



# MEDIA INFORMATION

Kartódromo Internacional do Algarve

Portimão / Portugal – November 4-11, 2017





Dear Sirs,

The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF)** will occur at the Kartódromo Internacional do Algarve in Portimão, Portugal from November 4 to 11, 2017.

There will be 360 racers from more than 50 countries on track.

The supported categories will stay the same as last year:

- 125 Junior MAX (PRAGA)
- 125 MAX (SODI)
- 125 MAX DD2 (BirelART)
- 125 MAX DD2 Masters (SODI)
- 125 Micro MAX (PRAGA)
- 125 Mini MAX (BirelART)

### **Rotax 125 Micro MAX and Mini MAX and Junior MAX**

An essential difference at the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2017 will be the chassis frame for the **Rotax 125 Mini MAX** class. Due to the changed age limit (11-13 years of age) they will race with 1040 chassis to fit also tall drivers and to offer a more effective braking system for this age band.

The participants of the three categories (**Micro, Mini, Junior**) had to qualify for the RMCGF via their national Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC). The winner(s) out of these national RMC races will represent their country at the Grand Finals. The race stays a **national competition with an international participation**.

Best regards,

RMCGF Media Team

## 1. MEDIA ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

We kindly ask you to supply all required information and documents to help us in organizing the event. To guarantee a smooth process and to avoid unintended problems at the registration office in Portimão, please register yourself online at:

<http://ems.evanet.at/brp?form=acc>

Media accreditation at the track will officially start on **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 11.00 a.m.**

### Your contact at BRP-Rotax:

Alexandra Reisinger, [media.rmcpf@brp.com](mailto:media.rmcpf@brp.com) / phone: +43 7246601-698

### 1.1 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

To guarantee a smooth course of the event we kindly ask you to follow the **“Media Guideline”** which you will find as attachment.

The **online registration must include the following enclosures:**

- *a digital photo of the journalists*
- *a copy of the accident insurance policy that explicitly covers the risks deriving from the accomplishment of their professional activity in motor-racing (for applicants with access to the track)*
- *a copy of the official national press card*
- *a copy of the permanent 2017 or 2018 media pass, issued from CIK-FIA or from the National Sporting Authority of the country of origin, if in possession of it.*

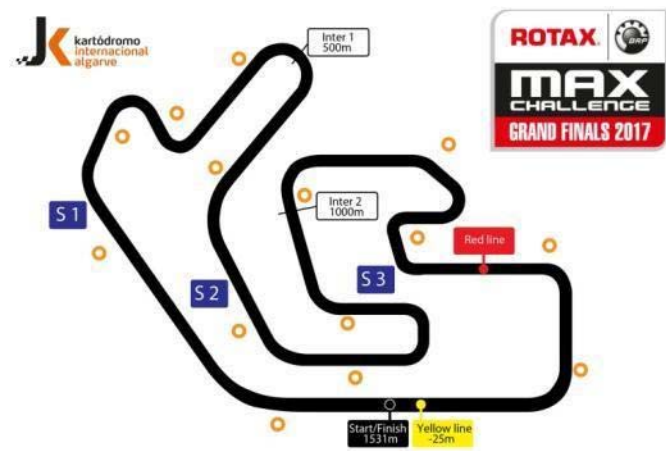


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## 2. THE TRACK



### Kartódromo Internacional do Algarve

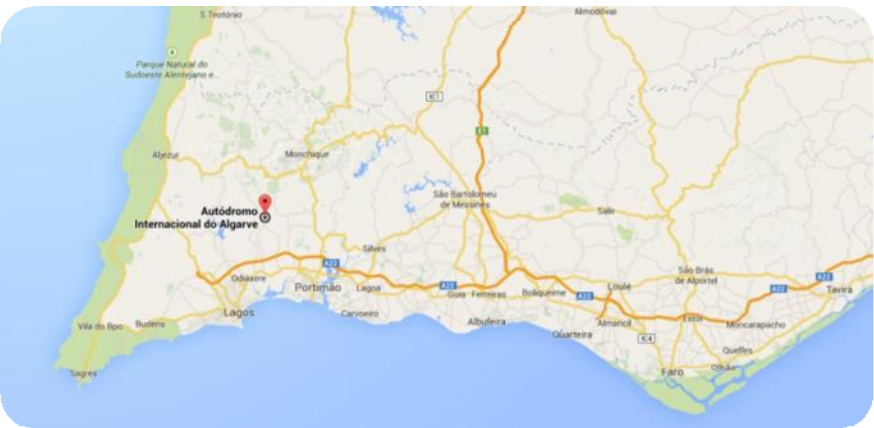


The track is located in the Algarve hills eight kilometres northwest of Portimão. It is part of the ultra-modern “Algarve Motor Park”, a multi-purpose area suited for a wide range of uses. Races of many national and international championships on two and four wheels took place since it opened its doors in 2008. The Kart-Track itself was opened in 2010.

