original Race distance is completed when the server crash occurs, no points are being awarded.

If between 50% and 75% of the original Race distance is completed when the server crash occurs, half points are being awarded.

If more than 75% of the original Race distance is completed when the server crash occurs, full points are being awarded.

14.3.1.3 Joining and leaving the server

Joining the server should ideally be done in the practice session at the beginning of the event. Leaving the server before the session swaps is not recommended. If your name is missing from the server result file, you will not score points. This is an automated process

that can not be altered. If you do not start or finish a race (DNS, DNF or DSQ), you will not score points.

14.3.1.4 In game troubleshooting

When experiencing an issue or a crash, you can always go to #help in the official RaceRoom Discord. If you want to report an issue, it helps if you provide log files and crash dump files along with your detailed report.

How to collect a game.log file?

- Open your file explorer and browse to Documents\My Games\SimBin\RaceRoom Racing Experience\UserData\Log
- You can sort this by “last modified” and find your latest game.log file that corresponds to your issue. Notice the timestamp that should help with the identification.

How to collect a crash.dmp file?

- Open your file explorer and browse to Documents\My Games\SimBin\Crash Dumps
- You can sort this by “last modified” and your latest .dmp file that corresponds to your issue. Notice the timestamp that should help with the identification.

14.4 Team and Community

You can specify a team or a community that you will be representing during the competition in your RaceRoom driver profile. The team name will be used for promotional and broadcasting purposes. It is not necessary to specify a team or a community. Any offending or discriminatory names will be rejected by the Staff, and if necessary, drivers can be disqualified and kicked from the Race.

14.5 Point Allocation and Standings

Drivers will receive points based on their finishing position in the server: the game must count a Driver as a finisher.

Racers score points in each of the five race days on the Road 2 SimRacing Expo and the best 24 Drivers in the standings advance to the semi-final at the Expo.

The championship standings can be viewed at <http://game.raceroom.com/championships/87#standings>.

Position	Points
1	45
2	40
3	37
4	34
5	31
6	29
7	27
8	25

Position	Points
9	23
10	21
11	20
12	19
13	18
14	17
15	16
16	15

Position	Points
17	14
18	13
19	12
20	11
21	10
22	9
23	8
24	7

Position	Points
25	6
26	5
27	4
28	3
29	2
30	1
31	1
32	1

14.6 Final score ties

If two or more competitors have an equal number of points at the last round, the ranking will be determined following these criteria:

- A. Who had the **most fastest laps** during the season; and
- B. If still tied, the **highest rating after the last race**

14.7 Broadcasts

The multiplayer races will be streamed live on RaceRoom's YouTube and Twitch channels, as well on ADAC SimRacing Expo's YouTube and Twitch channels, with English commentary.

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- <https://www.twitch.tv/adacsimracingexpo>
- <https://www.twitch.tv/raceroomracingexperience>
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/RaceRoomRacing>
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/simracingexpo>

If a broadcast is not possible due to technical issues, it will not take place. You can find the stream timetable under 14.2.3.

15.0 Prizes

Prizes will be announced on Social Media in the months leading up to the ADAC SimRacing Expo in December 2022. Once announced, they will be added to the Rulebook.

16.0 Incidents and Penalties

16.1 Etiquette

The etiquette follows the rules from the RaceRoom General Competition Rules in sections 11, 12 and 13 and can be read here:

<https://www.raceroom.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/RaceRoom-General-Competition-Rules-v1.02.pdf>

16.2 Flag rules

The flag rules follow the rules from the RaceRoom General Competition Rules in section 14.

16.3 Reporting Incidents

Drivers can report incidents for 15 minutes after the Race has finished. A Report Form will be made available.

16.4 Penalties

16.4.1 Introduction to penalties and special definition

In this competition, you can receive time penalties.

In addition, you can receive strikes for unfair driving.

Foreword

The following rulebook is to be enforced on steward's discretion. We know that every incident is unique and as a result cannot be necessarily categorised. The following is not a complete set of infractions and is open to being amended if the situation calls for an update. Based on our experience the past years, we will be closely looking into "Unsafe rejoins", "Moving under braking" and "Contact to pass".

16.4.2 Definition of Incidents

"Incident" means any occurrence or series of occurrences involving one or more Drivers, or any action by any Driver, which is reported to the Stewards by other Drivers which includes (but is not limited to):

- Causing a collision which disadvantages competitors.
- Forcing a Driver off the track.
- Illegitimately preventing a legitimate overtaking manoeuvre by another Driver.
- Illegitimately impeding another Driver during overtaking.
- Dangerous driving.
- Using in-game text chat during qualifying or race sessions.
- Lack of respect, foul language or bad attitude towards other Drivers, Staff, or the spectators.
- Violations of track boundaries.
- Unsafe track entry.

