

# **2016 CHINESE GRAND PRIX**

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### 1) Issues arising from the Bahrain Grand Prix

## 2) Changes to the circuit

2.1 Additional "combination" kerb elements have been installed behind the existing kerbs on the apex of turns 9, 10, 11 and 16. These new elements are 50mm higher than the existing kerbs and approximately 3m long and 1m wide.

#### 3) Pit lane map

- 3.1 Safety Car lines.
- 3.2 The location of the pit entry and the pit exit.
- **3.3** Designated garage areas.
- **3.4** Safety Car position for first lap and rest of race.
- **3.5** Blue flag marshal.
- 3.6 Safety Car "arrow man".

#### 4) Weighing and weighing platform

- The weighing platform will be open between the following times, each visit should last no more than 10 minutes unless no other team is waiting in the pit lane:
  - a) From 09.00 Thursday until 14.30 on Saturday (between 13.00 and 14.30 each visit will be restricted to five minutes).
  - b) From when the cars are returned to the teams after qualifying until 19.30 on Saturday.
  - c) From 09.00 until 13.00 on Sunday.

Any team found to be abusing the time limits set out above, which we will be enforced by FIA security personnel and our own CCTV, will not be permitted to use the weighbridge again during the Event.

4.2 Please ensure your staff treat all equipment in the FIA garage as if it was their own, they should also leave the area clean and tidy and keep their numbers within the garage to a minimum. Again, in the event of any reported abuse the team concerned will not be permitted to use the weighbridge again during the Event.

#### 5) <u>Practice starts</u>

- 5.1 Practice starts during sessions may only be carried out on the right at the pit exit before the end of the pit wall. Drivers must leave adequate room on their left for another driver to pass.
- **5.2** Reminder about Article 36.1:

"All drivers going to the pit exit at this time must do so at a constant speed and with constant throttle. This applies over the whole of the pit lane whether a driver is going to the pit exit from his garage or travelling through the pit lane between reconnaissance laps."

This paragraph prohibits practice starts, bite point checks and burn outs during these times. In order to ensure that this requirement is respected cars leaving the pit lane at this time may only do so directly from their garage, not from their pit stop position.

**5.3** For reasons of safety and sporting equity, cars may not stop in the fast lane at any time the pit exit is open without a justifiable reason (a practice start is not considered a justifiable reason).

## 6) <u>Lines, bollards and flags at the pit entry and pit exit</u>

- 6.1 In accordance with Chapter 4 (Section 5) of Appendix L to the ISC drivers must keep to the right of the white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits, no part of any car leaving the pits may cross this line.
- **6.2** For safety reasons drivers must keep to the right of the bollard at the pit entry.
- 6.3 The dotted white line across the pit exit is the track edge.
- 6.4 If there is a yellow flag waved on the driver's right at the beginning of the pit entry it will be warning of an incident around the corner of the pit entry. This flag is not intended for drivers staying on the track and competing a lap.

## 7) Light panels

7.1 The FIA light panels have been installed in the positions shown on the circuit map. In accordance with Appendix H to the ISC the light signals have the same meaning as flag signals.

## 8) <u>DRS</u>

- 8.1 DRS will be globally disabled if panels 1, 16, 17, 19 or 20 are displaying yellow.
- 8.2 Detection will be automatically disabled if the light panels below are displaying yellow:

**Zone 1**: Panels 13, 14 or 15.

**Zone 2**: Panel 18.

**8.3** If automatic detection is not working, and permission has been given by race control to use manual detection, DRS should not be used in the relevant zone if panels 13, 14, 15 or 18 are displaying yellow.

## 9) Drivers leaving their pit stop position in the pit lane

- **9.1** For safety reasons, no car should be driven from its pit stop position at any time unless:
  - a) It has first been driven into the pit stop position having just entered the pit lane from the track, and ;
  - b) It is then driven immediately back onto the track from the pit stop position.

## 10) Fire extinguishers around the circuit

**10.1** Indicated by small fluorescent orange boards.

#### 11) Places to remove cars from the track

11.1 Indicated by fluorescent orange panels on the walls or guardrails.

## 12) Support races

**12.1** Teams are asked to keep their barriers no more than five metres from the garages during the support race sessions and races.

