

# 2026 FIA FORMULA REGIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTING REGULATIONS

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## **1. ORGANISATION**

- 1.1** The FIA has appointed Automobile Club D'Italia (**ACI**) as the Promoter of the FIA Formula Regional European Championship, hereinafter “the Promoter”.
- 1.2** The FIA will sanction the FIA Formula Regional European Championship (the Championship), which is the property of the FIA and comprises two titles, one for drivers and one for teams. It consists of Formula Regional races, which are included in the FIA International Calendar. All participating parties (FIA, ASNs, organisers, Competitors, and circuits) undertake to apply and observe the Sporting, Technical and Homologation Regulations governing the Championship, as well as the International Sporting Code and Code of Ethics.
- 1.3** The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version, which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. Changes to these Sporting Regulations must be made per Article 18.2 of the International Sporting Code, hereinafter “the Code”, or at least 30 days before the start of the Competition, provided by the FIA.
- 1.4** Bulletins that temporarily modify and/or supplement the Sporting Regulations and/or the Technical Regulations may be issued by the FIA to apply at a single Competition, or at two (2) consecutive Competitions taking place not more than one week apart and such bulletins shall be binding on all Competitors in relations to the relevant Competition(s).

Each such Bulletin shall be countersigned as follows:

- a) technical bulletins by the Technical Delegate and the Chairman of the Stewards;
  - b) sporting bulletins by the Race Director and the Chairman of the Stewards.
  - c) Notwithstanding the above, a bulletin, modification or supplementation may be extended to apply to one (1) additional consecutive Competition falling within the same year, provided that the FIA have agreed it.
- 1.5** These Sporting Regulations come into force from the moment of their publication on the FIA website ([www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com)) and replace all previous Sporting Regulations.
  - 1.6** These Sporting Regulations apply to the whole calendar year referred to in the title, and to the Championship taking place within that calendar year. Any changes made by the FIA for safety reasons may come into effect without notice or delay.
  - 1.7** Clarification, interpretation and arbitration of any rules, requirements and regulations not covered by the FIA ‘General Prescriptions’ and Specific Regulations, Sporting Code and Technical Regulations shall be decided by the Stewards of the meeting.

## **2. GENERAL UNDERTAKING**

- 2.1** All drivers, Competitors and officials participating in the Championship undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees, agents and suppliers, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the 2026 International Sporting Code, the Technical Regulations, Homologation Regulations and the present Sporting Regulations, together referred to as “the Regulations”. In addition, drivers, Competitors and officials undertake to observe all provisions of any Supplementary Regulations for each single Competition.
- 2.2** Competition means any competition entered into the FIA Formula Regional European Championship Calendar for any year commencing at the start of Scrutineering and ending at the time for the lodging of a protest under the terms of the Code or the time when a technical or sporting certification has been carried out under the terms of the Code, whichever is the latter.

- 2.3 Any special national regulations must be submitted to the FIA with the original application for the inclusion of a Competition on the international calendar. Only with the approval of the FIA can such special regulations come into force for a Competition.

### **3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure that all persons concerned by their entry observe all the requirements of the Regulations. If a Competitor is unable to be present in person at the Competition, they must nominate their representative in writing. The person having charge of an entered car during any part of a Competition is responsible jointly and severally with the Competitor for ensuring that the requirements are observed.
- 3.2 Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout the Competition.
- 3.3 The presentation of a car for initial scrutineering (see Article 26.3 below) will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.
- 3.4 All persons concerned in any way with an entered car or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock, pits, pit lane or track must wear an appropriate pass at all times.
- 3.5 During any Event, competitors (and/or anybody associated with the entry of a car) are not permitted to produce or order to produce any moving pictures of competition cars on the track. Any exception to this must be approved in writing by the FIA and the Promoter.

Failure to comply with the above will be reported to the Stewards of the meeting and may result in a fine or the disqualification of the relevant team from the Event.

### **4. LICENCES AND ELIGIBLE DRIVERS**

All drivers participating in the Championship and its collective tests must be at least 16 years old (the date of the birthday being binding) and hold a FIA International Licence Grade B (ITB) or C (ITC-C), in compliance with Appendix L.

A driver must also be in possession of a current medical certificate of aptitude, either included on the competition licence or on an attached document.

No Driver entered in the Championship may have participated in any round of a championship or trophy with any type of single-seater car that was designed and/or built to achieve a weight-to-power ratio less than 1.5 kg/bhp.

- 4.1 No driver may participate in the Championship without successfully completing a training/educational programme given by the FIA.
- 4.2 No driver may participate in the Championship for more than three complete seasons (more than 80% of the Competitions in any season being considered a complete season)
- 4.3 No Championship winning driver may compete in a further Championship.
- 4.4 All drivers and competitors must hold valid FIA Licences and authorisations issued by their National Sports Authority (ASN) in accordance with Article 3.9.4 of the International Sporting Code.
- 4.5 Each team/competitor selected by the Steering Committee for the whole of the season must have a single competitor's licence valid for all its cars entered.

## 5. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- 5.1 Events are reserved for Formula Regional cars as defined in the current FIA Technical Regulations (Appendix J – Article 275A) and FIA Homologation in place, complying with the below type specifications:

<b>CHASSIS</b>	TATUUS T-326*
<b>ENGINE</b>	ATM163T*
<b>TYRES</b>	PIRELLI

\*Subject to FIA Homologation

- 5.2 Cars must conform at all times with the conditions of eligibility set out in the FIA Technical Regulations (Appendix J – Article 275A) and Homologation Regulations published as part of the general rules of the Championship.

Spare cars are not permitted. However, any part of the car (including the survival cell) may be changed at any time during the Event.

After initial scrutineering, the survival cell may only be changed with the agreement of the FIA Technical Delegate. Any replacement survival cell must be presented to the Technical Delegate for inspection and may have no component pre-fitted to it. Following the change, the car must then be re-presented for scrutineering.

All cars will be duly marked with a proper identification as being scrutineered in accordance with the Technical and Sporting Regulations.

Competitors may be requested to carry on-board cameras on their cars, this request will be made on a race-by-race basis and may not be refused.

- 5.3 Events of the 2026 Championship will each have the status of an international competition and are planned as follows:

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>
23-26/04	AUT	Spielberg
21-24/05	NLD	Zandvoort
28-31/05	BEL	Spa-Francorchamps
18-21/06	ITA	Monza
02-05/07	HUN	Hungaroring
16-19/07	FRA	Paul Ricard
03-06/09	ITA	Imola
10-13/09	DEU	Hockenheim

- 5.4 The number of minutes of each race to be completed from the start signal referred to in Article 41.9 to the end-of-race signal referred to in Article 48.1, will be thirty minutes plus one lap.
- 5.5 Should either race be suspended (see Article 46) the length of the suspension may be added to these periods by the Race Director with the concurrence of the Stewards.
- 5.6 If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (see Article 41.14) the race time will be reduced by the time carried out by the safety car.
- 5.7 The Event shall include all practice sessions, qualifying sessions and races.

- 5.8 The maximum number of Events in the Championship is 12, and the minimum is 8. At events, featuring at least two races will be subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN. Events featuring three races (Two races and one reverse grid race) will be announced prior to the event.
- 5.9 The provisional list of Competitions making up the 2026 Championship will be published before 15 January 2026, with a race on Saturday and a race on Sunday, subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN. An alternative timetable may be arranged for events with three races.
- 5.10 A Competition may be cancelled if fewer than 16 cars are available for it.
- 5.11 The Championship may be cancelled if fewer than 16 cars are available as a result of the entry selection process described in Article 8.

## 6. CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1 The Driver's Championship title will be awarded to the driver who has scored the highest number of points, taking into consideration all the results obtained during the Events which have actually taken place.
- 6.2 The Team's Championship title will be awarded to the Competitor which has scored the highest number of points, results from all three cars being taken into account.
- 6.3 Points for both titles will be awarded for the Competition according to the following scale:

Reverse Grid Race		Race	
Position	Points	Position	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9	2 <sup>nd</sup>	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15
4 <sup>th</sup>	7	4 <sup>th</sup>	12
5 <sup>th</sup>	6	5 <sup>th</sup>	10
6 <sup>th</sup>	5	6 <sup>th</sup>	8
7 <sup>th</sup>	4	7 <sup>th</sup>	6
8 <sup>th</sup>	3	8 <sup>th</sup>	4
9 <sup>th</sup>	2	9 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	1	10 <sup>th</sup>	1

In addition to the above:

- two points will be awarded to the driver who is shown in pole position for the Race on the final grid issued except for the reverse grid; and
  - in each race, one point will be awarded to the driver who achieved the fastest valid lap time within the top 10 classified drivers in the final classification (see Article 46) and to the Competitor whose car they were driving. No point will be awarded to the driver who achieved the fastest valid lap time but is not within the top 10 classified drivers in the final classification. No point will be awarded if the leader has completed less than 50% of the scheduled race distance.
- 6.4 A "Rookie" classification will be established for every driver who, before the first Event of the 2026 Championship, has:
- Never participated in any event of a championship, trophy or series using single-seater cars with a weight-to-power ratio below 2.00kg/bhp

- Has never participated in more than two events of a championship, trophy or series using single-seater cars with a weight-to-power ratio between 2.00kg/bhp and 3.00kg/bhp.
- The Steering Committee reserves the right to study the achievements of any driver wanting to be classified as “Rookie”, even if he meets the conditions set out above. The competitor must send a request for classification as a "Rookie" of his driver, reporting the career highlights of the driver in compliance with the requirements listed above.

The driver with the highest number of points will be declared as Best Rookie, by adding up all the overall classification results of the races in which the rookie has taken part.

- 6.5** The number of entries for the 2026 Championship is limited to 10 Competitors with three cars each. The annual entry fee for each Competitor is €50,000 per car, and the selection process is as described in Article 8.
- 6.6** If the race time from the start signal to the end-of-session signal is less than the scheduled race, points for each title will be awarded in accordance with the following criteria:
- a) No points will be awarded if the leader has completed less than two (2) laps.
  - b) In each case detailed in Article 6.6c), d) e) and f), no points will be awarded unless a minimum of two (2) laps have been completed by the leader without a Safety Car and/or Full Course Yellow intervention.
  - c) If the leader has completed two (2) laps but less than 25% of the scheduled race time, points will be awarded in accordance with column 1 of the table below.
  - d) If the leader has completed 25% but less than 50% of the scheduled race time, points will be awarded in accordance with column 2 of the table below.
  - e) If the leader has completed 50% but less than 75% of the scheduled race time, points will be awarded in accordance with column 3 of the table below.
  - f) If the leader has completed 75% or more of the scheduled race time, full points will be awarded in accordance with Article 6.3.

Position	Reverse Grid Race Points Column 1	Race Points Column 1	Reverse Grid Race Points Column 2	Race Points Column 2	Reverse Grid Race Points Column 3	Race Points Column 3
1 <sup>st</sup>	3	6	5	13	8	19
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	4	4	10	7	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1	3	3	8	6	12
4 <sup>th</sup>		2	2	6	5	10
5 <sup>th</sup>		1	1	5	4	8
6 <sup>th</sup>				4	3	6
7 <sup>th</sup>				3	2	4
8 <sup>th</sup>				2	1	3
9 <sup>th</sup>				1		2
10 <sup>th</sup>						1

If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (see Article 41.16), the original race time will be deemed to be the time calculated in accordance with Article 6.3.

## **7. DEAD HEAT**

- 7.1** Points awarded for all the positions of drivers who tie will be added together and shared equally.
- 7.2** If two or more drivers set identical fastest lap times in the same race, priority will be given to the one who set it first.
- 7.3** If two or more drivers or Competitors finish the season with the same number of points, the higher place in the Championship (in either case) shall be awarded to:
- a) The holder of the greatest number of first places in the race.
  - b) If the number of first places in the race is the same, the holder of the greatest number of first places in the reverse grid race.
  - c) If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places.
  - d) If the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places and so on until a winner emerges.
  - e) If this procedure fails to produce a result, the FIA will nominate the winner according to such criteria as it thinks fit.

## **8. COMPETITORS' APPLICATIONS**

- 8.1** Before 1 September of the prior year of the relevant Championship, applicants will be required to:
- a) Enter into binding Competitor Contracts with the Promoter.
  - b) Be approved by the steering committee held between the Promoter and the FIA.
  - c) Properly complete, sign and return a valid Entry Form to the FIA.
  - d) Pay the first instalment of the entry fee of €25,000 per car to the FIA.
  - e) Pay the second instalment of the entry fee of €25,000 per car to the FIA during the year of the championship.

Applications received after this time may be accepted at the sole discretion of the steering committee held between the Promoter and the FIA.

- 8.2** Competition numbers will be allocated on the completion of the registration in year of the championship and numbers can be reserved and will be allocated to the first request.
- 8.3** Pit lane allocation will be made on the basis of the results of the previous season Team's standings, with a lottery in the initial season.
- 8.4** Applications shall include:
- a) No more than 30 cars will be admitted to the Championship, three per Competitor.
  - b) Confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the Regulations and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of everyone associated with its participation in the Championship, to observe them.
  - c) The name of the team.
  - d) The physical address of the competitor corresponding to his licence.
  - e) Copies of the licences for both the driver and the competitor, as well as copies of the related documents according to Article 4.1.

