

Bid for the 2027 EFRA 1:8 IC Off-Road European Championship B



MACHONE Helmond, Netherlands: World-class racing in the heart of Europe

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This document is more than a formal application to organize a race; it's an invitation to the European RC community to participate in an event that will redefine the standard for EFRA Championships. The vision for Helmond 2027 is to create a true festival of radio-controlled motorsport, an event remembered not only for the competition on the track, but also for the atmosphere, the community, and the impeccable organization. This vision rests on three fundamental pillars:

- 1 **Flawless Organisation:** A championship where every logistical and technical component is executed to perfection, allowing drivers, mechanics and team managers to fully concentrate on performance
- 2 **Unforgettable Competition:** A challenging and fair world-class circuit that brings out the best in every competitor and provides a platform for spectacular racing.
- 3 **Authentic Dutch "Gezelligheid" (Friendliness):** A warm, welcoming, and inclusive atmosphere that fosters community spirit within sport. The event will be a meeting place where friendships are forged and a passion for sport is shared, in line with the vision of major sporting events that build bridges between people

MACHONE Helmond and its partners are determined to deliver a European Championship that not only meets EFRA's high standards but exceeds them and leaves a lasting, positive legacy for the sport.

1.2 Introducing the Host: MACHONE Helmond

MACHONE Helmond is an established name and a cornerstone of the RC racing scene in the Benelux. The club is no stranger to organizing large-scale, complex events. This experience is a crucial factor in minimizing the risk for EFRA and guaranteeing a successful championship. The club has a proven track record, supported by a consistent calendar of successful events.

The annual "Kick-Off" race, which has been running for over nine years, has become a prestigious international event attracting top riders from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and the United Kingdom. This race serves as an annual, real-world stress test for the club's facilities and organizational capabilities. It demonstrates MACH-One's ability to manage complex logistics, including international entries, a tight multi-day schedule, and accommodating the diverse needs of an international field of competitors.

In addition, the club has extensive experience organizing official competitions within the Dutch, German, and Belgian Championships, such as the Dutch Buggy Cup, the Belgian FBA Championship, and the NRW (German) Championship. We also organize an annual off-road supercross race in the Winter in collaboration with MAC de Kempen at a riding school for:

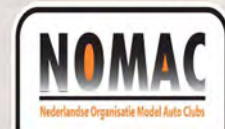
On Saturday:

- 1/10 buggies 2WD
- 1/10 buggies 4WD
- 1/10 short course
- 1/10 vintage buggies 2WD
- 1/10 vintage buggies 4WD

On Sunday:

- Brushless 1/8 buggies
- Brushless 1/8 trucks/truggies

These events require strict adherence to national regulations and procedures, which underscores the discipline and professionalism of the organizing team. This deep-rooted experience provides EFRA with the assurance that the 2027 European Championship B is in extremely capable hands. The ambition is not simply to host an event, but to elevate the status of the club and Dutch RC racing on the European stage.



1.3 The Organizing Committee & Central Contact Point

A successful event is supported by an experienced and dedicated team. MACHONE Helmond has assembled a preliminary organizing committee comprised of respected and experienced officials from the national racing community. This team possesses the expertise required to lead a European Championship at the highest level. Presenting a pre-assembled team demonstrates that MACHONE Helmond not only has the ambition, but also the human resources and network to achieve this ambition. This builds trust with the EFRA officials from the outset.

In accordance with EFRA requirements, a single point of contact will be designated for all correspondence and questions regarding this bid and the event's organization. This ensures clear, efficient, and responsive communication.

- **Organization name :** Model Auto Club Helmond One (MACHONE) Helmond
- **Organization address:** Stipdonkse Goorweg, 5704 RG Helmond, Nederland
- **Contact person:** Wiljan van Roosmalen
- **Address Contact person:** Jan Steenstraat 8, 5684 AK, Best (Netherlands)
- **Telephone number:** 0031653993595
- **E-mailadress:** info@MACHONE.eu
- **Management**

Chairman	: Wiljan van Roosmalen
Secretary	: John Sniekers
Treasurer	: Hans Konings
Members-at-large	: Roy van Avezaath
Members-at-large	: Rick Dumoulin



The proposed core members of the organizing committee are as follows:

Role	Name	Affiliate/Club	Key Experience/ Qualifications
Race Director	to be determined further	MACHONE Helmond/Nomac/ EFRA	Experienced race director at national championships and the international Kick-Off race.
Referee	to be determined further	NOMAC / EFRA	EFRA-certified referee with experience at multiple European events.
Technical Inspector	Mike Greijmans/ to be determined further	MACHONE Helmond	Head of technical inspection at various national and international competitions.
Head of Timekeeping	RC Dutch Timekeeping Mari van de Broek	MACHONE Helmond/NOMAC	Expert in MyRCM and AMB/MyLaps
Paddock/Campsite Manager	Peter Hamelink	MACHONE Helmond	Experience in event logistics and facility management.
Head of Communications & Media	John Sniekers	MACHONE Helmond	Responsible for all communications towards participants, media and EFRA

Detailed biographies of the key officers will be included in Appendix in due course.

Section 2: The Location: A Championship-Caliber Facility

The quality of the venue is the foundation for every successful championship. MACHONE Helmond offers a complete package designed and built with top-level competition in mind. The facilities are not by chance compliant, but purposefully developed to meet the strict requirements of EFRA.

2.1 The Circuit: Designed for Champions

The heart of the event is the 1:8 scale off-road circuit. This is no standard club circuit; it's an arena designed to test the skills of Europe's best drivers. The philosophy of "built-in quality" is evident throughout. The track hasn't been retrofitted to meet regulations, but has been designed and built from day one according to EFRA specifications. This demonstrates a deep-rooted respect for the official standards of the sport.

