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BULLETIN 2 – Baku Competition – Format

Pursuant to Article 1.3 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations ("the Regulations"), various articles of the Regulations are amended and restated for the Baku Competition as follows:

5.4 The maximum number of Competitions in the Championship is 15 and the minimum is 6. At each Competition two races (Sprint race and Feature race) will be held subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN.

At the Baku Competition, three races (Sprint race, Feature race 1 and Feature race 2) will be held subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN.

5.5 The provisional list of Competitions making up the 2026 Championship will be published before 15 January 2026, with the Sprint race on Saturday and the Feature race on Sunday, subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN. An alternative timetable may be arranged in Monaco and Baku.

24.1 At the Baku Competition, the single tyre manufacturer (the Supplier) appointed by the Promoter will provide:

a) Two specifications of dry-weather tyre, each of which must be of one homogenous compound and visibly distinguishable from one another when a car is on the track.

b) Seven sets of dry-weather tyres, four of "prime" specification, three of "option" specification and four sets of wet-weather tyres for each car.

c) Two sets of "prime" specification and three sets of "option" specification will be allocated to each driver before the start of the free practice session.

d) Once used in free practice, one set of "prime" specification may be returned to the tyre supplier before the start of the qualifying practice session.

e) One additional set of "prime" specification will then be allocated to each driver before the qualifying practice session, providing one set of used "prime" specification was returned to the tyre manufacturer after free practice in accordance with d) above.

f) Once used in the Sprint race, one set of "prime" specification may be returned to the tyre

supplier before the start of the Feature race 1.

g) One additional set of "prime" specification will then be allocated to each driver before the Feature race 1, providing one set of used "prime" specification was returned to the tyre manufacturer after the Sprint race in accordance with f) above.

h) No more than two set of wet-weather tyres may be mounted per car at any time. A third set of wet-weather tyres may be mounted after qualifying practice session once a set of used wet-weather tyres has been returned to the tyre supplier.

i) A set of tyres will be deemed to comprise two front and two rear tyres all of which must be of the same specification. Any driver who uses a set of tyres of differing specifications during the race may not cross the line on the track more than twice on this set before changing them for a set of tyres of the same specification. A penalty under Article 39.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who does not change tyres as specified above.

h) All tyres shall be marked with a unique identification.

At the end of each Competition all tyres must be returned to the tyre manufacturer with the exception of one set of installation tyres per car.

Dry and wet-weather tyres may not be used as part of a mixed set.

Tyres must be used on the side of the car for which they were allocated.

31.5 In the event of a driving infringement during any practice session the Stewards may delete a drivers lap time (or lap times) or drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate. Unless it is completely clear that a driver committed a driving infringement any such incident will normally be investigated after the relevant session. Any grid penalties for an infringement in the free practice session apply to the Sprint and both Feature races. Any such penalties for an infringement in qualifying practice session 1 apply to both the Sprint and Feature race 1. Any such penalties for an infringement in qualifying practice session 2 apply to Feature race 2.

Where appropriate, regard will also be given to the provisions of Article 18.1.

31.6 Any driver taking part in any practice session who, in the opinion of the stewards, stops unnecessarily on the circuit or unnecessarily impedes another driver shall be subject to the penalties referred to in Article 31.5. Any grid penalties for such an infringement in the free practice session apply to the Sprint and both Feature races. Any such penalties for an infringement in qualifying practice session 1 apply to both the Sprint and Feature race 1. Any such penalties for an infringement in qualifying practice session 2 apply to Feature race 2.

33.1 At the Baku Competition, two 20 minute qualifying practice sessions (qualifying practice session 1 and qualifying practice session 2) will be arranged on the day before the Sprint race.

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33.4 All laps covered during the qualifying practice session 1 will be timed to determine the driver's positions at the start of the Sprint race and the Feature race 1.

All laps covered during the qualifying practice session 2 will be timed to determine the driver's positions at the start of the Feature race 2.

34.2 Any driver whose best qualifying lap exceeds 107% of the fastest qualifying time, or who fails to set a time, will not be allowed to take part in the race. Under exceptional circumstances however, which may include setting a suitable lap time in a previous free practice session, the stewards may permit the car to start the race.

Any driver accepted in this manner will be placed at the back of the starting grid after any other penalties have been applied. Should such a driver also be subject to a further penalty incurred during the qualifying practice session, the driver will be required to start the race from pit lane.

Should there be more than one driver accepted in this manner they will be arranged on the grid in the order they were classified in Free Practice.

If the Qualifying Practice Session 1 is cancelled, the results of Free Practice Session will determine the driver's positions at the start of the Sprint race, the Feature race 1.

If the Qualifying Practice Session 2 is cancelled, the results of Free Practice Session will determine the driver's positions at the start of the Feature race 2.

If Qualifying Practice Sessions 1, 2 and Free Practice Session are cancelled the classification to be used shall be the current season Championship standings.

35.1 The first ten finishers in the qualifying practice session 1 will start the Sprint race in reverse order, cars finishing in 11th position and downwards will start in their position.

By way of illustration:

Qualifying Session - Driver's Position	Sprint Race - Driver's Starting Position
1st	10th
2nd	9th
3rd	8th
4th	7th
5th	6th
6th	5th
7th	4th
8th	3rd
9th	2nd
10th	1st
11th	11th and so on

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36.1 At the end of the qualifying practice session 1, the fastest time achieved by each driver will be officially published.

At the end of the qualifying practice session 2, the fastest time achieved by each driver will be officially published.

36.2 The grid for Feature race 1 will be drawn up in the order of the fastest time achieved by each driver during the qualifying practice session 1. Should two or more drivers have set identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

The grid for Feature race 2 will be drawn up in the order of the fastest time achieved by each driver during the qualifying practice session 2. Should two or more drivers have set identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

An alternative Feature race grid may be arranged in Monaco and Monza. The overall fastest driver from both groups will start the race from pole position. The second place on the grid will be awarded to the driver who has achieved the fastest time in the other group and third place will be awarded to the driver who has achieved the second fastest time in the group of the overall fastest driver, and so on.

38.1 Sprint race will take place on Friday, subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN.

38.7 Feature race 1 will take place on Friday, Feature race 2 will take place on Saturday subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN.

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