- f) The names of the potential drivers.
- g) An undertaking by the applicant to participate in every Event with the number of cars and drivers entered.
- h) In order to preserve the competitive and sporting nature and structure of the Championship, where any material change in the identity or control of a team occurs, any application or entitlement to participate in any part of the Championship will be cancelled automatically.

However, the Promoter and FIA may suspend the operation of that general rule where they give their prior consent to the change of identity or control. That consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The grant of such consent shall be conditional upon the Promoter and FIA being satisfied that the change of identity or control shall not materially alter the economic and sporting entity that is the Team.

Factors which may be considered by the Promoter in determining whether the economic and sporting entity will be maintained may include (but shall not be limited to) the composition and structure of the team, the team's name, the team's logos, the team's colours and fairness to other Competitors.

Nothing in these regulations shall prevent new Competitors from entering the Championship in the normal way.

- i) Entitlement to participate in any part of the Championship is given to a Competitor personally, and is non-transferable. No assignment of the above entitlement by a Competitor is authorised without the express written approval of the Promoter. If a Competitor fails to follow that specific rule, the Promoter may automatically and with immediate effect cancel that Competitor's entry into the Championship.

## **9. CAR LIVERY**

- 9.1 All the cars entered by a Competitor must have the same livery at every Competition (i.e. same basic colours and overall appearance), however drivers who are part of a Formula 1 program may be allowed to use a different livery on their cars. This will be subject to the approval of the Promoter and the FIA.
- 9.2 The competition numbers, visible from both sides and the front of the car, should be of a clearly contrasting colour to their background.
- 9.3 The name of the driver must appear on the external bodywork and be clearly legible.
- 9.4 In order that the cars of each Competitor may be easily distinguished from one another whilst they are on the track, the on-board cameras located above the principal roll structure of the first car must be predominantly black and the second car must be predominantly fluorescent yellow and the third car fluorescent red, and any additional elements of the car could be requested to simplify the distinction of the cars.
- 9.5 The provisions of the Code relating to national colours shall not apply to the Championship.

## **10. TESTING AND TRACK ACTIVITY LIMITATION**

- 10.1 Private testing with a current Formula regional car as defined in the Technical Regulations (Appendix J – Article 275A) is not permitted.

Testing, which is compulsory for all Competitors, subject to the participation in an FIA Trophy Certified by FIA, may only be carried out in accordance with Article 10.3 below. Any other



track running time undertaken by, or on behalf of, a Competitor entered in the Championship (or which is suspected of being connected in any way whatsoever with a Competitor entered in the Championship) is not permitted.

**10.2** Testing of Formula Regional cars as defined in the Technical Regulations (Appendix J – Article 275A) must take place in accordance with the following:

Each year, the Promoter will organise 6 test days (3x2 days between 1 January and the first event of the Championship) and at least 5 days of pre-event test days as part of the entry fee.

Additionally, the promoter may organise between 4 and 10 days of official collective tests (not included in the entry fee) as preparation for the following season.

On a general basis, Collective tests days shall consist of a three-hour morning session and a three-hour afternoon session.

Pre-event collective test shall consist of minimum three hours.

During each of these tests all Sporting and Technical Regulations must be respected.

At a two-day test, no more than five sets of new dry-weather tyres for the first collective test and four sets of new dry-weather tyres for all the other collective tests, and no more than two sets of wet-weather tyres may be used on each car.

Wet weather tyres may only be used if track conditions necessitate their use.

All tyres must be used as supplied by the manufacturer, any modification or treatment such as cutting, grooving, the application of solvents or softeners, the fitting of heat retaining devices or pre-heating is therefore prohibited. This applies to both wet-weather and dry-weather tyres.

With the approval of the tyre manufacturer, a maximum of 2-sets of tyres may be carried over to the next official test and will become part of the maximum number of sets allowed per car.

A secure area for the storage of tyres during the Test will be provided by the tyre manufacturer and will be located in the paddock area. All dry-weather tyres allocated for use at a Test must be stored in this area during the times specified by the FIA FREC Technical Delegate at the start of the Test. Competitors are not permitted to access to this secure storage area during the above specified times without the consent of the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.

At the end of each FIA FREC test all tyres must be returned to the tyre manufacturer with the exception of one set of tyres per car that can be used during the first event or collective test pre-event.

- b) The costs of track rental will be shared equally among the Competitors except for the Pre-Season and Pre-Event tests which are part of the entry fee.

**10.3** During all testing:

- a) Red flag and end-of-session procedures must be respected.
- b) No other type of vehicle is permitted on the track.
- c) Every reasonable effort should be made to ensure that the recommendations concerning emergency services detailed in Supplement 1 of Appendix H to the Code are followed.

**10.4** From December 18, 2025

No track activity on any racetracks with any car unless permitted by the Steering Committee until the first collective test, apart from official tests from FIA Certified Trophies.

For the avoidance of doubt, genuine participation to another championship or standalone event are allowed on the condition that all below criteria are satisfied:

- a) FIA FREC is prioritized over any other obligations in relation to other championships under any circumstance.
- b) Only collective testing in association with the other championship is allowed. All private testing in association with the other championship remains forbidden.
- c) A driver can only be considered a genuine Competitor in another championship if the driver attends all rounds of that championship.
- d) Genuine participation to another championship needs to be explicitly approved by the FIA and Promoter in writing.
- e) Genuine participation to a Standalone event with any type of single seater car that was designed and/or built to achieve a weight-to-power ratio less than 2.0kg/bhp needs to be explicitly approved by the FIA and Promoter in writing.

The Steering Committee may suspend from the event a driver who is found to be in breach of the above.

- 10.5** In order that an FIA observer may be appointed, Competitors or drivers must inform the FIA and Promoter of any planned track activity at least seven days before it is due to commence, and the following information must be provided:

- i) The precise specification of the car(s) to be used.
- ii) The name(s) of the driver(s).
- iii) The nature and location of the activity.
- iv) The date(s) and intended duration of the activity.
- v) The purpose of the activity.

- 10.6** No Competitor, driver, or any representative acting on their behalf may undertake, participate in, or facilitate any form of testing, running, or track activity which could reasonably be considered to provide a sporting advantage in the Championship, unless explicitly permitted under Articles 10.1 to 10.5 or otherwise approved in writing by the FIA and the Promoter.

- 10.7** Any breach of the provisions set out in Articles 10.1 to 10.6 may result in the following sanctions, applied cumulatively or individually at the discretion of the Stewards:

- a) Exclusion from the current Event.
- b) Loss of Championship points for the driver and/or team.
- c) A financial penalty.
- d) Any other sanction deemed appropriate under the International Sporting Code.

- 10.8** The burden of proof for demonstrating compliance with Articles 10.1 to 10.6 rests with the Competitor. Upon request, the Competitor must provide to the FIA all relevant documentation, timing data, or other evidence relating to any single-seater activity in which a driver entered in the Championship has participated.

**10.9** The FIA and Promoter may grant a written waiver to any provision in Articles 10.1 to 10.6. Any such waiver will be issued prior to the activity taking place and will be made available to all Competitors and subject to the following rules:

- From January 1, 2026
  - No private tests using any single-seater built to achieve a weight-to-power ratio between 3.0 kg/bhp and 2.0 kg/bhp can be done on non-championship tracks, apart from official tests from FIA Certified Trophies, or on championship tracks.
  - No private tests with any type of single-seater car and vehicles of any type on a Championship racetrack.
- From the first event of the season
  - Agreed private tests using any single-seater built to achieve a weight-to-power ratio above 3.0 kg/bhp and below 2.0 kg/bhp can only be done on non-championship tracks or on championship tracks after the date of the event and will be limited by a number of days.
  - Agreed private tests using any vehicles (except any single seater) on non-championship tracks or on championship tracks after the event will be reviewed by the steering committee for approval.
- For all drivers, the FIA reserves the right to implement a self declaration platform to monitor all testing requests.

**10.10** The Teams are subject to the following rules:

- From December 18, 2025
  - No track activity allowed on any racetracks with any car unless permitted by the Steering Committee or part of official tests from FIA Certified Trophies, until the first collective test of FIA FREC 2026.
  - Promotional runs require prior authorisation from the Steering Committee.
- From June 1, 2026
  - Teams must coordinate track sharing and notify the Steering Committee of the date and circuit within 3 Weeks and confirm the drivers 10 days before.
  - Teams are allowed a maximum of 20 sets for non-championship drivers testing with the T-326 Chassis. All tests must be requested in advance and validated.
  - Gen 1 Formula Regional Cars can be used for testing with drivers not registered in the FIA FREC and on non-Championship tracks or following the date of the event.

**10.11** Limitations for double program participation

- Drivers are not permitted to participate in multiple programs with a similar technical package unless they are FIA-certified Trophy, with the following chassis:
  - Homologated FR Gen 1 cars
  - Homologated FR Gen 2 cars
- Participation in series before the start of the season with a weight-to-power ratio over 2 kg/bhp, drivers will not be allowed to participate in up to three pre-season collective test days before the start of the season.

- Double program or race event using any vehicles (except any single seater) on non-championship tracks or on championship tracks after the event will be reviewed by the steering committee for approval.
- Series with a weight-to-power ratio below 2 kg/bhp requires a request to the Steering Committee.
- Drivers who have participated in another series from the first event of the FIA FREC will have a track activity limitation scale defined by the Steering Committee based on the circuit, driving duration, car type, and date, depending on their previous practice experience.

## **11. PROMOTER**

- 11.1** An application to promote an Event must be made to the ASN of the country in which the Competition is to take place, which will apply to the Championship.

## **12. PASSES**

- 12.1** No pass may be issued or used other than with the agreement of the Promoter. A pass may be used only by the person and for the purpose for which it was issued.
- 12.2** A specific allocation of passes for team personnel will be given by the FIA and the Promoter before the first event of the championship.

## **13. ORGANISATION OF EVENTS**

- 13.1** Each organiser shall supply the information set out in Appendix 1, part A hereto to FIA Formula Regional European Championship no later than 60 days before the Competition. The Promoter, if satisfied with such information, shall complete part B and forward both parts to all Competitors before the end of initial scrutineering.

## **14. INSURANCE**

- 14.1** Third party insurance is contracted by the organiser of each Event in accordance with the national laws in force in each country, and as required by the ASNs. This provision applies to each of the Events forming part of the Championship.
- 14.2** Ninety (90) days before the Competition, the promoter must send the FIA details of the risks covered by the insurance policy which must comply with the national laws in force as well as the FIA requirements. Sight of the policy must be available to the Competitors on demand.
- 14.3** Third party insurance arranged by the organiser shall be in addition and without prejudice to any personal insurance policy held by a Competitor or any other participant in the Competition.
- 14.4** Drivers taking part in the Competition are not third parties with respect to one another.

## **15. FIA OFFICIALS COMPETITIONS**

For each Competition the FIA will nominate the following delegates who must be present at the start of the Competition.

- a) One Technical Delegate at each Competition and at each test session.

The Technical Delegate nominated by the FIA is responsible for scrutineering. In this respect they may carry out, or have carried out by scrutineers, at their discretion, any checks to verify the compliance of the cars entered in the event, at any time until the end of the event, without prior request from the Stewards or clerk of the course. The FIA Technical Delegate has full authority over the national scrutineers.

- b) One Race Director at each Support Competition.
- c) One media delegate from the FIA or the Promoter.
- d) Two international Stewards.
- e) One observer and one race control operator at each Support Competition.
- f) One medical car driver and medical delegate at each support competition.
- g) One safety car driver with equipped safety car at each Support Competition.

The FIA reserves the right to add or reduce the number of staff to the above as it deems appropriate.

## **16. INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

- 16.1** The Stewards or Race Director may give instructions to Competitors by means of special circulars in accordance with the Code. These circulars will be distributed to all Competitors who must acknowledge receipt.
- 16.2** All classifications and results of practice and the races, as well as all decisions issued by the officials of the Competition, will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3** Any decision or communication concerning a particular Competitor should be given to them within 25 minutes of such decision, and receipt must be acknowledged.

## **17. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 17.1** Protests must be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of €2,000 in cash to the Secretary of the Stewards.
- 17.2** Appeals shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of €6,000.
- 17.3** Appeals may not be made against decision concerning the following:
  - a) Penalties imposed under Articles 43.3 a), b), c), d), e), f), g) or h), including those imposed during the last three laps or after the end of a race.
  - b) Any decision taken by the Stewards in relation to Article 38.2.
  - c) Any penalty imposed under Articles 41.4 or 47.3.
- 17.4** Petitions for a Right of review shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a deposit of €2,000.

## **18. SANCTIONS**

- 18.1** The Stewards may inflict the penalties specifically set out in these Sporting Regulations in addition to or instead of any other penalties available to them under the Code.
- 18.2** Any driver who receives five (5) reprimands in the same Championship will, upon the imposition of the fifth, be given a five (5) grid place penalty for the next Race in which the driver participates. The five (5) grid place penalty will only be imposed if at least four (4) of the reprimands were imposed for a driving infringement.