We have an astroturf track.

The reason is that in the Netherlands, we don't have a hard surface like clay, loam, or other hard natural soil types.

The Netherlands is made up of sand. Black soil that's unsuitable for 1/8 competitions.

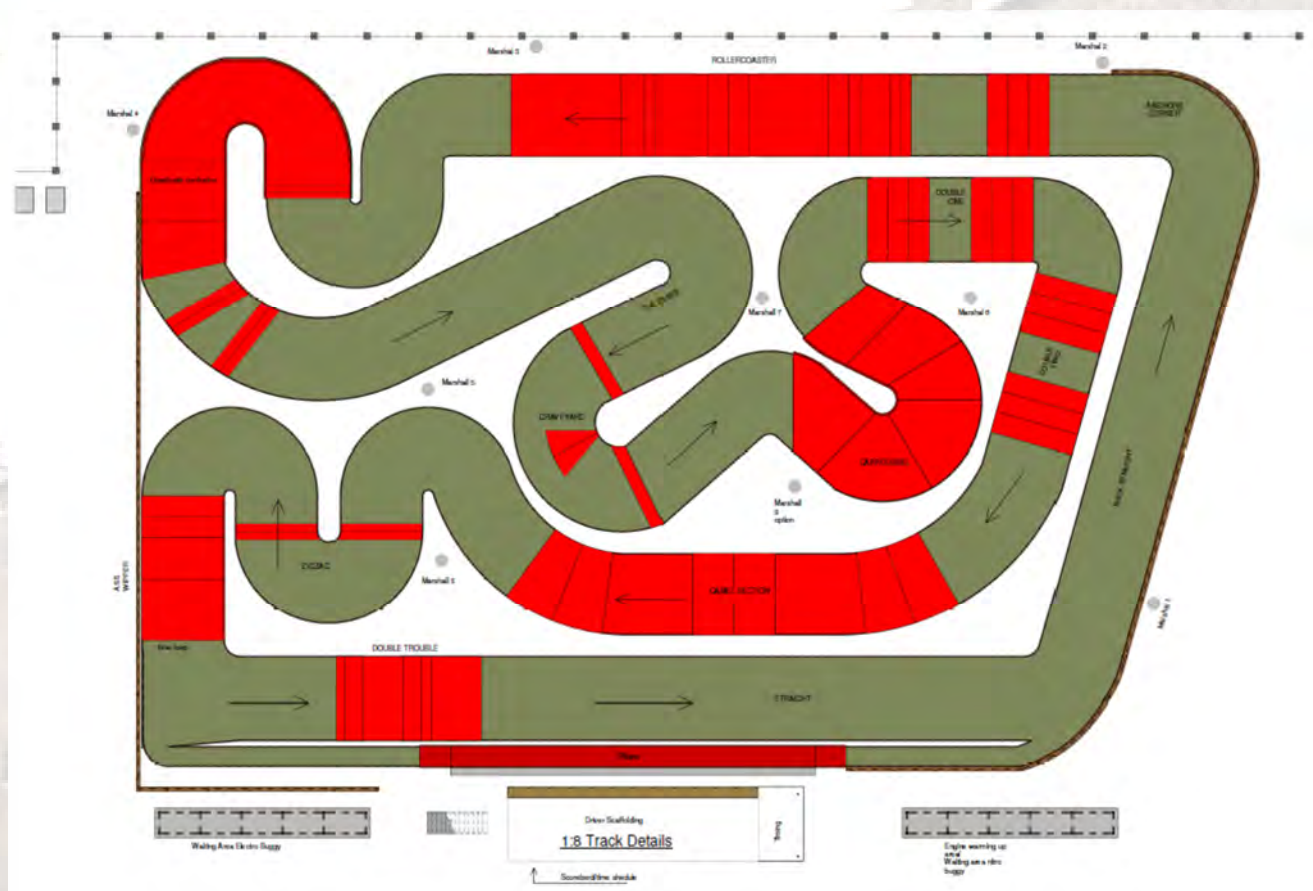
We want to compete on astroturf track, as has been done in the past in the 1/10 section.

We also believe that a Euro B course can definitely be held on astroturf track. The advantage of astroturf track is that it can be used even in bad weather. The course is equipped with several drainage points to ensure optimal drainage.

The circuit has a challenging and flowing character, with a mix of fast sections, technical corner combinations, and 12 strategically placed jumps that demand precision and control. The track is meticulously maintained to ensure consistent and predictable grip throughout the event week, a crucial factor for fair competition at this level.

Technical Specifications of the 1:8 Off-Road Circuit:

- **Track length:** 299 meters
- **Width:** 4 meter
- **Conform:** Fully compliant with EFRA specifications
- **Number of Jumps:** 12
- **Allowed models :** 1:8 electric and nitro powered models



2.2 The Paddock: Designed for Participant Success

A driver performs best when the facilities are optimal. The MACHONE Helmond paddock is designed with the needs of the participant in mind. The club has a permanent, covered paddock that can accommodate more than 50 people, complete with tables and chairs. For an event of this size, this space will be expanded with professional, high-quality tent structures to ensure a spacious, covered, and comfortable paddock for all 120/150+ participants.

The elevated and covered driver's stand offers a perfect, unobstructed view of the entire circuit, which is essential for the drivers. The separate timekeeping building is located directly next to the driver's stand.

A critical component of the infrastructure is the power supply. Although standard club infrastructure is often insufficient for a European Championship, this issue is being proactively addressed. In collaboration with a professional event supplier, MACHONE Helmond will install a supplementary power network throughout the entire pit area. This guarantees stable 230V power access for every registered participant, sufficient for loaders, tools, and engine warmers. This transforms a potential concern into a demonstration of detailed and proactive planning.