The track is 1.532 m long and 8 m wide. The main straight is approximately 150 m long and 10 m wide. The circuit is a combination of undulating sections, many changes of direction, long corners, and a winding infield.

Length: 1.532 metres  
Width: 8 meters  
Avg. speed DD2: 94 km/h

Address KIA: Sítio do Escampadinho,  
Mexilhoeira Grande,  
8500-148 Portimão,  
Portugal  
GPS: 37° 13' 19" N 008° 37' 46" W







### 3. COUNTRY INFORMATION / PORTUGAL

- Time Zone:** Portimão is in the West European Time (WET) or West European Summer Time (WEST) and is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +1)
- Climate:** The Western Algarve enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with hot dry summers and mild wet winters. The period from the end of May until mid-September is dry, with only 6% of the annual rainfall occurring during that period. But also in autumn and winter, the weather is generally mild with temperatures around 8–17°C (46–63°F).
- Language:** The official language is Portuguese.
- Electricity:** The standard electrical voltage in Portugal is 220-230 V AC / 50 Hz as opposed to the 110-120 V/ 60 Hz North American standards. Thus, a transformer and an adapter are needed for North American electrical appliances as well as appliances from possible further foreign countries.  
Electrical sockets (outlets) in Portugal are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: Europlug and Schuko.
- Currency:** Euro / €
- Driving:** Traffic travels on the right in Portugal.
- Speed limits:***  
City 35mph/56kph, Open Roads 55mph/88kph, Highways 75mph/120kph
- Driving licence:***  
Drivers without an EU driving licence are allowed to drive with an official translation or an International Drivers Permit (IDP) that accompanies the foreign licence.
- Safety equipment:***  
The driver is expected to carry a replacement tire and the respective tools needed, reflective vests for driver and passengers as well as warning triangles. The reflector vest must be worn by any person carrying out repairs when outside the vehicle and the vehicle is stationary on the road.  
The warning triangle is mandatory, and it must be displayed on the road to warn oncoming drivers that your vehicle has problems.  
A replacement bulb set is also mandatory. First-aid kit is advised, but not compulsory.  
The use of mobile phones is banned and if caught you will be heavily fined. The roads of Portugal are extremely clean because of the strict anti-litter laws imposed. Fines for littering can go up to €300.
- Alcohol limit:** Portugal has strict drinking-and-driving laws. The amount of alcohol allowed in the blood while driving is 0.5‰ (0.25mg/l)
- Vaccination:** non-compulsory

## 4. REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER PORTUGAL



### Passport and Visa

To enter Portugal, you may need a Passport and/or a Visa, depending on the country you live in. Citizens from the European Community don't need a Visa for entering Portugal. Portugal is also a signatory to the 1995 Schengen Agreement.

Passports must be valid for up to six months (depending on your nationality) and are required by all, except by European Union nationals and nationals of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Norway and Switzerland holding valid national ID cards. British, Australian, Canadian, American and Japanese need a valid passport.

More information under following link:  
<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/portugal-visa/>

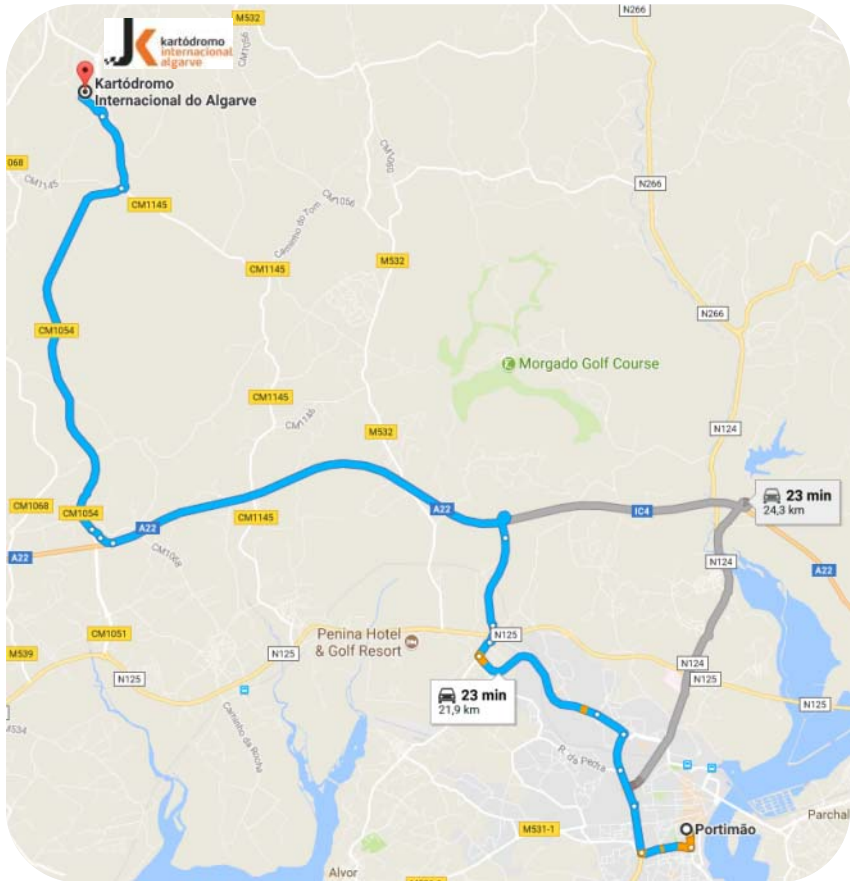


**If you are uncertain about your visa requirements we strongly recommend to check with your local embassy in due time to avoid any problems!**

