

Briefing on retrieve driving in Mallorca

1. Speed limits

Speed limits:

- in built-up areas 50 km/h
- outside built-up areas 90 km/h
- motorways MA-15 only 100km/h,

other motorways (not on map) 120 km/h

2. Alcohol

Blood alcohol level: max. 0.5 mg/ml

3. Parking on roadside

On orange and yellow coloured roads on your map, you can get fined for parking where you are obstructing the lane



Acceptable on orange & yellow coloured roads on your map



Not acceptable – you may get fined

4. Speed cameras

These are identified on your maps, but we take no responsibility if you should find others!
There are many mobile radars (mostly close to the turn arounds of the MA-15)

5. Police and fines

Ricardo has spoken to the police and they are very willing to help us in our competition. However they will not ignore those breaking the law and traffic penalties are extremely high (phone or radio used by the driver is 200€, wrong parking 80€, speeding fines between 80€ and 500€, alcohol more than 500€) although if you pay within 15 days you get a 50% discount! For foreign cars the police can retain the car till the penalty is paid, by cash or credit card.

6. Driving off main roads

Most of the side roads are single tracks, sometimes enclosed with no passing places.

In the morning when you are retrieving, these are used by frantic mothers trying to get their children to school – beware! You are strongly advised that if you see a car approaching that you drive off the road into the field side if possible. In parts the roads are bordered by stone wall with no passing places – please be considerate when you approach these situations and be prepared to reverse. If you want to stop please pull off into field parallel if possible, as shown in picture.



No passing places



Difficult to pull to the side



Unfenced road



Park off the road like this

7. Launch areas and common Target areas

Because of the narrow roads we will endeavour to provide an adjacent field for support vehicles at CLAs and for retrieve crews at target areas. These will be identified at the briefings and you are required to enter these fields should you want to stop.

For any FIN if the pilot has to take the decision between obstructing a small road or to go 1 metre into the ploughed field to inflate the balloon, it is recommended that better option is to "go slightly into the field and leave the road free"

8. Enclosed fields

Some large fields are surrounded by high flimsy fences on top of stone walls where it will be impossible to lift balloons over. The gateway is usually filled by a tall gate padlocked with owners who live miles away and often absent. You are advised to avoid landing in these areas as you will be trapped. We hope to provide a crane to lift balloons out but it will cost.



High flimsy fences



High flimsy gates