We hereby inform you that the FIA has made two updates to Appendix L – Chapter III “Drivers' Equipment” to the International Sporting Code. The updates will be implemented with immediate effect.

Update no. 1: Article 1.3 – Helmets / Conditions of use:

Until December 2021, the WEC Sporting Regulations requested drivers to wear full-face helmets. The reference to full-face helmets was not included in the 2022 WEC Sporting Regulations.

As the drivers’ safety equipment is regulated by Appendix L, Article 1.3 of Chapter III of Appendix L to the ISC was updated to include the requirement for drivers participating in the WEC Championship to wear full-face helmets.

Article 1.3 of Chapter III of Appendix L to the ISC has been updated as follows:

“1.3 Conditions of use
Drivers of open cockpit cars and drivers participating in the WEC Championship must wear full-face helmets, of which the chin bar is an integral part of the helmet structure and is tested to an FIA-approved standard. This measure is recommended for historic open cockpit cars and Autocross SuperBuggy, Buggy1600 and Junior Buggy.”

Update no. 2: Article 2 – Flame-resistant clothing:

Following the publication of the new FIA Standard 8856 2018 “Protective clothing for drivers”, the WMSC approved the implementation of this standard in several FIA Championships.

For the FIA World Rally Championship, the FIA World Championship for Cross-Country Rallies and the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas, it was decided to begin by imposing this standard on Priority drivers and accompanying co-drivers instead of all drivers, due to the fact that some drivers may only participate in one event in their own country.
As the FIA Sporting Regulations only provide a definition for Priority drivers, Appendix L only refers to Priority drivers, but the initial intention was that the co-drivers of Priority drivers would also be subject to the new clothing standard.

Article 2 of Chapter III of Appendix L to the ISC was updated to clarify that both the Priority drivers and accompanying co-drivers participating in the FIA World Rally Championship, the FIA World Championship for Cross-Country Rallies and the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas must comply with the new FIA Standard 8856-2018 “Protective clothing for drivers”.

Article 2 of Chapter III of Appendix L to the ISC has been updated as follows:

“2. Flame-resistant clothing
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Drivers and co-drivers participating in the championships listed below must wear overalls as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 standard (Technical List No. 74):

* Formula E (from season 6)
* Formula One World Championship
* WEC (from season 2021)
* FIA World Rally Championship, if listed as a Priority 1 driver (*and accompanying co-driver*)
* Formula 2
* FIA World Rallycross Championship, for all drivers
* FIA World Touring Car Cup
* FIA GT World Cup
* FIA Motorsport Games: GT CUP
* International Series in which GT3 cars compete
* FIA World Championship for Cross-Country Rallies, if listed as a Priority driver (*and accompanying co-driver*)
* FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas, if listed as a Priority driver (*and accompanying co-driver*)
* FIA World Rally Championship, if listed as a Priority 2, 3 or 4 driver (*and accompanying co-driver*)"

We remain at your disposal should you require any further information.

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