## 13) Post qualifying parc fermé

13.1 The cameras should be installed and operated in the same way as 2015.

## 14) Removing cars from the grid

**14.1** Two gates in the pit wall, beside grid positions 5 and 18.

## 15) Car number boards for the starts

**15.1** On the driver's right.

#### 16) Post race parc fermé

**16.1** All cars must enter the pit lane and proceed directly to the weighing area.

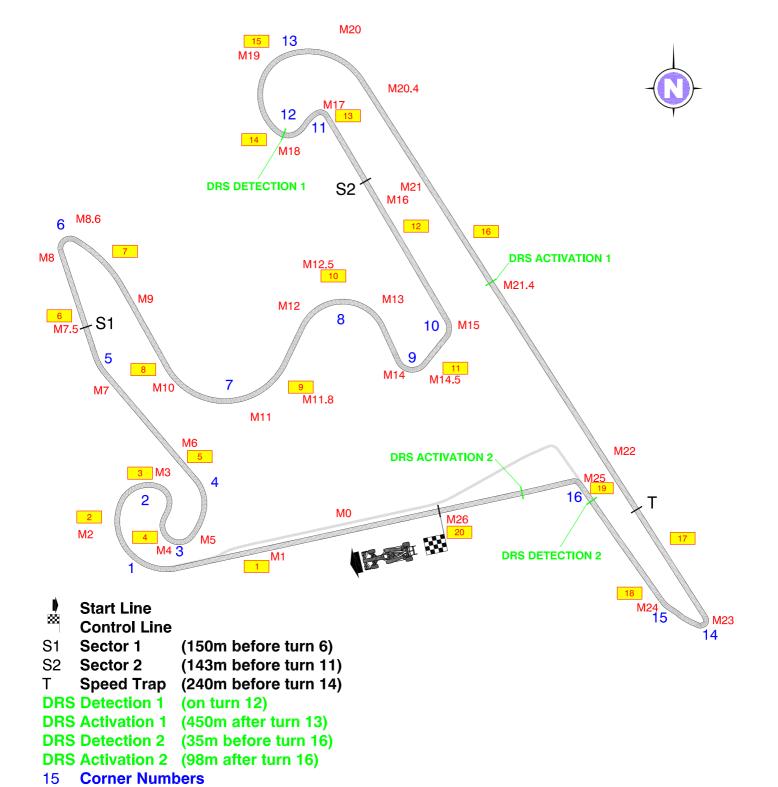
#### 17) Any other business

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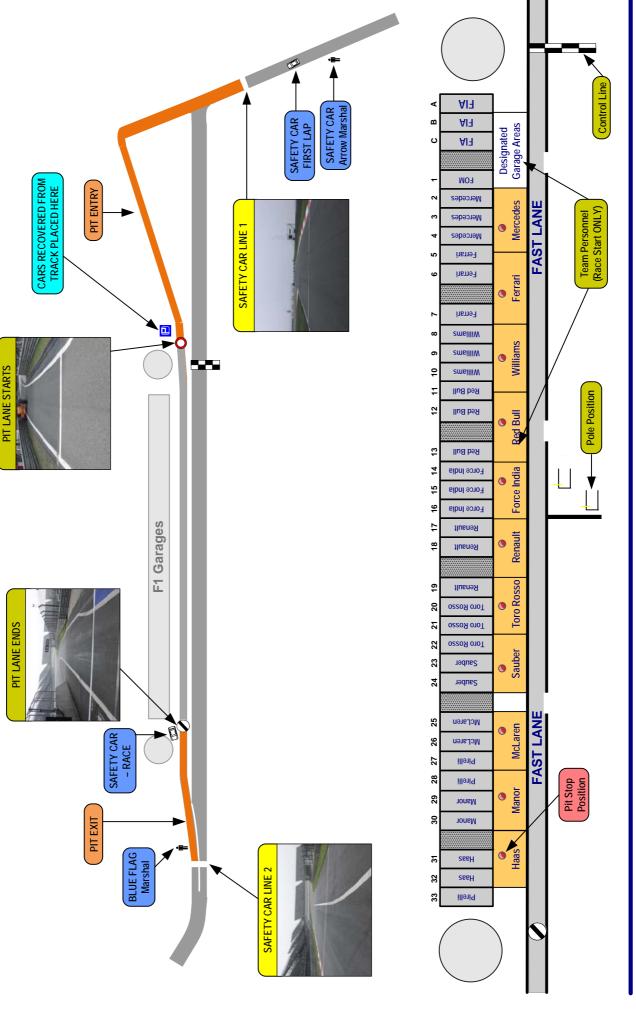
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FIA Marshal Light Number & Location

Circuit Centreline Length = 5.451 km





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