Unsafe rejoin

An unsafe rejoin is defined as any return to the racing surface or racing line in an unsafe manner causing contact or further incidents with other Drivers.

Dangerous rejoins may be subject to additional strikes

For example, but not limited to "T-boning", "side-swiping" or "blocking the racing line with no momentum". The onus is on the rejoining Driver to make a safe re-entry to the racing surface without affecting the oncoming traffic.

Joining or rejoining in or from pit lane exit

The Drivers can cross the white line whilst entering the pitlanes. They must make sure that there is no contact made with other Drivers or others are affected.

When rejoining the track, they are not allowed to cross the white line. They can touch the white line with one tyre but no tyre should fully move over the line. An early Re-Entry to the racing surface will be penalised, any additional incidents caused by crossing the white line early will be considered a dangerous re-join.

Moving under Braking

Moving under braking is defined as the act of changing direction in a braking zone as a reaction to another Driver pulling alongside or as an attempt to block a committed passing manoeuvre. The defending Driver has to offer racing room and not make any reactive changes of direction. However proactive moves are allowed i.e. closing the door before the

attacking Driver commits to going for the gap, not after. Braking on a diagonal trajectory is acceptable if contact isn't made or if it is not a reactive move. In some cases, diagonal or curved braking zones are the racing line; these are special cases and will be looked at as such.

Contact boosting

Contact boosting is the act of using collision models to affect the momentum of yourself or other Drivers. For example, leaning into another car on a straight in an attempt to either gain momentum or halt the momentum of another Driver in order to get a run or cancel their run out. However, these situations are not limited to straights, pushing another Driver into the braking zone to force them to overshoot the corner also may be considered as contact boosting.

Contact to pass

Contact to pass is a very broad term that covers many different situations, for example where the attacking Driver hits the back/ side of another Driver, forcing them wide and resulting in a direct undefendable pass.

Forcing off track

Forcing off track means to use your car to move an opponent's car outside of the circuit. This could mean on the outside (i.e. under braking or corner exit), on the inside (i.e. forcing to cut an apex and risk a slowdown), or on a straight.

Deliberate Destabilisation

Deliberate Destabilisation is the act of making contact with an opponent in order to unsettle their car. This could include into a fast section of corners or into/ during a braking zone.

Deliberate blocking (weaving with intend to block)

Deliberate blocking is the attempt to repeatedly block an attacking car's momentum by changing direction multiple times. The defending car is allowed one defensive direction change and may return to its ideal line if racing room is given or the attacking car has not enough momentum to draw level. However, attempting to break the slipstream is considered legal if done proactively and not as a reactive movement.

Track limits

Track limits are defined as having two wheels on or within the circuit markings (usually, but not limited to, white or yellow lines) kerb/ curb count as track. This does not override the ingame automatic track limits detection system by RaceRoom.

Overtaking outside of tracklimits

Overtaking outside of track limits means to gain a position whilst being outside of tracklimits.

Repeated Contact

Repeated contact is defined as multiple instances of contact, without causing damage or

position loss to the opponent, but causing time loss and distraction from focusing on the Race.

Serving of slow down penalties

When handed a slowdown penalty by the ingame system the Driver receiving the slow down penalty should ensure that they serve the slow down in a safe manner, where other cars are unaffected.

Pit Speed Limit

The Pit Speed Limit is enforced by the game.

16.3 Penalty point catalogue

I: Warning

II: Half: 0.5 strikes

III: Normal: 1 strikes

IV: Harsh: 2 strikes

V: Very Harsh: 3 strikes

VI: Disqualify + 6 strikes

In cases where no Driver is disadvantaged, but the offending Driver still broke the rules, such as (but not limited to) slightly careless driving, contact with no position loss, track limit infringements with no advantage gained, unintentional contact with small time loss, the penalty may be reduced to a warning or a half penalty.

In cases such as (but not limited to) disadvantaging a Driver due to contact, careless driving, track limit infringements to gain an advantage is a normal penalty.

In cases such as (but not limited to) disadvantaging a large group of Drivers due to contact, very careless driving, repeated track limit infringements to gain an advantage is a harsh penalty.

In severe cases, such as (but not limited to) extremely careless driving, constant track limit infringements to gain an advantage, the penalty will be “very harsh”.

Extreme cases, such as (but not limited to) cheating or deliberately wrecking another Driver will lead to a disqualification and to an instant ban from ALL events presented by RaceRoom and 8 strikes. The Driver’s competition points score will be reset to 0 (with no other drivers moving up in previous rounds).

Repeat offenders may have to face a harsher penalty.

This penalty point catalogue is not complete. If you find a new way to break the rules which is not covered here, you will still receive a penalty. The Staff and Stewards can adjust these penalties according to the circumstances, even if not further described in the Rulebook, both during and after a Race.