## **19. DRIVERS AND CHANGES OF DRIVER**

- 19.1** Each Competitor must have nominated its three drivers to the Promoter at least 10 days prior to the first Pre-Season Collective test, the Promoter will then publish a complete list.

No winner of a FIA Formula Regional European Championship or previous format may participate in the two successive Championships.

**19.2** During a season each Competitor will be permitted to use six drivers. Changes must be notified to the Promoter no later than two days prior to the Competition at which the new driver wishes to compete. Any new driver may score points in the Championship.

**19.3** Drivers may only change from one Competitor to another if :

- a) They have been released by their original Competitor for whom they drove; or
- b) Their original Competitor for whom they were driving nominate another driver.

**19.4** Additional changes for reasons of force majeure will be considered separately.

**19.5** During a racing weekend, the driver can participate in only one category in each event

## **20. PRESS CONFERENCE**

**20.1** After the qualifying practice session and races, the first three drivers will be required to make themselves available at a press conference for a maximum period of 30 minutes.

## **21. TRAINING AND MEETINGS**

**21.1** All team managers and drivers must attend a meeting, chaired by the Race Director, on the day of initial scrutineering.

**21.2** Should the Race Director consider another meeting necessary the competitors will be informed at any time after any session. All drivers and team managers must attend.

**21.3** Prior to each season, the FIA will notify each entered Driver of specific training which is required to be completed before competing in the championship. Drivers will not be allowed to take part in any event session until such training is completed.

All new Drivers joining the season after the first competition, must complete the specific training session. Drivers will not be allowed to take part in any event session until such training is completed. An additional specific Briefing may also be required by the Race Director.

## **22. GENERAL CAR AND PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

**22.1** The Event is reserved for cars fully complying with the 2025 FIA Formula Regional Technical Regulations (ISC Appendix J, Article 275), the 2025 FIA Formula Regional World Cup Part Classification and relevant Appendices, and using controlled fuel and tyres as supplied by the Organisers.

**22.2** Only chassis, gearboxes and engine installation kits complying entirely with the following homologations may be used during official test days and events.

Chassis Homologation No: [Number]

Gearbox Homologation No: [Number]

Engine installation kit Homologation No: [Number]

**22.3** Once supplied, the components may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations, a Technical Bulletin, 2026 FIA Formula Regional European Championship's Part Classification and relevant Appendices, or in the case of automobiles adapted for disabled Drivers in possession of a Certificate of adaptations issued by the FIA, or with the written permission of the FIA after consultation with the manufacturer.

Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified. Modifications to the automobile in accordance with the adaptations specified in the Certificate of adaptations are authorized.

**22.4** Only engines complying with the 2026 FIA Formula Regional Technical Regulations (ISC Appendix J, Article 275a), the 2026 FIA Formula Regional European Championship Part Classification and relevant Appendix may be used during the championship.

**22.5** Only engines complying entirely with the following homologations may be used during official test days and events:

Engine Homologation No: [Number]

**22.6** Only engine and gearbox oil in accordance with the 2026 FIA Formula Regional European Championship's Spare Parts Classification and relevant appendices may be used.

In order to ensure that the required type of oil is used without modification or additives, samples may be taken from the engine and/or gearbox for analysis and comparison with required type. The sampling procedures will follow those for fuel sampling, see Article 34.5 for details.

**22.7** An approved Accident Data Recorder (ADR) must be fitted to the car and be in working order at all times during the Event.

**22.8** No signal of any kind may pass between a moving car and anyone connected with the car's entrant or driver save for lap timing purposes, legible messages on a pit board, body movement by the driver and verbal communication between a driver and his team by radio.

**22.9** The FIA may require entrants to fit an Electronic Self (Timekeeping Transponder) Identification Module for the purpose of accurate timing, the exact position of which will be advised prior to the Event. These modules will have to be in place and switched on for all practice sessions and the races.

**22.10** Each competitor must install and maintain in working order (image, data recording and logging) an incident camera on the side of the main roll structure (which side of the roll structure will be specified prior to each Event). Details of the system, including installation instructions, will be made available from the FIA.

Nothing may obstruct the camera picture and it is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure the functionality of the camera system at all times.

The required memory card (Micro SD) will be supplied and installed by the FIA. The memory card slot will be sealed by the scrutineers before the start of the qualifying practice sessions and races. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the seal remains intact and that the card is not removed until the end of the parc fermé of the relevant session.

Competitors may break the seal on the card slot after the end of parc fermé of each session. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the card and the video data of each session are available at any time during the Event. The cards must be returned to the scrutineers at the end of each Event with the video data of all sessions on them.

Failure to comply with the above requirements will be reported to the Stewards.

**22.11** During the entire Event, no screen, cover or other obstruction which in any way obscures any part of a car will be allowed at any time in the paddock, garages, pit lane or grid, unless it is clear any such covers are needed solely for mechanical reasons, which could, for example, include protecting against fire.

In addition to the above the following are specifically not permitted:

- a) Engine, gearbox or radiator covers whilst engines are being changed or moved around the garage.
- b) Covers over spare wings when they are on a stand in the pit lane not being used.
- c) Parts such as (but not limited to) spare floors, fuel rigs or tool trolleys may not be used as an obstruction.

The following are permitted:

- d) Covers which are placed over damaged cars or components.
- e) A transparent tool tray, no more than 50mm deep, placed on top of the rear wing.
- f) A cover over the car in the team's garage overnight.
- g) A cover over the car in the pit lane or grid if it is raining.

**22.12** The noise generated by the car must not exceed [value] dB(A).

**22.13** Wind tunnel testing ban:

Wind Tunnel Testing is the testing by a Team or any Related Party of that Team, or any agent or sub-contractor of the Team or any of its Related Parties, in a test environment of a representation of an Formula Regional car or subcomponent in order to measure, observe or infer any forces, displacements, pressures or air flow direction resulting directly or indirectly from the incident air flow.

Any wind tunnel testing is forbidden. This also applies for wind tunnel testing using a scale model of a Formula Regional car or subcomponent.

It is forbidden to use any results from wind tunnel testing obtained by a Team or any Related Party of that Team, or any agent or sub-contractor of the Team, any of its Related Parties or any other Third Party other than the wind tunnel testing results supplied by the rolling chassis manufacturer.

**22.14** No team/competitor entering three cars may have more than 11 operational staff members at an Event with access to the paddock, the pit garages and the pit lane from the start of preliminary scrutineering until the end of the last race of every event.

If in case of force majeure, the team/competitor enters only two cars, the squad may have no more than eight operational staff members at an Event with access to the paddock, the pit garages and the pit lane from the start of preliminary scrutineering until the end of the last race of every event.

The following ones are not considered as operational staff:

- the staff exclusively connected with hospitality, team motorhomes, marketing, public relations
- a trucky with the sole duty of driving trucks
- a medical doctor, a physiotherapist, a massage therapist,
- a driver manager, a "driver coach"
- the team owner or managing director.

Non-operational staff will neither be allowed to work on a car entered by the team/competitor nor to make any kind of technical operation (data acquisition, parts repair, parts maintenance, etc.) related to a car entered by the team/competitor.

A list of the staff must be submitted to the Organizing Committee 10 days prior to each event.



The team manager must be the team/competitor representative at the briefing and he will also be summoned as the competitor representative by the Officials during an event of the Championship. However, the competitor may appoint another representative else than the team manager.

#### 22.15 Technical passport:

All competitors must be in possession of a technical passport for each of their respective car which will be issued by the championship's Technical Delegate, as per the FIA template (see Appendix 6 of the FIA FREC Sporting Regulations) and must accompany the car at all times. The technical passport must include the serial number of the chassis and the serial numbers of both engines for each entry. Furthermore, all competitors must be in possession of an FIA chassis test report (see Appendix to the Formula Regional Technical Regulations) for their car which the relevant rolling chassis manufacturer must provide together with each survival cell. No car will be permitted to take part in an event unless the passport and the FIA chassis test report are available for inspection at initial scrutineering.

### 23. NUMBER OF CARS

23.1 Each Competitor shall ensure to run three cars per event.

### 24. TYRES AND PLANKS LIMITATION

24.1 At each Competition the single tyre manufacturer (the Supplier) appointed by the FIA and the Promoter will provide the following allocation per registered car:

DATE	EVENT	TYPE	RACES	NEW SETS	CARRY OVER SETS
TBC	TBC	TESTING	N/A	5	N/A
TBC	TBC	TESTING	N/A	4	2
TBC	TBC	TESTING	N/A	4	2
TBC	TBC	THURSDAY TESTING	N/A	1	1
TBC	TBC	THURSDAY TESTING	N/A	1	1
TBC	TBC	THURSDAY TESTING	N/A	1	1
TBC	TBC	THURSDAY TESTING	N/A	1	1
TBC	TBC	THURSDAY TESTING	N/A	1	1
24-26 April	SPIELBERG	COMPETITION	3	3	1
22-24 May	ZANDVOORT	COMPETITION	2	3	1
29-31 May	SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS	COMPETITION	2	3	1
19-21 June	MONZA	COMPETITION	3	3	1
17-19 July	HUNGARORING	COMPETITION	TBC	3	1
14-16 August	PAUL RICARD	COMPETITION	TBC	3	1
11-13 September	IMOLA	COMPETITION	3	3	1
16-18 September	HOCKENHEIM	COMPETITION	TBC	3	1
TOTAL			20	42	21

All tyres shall be marked with a unique identification.

No set of tyres shall be used outside of the zone and/or region of the championship where they were distributed and the other way around.

At the end of each Competition all tyres must be returned to the tyre manufacturer.

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.

- 24.2** Any additional tyre set can be allocated for special track condition.
- 24.3** Only the tyres as supplied by the manufacturer appointed by the Organiser may be used. Any modification or treatment, including cutting, grooving, the application of water, solvents or softeners, the use of heat-retaining (and/or cooling) devices or pre-heating/cooling, is prohibited. This applies to both wet-weather and dry-weather tyres.

The same driver may not use more than the total of allocated dry-weather tyres and two sets of wet-weather tyres throughout the entire duration of the Event.

With the exception of the races, wet-weather tyres may only be used after the track has been declared wet by the race director, following which wet or dry weather tyres may be used for the remainder of the relevant session.

- 24.4** Distribution of tyres to all Competitors shall be carried out under the supervision of the FIA FREC Technical Delegate. Once distributed, the tyres must always be visible inside the FIA FREC paddock during the Competition. In a case of force majeure, the Stewards may alter this programme.
- 24.5** Before initial scrutineering, the FIA FREC Technical Delegate will allocate dry and wet-weather tyres to each car and driver combination.
- 24.6** A secure area for the storage of tyres during the Competition will be provided by the tyre manufacturer and will be located in the paddock area. All dry-weather tyres allocated for use at a Competition must be stored in this area during the times specified by the FIA FREC Technical Delegate at the start of the Competition. Competitors are not permitted to access to this secure storage area during the above specified times without the consent of the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.

Wheels removed from a car during qualifying practice or a race will be deemed to be in parc fermé and, unless the same wheels are used for a second time during the same qualifying practice or race, no work on the wheels is permitted (with the exception of pressure checks conducted by the Competitor immediately after the wheels have been removed from the car). Under these circumstances tyre pressures may not be adjusted after such a pressure check.

With the exception of the wheels fitted to the car at the end of the qualifying practice or race, it is the responsibility of each Competitor to take the wheels removed from their cars during the qualifying practice or race to the parc fermé as soon as possible after the qualifying practice or race (where they will remain until the cars are released).

Tyres may be stacked flat on top of each other in the pitlane. Skateboards or similar devices are not considered to be tyre trolleys and are therefore forbidden.

- 24.7** On the sidewall of each tyre an appropriate identification will be applied.
- 24.8** A Competitor wishing to replace an already allocated unused tyre with another identical unused one must present both tyres to the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.
- 24.9** The use of tyres without appropriate identification is strictly forbidden.
- 24.10** No tyre allocated for one Competition may be used at another Competition unless this tyre is re-allocated by the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.
- 24.11** During all practice sessions and races only allocated tyres are allowed in the pits
- 24.12** During all practice sessions, all allocated tyres must be clearly visible to scrutineers in the pit lane.

**24.13** If, in the opinion of the tyre technicians and FIA FREC appointed officials, the nominated tyre specification proves to be technically unsuitable, the Stewards may authorise the use of additional tyres to a different specification or a change of tyres during a race to be made compulsory.

**24.14** The tyre manufacturer will be entitled to deem any tyre unsafe for use at any time during a Competition, under such circumstances the FIA FREC Technical Delegate will be informed.

**24.15** If the formation lap is started behind the safety car because of rain (see Article 37.14), the use of wet-weather tyres until the safety car returns to the pits is compulsory.

A penalty under Article 39.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who does not use wet weather tyres whilst the safety car is on the track at such times.