## 5. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Portimão is located at the western coast of Algarve. The capital of the Algarve is Faro.

**Airports:** Faro Airport: ~60 km\* / Lisbon Airport: ~280 km\* (\*distance to Portimão)



Distance Portimão to race track:  
22 km / 13.67 miles  
23 minutes by car

### Public transport:

There is no metro in Portimão and generally no easy access to public transport. Using public transport to the race track is not recommended!

## 6. HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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<b>Hotel da Rocha</b> 4**** Address: Avenida Tomás Caldeira 8500-802 Praia da Rocha Portimão, Portugal Contact: e-mail: reservas@hoteldarocha.com phone: +351 282 424 081   +351 925 407 730 GPS Coordinates: Lat: 37.13886   29°-7' 8.58" N Long: -8.536189   -8°-32' 10.125" W Hotel website: <a href="https://www.hoteldarocha.com/en">https://www.hoteldarocha.com/en</a> Booking link: <a href="https://www.rotaxhotelgroup.com/rotax">https://www.rotaxhotelgroup.com/rotax</a>	  
<b>Club Amarilis</b> 3**** Address: R. unidade Lusitana 1500-001 Lisboa Contact: e-mail: reservas@clubamarilis.pt phone: +351 21 362 411 857 GPS Coordinates: Lat: 38°12' 7" 8.58" N Long: -9°13' 4" 32" 10.125" W Hotel website: <a href="https://clubamarilis.com/en">clubamarilis.com/en</a> Booking link: <a href="https://www.rotaxhotelgroup.com/rotax">rotaxhotelgroup.com/rotax</a>	  
<b>Marina Hotel</b> 3**** Address: Av. 28 de Setembro 2802-902 Setúbal Contact: e-mail: reservas@jupiterhotels.com phone: +351 21 362 411 857 GPS Coordinates: Lat: 38°12' 7" 8.58" N Long: -9°13' 4" 32" 10.125" W Hotel website: <a href="https://jupitermarinahotel.com/en">jupitermarinahotel.com/en</a> Booking link: <a href="https://secure-hotel-booking.com/smart/Jupiter-Marina-Hotel/2CMT/en">secure-hotel-booking.com/smart/Jupiter-Marina-Hotel/2CMT/en</a>	  

We would like to offer you a number of selected hotels (from 3\* to 5\*) for which you get special conditions during the time frame of the event!

### [DOWNLOAD LINK – HOTEL RECOMMENDATION LIST](#)

To book your hotel, please use the mentioned booking link to receive the special event price for your room!

## 7. RENTAL CAR SERVICE

We recommend taking advantage of our cooperation with GUERIN/ENTERPRISE.

Please see more information on our website:  
[GRAND FINALS 2017](#)





## 8. PARTIES

### 8.1 WELCOME PARTY

**Date:** Sunday, November 5, 2017

**Start:** 07.00 pm

**Location:**

**Autódromo Internacional do Algarve**

**Address:**

Sítio do Escampadinho,  
Mexilhoeira Grande, 8500-148  
Portimão, Portugal

#### PROGRAM

- 07.00 pm - Welcome drink
- 07.30 pm - Official welcome
- 07.45 pm - Buffet Style Dinner
- 08.30 pm - Team Contest (see point 13.1)
- 10.00 pm - MOJO Tyre Changing Contest – QUALIFYING (see point 13.2)



## 8.2 DRIVERS PARTY

**Date:** Saturday, November 11, 2017  
**Start:** 07.30 pm

**Location:**  
**Centro Congressos do Arade**

**Address:**  
 Encosta do Arade, Parchal  
 8400-611 Lagoa  
 Portugal



### PROGRAM

- 07.30 pm - Welcome Drink
- 08.15 pm – Official Welcome
- 08.30 pm - Buffet Style Dinner
- 09.30 pm - MOJO Tyre Changing Contest – FINALS
- 09.45 pm – Awards
  - Award Winners MOJO Contest (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place)
  - Award Mechanics (of Grand Finals winners 1<sup>st</sup> place)
  - Award Winner Team Contest (winning team, 1<sup>st</sup> place)
- Music / Discotheque



**Looking forward to welcome you in Portimao.  
 Have a safe trip!**