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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.

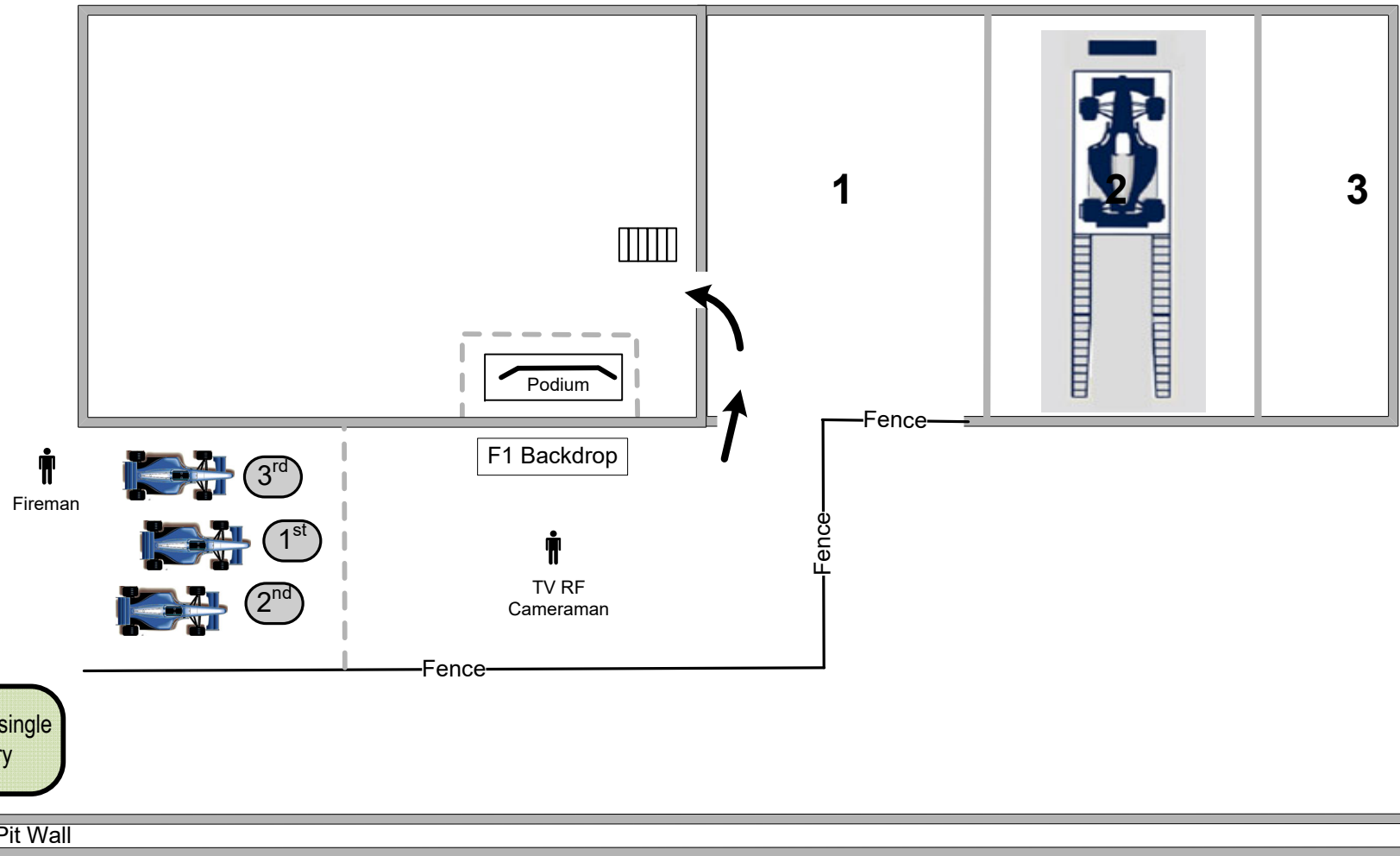
Post Race Interview and Podium Ceremony Procedure:

- 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 positions will be required to return to Pit Lane **without dropping back in order to return to the Pit Lane amongst the 'first' cars**, where they will find the boards showing positions from 1, 2, 3 located at the pit lane entry in front of the FIA Garages.
- All other cars that finished the race are required to return to the Pit Lane and line up on the left-hand side of the Pit Entry road.
- 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 weighed by the FIA near their cars. 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 Jenson Button.
- Drivers must not interfere with Parc Fermé protocols in any way.
- During this time, team members of the top three drivers will be permitted to access their allocated areas in the Pit Lane.
- Once the interviews have been completed, the cool down area, where water and towels will be positioned for each Driver, will be located in the Parc Fermé Area. 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 permanent Podium area where the 1, 2, 3 Rostrum and Dias will be located.
- When the Drivers are ready, an announcement for the Podium Ceremony will take place with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- At the same time the winning car will be pushed by a maximum of three (3) team members into the winning car location in front of the LED screen.
- 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:
  - Winning Driver (On the Podium)
  - A representative of the Winning Constructor (On the Podium)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Driver (On the Podium)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Driver (On the Podium)
- The Sparkling Wine Podium Celebrations will 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 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 will go to the FIA Press Conference, located on the Ground floor of the Media Centre Building.
- Drivers classified from 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Remaining finishers parked in single file along the left of pit entry