**24.16** If, during an event, a competitor requests a change of a tyre after it was damaged, no penalty will be imposed on the first change of the season and there will be a penalty at each new change.

**24.17** No sets allocated to a team can be sold to another competitor, if a set is found to be resold. The team having sold the set will be disqualified from the championship and the other team will be penalised adequately.

**24.18** A total of 20 sets will be allocated to each car to be used between the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026 and 30<sup>th</sup> of September for testing outside of competition with non-championship drivers and on non-championships tracks or after the event.

**24.19** Plank limitation

The number of planks a car may use during the Event is limited for each of the front and rear parts of the plank. The planks will be marked with a serial number.

Competitors have to declare the serial number of not previously used planks fitted to the car at least one hour prior the start of the session in writing to the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.

It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that only marked and declared planks are used during any Practice, Qualifying session or Race.

However, a registered plank may be replaced with a new plank if the FIA FREC Technical Delegate is satisfied that it has been genuinely damaged following an accident on the track.

**25. SPORTING CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING**

**25.1** Each Competitor must have all documents required by Article 4 available for inspection at any time during the Competition.

**25.2** At the first Competition of each Championship the FIA will check all licences.

**25.3** On the day before the first practice initial scrutineering of all cars will take place in the area assigned to each Competitor.

**25.4** Unless a waiver is granted by the Stewards, Competitors who do not keep to these time limits will not be allowed to take part in the Competition.

**25.5** No car may take part in the Competition until it has been passed by the scrutineers.

**25.6** The scrutineers may:

- a) Check the eligibility of a car or a Competitor at any time during an Competition.
- b) Require a car to be dismantled by a Competitor to make sure that the conditions of eligibility or conformity are fully satisfied.

- c) Require a Competitor to pay the reasonable expenses which exercising of the powers mentioned in this Article may entail.
  - d) Require a Competitor to supply them with such parts or samples as they may deem necessary.
- 25.7** Any Competitor whose car has a change of survival cell after initial scrutineering (see Article 25.3 above), must be re-presented for scrutineering approval.
- 25.8** The Race Director may require that any car involved in an accident be stopped and checked.
- 25.9** After each race and all qualifying practice sessions at least five classified cars will be selected and must undergo complete scrutineering. All other cars will be held under parc fermé conditions in the teams' designated garage area until released by the technical delegate.
- 25.10** Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall also be responsible for the operation of the parc fermé and who alone are authorised to give instructions to the Competitors.
- 25.11** The Stewards will publish the findings of the scrutineers each time cars are checked during a Competition. These results will not include any specific figures except when a car is found to be in breach of the Technical Regulations.

## **26. DRIVING**

- 26.1** The driver must drive the car alone and unaided.
- 26.2** Drivers must observe the provisions of the Code relating to driving behaviour on circuits at all times.
- 26.3** Drivers must make every reasonable effort to use the track at all times and may not deliberately leave the track without a justifiable reason.
- Drivers will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with it and, for the avoidance of doubt, any white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not.
- Should a car leave the track the driver may re-join, however, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any lasting advantage. At the absolute discretion of the Race Director a driver may be given the opportunity to give back the whole of any advantage the driver gained by leaving the track.
- 26.4** At no time may a car be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person.
- 26.5** Drivers are not permitted to participate in any additional practice, qualifying or race within the Event.
- 26.6** More than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off-line, should leave at least one car width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner.
- 26.7** Any driver defending his position on a straight, and before any braking area, may use the full width of the track during his first move, provided no significant portion of the car attempting to pass is alongside his. Whilst defending in this way the driver may not leave the track without justifiable reason.

**26.8** Manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are not permitted.

**26.9** As soon as a car is caught by another car which is about to lap it during the race the driver must allow the faster driver past at the first available opportunity. If the driver who has been caught does not allow the faster driver past, waved blue flags will be shown to indicate that he must allow the following driver to overtake.

## **27. CAR AND DRIVER'S EQUIPMENT LIVERY**

**27.1** Every competitor must display the name of the driver and his national flag on the bodywork, on the outside of the cockpit or on the driver's helmet. These must be clearly legible.

**27.2** Each car and each driver's overall must be fitted according to Appendix 4.

## **28. ENGINES AND TURBOCHARGERS**

**28.1** Only engines complying entirely with the following homologation may be used during official test days and events.

Once supplied, the engine may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the FIA after consultation with the supplier. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.

Each engine must be uniquely identifiable by the serial number and the numbers of the seals listed in the Engine Homologation Document.

Only engines which have been dyno tested before the start of the season by the homologated engine supplier may be used during the events. The FIA should provide the timeline, and receive the dyno test results.

The engine supplier must provide seals to a dyno tested engine that make it impossible to install it in a car or a dyno test bench without breaking the seals.

These seals may only be removed by the FIA FREC Technical Delegate or one of his representatives immediately before installation in the car.

**28.2** Each car must use a maximum of two engines for the entire Championship including all Official Tests and Events in which its team competes. The engine may be changed only once during the season without penalty. Should a car have any further engine change, a ten-place grid penalty will be imposed upon it for the next three races it takes part in.

However, a penalty will not be incurred if the FIA FREC Technical Delegate is satisfied that an engine has been genuinely damaged following an accident on the track or due to failures which are in the sole responsibility of the engine supplier.

The original engine may be refitted to the car before the start of the following event without incurring a penalty.

**28.3** If an engine is replaced, and the above penalty incurred, the original engine may be refitted without incurring a further penalty provided this is done before the next event takes place.

**28.4** Competitors are allowed to request a turbo charger replacement during or after an event once per season. However, the turbo charger replacement is only allowed when the Technical Delegate is satisfied that the turbo charger was operated or is operating out of normal running conditions. After the turbo charger change, the engine must be dyno tested before the start of the following event.

Should a car have any further turbo charger changes, two ten-place grid penalties will be imposed for the next race it takes part in. In addition, the engine must be dyno tested before

the start of the next event. The only exception to this is a turbo charger change in line with Article 28.2 or 28.4.

- 28.5 Other than the straightforward replacement of one engine or turbocharger unit with another, a change will also be deemed to have taken place if any of the seals are damaged or removed from the engine or turbocharger after it has been used for the first time in the Championship. If a seal is broken, the engine needs to be dyno tested and checked by the engine supplier before it can get resealed.
- 28.6 An engine or turbo charger will be deemed to have been used once the car's timing transponder has shown that it has left the pit lane.
- 28.7 If a driver is replaced at any point during the Championship the replacement driver must use the same engine and turbo charger which the original driver had been using. In this latest matter, in the event of exceptional circumstances which could cause the necessity to change the engine, and only in these circumstances, the FIA reserves the right to review the situation and may give its prior authorization to change it without any penalty.
- 28.8 Competitors are allowed to request an engine dyno test once per season. The request must be done in writing to the FIA Technical Delegate before the end of the last parc fermé of an event and is subsequently sealed by the Technical Delegate.

At the end of the event the engine is then taken to the engine supplier. If the engine is inside its performance window, it will be returned to the competitor without any changes. If the engine is outside its performance window, the following work may be carried out by the engine supplier without incurring a penalty:

- a) Repair of damaged parts
- b) Readjustment of the engine
- c) fitting of a new turbo charger

After carrying out all necessary work, the engine must then be dyno tested again. However, if the engine is still outside of the performance window, a new engine will be allocated to the driver. This engine must be in line with Article 28.1.

- 28.9 The FIA must organize a dyno test for an engine before the start of the championship as per defined in the Technical Regulations and the FIA reserves the right to request a second dyno test to all competitors at any time during the season. The engine is subsequently sealed by the FIA FREC Technical Delegate.

In any case, dyno tests will be always carried out once per season before the start of the championship for all cars as a collective dyno test.

- 28.10 The FIA FREC Technical Delegate may require the replacement of a complete engine, any part of the engine or ECU with parts coming from the supplier's stock or the check of the complete engine on the test bench.
- 28.11 If a driver is replaced at any point during the Championship the replacement driver must use the engine which the original driver has been using and has the same number of turbo charger changes and engine rebuilds left as the original driver.

## **29. FUEL, FUEL SAMPLING**

- 29.1 Only the controlled fuel provided at the Event by the appointed supplier may be used throughout the Event.

Any alteration to the specification of the fuel provided by the appointed supplier may result in disqualification from the Event.

- 29.2** It must be possible to take a 1.0kg sample of fuel from a car at any time during the Event according to the procedure described in Article 29.3.
- 29.3** All cars must be fitted with a self-sealing FIA approved connector which can be used by the scrutineers to take a fuel sample from the tank. Competitors must also provide a fuel line approximately 1.5m long, with a tap, which can be used to transfer the samples into the sampling vessels.
- 29.4** During all refuelling or fuel handling operations:
- a) The relevant personnel must be wearing outer garments which are in compliance with either FIA Standard 8867-2016 or FIA Standard 8856-2000.
  - b) An assistant equipped with a suitable fire extinguisher of appropriate capacity must be present and must be wearing outer garments which are in compliance with either FIA Standard 8867-2016 or FIA Standard 8856-2000.
  - c) All cars, refuelling equipment and containers must be suitably grounded where necessary.
  - d) Any powered pumping system used to transfer fuel must be operated by a non-latching switch or be turned off automatically if the operator leaves.
- 29.5** No refuelling, or removal of fuel, is permitted :
- a) During any qualifying practice session.
  - b) Between qualifying practice sessions if the interval between them is 15 minutes or less.
  - c) The race or at any time prior to the completion of post-qualifying or post-race scrutineering.
  - d) From a car at any time on the grid.

Refuelling in the pits is only permitted using equipment complying with FIA safety regulations.

- 29.6** Refuelling, or removal of fuel, is only allowed via self-sealing dry-break connectors and may only be carried out in the paddock or in the pit lane. The driver may remain inside the car throughout refuelling but the engine must be stopped.
- 29.7** Fuel samples will be taken during the Event as follows :
- a) During every Event a reference sample will be taken at random from the stock of the designated fuel supplier. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.  
  
Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :
    - One container to the scrutineers for testing.
    - One container to the FIA.
    - One container to the fuel supplier.
  - b) At any time during an Event the chief scrutineer may take a fuel sample from any car. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.  
  
Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :
    - One container to the scrutineers for testing.

- One container to the FIA.
- One container to the competitor.

**29.8** The same method shall be used for oil testing purposes.

### **30. GENERAL SAFETY**

- 30.1** Official instructions will be given to drivers by means of the signals laid out in the Code. Competitors must not use flags or lights similar in any way whatsoever to these.
- 30.2** Drivers are strictly forbidden to drive their car in the opposite direction to the race unless this is absolutely necessary in order to move the car from a dangerous position. A car may only be pushed to remove it from a dangerous position as directed by the marshals.
- 30.3** Any driver intending to leave the track or to go to his pit or the paddock area must signal his intention to do so in good time making sure that he can do this without danger.
- 30.4** During practice, qualifying and the race, drivers may use only the track and must at all times observe the provisions of the Code relating to driving behaviour on circuits.
- 30.5** Other than by driving on the track, competitors are not permitted to attempt to alter the grip of any part of the track surface.
- 30.6** If a car stops on the track it shall be the duty of the marshals to remove it as quickly as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or hinder other competitors. If any mechanical assistance received during the race results in the car re-joining the Stewards may exclude him from the race (other than under Articles 30.15(d) or 39.3).
- 30.7** A driver who abandons his car must leave it in neutral or with the clutch disengaged and with the steering wheel in place.
- 30.8** Repairs to a car may be carried out only in the allocated pit garage, the paddock, pits and on the grid.
- Competitors must ensure that when not in use, their cars remain in the garage or paddock space specifically allocated to them by the organiser for the particular car, and that any work on or repairs to the vehicle is also carried out in the allocated garage or paddock space only. Breach of this requirement may result in disqualification.
- 30.9** The organiser must make two fire extinguishers of 5kg capacity available at each pit and ensure that they work properly.
- 30.10** The replenishment of any liquids is forbidden following the start of the race until after post-race scrutineering. All orifices for oil filling must be designed in such a way that the scrutineers can seal them.
- 30.11** Save as specifically authorised by the Code or these Sporting Regulations, no one except the driver may touch a stopped car unless it is in the paddock, the teams designated garage area, the pit lane or on the starting grid.
- 30.12** At no time may a car be reversed in the pit lane under its own power.
- 30.13** At no time may a car be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 30.14** During the periods commencing five minutes prior to and ending five minutes after every practice session and the periods between the commencement of the formation lap which immediately precedes each race and the time when the last car enters the parc fermé, no one is allowed on the track, the pit entry or the pit exit with the exception of:



- a) Marshals or other authorised personnel in the execution of their duty.
  - b) Drivers when driving or on foot, having first received permission to do so from a marshal.
  - c) Team personnel when either pushing a car or clearing equipment from the grid after all cars able to do so have left the grid on the formation lap.
  - d) Team personnel when assisting marshals to remove a car from the grid after the start of the race.
  - e) Team personnel working on a car on the grid during a race suspension in accordance with Article 39.4.
- 30.15** During a race, the engine may only be started with the starter except :
- a) In the pit lane or the teams designated garage area where the use of an external starting device is allowed, or
  - b) Under Article 36.11(b).
- 30.16** Drivers taking part in practice, qualifying sessions and the races must always wear the clothes and helmet specified in the Code (Appendix L – Chapter III (Appendix 5 of the Formula Regional Sporting Regulations)).
- 30.17** A speed limit of 60km/h will be enforced in the pit lane. Except in the race, any driver who exceeds the limit will be fined €50 for each km/h above the limit.
- However, in accordance with Article 18.1 the Stewards may inflict an additional penalty if they suspect a driver was speeding in order to gain any sort of advantage.
- During the race, the Stewards or Race Director may impose either of the penalties under Article 15.3 a) or b) on any driver who exceeds the limit.
- 30.18** If a driver has serious mechanical difficulties during a practice session or the race he must leave the track as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 30.19** The car's rear lights must be illuminated at all times when using wet-weather tyres. All lights must be in working order when the car leaves the pit lane for the first time for any free practice session, qualifying session, or race. It shall be at the discretion of the race director to decide whether or not a driver should be stopped if the light is not working. Should a car be stopped in this way the driver may re-join when the fault has been remedied.
- 30.20** Only three team members per participating car (all of whom shall have been issued with and wearing special identification) are allowed in the signalling area during practice and the race.
- People under 16 years of age are not allowed in the pit lane with the exception of drivers and working team staff.
- Competitors are not permitted to install and/or to use any electric devices or time-recording-instruments on the pit wall within 25 metres of the line. Any equipment installed by a competitor on the pit-wall must not protrude from the pit-wall and over the track.
- 30.21** Animals, except those which may have been expressly authorised by the Organisers for use by security services, are forbidden in the pit area and on the track and in any spectator area.
- 30.22** The Race Director, the clerk of the course, FIA Medical Delegate or the chief medical officer can require a driver to have a medical examination at any time during an Event, this medical examination may include an anti-doping test (ISC – Appendix L, Chapter II, Article. 4).
- 30.23** Failure to comply with the general safety requirements of the Code or these Sporting Regulations may result in the disqualification of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

- 30.24** Competitors must ensure that their personal equipment (crash helmets, HANS and flame-resistant clothing) complies with the provisions of the relevant chapters of Appendix L of the Code. It is the responsibility of all competitors to acquaint themselves fully with these requirements and any changes that may be made to them by the FIA.
- 30.25** Drivers taking part in practice sessions and the races, or making their way from pre-grid to pit lane or track, must always wear the clothes and helmet specified in the Code.
- 30.26** All team and technical personnel must wear long trousers in the pit lane during all practice sessions and the races.

## **31. PIT ENTRY, PIT LANE AND PIT EXIT**

- 31.1** The section of track between the first safety car line and the beginning of the pit lane will be designated the "pit entry".
- 31.2** The section of track between the end of the pit lane and the second safety car line will be designated the "pit exit".
- 31.3** Cars may not enter the fast lane until the pit exit is opened at the start or re-start of each practice or qualifying session and the start of races. Furthermore, no car may be moved to a position in the inner lane which is closer to the pit exit than the garage which has been assigned to the relevant Team.

If there is a red flag at any time during practice or qualifying all cars must return to their Teams designated area in the inner lane.

Overtaking is not allowed on the pit entry road after crossing Safety Car Line 1, unless in exceptional circumstances e.g., a slow car with an obvious mechanical problem.

- 31.4** The pit lane will be divided into two lanes, the lane closest to the pit wall will be designated the "fast lane", and may be no more than 3.5 metres wide, the lane closest to the garages will be designated the "inner lane".

Other than when cars are at the end of the pit lane under Articles 40.2 or 45, the inner lane is the only area where any work can be carried out on a car. However, no work may be carried out in the fast lane if it is likely to hinder other cars attempting to leave the pit lane.

- 31.5** Unless a car is pushed from the grid at any time during the start procedure, it may only be driven from the Competitor's designated garage area to the end of the pit lane.
- 31.6** a) During Qualifying, Drivers leaving their pit position and returning to the track must do so without delay in the fast lane.
- b) In all sessions Drivers entering the pit lane from the track must return to their pit position without delay.
- 31.7** With the exception of reconnaissance laps permitted by Article 40.1, any driver that is required to start a race from the pit lane may not drive the car from their Competitor's designated garage area until the pit lane exit is closed before the scheduled start of the formation lap and must stop in a line in the fast lane.

Under these circumstances working in the fast lane will be permitted for a period ending 90 seconds after the commencement of the Formation lap, after which all personnel and equipment must be clear of the fast lane. Any such work is restricted to :

- a) Starting the engine and any directly associated preparation.
- b) The fitting or removal of permitted cooling devices.
- a) Changes made for driver comfort.

- b) Changing damaged wheels and tyres and/or change tyre specification.

When cars are permitted to leave the pit lane they must do so in the order that was established under Article 40.2 unless another car is unduly delayed. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

- 31.8 Other than by drying or sweeping, or by laying tyre rubber left when cars leave their pit lane position, Competitors may not attempt to enhance the grip of the surface in the pit lane unless a problem has been clearly identified and a solution agreed to by the FIA.
- 31.9 Competitors must not paint lines on any part of the pit lane.
- 31.10 Other than under Article 31.7 above, no equipment may be left in the fast lane.
- 31.11 Team personnel are only allowed in the pit lane immediately before they are required to work on a car and must withdraw as soon as the work is complete.

All team personnel carrying out any work on a car in the pit lane when the car is in its pit stop position for the purpose of adjusting or replacing components, or serving a penalty during the qualifying session, the sprint qualifying session, the sprint session or the race, must be wearing helmets which meet or exceed the requirements of ECE 22.05 – European motorcycle road helmet, DOT – USA motorcycle road helmet or JIS T8133-2015, class 2 – JPN protective helmets for automobile users. The use of appropriate eye protection is compulsory.

Wheels are not permitted to be thrown or dropped and they must be placed either flat on the ground or stored in the wheel transportation trolley while in the pit lane.

- 31.12 a) Cars must not be released from a garage or pit lane position in way that could endanger pit lane personnel or another driver.  
  
Competitors must provide a means of clearly establishing, when being viewed from both above and in the front of the car, when a car was released.
- b) If a car is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during any practice session, the Stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate.
- c) If a car is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during a race a penalty under Article 42.3(d) will be imposed on the driver concerned. However, if the driver retires from the race as a result of the car being released in an unsafe condition a fine may be imposed upon the Competitor.
- d) An additional penalty will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, continues to drive a car knowing it to have been released in an unsafe condition.

In all of the above cases, a car will be deemed to have been released either when it has been driven out of its designated garage area (when leaving from the garage) or after it has completely cleared its pit lane position following a pit lane stop.

- 31.13 Under exceptional circumstances the Race Director may ask for the pit entry to be closed during the race for safety reasons. At such times drivers may only enter the pit lane in order for essential and entirely evident repairs to be carried out to the car. A penalty under Article 42.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, entered the pit lane for any other reason whilst it was closed.
- 31.14 For safety reasons, during practice and qualifying drivers must not do burn outs from their pit lane position, for the avoidance of doubt this also applies when the pit exit is open for reconnaissance laps.

It is not permitted to do burn outs or clutch bite points checks in the paddock, support pit lane, garage areas and in the pit lane at any time during the Competition.

For safety reasons, any driver released from their pit lane position must move to the fast lane as quickly as possible, drivers must not drive side by side with another car.

For safety reasons and sporting equity, drivers must not drive through another team's pit bay at any time.

At no time may wheel nuts be left on the ground in the pit lane.

## **32. MINIMUM CAR WEIGHT AND WEIGHING**

**32.1** The weight of the car without fuel, and with the driver aboard wearing his complete racing apparel will be defined after the weight of all driver's has been checked. However, the minimum weight must be respected at all times during the Event.

**32.2** The minimum weight of the car must be no less than [amount]. This figure will take precedence over the Technical Regulations

**32.3** a) During each qualifying practice session cars will be weighed as follows:

- I. In the pit lane the organiser will provide an appropriate surface, this area will be used for the weighing procedure. After qualifying practice the weight of the cars may also be checked during parc fermé.
  - II. Cars will be selected at random to undergo the weighing procedure. The FIA technical delegate will inform the driver by means of a red light at the pit entrance that his car has been selected for weighing.
  - III. Having been signalled (by means of a red light), that his car has been selected for weighing, the driver will proceed directly to the weighing area and stop his engine.
  - IV. The car will then be weighed and the result given to the driver in writing.
  - V. If the car is unable to reach the weighing area under its own power it will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals who will take the car to be weighed.
  - VI. A car or driver may not leave the weighing area without the consent of the FIA technical delegate.
  - VII. If a car stops on the circuit and the driver leaves the car, he must go to the weighing area immediately on his return to the pits in order for his weight to be established.
- a) After the race each car crossing the Line may be weighed. If a driver wishes to leave his car before it is weighed, he must ask the technical delegate to weigh him in order that this weight may be added to that of the car. The technical delegate will then tell the driver his weight and, once the driver leaves parc fermé, this will be deemed implicit acceptance of the figure.
- b) The relevant car may be disqualified should its weight be less than that specified in Article 5.1 of the Technical Regulations when weighed under a) or b) above, save where the deficiency in weight results from the accidental loss of a component of the car.
- c) No solid, liquid, gas or other substance or matter of whatsoever nature may be added to, placed on, or removed from a car after it has been selected for weighing or has

finished the post-race scrutineering or during the weighing procedure. (Except by a scrutineer when acting in his official capacity).

- d) Only scrutineers and officials may enter the weighing area. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorized by such officials. In the event of any breach of these provisions for the weighing of cars the Stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate or disqualify them from the race.

- 32.4 In the event of any breach of these provisions for the weighing of cars the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate or disqualify him from the race.

Should a competitor damage the weighing scales through negligence sufficiently to render them unusable for the remainder of the practice session, then their practice times from that session will be disallowed and the competitor will be liable to the cost of any necessary repairs.

### **33. PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 33.1 Save where these Sporting Regulations require otherwise, pit lane and track discipline and safety measures will be the same for all practice sessions as for the races.

- 33.2 No driver may start in a race without taking part in a practice session at the relevant Competition.

- 33.3 During all practices there will be a green and a red light at the end of the pit lane. Cars may only leave the pit lane when the green light is on. Additionally, a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light will be shown at the pit exit to warn drivers leaving the pit lane if cars are approaching on the track.

- 33.4 The interval between the second free practice session and the qualifying session, in addition to the interval between the qualifying session and the first race or between two races, may not be less than three hours.

The interval between races may not be less than three hours.

- 33.5 If a car stops during practice it must be removed from the track as quickly as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or hinder other Competitors. If the driver is unable to drive the car from a dangerous position it shall be the duty of the marshals to assist them. Any driver whose car stops in any area other than the Pit Lane during the practice sessions and receives physical assistance will not be permitted to take any further part in that session.

- 33.6 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 such penalties apply to both Reverse Grid and races.

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

- 33.7 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 33.6. Any such penalties apply to both Reverse Grid and races.

- 33.8 The Race Director may interrupt practice as often and for as long as they think necessary to clear the track or to allow the recovery of a car. In the case of free practice only, Race Director, with the agreement of the Stewards, may decline to prolong the practice period after an interruption of this kind.

**33.9** Should one or more sessions be thus interrupted, no protest can be accepted as to the possible effects of the interruption on the qualification of drivers admitted to start.

**33.10** Should it become necessary to stop the practice because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the Race Director shall order a red flag to be shown at the Line. Simultaneously, red flags will be shown at all marshal posts.

When the signal is given to stop, all cars shall immediately reduce speed and proceed slowly back to the pit lane, and all cars abandoned on the track will be removed to a safe place.

At the end of each practice session no driver may cross the Line more than once.

## **34. FREE PRACTICE**

**34.1** One or two 50 minute free practice session will be arranged before the first race.

## **35. QUALIFYING PRACTICE**

**35.1** For events with two races, one 30 minutes qualifying session will be arranged before each race.

For events with three races, one 30 minutes qualifying session will be arranged before the first race and the reverse grid race, and a second 30 minutes qualifying session before the third race.

**35.2** Two groups will be created (group A and group B); these groups will consist of those cars with even numbers and those with odd numbers for the first qualifying session and then it will be by classification order. A ballot to establish the order in which the two groups will run in the qualifying session will take place on the day of scrutineering. Group (A) will take part in the first 15 minutes of the qualifying session; Group (B) will take part in the last 15 minutes of the qualifying session.

**35.3** All laps covered during the qualifying session will be timed to determine the driver's positions at the start of the Race and the reverse grid race if applicable.

**35.4** Any driver who in the opinion of the Stewards is the sole cause of the issuance of a Red Flag during the qualifying practice session will not be permitted to take any further part in the session and their fastest lap time during the session may be deleted.

**35.5** If a qualifying session is stopped with less than four minutes remaining, it will not be restarted.

## **36. GRID – GENERAL**

**36.1** The driver having pole position will start the race from the position on the grid so designated by the circuit licence.