The restroom facilities consist of permanent, clean, and well-maintained toilets. These will be supplemented with luxury, temporary restrooms for the event week to comfortably accommodate the increased capacity and ensure a high standard of hygiene at all times. The on-site canteen will be open throughout the event and serve a varied selection of food and drinks.



2.3 Location & Accessibility

The location of MACHONE Helmond is strategically located and easily accessible.

- **Address:** Stipdonkse Goorweg, 5704 RG Helmond, Netherlands
- **Location description:** The circuit is located just outside the South-East Brabant industrial estate. The access route is clear and described in detail on the club website, making navigation easier for international visitors. The last section of the
- access road is unpaved, but easily accessible.

A QR code linking directly to the location on Google Maps will be included in all communications for maximum convenience.



Section 3: The Helmond Experience: Unparalleled Accessibility & Community

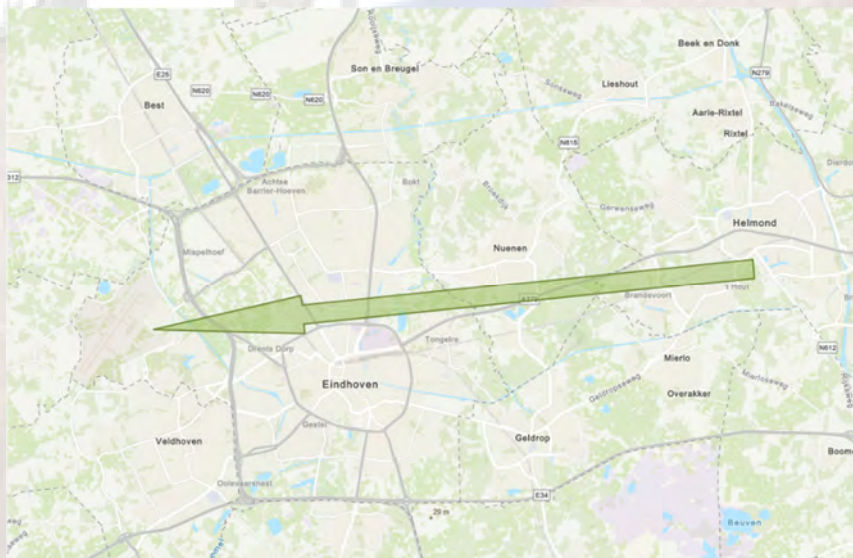
3.1 A Hub of European Transport

Helmond's geographical location is an invaluable strategic advantage. It's served by three major international airports, offering unparalleled travel flexibility and affordability for teams from across Europe. This lowers the barrier to entry and maximizes potential attendance. Whether teams are using budget airlines or intercontinental flights, travel to Helmond is easy and cost-effective.

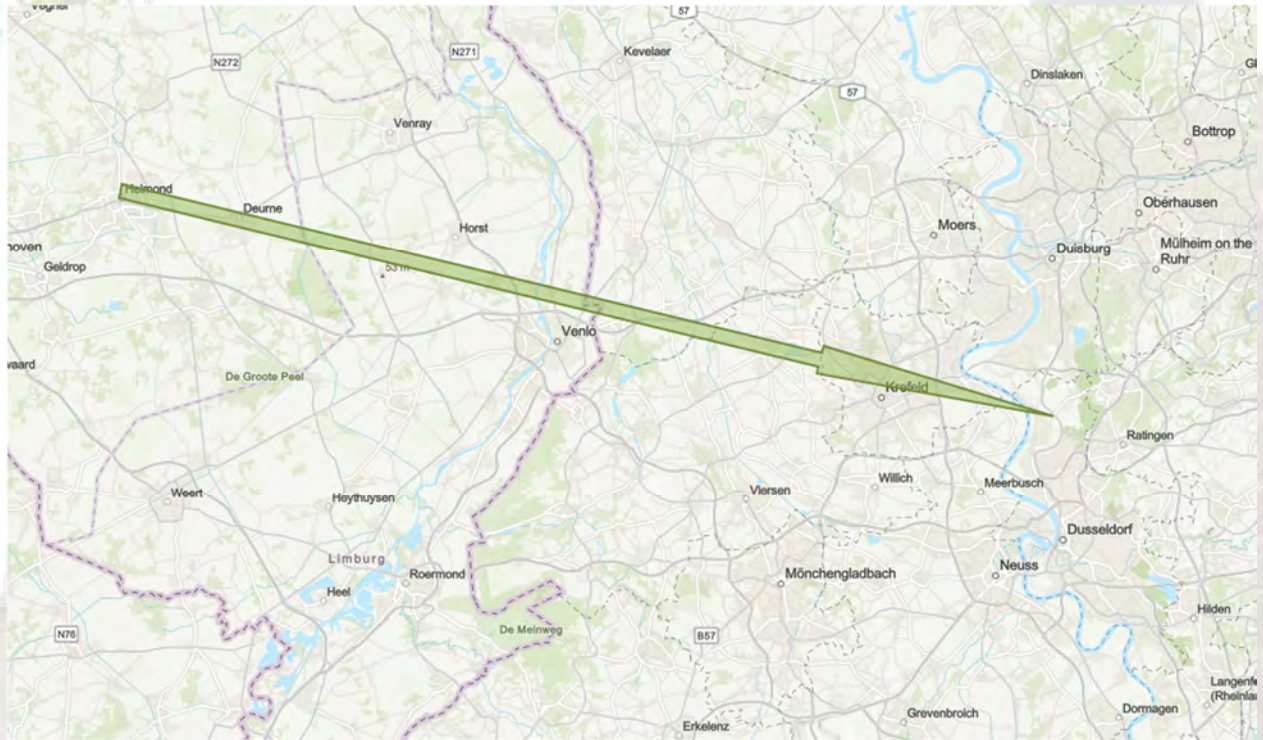
Airport (EIN): The closest and most convenient option, ideal for European budget flights.

