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EVENT NOTES

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1) Issues arising from the Singapore Grand Prix

2) Changes to the circuit

2.1 Additional tyres, conveyor belts and tube inserts have been fitted to the existing tyre barriers in turns 1, 6, 9, 13 and 15.

3) <u>Pit lane map</u>

- **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 at the pit exit.
- **3.6** Track light panels displaying pit entry status.

4) <u>Pirelli Event Preview</u>

4.1 With reference to Article 24.4(a) of the Sporting Regulations see the attached document provided by the official tyre supplier.

5) <u>Weighing and weighing platform</u>

- 5.1 The FIA weighing platform will be available for teams to use at the following times, however, no more than 10 team personnel may be present during any visit. Each visit should last no more than 10 minutes unless no other team is waiting in the pit lane :
 - a) From 10.30 on Thursday until 16.30 on Saturday (between 15.00 and 16.30 each visit will be restricted to five minutes).
 - b) From when the cars are returned to the teams after qualifying until 21.30 on Saturday.

c) From 10.00 until 14.00 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.

6) <u>Red zones for photographers in the pit lane during practice sessions</u>

6.1 See the attached drawing.

7) <u>Practice starts</u>

7.1 During practice sessions :

Practice starts 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.

7.2 During the time the pit exit is open for reconnaissance laps (14.30-14.40) :

Practice starts should be carried out after the pit exit line but no further forward than the start of the dotted line which denotes the track edge. Drivers wishing to carry out a start here should stop as far to the right as possible in order to allow other cars to pass on their left. During this time any driver passing a car which has stopped to carry out a practice start may cross the white line that is referred to in 8.1 below.

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.

7.3 At all times :

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).

8) Lines or bollards at the pit entry and pit exit

- **8.1** In accordance with Chapter 4 (Section 5) of Appendix L to the ISC drivers must keep to the right of the solid white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits.
- **8.2** For safety reasons drivers must stay to the right of the bollard at the pit entry. However, any driver who runs wide in turn 15 and goes to the right of the bollard, and provided it was clear he was not intending to enter the pit lane, may re-join the track without going through the pit lane (in the context of Chapter 4, Article 4(d) of the Appendix L this would be considered a case of *force majeure* at this circuit).
- **8.3** The dotted white lines across the pit entry and pit exit are the track edges.

9) <u>DRS</u>

- 9.1 DRS will be globally disabled if panels 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19 are displaying yellow.
- **9.2** Detection will be automatically disabled for individual cars if the light panels below are displaying yellow :

Zones 1 and 2: Panels 13 and 14

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

10) Observing yellow flags during free practice and qualifying

- **10.1** Double waved : Any driver passing through a double waved yellow marshalling sector must reduce speed significantly and be prepared to change direction or stop. In order for the stewards to be satisfied that any such driver has complied with these requirements it must be clear that he has not attempted to set a meaningful lap time, for practical purposes this means the driver should abandon the lap (this does not necessarily mean he has to pit as the track could well be clear the following lap).
- **10.2** Single waved : Drivers should reduce their speed and be prepared to change direction. It must be clear that a driver has reduced speed and, in order for this to be clear, a driver would be expected to have braked earlier and/or discernibly reduced speed in the relevant marshalling sector.

Drivers should not overtake any car in a single waved yellow marshalling sector unless it is clear that a car is slowing with a completely obvious problem, e.g. obvious accident damage or a deflated tyre.

11) Track light panels

11.1 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.

12) Drivers leaving their pit stop position in the pit lane

- **12.1** 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.

13) Fire extinguishers around the circuit

13.1 Indicated by white boards with a red letter "F".

14) Places to remove cars from the track

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

15) Support races

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

16) In laps and reconnaissance laps

16.1 In order to ensure that cars are not driven unnecessarily slowly on in laps during and after the end of qualifying or during reconnaissance laps when the pit exit is opened for the race, drivers must stay below the maximum time set by the FIA between the Safety Car lines shown on the pit lane map.

You will be informed of the maximum time after the first day of practice.

17) Post qualifying parc fermé

17.1 The cameras should be installed and operated in the same way as usual.

18) Operational personnel curfew

18.1 Boards warning anyone attempting to enter the paddock that the curfew is in operation will be placed immediately before the entry turnstiles at the appropriate times.

19) <u>Removing cars from the grid</u>

- **19.1** Through openings in the wall beside pole position and grid position 7.
- **19.2** As access to the grid is some way from the garages it would be helpful if teams could provide one person with a rear jack to help marshals to remove any car left on the grid after the start of the race.

20) Car number light panels for the start

20.1 On the driver's left.

21) Track light panels displaying pit entry status

- **21.1** The light panels indicated on the pit lane map will display flashing yellow arrows if cars are required to use the pit lane once the Safety Car has been deployed during the race.
- **21.2** The light panels indicated on the pit lane map will display flashing red crosses if the pit lane is closed at any point during the race.

22) Lapping during the race

22.1 The ISC requires drivers who are caught by another car about to lap him to allow the faster driver past at the first available opportunity. The F1 Marshalling System has been developed in order to ensure that the point at which a driver is shown blue flags is consistent, rather than trusting the ability of marshals to identify situations that require blue flags.

As it was at the end of last season the system will be set to give a pre-warning when the faster car is within 3.0s of the car about to be lapped, this should be used by the team of the slower car to warn their driver he is soon going to be lapped and that allowing the faster car through should be considered a priority. When the faster car is within 1.2s of the car about to be lapped blue flags will be shown to the slower car (in addition to blue light panels, blue cockpit lights and a message on the timing monitors) and the driver must allow the following driver to overtake at the first available opportunity.

It should be noted that the aim of using F1MS is ensure consistent application of the rules, additional instructions may also be given by race control when necessary.

23) Post race parc fermé

- **23.1** All cars must enter the pit lane and proceed directly to the weighing area.
- 24) Any other business

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of the tread is the one described in the corresponding section above.

 Revised prescriptions could be issued during the race weekend in accordance with TD/007-16.





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Circuit Map



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PIT LANE STARTS

SAFETY CAR LINE 1

SAFETY CAR -RACE

PIT ENTRY

CARS RECOVERED FROM TRACK PLACED HERE