**36.2** 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 Session is cancelled, the results of Free Practice Session will determine the driver's positions at the start of the race and the reverse grid race if applicable.

If both the Qualifying Session and Free Practice Session are cancelled the classification to be used shall be the current season Championship standings.

- 36.3** The provisional starting grid will be published no less than two hours before the start of the formation lap. Any Competitor whose car(s) is (are) unable to start for any reason whatsoever (or who has good reason to believe that their car(s) will not be ready to start) must inform the Race Director at the earliest opportunity and, in any event, no later than one hour and fifteen before the start of the start of the formation lap. If one or more cars are withdrawn the grid will be closed up accordingly. The final starting grid will be published one hour before the start of the start of the formation lap.
- 36.4** The grid will be in a staggered 1 x 1 formation and the rows on the grid will be separated by 16 metres.
- 36.5** Starting from a nominally empty grid or from a grid established using Article 37.1 in the case of a Reverse Grid Race, drivers will be allocated their grid positions in the following sequence of steps:
- a) Classified drivers who have received grid penalties will be allocated a temporary grid position equal to their qualifying classification plus the sum of their grid penalties. If two or more drivers share a temporary grid position, their relative order will be determined in accordance with their qualifying session classification, with the slowest driver keeping their allocated temporary grid position, and the other drivers getting temporary grid positions immediately ahead of them.
  - b) Following the allocation of temporary grid positions to penalised drivers in accordance with (a), unpenalised classified drivers will be allocated any unoccupied grid position, in the sequence of their qualifying session classification.
  - c) Following the allocation of grid positions to unpenalised classified drivers, penalised drivers with a temporary grid position, as defined in (a), will be moved up to fill any unoccupied grid position.
  - d) Classified drivers who have been penalised to start at the back of the grid, will start behind any other classified driver. Their relative position will be determined in accordance with their qualifying session classification.
  - e) Unclassified drivers who have been permitted to participate by the Stewards will be allocated grid positions behind all the classified drivers. Their relative positions will be determined in accordance with Article 36.2.
  - f) Disqualified drivers who have been given permission to start will be allocated grid positions behind all drivers in paragraphs (a) to (e) based on their times set in Free Practice or in the absence of such in the order that they stand in the championship. Grid penalties will then be applied.

## **37. REVERSE GRID RACE**

- 37.1** The first twelve finishers in the qualifying practice session will start race one in reverse order. The overall fastest driver from both groups will start the race from 12th position. The 11th place on the grid will be awarded to the driver who has achieved the fastest time in the other group and 10th 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.

By way of illustration:

The Qualifying Group that contains the fastest qualifying car overall shall be the “Pole Group”. The other group shall be the “Second Group”.

Qualifying Session - Driver's Position	Reverse Grid - Driver's Starting Position
6 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Second Group	1 <sup>st</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	2 <sup>nd</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Second Group	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	4 <sup>th</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Second Group	5 <sup>th</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	6 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> fastest car from Second Group	7 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	8 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> fastest car from Second Group	9 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	10 <sup>th</sup>
Fastest car from Second Group	11 <sup>th</sup>
Fastest car from Pole Group	12 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from Pole Group	13 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> fastest car from the Second Group	14 <sup>th</sup> and so on

Once the grid has been established in this way, grid position penalties will be applied to the drivers in question in the order the offences were committed.

### **38. RACES GRID**

- 38.1** At the end of the qualifying session, the fastest time achieved by each driver will be officially published.
- 38.2** 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. Should two or more drivers have set identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

### **39. STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 39.1** 15 minutes before the start of the formation lap the pit exit will be opened and all cars, including any that are required to start the race from the pit lane, will be permitted to leave the pit lane to cover maximum of two reconnaissance laps. For clarity a driver must not exit the pit lane more than two times before the start of the formation lap, this must be done by driving through the pit lane at greatly reduced speed and within the speed limit, between each of the laps. At the end of these laps all cars starting the race from the grid should stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped.

Any car which does not complete a reconnaissance lap and reach the grid under its own power will not be permitted to start the race from the grid.



- 39.2** 12 minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap, a warning signal will be given indicating that the end of the pit lane will be closed in two minutes.

10 minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap the end of the pit lane will be closed and a second warning signal will be given. Any car which is still in the pit lane can start from the end of the pit lane provided it arrived there under its own power. If more than one car is affected they must line up in the order in which they qualified for that race. However, any car reaching the end of the pit lane after the five-minute signal must start behind any car already at the pit exit.

All such cars may then join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane for the first time after the start.

- 39.3** The approach of the start will be announced by signals shown ten minutes, five minutes, three minutes, one-minute and 15 seconds before the start of the formation lap, each of which will be accompanied by an audible warning.

When the ten-minute signal is shown, everybody except drivers, officials and team technical staff must leave the grid.

- 39.4** Except for cars in the pit lane, when the three-minute signal is shown all cars must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed in the pit lane.

A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal.

- 39.5** When the one-minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15-second signal is given taking all equipment with them.

If any team personnel are touching a car or team equipment is connected to a car on the grid after the fifteen (15) second signal has been shown the driver of the car concerned must start the race from the pit lane as specified in Article 39.2. A penalty in accordance with Article 41.3d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the race from the pit lane.

If any driver needs assistance after the 15-second signal they must raise both arms and, when the remainder of the cars able to do so have left the grid, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the pit lane.

In either of the above cases, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car (or cars) concerned to warn drivers behind.

- 39.6** When the green lights are illuminated, all cars should begin the formation lap with the pole position driver leading.

When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.

Marshals will be instructed to push any car (or cars) which remain on the grid into the pit lane by the fastest route immediately after cars able to do so have left the grid. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car and must follow the instructions of the marshals.

Once the last car able to do so has left the grid and passed the pit exit any cars required to start the race from the pit lane may also join the formation lap.

- 39.7** During the formation lap practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible.

- 39.8** Overtaking during the formation lap is only permitted if a car is delayed and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case,

drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order. Any driver delayed in this way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before the driver reaches the first safety car line, must enter the pit lane and start from the end of the pit lane as specified in Article 39.2.

A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the pit lane if the driver has not re-established the original starting order before the driver reaches the first safety car line.

- 39.9** When the cars come back to the grid at the end of the formation lap (or laps), see Article 39.14, they must stop within their respective starting grid positions, keeping their engines running.

All cars required to start the race from the pit lane, and who completed a formation lap, must enter the pit lane at the end of the lap and start from the end of the pit lane as specified in Article 39.2.

There will be a standing start, the signal being given by means of lights activated by the permanent starter.

Once all the cars have come to a halt the five second light will appear followed by the four, three, two and one second lights. At any time after the one-second light appears, the race will be started by extinguishing all red lights.

- 39.10** Unless specifically authorised by FIA, during the start of a race the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of the team personnel permitted under Article 30.20, officials and fire marshals.

- 39.11** If, after returning to the starting grid at the end of the formation lap, a problem arises, the following procedures shall apply :

- (a) If a car develops a problem that could endanger the start the driver must immediately raise their hands above their head and the marshal responsible for that row must immediately wave a yellow flag.
- b) If the Race Director decides the start should be aborted the green lights will be illuminated two seconds after the abort lights are switched on, a board saying “EXTRA FORMATION LAP” will be displayed and all Competitors will be informed using the official messaging system. All cars able to do so must complete a further formation lap whilst the car which developed the problem is moved into the pit lane.
- c) When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.
- d) The Competitor may then attempt to rectify the problem and, if successful, the car may then start from the end of the pit lane.
- e) Should there be more than one car involved their starting order will be determined by the order in which they reached the end of the pit lane.
- f) Every time this happens the race will be shortened.
- g) Any cars that were starting the reverse grid race or races from the pit lane may join the extra formation lap once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane for the first time. Any such cars may complete the extra formation lap but must enter the pit lane and start the reverse grid race or races from the end of the pit lane in the order they get there.

**39.12** If another problem arises which does not necessitate a delay to the start (see article 39.14) below, drivers will be asked to carry out an extra formation lap as set out in 39.11 above.

- a) Any driver who caused the start to be aborted, and is then able to start the extra formation lap must enter the pit lane at the end of the lap and start the race as specified in Article 39.2.
- b) A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the race from the pit lane.

**39.13** Should Article 39.11 apply, the reverse grid or races will nevertheless count for the Championship no matter how often the procedure is repeated, or how much the reverse grid race or races are shortened as a result.

**39.14** If the Race Director decides the start should be delayed, the following procedures shall apply:

- i) If the race has not been started, the abort lights will be switched on, a board saying “DELAYED START” will be displayed, engines should be stopped and all Competitors will be informed of the likely delay via the official messaging system. Once the start time is known at least five minutes warning will be given.  
Every time this happens the race will be shortened.
- ii) If the race has been started the marshals alongside the grid will wave their yellow flags to inform the drivers that a car is stationary on the grid.
- iii) If, after the start, a car is immobilised on the starting grid, it shall be the duty of the marshals to push it into the pit lane by the fastest route. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car.
- iv) Once the car is in the pit lane the team personnel may attempt to start it, if successful the driver may re-join the race. The driver and team personnel must follow the instructions of the track marshals at all times during such a procedure.

**39.15** One of the penalties under Article 41.3 a), b) or c) will be imposed on any driver who is judged to have:

- a) Moved after the four (4) second light is illuminated and before the start signal is given by extinguishing all red lights, as defined in Article 39.9.
- b) Positioned their car on the starting grid in such a way that the transponder is unable to detect the moment at which the car first moved from its grid position after the start signal is given.
- c) Any part of the contact patch of its front tyres outside of the lines (front and sides) at the time of the Start signal.

**39.16** Only in the following cases will any variation in the start procedure be allowed:

- a) If it starts to rain after the five minute signal but before the race is started and, in the opinion of the Race Director, Competitors should be given the opportunity to change tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and the starting procedure will begin again at the ten-minute point.
- b) If the start of the race is imminent and, in the opinion of the Race Director, the volume of water on the track is such that it cannot be negotiated safely even on wet-weather tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and all Competitors will be informed of the likely delay via the official messaging system. Once the start time is known at least ten minutes warning will be given.

- c) If track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the race at the scheduled time the start of the formation lap may take place behind the safety car. If this is the case, at the ten-minute signal, its orange lights will be illuminated, this being the signal to drivers that the formation lap will be started behind the safety car. At the same time this will be confirmed to all Competitors via the official messaging system.

When the green lights are illuminated the safety car will leave the grid and all drivers must follow in grid order no more than ten car lengths apart, and must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position. The safety car will continue until conditions are considered suitable for racing.

Any cars that were starting the race from the pit lane may join the formation lap once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane for the first time. Any such cars may complete all formation laps but must enter the pit lane after the safety car returns to the pits and start the race from the end of the pit lane in the order they get there.

Any other car entering the pit lane during the formation laps may re-join the track but must enter the pit lane after the safety car returns to the pits and start the race from the end of the pit lane in the order they get there.

A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver whose tyre(s) are changed for a different specification before safety car orange lights are extinguished and it returns to the pits.

Overtaking during the lap(s) behind the safety car is only permitted under the following circumstances :

- i) If a car is delayed when leaving the grid and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field, or
- ii) If there is more than one car starting from the pit lane and one of them is unduly delayed.

In either case drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order or the order the cars at the pit exit were in when the formation lap was started.

Any driver delayed in either way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before the driver reaches the first safety car line on the lap the safety car returns to the pits, must enter the pit lane and may only join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane after the start of the race.

A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the pit lane if the driver has not re-established the original starting order before the driver reaches the first safety car line on the lap the safety car returns to the pits.

- d) When the Race Director decides it is safe to call in the safety car a message “STANDING START” will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system, and the safety car's orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the Competitors and drivers that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap.

At this point the first car in line behind the Safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten car lengths behind it.

Once the safety car has entered the pit lane all cars, with the exception of those required to start from the pit lane, can return to the grid, take up their grid positions and follow the procedures set out in Article 39.9 to 39.13.

- e) If, after one or more formation laps behind the safety car, track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the race from a standing start, the message “ROLLING

START” will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system, and the Safety car's orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the Competitors and drivers that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap.

At this point the first car in line behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten car lengths behind it.

As the safety car is approaching the pit entry the FIA light panels will be extinguished and replaced by waved green flags with green lights at the Line.

No driver may overtake another car on the track until they pass the Line (see Article 5.4) for the first time after the safety car has returned to the pits.

- f) The race will be deemed to have started when the leading car crosses the Line after the safety car has returned to the pits.
- g) If, after one or more formation laps behind the safety car, track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the race, the message “START PROCEDURE SUSPENDED” will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system and all cars must enter the pit lane behind the safety car. The procedures described in Articles 44 and 45 must then be followed and there will be no standing start.

## **40. THE RACES**

**40.1** The 1st race will take place on Saturday, subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN and the second race if it is a reverse grid will take place on Saturday. The second or third race will take place on Sunday depending on the format of the event.