Distance by car: 22.2 km, approximately 22 minutes' travel time.

Public transport: An efficient combination of bus and train takes passengers from the airport to Helmond station in about 48 minutes.



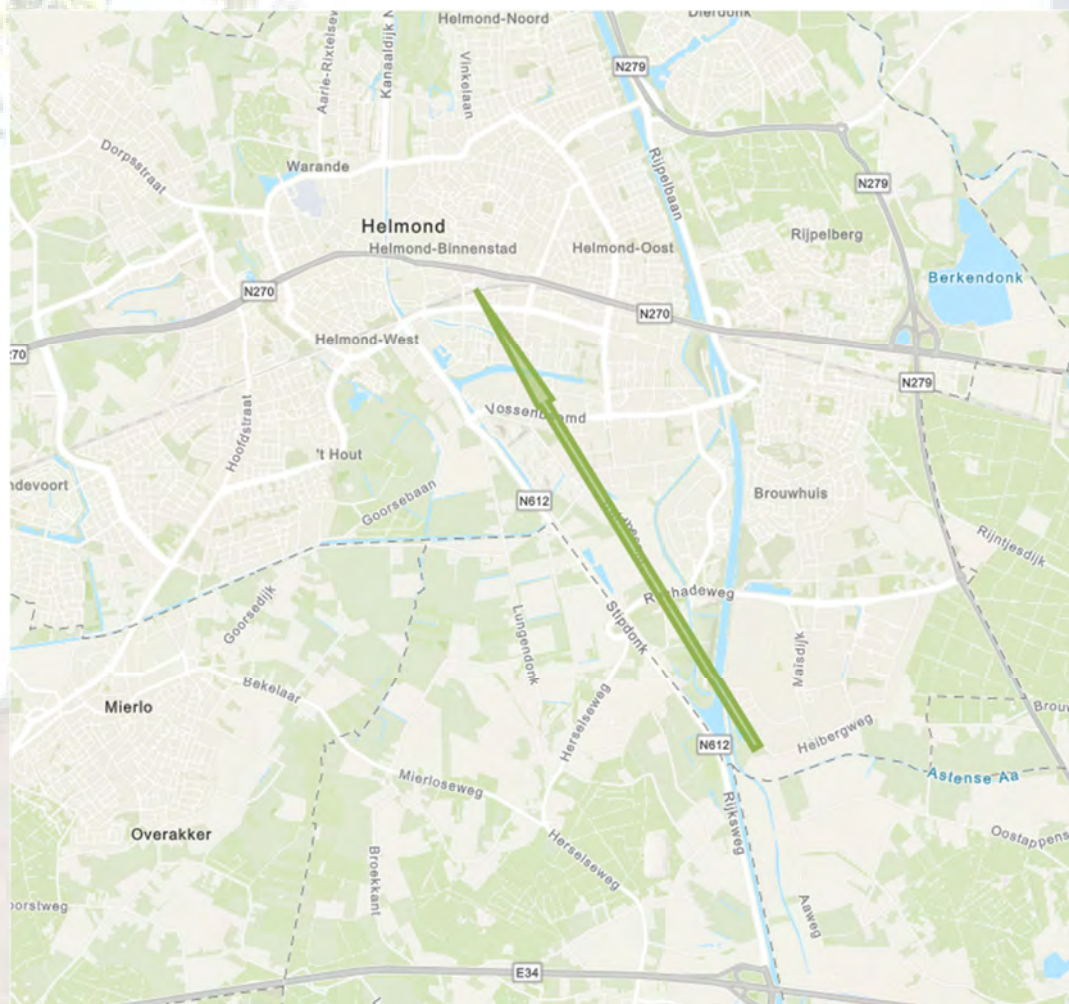
Düsseldorf Airport (DE), Germany: A major international hub offering an excellent alternative, especially for teams from Central and Eastern Europe.
Distance by car: 92.4 km, approximately 1 hour and 12 minutes travel time.
Public transport: Train connections take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours, usually with a few changes



