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NOTE TO TEAMS: POST RACE INTERVIEW & PODIUM CEREMONY PROCEDURE

In addition to the provisions of the 2021 Formula One Sporting Regulations – Appendix 3 Podium Ceremony, as this is a Closed Event the Podium Ceremony procedure detailed below must be followed.

Post Race Interview and Podium Ceremony Procedure:

- The master of ceremonies will be appointed by the FIA to conduct and take responsibility for the entire podium ceremony.
- Drivers who finish the race in the top three (3) positions will be required to **enter the pit lane and proceed directly to the area beneath podium structure at pit exit** where they will find the boards showing positions from 1, 2, 3.
- All other cars that finished the race are required to return to the Pit Lane and stop in the Parc Fermé area in front of the FIA Garages.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary), officials and FIA pre-approved television crews and the four FIA approved photographers, no one else will be allowed in the 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 winning driver may also be permitted in the designated area.
- Once out of their cars, the top three Drivers will be escorted to the interview area located underneath the podium structure where they will be weighed by the FIA. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.).
- For the duration of the Post Race Interviews and Podium Ceremony Procedure, the Drivers finishing in race in positions 1, 2, 3 must remain attired only in their Driving Suits, 'done up' to the neck, not opened to the waist. Face masks may be removed during the Post Race Interviews and Podium Ceremony.
- After the Drivers have been weighed, the post-race interviews will take place in this designated area, and the interviewer will be David Coulthard.
- Drivers must not interfere with Parc Fermé protocols in any way.
- During this time, team members of the top three (3) drivers will be permitted to access their allocated areas in the Pit Lane.
- If the World Drivers' Championship is decided during this race and the Champion does not finish in the top 3, he must go to the Parc Fermé area for a TV interview following the interviews of the top 3 finishers. The Champion must then complete the TV pen and go to the Press Conference Room for a Champions' Press Conference that will follow the top 3 Press Conference.
- Once the interviews have been completed, the cool down area, where water and towels will be positioned for each Driver, will be located within the podium structure. No other drinks are permitted in the Parc Fermé area.

- Each Driver will be given their Pirelli Caps which will also contain a Face Mask both of which must be worn during the Podium Ceremony.
- The drivers will then be escorted to the Podium area where the 1, 2, 3 Rostrum and Dias will be located.
- **During this time, the winning car will be pushed by team mechanics directly in front of the podium.**
- When the Drivers are ready, an announcement for the Podium Ceremony will take place with the 3rd and 2nd placed Drivers introduced to move to their respective Podium Dias steps.
- The Winning Driver will then be announced who will move to his position on the Podium.
- Once the driver has taken their position on the podium step, the Face Mask can be removed.
- The National Anthems will then take place and flags will be displayed.
- Four (4) dignitaries will present all 4 trophies on the podium.
- The Trophy Presentations will take place in the following order:
 - 3rd Place Driver (On the Podium)
 - 2nd Place Driver (On the Podium)
 - A representative of the Winning Constructor (On the Podium)
 - Winning Driver (On the Podium)
- The Podium Celebrations will then take place.
- For the duration of the TV pen interviews and FIA Post Race Press Conference, all Drivers finishing must remain attired in their respective teams' uniform only. For the avoidance of doubt this includes a Medical Face Mask or Team Branded Face Mask in the Press Conference Room.
- Following the Podium Ceremony, the top three (3) drivers will be escorted through the pit lane by the FIA Media Delegate to the TV pen located at the Pit Entry end of the Formula 1 Paddock where they may be accompanied by their press officers.
- At the end of the TV pen, the top three (3) drivers (and World Drivers' Champion if decided and not in the top 3) will then be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate via shuttle bus to the FIA Press Conference, located on Media Island.
- Drivers classified from 4th and beyond must proceed directly to the TV pen immediately after they have been weighed in the Parc Fermé, located in the FIA garage. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.).
- Any Driver classified from 4th and beyond who does not have a virtual session for the written media organized after the race must be available for interview at the written media zone adjacent to the TV pen once their TV interviews have concluded.
- Drivers who retired during the race are required to go to the TV pen as soon as they have come back into the paddock.

Please see the attached Post Race Podium Ceremony and Parc Fermé Diagram.

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