**40.2** A race will not be stopped in the event of rain unless the circuit is blocked or it is dangerous to continue (see Article 44 ).

**40.3** If a car stops during a race it must be removed from the track as quickly as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or hinder other Competitors. If the driver is unable to drive the car it shall be the duty of the marshals to assist them.

**40.4** During the race, drivers leaving the pit lane may only do so when the light at the end of the pit lane is green and under their own responsibility. A marshal with a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light, will also warn the driver if cars are approaching on the track.

**40.5** During the race a driver entering the pit lane must stop in their designated garage area. During any such pit lane stop:

- a) No more than three people may work on the car, plus one person assigned specifically to stop and release the car, all of which must wear head protection and eye protection.
- b) Pit gantries are not permitted, the only equipment permitted in the designated area to aid the arrival and release of the car are; a hand held board (to aid the driver to position the car).

Connections between the principal elements of the pit stop equipment operated by a Competitor are forbidden. For the avoidance of doubt, each wheel gun, each jack and any release system must all be operated autonomously of each other.

A jack must be manually operated. No autonomous, robotic, or similar system are permitted.

All pit stop equipment must be approved by the FIA before use at a Competition.

- c) Each jack must always be attended while in use.

**40.6** Articles 39.2 to 39.5 will also apply to all the races.

**40.7** Races will take place on Saturday and Sunday, subject to the approval of the relevant organiser and ASN.

**40.8** Unless a precautionary tyre change is necessary for clear and genuine safety reasons, or a change of climatic conditions necessitates the use of a different specification of tyre, only a punctured or damaged tyre may be changed after a car leaves the pit lane for the first time.

#### **41. INCIDENTS DURING THE RACE**

**41.1** The Race Director may report any on-track incident or suspected breach of these Sporting Regulations or the Code (an “Incident”) to the Stewards. After review it shall be at the discretion of the Stewards to decide whether or not to proceed with an investigation.

The Stewards may also investigate an Incident noted by themselves.

**41.2** a) It shall be at the discretion of the Stewards to decide if any driver involved in an incident should be penalised.

Unless it is clear to the Stewards that a driver was wholly or predominantly to blame for an Incident no penalty will be imposed.

b) If an incident is under investigation by the Stewards, a message informing all Competitors which driver or drivers are involved will be sent via the official messaging system.

Provided that such a message is displayed no later than 60 minutes after the race has finished, the driver or drivers concerned may not leave the circuit without the consent of the Stewards.

**41.3** The Stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an incident:

a) A five-second time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop in their pit lane position for at least five seconds and then re-join the race. The relevant driver may however elect not to stop, provided the driver carries out no further pit lane before the end of the race. In such cases five seconds will be added to the elapsed race time of the driver concerned.

b) A ten-second time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop in their pit lane position for at least ten seconds and then re-join the race. The relevant driver may however elect not to stop, provided the driver carries out no further pit lane before the end of the race. In such cases ten seconds will be added to the elapsed race time of the driver concerned.

In both of the above cases the driver concerned must carry out the penalty the next time the driver enters the pit lane and, for the avoidance of doubt, this includes any stop the driver makes whilst a safety car procedure is in use.

c) A drive-through penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane and re-join the race without stopping.

d) A ten-second stop-and-go time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop in their pit lane position for at least ten seconds and then re-join the race.

If any of the four penalties above are imposed upon a driver, and that driver is unable to serve the penalty due to being unclassified in the Sprint race or the Feature race in the case of a) or b) or due to retirement from the Sprint race or Feature race in the case of c) or d), the Stewards may impose a grid place penalty on the driver at their next Race.

If any of the four penalties above are imposed during the last three laps, or after the end of a race, Article 41.4b) below will not apply and five seconds will be added to the elapsed race time of the driver concerned in the case of (a) above, 10 seconds in the case of (b), 20 seconds in case of (c), and 30 seconds in the case of (d).

- e) A time penalty.
- f) A reprimand.
- g) A drop of any number of grid positions.
- h) Deletion of a driver's lap time or times.

If any of the eight penalties above are imposed they shall not be subject to appeal.

- i) Disqualification from the results.
- j) Suspension from the driver's next race or Competition.

With the exception of a reprimand or fine, when a penalty is applied under the International Sporting Code or Article 41.3 the Stewards may impose penalty points on a driver. If a driver accrues 12 penalty points during a free practice or qualifying session, the driver will be suspended for the remainder of the Competition. If a driver accrues 12 penalty points in a race, the driver will be suspended for the following Competition. After the suspension has been issued, 12 points will be removed.

Penalty points will remain on a driver's record until the end of the season after which they will be removed.

**41.4** Should the Stewards decide to impose either of the penalties under Article 41.3 (a), (b), (c) or (d) the following procedure will be followed:

- a) The Stewards will give written notification of the penalty which has been imposed to the Competitor concerned and will inform all Competitors via the official messaging system.
- b) With the exception of Articles 41.3 (a) and (b) above, from the time the Competitor concerned is notified of the steward's decision via the official messaging system the relevant driver may cross the Line on the track no more than twice before entering the pit lane and, in the case of a penalty under Article 41.3 (d), proceed to their pit lane position where the driver shall remain for the period of the time penalty.

However, unless the driver was already in the pit entry for the purpose of serving their penalty, the driver may not carry out the penalty if the FCY procedure is in use or after the Safety Car has been deployed. The number of times the driver crosses the Line behind the safety car or during the FCY procedure will be added to the maximum number of times the driver may cross the Line on the track.

- c) Whilst a car is stationary in the pit lane as a result of incurring a time penalty under Articles 41.3(a) or (b) above it may not be worked on until the car has been stationary for the duration of the penalty.
- d) Whilst a car is stationary in the pit lane as a result of incurring a time penalty under Articles 41.3(d) above it may not be worked on. However, if the engine stops any work necessary to re-start it may be carried out after the time penalty period has elapsed.
- e) Any breach or failure to comply with Articles 41.4 (b), (c) or (d) may result in the car being disqualified.

## **42. SAFETY CAR**

- 42.1** The safety car will be driven by an appointed safety car driver and who is in permanent radio contact with race control.
- 42.2** 20 minutes before the start of the formation lap the safety car will leave the pit lane and take up position at the front of the grid and remain there until the five-minute signal is given. At this point (except under Article 35) it will cover a whole lap of the circuit and take up position.
- 42.3** The safety car may be brought into operation to neutralise a race upon the order of the Race Director.

It will be used only if Competitors or officials are in immediate physical danger on or near the track but the circumstances are not such as to necessitate suspending the race.

- 42.4** When the order is given to deploy the safety car the message "SAFETY CAR DEPLOYED" will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system, and all marshal's posts will display waved yellow flags and "SC" boards for the duration of the intervention.
- 42.5** No car may be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person at any time whilst the safety car is deployed. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 42.6** The safety car will join the track with its orange lights illuminated and will do so regardless of where the race leader is.
- 42.7** All the competing cars must reduce speed and form up in line behind the safety car no more than ten car lengths apart. In order to ensure that drivers reduce speed sufficiently, from the time at which all Competitors have been sent the "SAFETY CAR DEPLOYED" message via the official messaging system until the time that each car crosses the first safety car line for the second time or until the message "SAFETY CAR IN THIS LAP" is sent via the official messaging system.

The Stewards may impose either of the penalties under Article 41.3a), b), c) or d) on any driver who fails to stay above the minimum time as required by the above.

- 42.8** With the exception of the cases listed under a) to h) below, no driver may overtake another car on the track, including the safety car, until the driver passes the Line (see Article 4) for the first time after the safety car has returned to the pits.

The exceptions are:

- a) If a driver is signalled to do so from the safety car.
- b) Under Articles 39.14 and 42.12 below.
- c) When entering the pits a driver may pass another car remaining on the track, including the safety car, after the driver has reached the first safety car line.
- d) When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by another car on the track before the driver reaches the second safety car line.
- e) When the safety car is returning to the pits it may be overtaken by cars on the track once it has reached the first safety car line.
- f) Whilst in the pit entry, pit lane or pit exit a driver may overtake another car which is also in one of these three areas.
- g) Any car stopping in its designated garage area whilst the safety car is using the pit lane (see 42.11 below) may be overtaken.



h) If any car slows with an obvious problem.

**42.9** When ordered to do so by the Race Director, the observer in the safety car will use a green light to signal to any cars between it and the race leader that they should pass. These cars will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of cars behind the safety car.

**42.10** Except under 42.12 below, the safety car shall be used at least until the leader is behind it and all remaining cars are lined up behind them.

Once behind the safety car, the race leader must keep within ten car lengths of it (except under 42.13 below).

**42.11** Under certain circumstances the Race Director may ask the cars and the safety car to use the pit lane. In these cases, a signal to use the pit lane will be displayed before the start of the pit entry and all Competitors will be informed via the official messaging system, all cars must then enter the pit lane, drive through it and re-join the track. Any car entering the pit lane under these circumstances may however stop at its designated garage area. A penalty under Article 41.3(c) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the pit lane when required to do so.

Other than when the cars and the safety car are required to use the pit lane, no car may enter the pits whilst the safety car is deployed unless it is for the purpose of changing damaged tyres, or a change of climatic conditions necessitates the use of a different specification of tyre or repairing a genuine accident damage.

**42.12** At Race Director absolute discretion, they may send the message "LAPPED CARS MAY NOW OVERTAKE" to all Competitors via the official messaging system. Any cars that have been lapped by the leader will be required to pass the cars on the lead lap and the safety car. This will only apply to cars that were lapped at the time they crossed the Line at the end of the lap during which they crossed the first Safety Car line for the second time after the safety car was deployed.

Having overtaken the cars on the lead lap and the safety car these cars should then proceed around the track at an appropriate speed, without overtaking, and make every effort to take up position at the back of the line of cars behind the safety car. Whilst they are overtaking, and in order to ensure this may be carried out safely, the cars on the lead lap must always stay on the racing line unless deviating from it is unavoidable. Unless the Race Director considers the presence of the safety car is still necessary, once the last lapped car has passed the leader the safety car will return to the pits at the end of the following lap.

At Race Director absolute discretion, they may send the message "OVERTAKING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED" to all Competitors via the official messaging system.

**42.13** When the Race Director decides it is safe to call in the safety car, the message "SAFETY CAR IN THIS LAP" will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system and the safety car's orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the Competitors and drivers that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap.

At this point the first car in line behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten car lengths behind it.

In order to avoid the likelihood of accidents before the safety car returns to the pits, from the point at which the lights on the safety car are turned out drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration or braking nor any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart.

As the safety car is approaching the pit entry the “SC” boards will be withdrawn and, other than on the last lap of the race, as the leader approaches the Line the yellow flags will be withdrawn and a green flag will be displayed at the Line.

- 42.14** The time completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as race time except the first lap when the procedure set out in 39.14 is followed (see also Article 5.4).
- 42.15** If the safety car is still deployed at the beginning of the last lap, or is deployed during the last lap, it will enter the pit lane at the end of the last lap and the cars will take the end-of-race signal as normal without overtaking.

### **43. FULL COURSE YELLOW**

- 43.1** The FCY procedure may be initiated to neutralise a practice session or a race upon the order of the clerk of the course.

It will normally be used when double waved yellow flags are needed on any section of track and Competitors or officials may be in danger, but the circumstances are not such as to warrant use of the safety car itself.

- 43.2** When the order is given to initiate the FCY procedure a message "FCY DEPLOYED" will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system and the panels will display “FCY”.
- 43.3** No car may be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person at any time whilst the FCY procedure is in use. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 43.4** When initiated during a race, no car may enter the pits whilst the FCY procedure is in use unless it is for the purpose of changing damaged tyres, or a change of climatic conditions necessitates the use of a different specification of tyre or repairing a genuine accident damage.
- 43.5** All competing cars must reduce speed.  
  
When initiated during a race, the Stewards may impose either of the penalties under Article 41.3 a), b), c) or d) on any driver who, in their view, failed to comply as required by the above.
- 43.6** With the exception of the cases listed under a) to d) below, no driver may overtake another car on the track whilst the FCY procedure is in use.

The exceptions are:

- a) When entering the pits a driver may pass another car remaining on the track after the driver has reached the first safety car line.
  - b) When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another car on the track before the driver reaches the second safety car line.
  - c) Whilst in the pit entry, pit lane or pit exit a driver may overtake another car which is also in one of these three areas.
  - d) If any car slows with an obvious problem.
- 43.7** When the Race Director decides it is safe to end the FCY procedure the message "FCY ENDING" will be sent to all Competitors via the official messaging system and, at any time between 10 and 15 seconds later, light panels will change to green, and drivers may continue the session or continue racing immediately. After 30 seconds the green lights will be extinguished.

- 43.8** The time completed whilst the FCY procedure is in use during a race will be counted as race time.

#### **44. SUSPENDING A RACE**

- 44.1** If Competitors or officials are placed in immediate physical danger by cars running on the track, and the Race Director deems circumstances are such that the track cannot be negotiated safely, even behind the safety car, the race will be suspended.