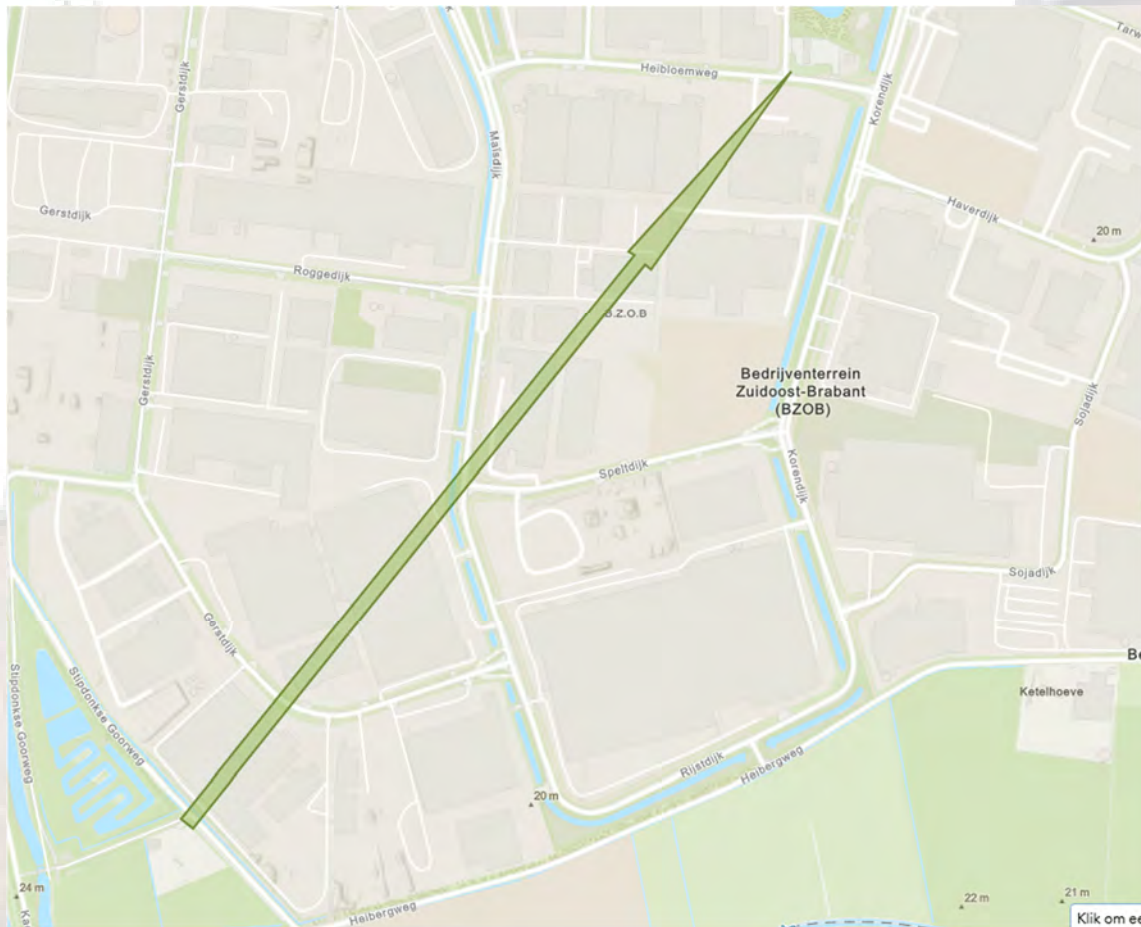
Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS): The primary intercontinental airport in the Netherlands, connecting the world to Helmond.
Distance by car: 127.6 km, approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes travel time.
Public transport: The efficient Dutch railway network (NS) offers frequent and often direct train connections that take passengers from Schiphol to Helmond in approximately 1 hour and 42 minutes



NS Station Helmond : The train station is approximately 7km by car from the site. From the train station you can take the bus to the nearest bus station.



Helmond, BZOB/Heibloemweg :The nearest bus station is located just under 1.9 km from the site, a short 20-minute walk. As a club, we can arrange for pick-up and drop-off at scheduled times



This exceptional connectivity, combined with the excellent Dutch road network, makes MACHONE Helmond one of the most accessible RC circuits in Europe.

3.2 Accommodation for participants

To meet the EFRA requirement, a careful selection of local accommodations has been made. This offering is designed to meet the diverse budgets and needs of the participating teams. Team managers can be confident that preliminary research has been conducted to make their stay as comfortable and hassle-free as possible. Special rates and block bookings are proactively negotiated.

Hotel	Class	Distance to	Indicative	Main features
		Circuit (ca.)	Price/Night (€)	
Fletcher Wellness-Hotel Helmond	4.5-stars	5 km / 10 min	70 – 110 (2 person bedroom per night)	Wellness resort, restaurant, bowling, parking
Golden Tulip West-Ende	4-stars	6 km / 12 min	90 – 130 (2 person bedroom per night)	Historic building, city center, brasserie, free WiFi
Best Western Hotel Nobis Asten	4-stars	10 km / 15 min	120 – 150 (2 person bedroom per night)	Rural location, swimming pool and sauna,
HUP Mierlo	4-stars	13 km / 18 min	70 – 110 (2 person bedroom per night)	Ftness, bowling, tennis and swimming



3.3 The Paddock Camping: A Unique Community Heart

One of the most unique and attractive features of this bid is the creation of a community campsite right next to the circuit. This is more than just budget-friendly

accommodation; it is the social heart of the championship. In collaboration with the adjacent Helmond Model Flying Club (HMVC), a large, flat grassy field will be transformed into a fully-fledged Paddock Campsite for tents, caravans, and campervans.

This unique, integrated experience creates a vibrant, village-like atmosphere where the spirit of competition is palpable 24/7. It fosters friendships, technical exchanges, and a sense of community that few other venues can offer. For participants, it eliminates the need for daily travel, saving time, money, and stress.

In accordance with EFRA regulations, MACHONE Helmond will assume full responsibility for managing the campsite. This includes the reservation process, payment, and the provision of essential facilities such as power hookups and waste disposal.



Section 4: The Championship: Schedule & Conformity

4.1 Proposed Race Program

In collaboration with EFRA, we're launching the Euro B on Friday. We'll be open on Thursday so people can arrive. This is in consultation with EFRA.

Warm-Up Event 2026:

To ensure the smooth running of the 2027 European Championships, MACHONE Helmond is committed to organizing a large-scale International Warm-Up event in the spring 2026

. This event will replicate the exact schedule, race format, and operating procedures of the European Championships B. It will serve as a comprehensive dress rehearsal, allowing every organizational component, from the timing system to the camping logistics, to be field-tested and fine-tuned in collaboration with EFRA officials.

4.2 Technical & Regulatory Confidence

MACHONE Helmond confirms full compliance with all technical and regulatory requirements as outlined in the EFRA application form. This attention to detail demonstrates the organization's serious and professional approach.

- **Voltage & Plugs:** The voltage used in the Netherlands is 230V/50Hz. The standard plug is Type F (Schuko). A clear image of this plug type will be included in the Stage 1 information to inform international participants.



- **Identification badges:** The organizers will produce and provide identification badges for all drivers, mechanics, and team managers. Participants will be notified in advance whether they need to provide a passport photo.
- **Marshalling:** A detailed plan is available with all marshal positions
- **Club Website:** The official website of the organizing club is <https://www.MACHONE.eu>. A dedicated section for the event will be created on this website.

