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NOTE TO TEAMS: POST-RACE INTERVIEWS & PODIUM CEREMONY PROCEDURE

In addition to the provisions of the FIA F1 Regulations – Article B10, the Podium Ceremony procedure detailed below must be followed.

Post-Race Interviews and Podium Ceremony Procedure:

- The master of ceremonies will be appointed by the FIA to conduct and take responsibility for the entire podium ceremony.
- After taking the chequered flag the top three (3) drivers should **return to the Pit Lane** where they will find the 1,2,3 boards.
- Drivers will be weighed by the FIA. Each Driver must be fully attired while they are weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.). Water will be available in the parc fermé area after the drivers have been weighed.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary), officials, FIA pre-approved television crews and photographers, no one else will be allowed in the designated area at this time (no team PR personnel, driver physios must wait outside the cool down room until the podium ceremony has concluded following the instructions given to all teams by the Media Delegate).
- Competitors are reminded of Article B10.2.2 of the Sporting Regulations – “For the duration of the Podium Ceremony and post-Race interview procedure, the drivers finishing the Race in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions must remain attired only in their Driving Suits, ‘done up’ to the neck, not opened to the waist.”
- **The Post-Race interviews will take place in the Pit Lane**, and the interviewer will be selected by the Commercial Rights Holder.
- Drivers must not interfere with parc fermé protocols in any way.
- Once the interviews have been completed, the Drivers will be immediately escorted to the cool down room. Each Driver will be given their Pirelli Cap.
- The drivers will then be escorted to the 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 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.
- The National Anthems will then take place and flags will be displayed.
- Dignitaries will present the trophies on the podium as arranged by the Master of Ceremonies.
- Each driver or representative must accept their trophy and presentations will take place in the following order:
 - Winning Driver
 - FIA Medal for the Winning Driver

- A representative of the Winning Constructor
- 2nd Place Driver
- 3rd Place Driver
- Following the Podium Ceremony, the top three (3) drivers will be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate to the TV pen.
- At the end of the TV pen, the top three (3) drivers will be escorted to the FIA Press Conference.
- Drivers from 4th and beyond must proceed directly to the TV pen after they have been weighed in the Parc Fermé. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.).
- Any Driver from 4th and beyond who does not have a session for the written media organised 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 retire during the race are required to go to the TV pen (and written media pen if they do not have a session for the written media organised after the race) 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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