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Note to Teams

Post-qualifying interview procedures will remain as the previous Event, the top three drivers will again be interviewed as soon as they get out of their cars on the track.

Should either of your drivers be among the top three at the end of qualifying we would like to ask for your co-operation in following the procedure below :

- If they take the chequered flag at the end of Q3, the fastest three drivers should complete the lap and then proceed to the grid and stop in front of the usual 1-2-3 boards.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary), officials and accredited television crews and photographers, no one else will be allowed on the grid at this time (so please no driver physios nor team PR personnel).
- Once out of their cars the interviews will take place on the grid, the interviewer will be David Coulthard. Once the interviews are finished team mechanics should and push the cars to the parc fermé in the weighing area.
- If one of the top three drivers is in the pit lane at the end of the session the team should ensure that he goes directly to the grid once the other drivers have arrived there.
- At the end of the live interviews the drivers will walk through the pit wall door towards the parc fermé and then be led to the backdrop for the AfRS photo opportunity. The pole position driver should then remain in front of the backdrop to receive the Pirelli Pole Position Award from Susami Kazuyo, winner of an on line contest made by the tyre supplier.

These drivers will then be weighed by the FIA to the right of the backdrop.

- The drivers will then be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate directly to the press conference room.

Following that the drivers should then go to the TV pen following the same route, they may be accompanied by their press officers.

- *NB : Drivers eliminated in Q1 and Q2, drivers classified from 4th to 10th in Q3 and drivers who did not participate in Q1 but are eligible to race should also attend the TV pen interview session.*

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