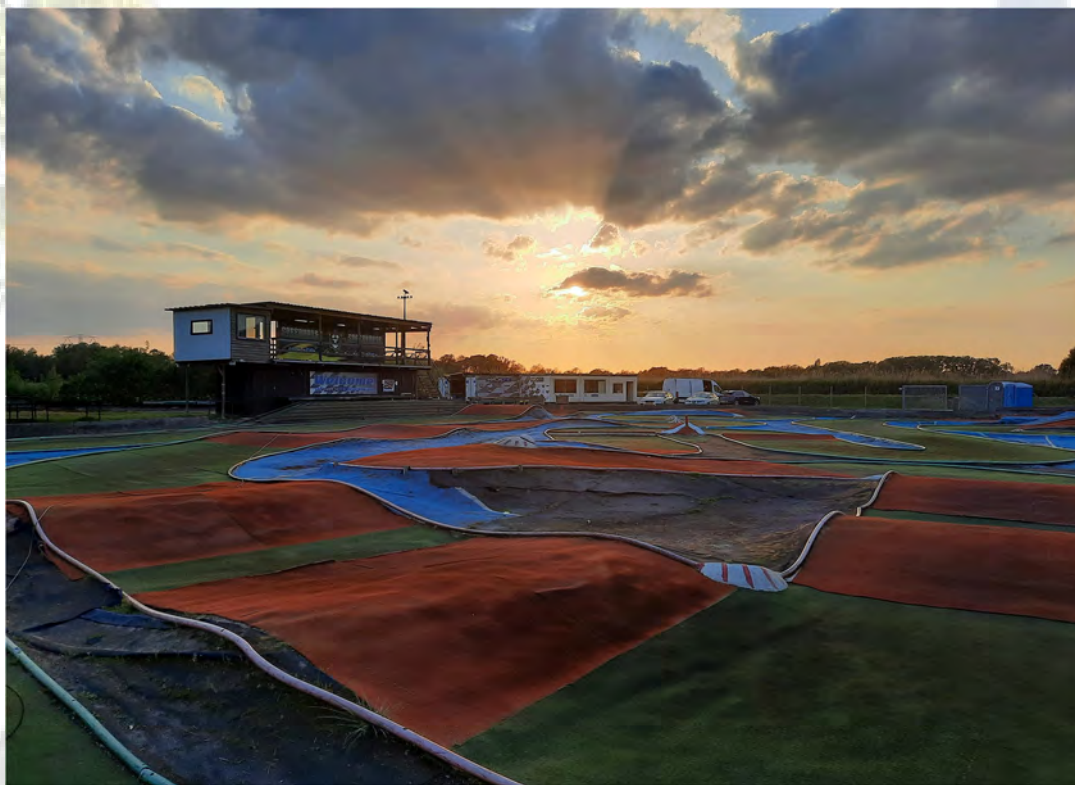
The appendices provide the tangible evidence and supporting documentation for the claims made in this bid, strengthening the credibility and professionalism of the application.

Appendix A: Photo Gallery

This appendix will provide a visually compelling impression of the location and its atmosphere.









Appendix B: City of Helmond

Discover Helmond – A Hidden Gem in North Brabant.



Welcome to Helmond, a vibrant Dutch city where history, culture, and innovation come together. Located in the heart of North Brabant, Helmond is the perfect destination for visitors seeking a blend of tradition and modern charm.

Historic Charm

At the city's heart stands the stunning Helmond Castle, the largest moated castle in the Netherlands. Surrounded by beautiful greenery, the castle and its museum invite you to step back in time and explore centuries of local history.

Culture & Creativity

Helmond is home to Museum Helmond, where art, design, and history meet. The city also celebrates creativity in its neighborhoods, with Brandevoort offering a unique architectural experience that feels like walking through a storybook town.

Green & Active

With its extensive cycling routes, canals, and green spaces, Helmond is best explored on two wheels or by foot. The city's surroundings are perfect for nature lovers, offering peaceful escapes just minutes away from the lively center.

Taste & Enjoy

From cozy cafés to fine dining, Helmond's culinary scene reflects both international flavors and warm Brabant hospitality. Be sure to visit the bustling market square for a lively evening atmosphere filled with food, drinks, and local charm.

Innovation & Progress

Helmond is also known as a city of innovation, especially in technology and mobility. It's a place where the past and future meet, creating a dynamic destination that continues to grow and inspire.

Why Visit Helmond?

Helmond is big enough to surprise you and small enough to feel welcoming. Whether you come for history, culture, cycling, or simply to enjoy Dutch life at a relaxed pace, Helmond promises an unforgettable experience.







Appendix C: 1:8 track details larger version

Appendix D: Master plan site larger version

Conclusion

MACHONE Helmond presents a bid built on a foundation of proven experience, excellent facilities, and a strategically unparalleled location. The vision for 2027 goes beyond simply organizing a race; it aims to create a comprehensive and unforgettable event that celebrates the sport and puts the participants first.

The combination of an EFRA-specific circuit, proactive and detailed planning for all logistical aspects, exceptional accessibility via three international airports, and the unique offering of an integrated paddock campsite positions Helmond as the ideal candidate for the 2027 European Championship B.

By choosing MACHONE Helmond, EFRA is opting for certainty, professionalism, and a partner fully committed to delivering a championship that will long be remembered as a highlight on the European RC calendar.

