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## **NOTE TO TEAMS: POST QUALIFYING PROCEDURE**

The Post-Qualifying interview procedure requires the top three (3) drivers to be interviewed in the Pit Lane underneath the permanent Podium located at the Pit Exit end of the Pit Exit Garage complex once they have got out of their cars on the Grid.

Should either of your drivers be among the top three (3) 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 (3) drivers **should stay on track and proceed directly to the Grid** where the 1, 2, 3 boards will be located in the vicinity of grid position 5.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary), officials and FIA pre-approved television crews and the four (4) FIA approved photographers, no one else will be allowed in this designated area at this time (no driver physios nor team PR personnel). At the sole discretion of the FIA Media Delegate, the team-embedded photographer of the pole position driver may also be permitted on the grid at this time.
- Once out of their cars, the top three (3) Drivers should wave to the crowd in the grandstand and will then be escorted through the gate in the Pit Wall to the interview area located in front of the podium where each Driver will be weighed by the FIA. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g: Helmet, Gloves, etc).
- After the Drivers have been weighed, the Post-Qualifying interviews will take place in this designated area. The interviewer will be David Coulthard.
- At the same time each team must bring these cars directly to the Parc Fermé area located at the Pit Lane Entry under the supervision of the officials.
- If one (1) of the top three (3) drivers is already in the Pit Lane at the end of the session, the team should ensure that he goes directly to the designated area once the other drivers have arrived there.
- At the end of the live interviews the pole position driver will be led to the backdrop located in Pit Lane underneath the permanent Podium at the Pit Exit end of the Pit Exit Garage complex for the AfRS and Pirelli Pole Position Award photo opportunity.
- The top three (3) drivers will then be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate to the FIA Press Conference located on the first floor of the Pit Garage Complex at the Pit Exit end of the Paddock.
- At the end of the FIA Press Conference, the top three (3) drivers will go to the TV pen, located in the middle of the Paddock and they may be accompanied by their press officers, who should wait to collect their drivers at the back of the press conference room.

- *NB: Drivers eliminated in Q1 and Q2, drivers classified from 4th to 10th in Q3 and drivers who did not participate to Q1 but are eligible to race must also attend the TV pen interview session after they have been weighed by the FIA at the end of the last part of qualifying in which they participated.*
- *Any Driver classified from 4<sup>th</sup> and beyond who does not have a virtual session for the written media organised after Qualifying must be available for interviews at the written media zone adjacent to the TV pen once their TV interviews have concluded.*

Please see the attached Qualifying - Parc Fermé Diagram.

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