With kind regards,

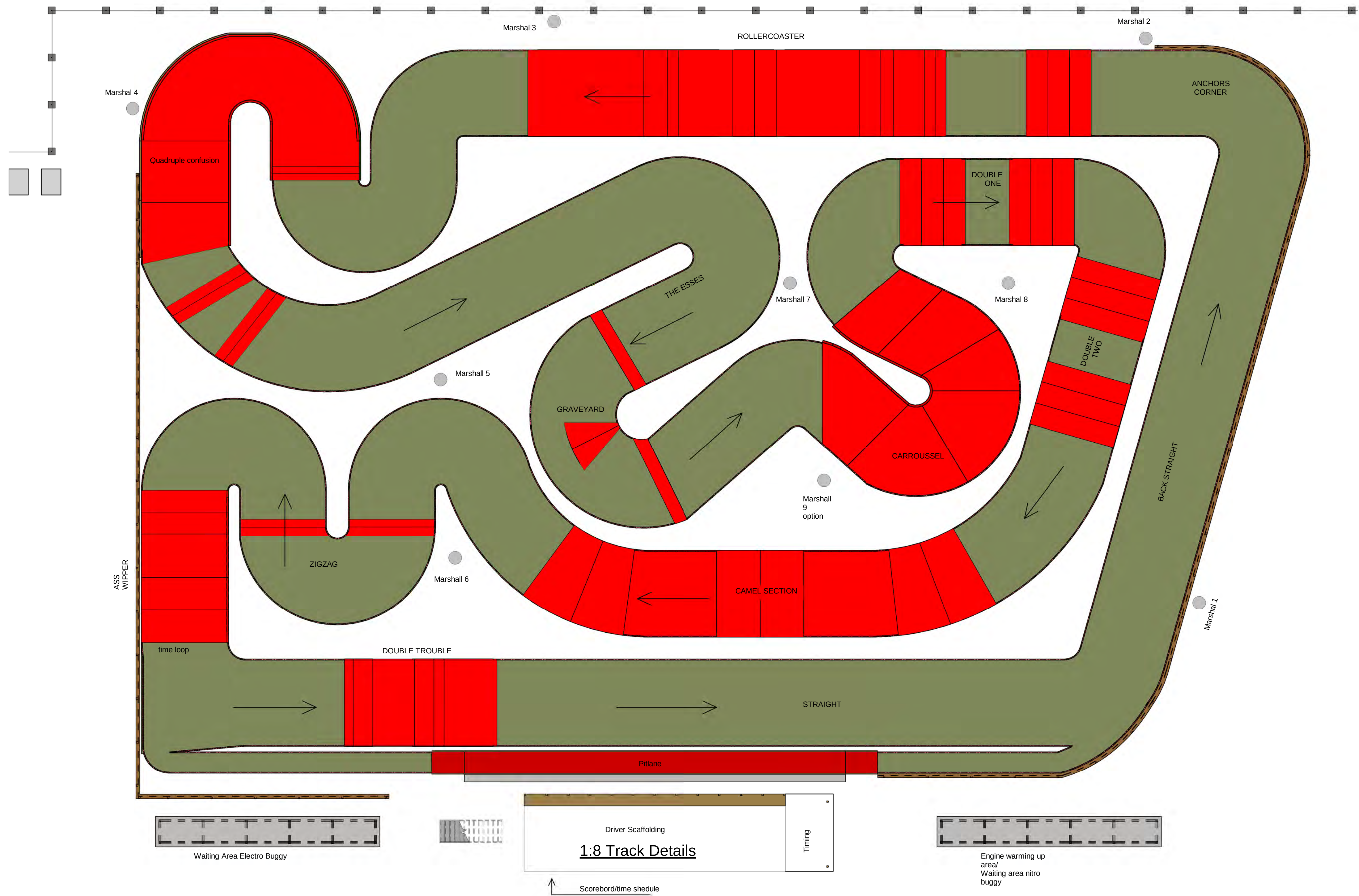
Team MACHONE

ps: If we get the bid for the Euro B, we will further complete and elaborate on the missing items and include them in a stage 2 report powerpoint presentation.

We will also provide a logo for the event with the Helmond coat of arms, MACHONE and EFRA logos and incorporate the event name.



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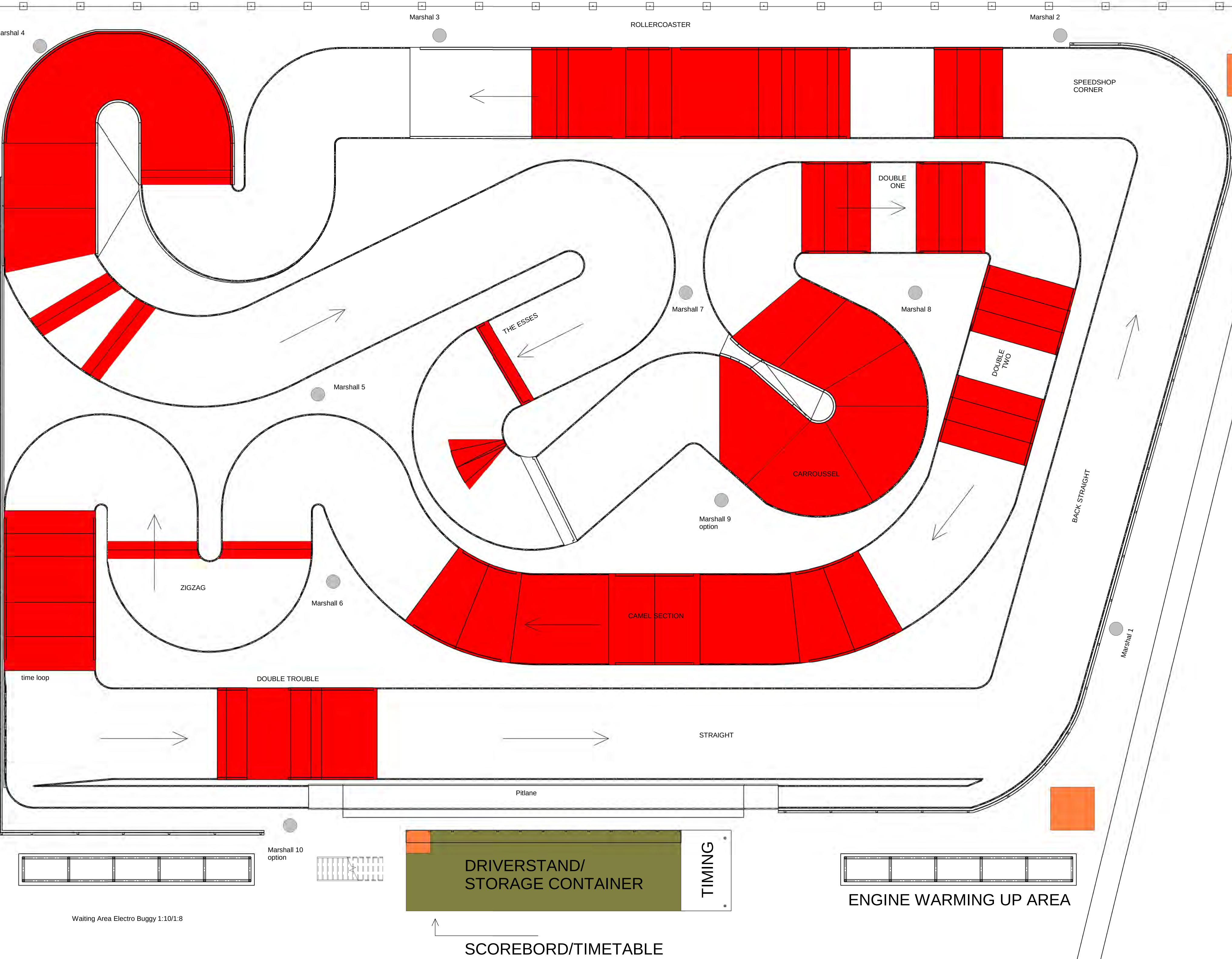
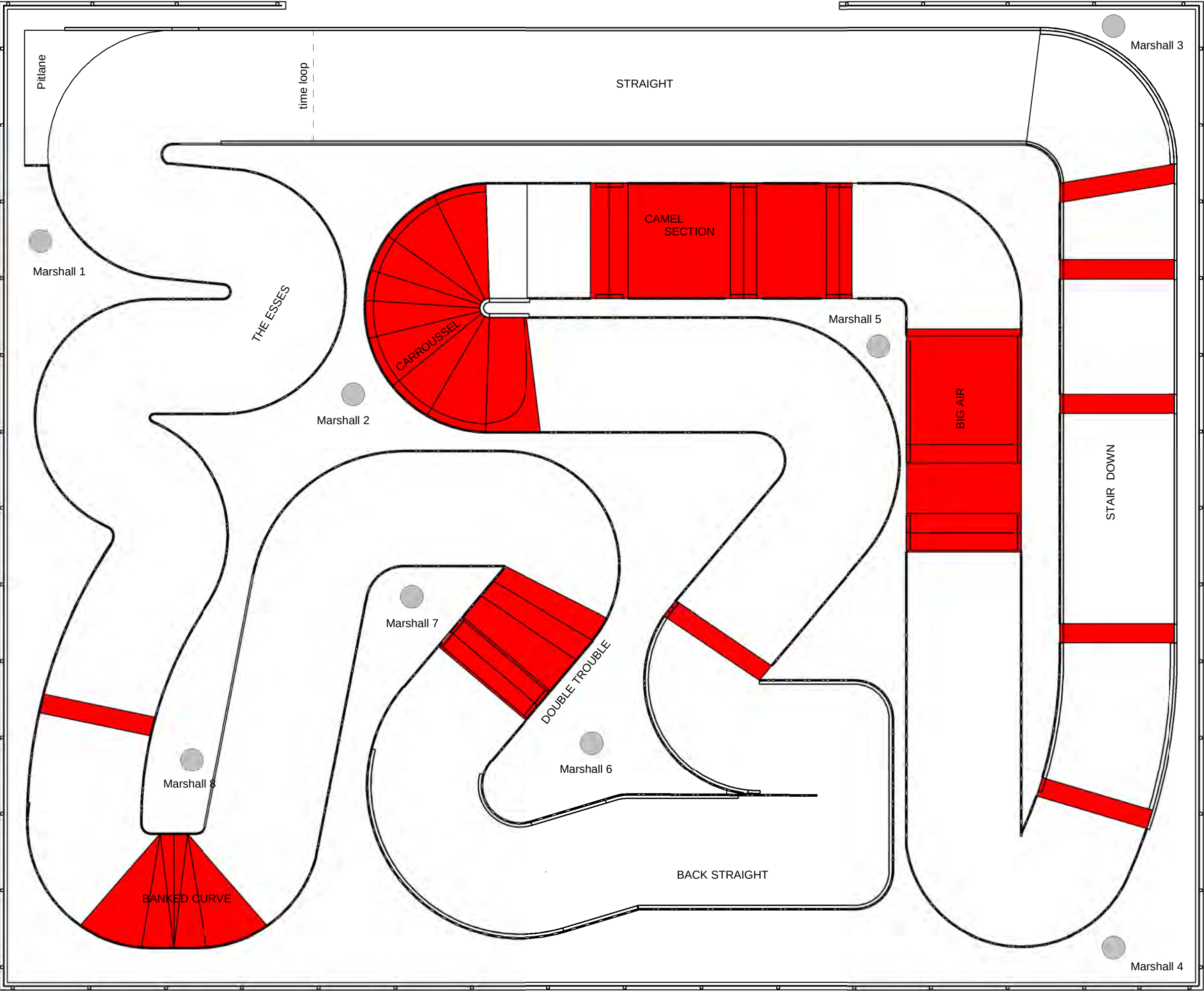
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