Should it become necessary to suspend the race, the Race Director will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts and the abort lights to be shown at the Line.

- 44.2** When the signal is given overtaking is forbidden, the pit exit will be closed and all cars must proceed slowly into the pit lane. The first car to arrive in the pit lane should proceed directly to the pit exit staying in the fast lane, all the other cars should form up in a line behind the first car.

- 44.3** Any cars unable to return to the pit lane as a result of the track being blocked will be brought back when the track is cleared and will be arranged in the order they occupied before the race was suspended.

Additionally, any cars in the pit lane or pit entry at the time the race was suspended will be arranged in the order they occupied before the race was suspended.

In all cases the order will be taken at the last point at which it was possible to determine the position of all cars. All such cars will then be permitted to resume the race.

The safety car will then be driven to the front of the line of cars in the fast lane.

- 44.4** Whilst the race is suspended:

- a) Neither the race nor the timekeeping system will stop.
- b) Cars may be worked on once they have stopped in the fast lane but any such work is restricted to that listed in i) to x) below and must not impede the resumption of the race.
  - i) Starting the engine and any directly associated preparation.
  - ii) The fitting or removal of permitted cooling devices.
  - iii) Changes made for driver comfort.
  - iv) Changing damaged wheels and tyres or a change of climatic conditions necessitates the use of a different specification of tyre.
  - vii) Repair of genuine accident damage
  - viii) Checking and adjusting tyre pressures
- c) Only team members, officials and duly accredited television cameramen will be permitted in the pit lane.

- 44.5** Unless asked to do so by officials, cars may not be moved from the fast lane whilst the race is suspended. Any driver whose car is moved from the fast lane to any other part of the pit lane will be arranged at the back of the line of cars in the fast lane in the order they got there. Any such cars will be permitted to leave the pit lane when the race is resumed but must re-enter the pit lane when the safety car returns and may join the race once the last car has passed the pit exit after the re-start. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

## **45. RESUMING A RACE**

- 45.1** The delay will be kept as short as possible and as soon as a resumption time is known Competitors will be informed via the official messaging system, in all cases at least ten minutes warning will be given.

If the race is being resumed in wet conditions and the Race Director deems more than one lap necessary, in which case the use of wet-weather tyres as specified under Article 24.14 is compulsory. If this is the case, at the five (5) minute signal the orange lights of the safety car will be illuminated. At the same time this will be confirmed to all Competitors using the official messaging system.

- 45.2** Signals will be shown five minutes, three minutes, one minute and fifteen seconds before the resumption and each of these will be accompanied by an audible warning.

- 45.3** When the three-minute signal is shown all cars must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed if the car has been moved out of the fast lane or during a further race suspension.

A penalty under Article 41.3(d) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal or has any of its wheels changed before it leaves the pit lane after the race has been resumed.

- 45.4** At the two minute point, any cars between the safety car and the leader, in addition to any cars that had been lapped by the leader at the time the race was suspended, will be allowed to leave the pit lane and complete a further lap, without overtaking, enter the pit lane and then join the line of cars behind the safety car.

- 45.5** When the one-minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the fast lane by the time the 15-second signal is given taking all equipment with them.

If any team personnel are touching a car or team equipment is connected to a car in the fast lane after the fifteen (15) second signal has been shown the driver of the car concerned must start the race from the pit lane as specified in Article 39.2. A penalty in accordance with Article 41.3d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the race from the pit lane.

If any driver needs assistance after the 15-second signal the driver must raise their arm and, when the remainder of the cars able to do so have left the pit lane, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the slow lane. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car concerned to warn drivers behind. Drivers may leave the fast lane in order to pass any car unable to leave the pit lane.

- 45.6** Overtaking behind the safety car is only permitted in the following cases:

- a) Drivers may leave the fast lane in order to overtake any car delayed when leaving its position in the fast lane.
- b) Any driver who is delayed when leaving their position in the fast lane or during the lap(s) behind the safety car may overtake to re-establish their original starting position provided they do so before the message "ROLLING START" is sent to all competitors using the official messaging system. Should they fail to do so, they must resume the race from where they are.

- 45.7** The race will be resumed behind the safety car when the green lights are illuminated and leaves the pit lane. Drivers must follow the safety car no more than ten car lengths apart.

- 45.8** Either of the penalties under Article 41.3c) or d) will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, unnecessarily overtook another car during the lap.

During this lap Articles 39.14, 42.13, 42.14 and 42.15 will apply.

**45.9** The safety car will enter the pits after one lap unless:

- a) All cars are not yet in a line behind the safety car.
- b) A further incident occurs necessitating another intervention.

**45.10** If the race cannot be resumed the results will be taken at the end of the penultimate lap before the lap during which the signal to suspend the race was given.

## **46. FINISH**

**46.1** A chequered flag will be the end-of-race signal and will be shown at the Line as soon as the leading car has covered the full race distance in accordance with Article 5.4.

**46.2** Should for any reason the end-of-race signal be given before the leading car completes the scheduled race time, the race will be deemed to have finished when the leading car last crossed the Line before the signal was given.

Should the end-of-race signal be delayed for any reason, the race will be deemed to have finished when it should have finished.

**46.3** After receiving the end-of-race signal all cars must proceed on the circuit directly to the parc fermé without any unnecessary delay, without receiving any object whatsoever and without any assistance (except that of the marshals if necessary).

Any classified car which cannot reach the parc fermé under its own power will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals who will take the car to the parc fermé.

## **47. POST QUALIFYING AND POST RACE PARC FERME**

**47.1** Only those officials charged with supervision may enter the parc fermé. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorised by such officials.

**47.2** When the parc fermé is in use, parc fermé regulations will apply in the area between the Line and the parc fermé entrance.

**47.3** The parc fermé shall be secured such that no unauthorised persons can gain access to it.

**47.4** Competitors are authorised to appoint one operational staff member to download data in parc fermé. When the cars are in the parc fermé, this operational staff member must request authorisation to the FIA FREC Technical Delegate on site and they are only authorized to perform the action specified above.

## **48. CLASSIFICATION**

**48.1** The car placed first will be the one having covered the scheduled time first, or crossed the Line in the lead at the end of the maximum time allowed for each race. All cars will be classified taking into account the number of complete laps they have covered, and for those which have completed the same number of laps, the order in which they crossed the Line.

**48.2** Cars having covered less than 90% of the number of laps covered by the winner (rounded down to the nearest whole number of laps), will not be classified.

**48.3** The official classification will be published after each race. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under the Code and these Sporting Regulations.

#### **49. PODIUM CEREMONY AND PRIZE GIVING**

- 49.1** The drivers finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in all races must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and abide by the podium procedure set out in Appendix 2.
- 49.2** The first, second and third drivers in the Championship must attend the Prize Giving from the promoter.
- 49.3** The winning driver, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions, and the winning team of the FIA Formula Regional European Championship must attend the annual FIA prize-giving ceremony.

## **APPENDIX 1: INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 13**

### **PART A**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL SPORTING AUTHORITY (ASN)
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORGANISER
3. DATE AND PLACE OF THE COMPETITION
4. START TIME OF THE RACE
5. ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, FAX AND E-MAIL NUMBERS TO WHICH ENQUIRIES CAN BE ADDRESSED.
6. DETAILS OF THE CIRCUIT, WHICH MUST INCLUDE:
  - LOCATION AND HOW TO GAIN ACCESS
  - LENGTH OF ONE LAP
  - NUMBER OF LAPS FOR RACES
  - DIRECTION (CLOCKWISE OR ANTI-CLOCKWISE)
  - LOCATION OF END OF PIT LANE IN RELATION TO THE LINE.
7. PRECISE LOCATION AT THE CIRCUIT OF:
  - STEWARDS' OFFICE
  - FIA FREC OFFICE
  - PARC FERMÉ
  - DRIVERS' AND COMPETITORS' BRIEFING
  - OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD
  - WINNER'S PRESS CONFERENCE
8. LIST OF ANY TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS
9. THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF THE COMPETITION APPOINTED BY THE ASN:
  - STEWARDS OF THE EVENT
  - CLERK OF THE COURSE
  - SECRETARY OF THE EVENT
  - CHIEF NATIONAL SCRUTINEER
  - CHIEF NATIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

### **PART B**

1. TECHNICAL DELEGATE  
AND, IF APPROPRIATE,
2. MEDICAL DELEGATE
3. RACE DIRECTOR
4. MEDIA DELEGATE
5. A SAFETY CAR DRIVER

## **APPENDIX 2: PODIUM PROCEDURE**

### **1) INTRODUCTION**

This procedure has been developed in order to ensure the dignity of the Championship, while at the same time providing the television and press with the best possible working conditions. It reflects the experience of the Organisers, Promoters and Media.

### **2) PODIUM PRESENTATION**

For the Prize Giving Ceremony, it is essential that the podium arrangements are good. The best results are obtained when the podium is directly accessible from the parc fermé, with steps at one side.

A white background and a floor of the same colour make a considerable improvement to the visual aspect of the podium and provide good lighting conditions for the photographers.

The Promoters should see to it that the title "FIA Formula Regional European Championship" appears at the top of the backboard, followed by the name of the Circuit.

A specimen plan of the podium layout can be obtained, on request, from the FIA or Formula One Management Limited. Three poles of equal height will be placed at the rear of the podium for the raising of the national flags of the drivers finishing in the first three places.

### **3) PARTICIPANTS**

Three trophies will be presented at each race counting for the FIA Formula Regional European Championship.

They are awarded to:

- The winning driver
- The driver who finished second
- The driver who finished third

No more than three acceptable personalities, one for each trophy, should be called upon to be present on the podium.

The Promoter must make sure that the personalities presenting the trophies arrive at the foot of the steps leading to the podium at least 5 minutes before the end of the race. The official in charge of the podium will explain the ceremony and, in particular, the order in which the trophies are to be presented.

The personalities will mount the podium before the arrival of the drivers to wait for them there.

The Promoters must also, with the help of the Organisers, ensure that the drivers arrive at the podium immediately after the chequered flag.

### **4) ON THE PODIUM**

The following objects must be placed on the podium at least 15 minutes before the end of the race:

- Trophies
- Champagne, prepared for the ceremony
- Bottled drinking water

The drivers must wear their normal overalls.



Under no circumstances may laurel wreaths or other such gifts be presented or awarded on the podium. It is the Promoters' duty to see to it that the advertising arrangements are respected and that any person wearing unauthorised commercial brand names is denied access to the podium.

## **5) PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

The following is a standard procedure for all events of the FIA Formula Regional European Championship Championship:

### **5.1 National anthems and flags:**

As soon as they arrive on the podium, the three drivers who finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the race will climb onto their respective steps.

The national anthem of the winning driver will be played immediately.

The three drivers' national flags will be raised simultaneously on the poles placed at the rear of the podium, the national flag of the winning driver being in the centre, the national flag of the second placed driver on the same side as the step on which this driver is standing, and the national flag of the third placed driver on the same side as the step on which this driver is standing. These flags will remain in place throughout the ceremony.

### **5.2 Trophies:**

Once the national anthem has been played, the trophies will be presented in the following order:

- Winning driver
- Driver who finished second
- Driver who finished third

### **5.3 Champagne:**

The person in charge of the podium must ensure that the personalities move aside after presenting the trophies, in order to enable the drivers to celebrate their victory with the traditional champagne-spraying.

## **6) WINNER'S PRESS CONFERENCE**

Immediately after the podium ceremony, the drivers finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places must go to the location designated for the Press Conference and any unilateral television interview, if applicable.

A person will be appointed who, with the help of the Promoters, will be responsible for this operation which must be carried out without the slightest delay.

## **7) CHECKLIST**

The following is a brief checklist intended to help the Promoters and Organisers to respect this standard procedure.

### **Who is responsible?**

An Official nominated by the Promoter must be appointed for the entire podium procedure.

They must co-ordinate this procedure with the television producer, the people in charge of safety in the podium area, and all the other persons involved in the ceremony.

**Anthems and flags**

On race day, check that the national flags are in good order, that the national anthems are available and easily identifiable and that it is possible for the persons responsible for the flags and anthems to know the nationality of the drivers involved in the ceremony.

**Champagne and water**

It must be ensured that bottled drinking water is available for the drivers before they arrive on the podium and that the champagne is ready to be used in accordance with the procedure.

**Trophies**

There have been many cases in which glass trophies have been broken on the podium, or where elderly persons have had trouble lifting trophies which were too heavy, etc.

Choose objects which are pleasing to the eye and light enough to be handled on the podium.

**Briefing of personalities**

It is imperative that all the personalities taking part in the presentation of the trophies should be informed in detail about the running of the ceremony, and in particular about the place where they should stand on the podium which will be marked on the ground, in order to enable television crews to work in the best possible conditions.

**Safety**

It is necessary to organise swift access to the podium and then to the Press Conference.

### APPENDIX 3: TEAM OPERATIONAL STAFF DECLARATION TEMPLATE

## Team Operational Staff Declaration Template

in accordance with article 22.14 of the FREC Sporting Regulations

<b>Team:</b>			<b>Competition:</b>	
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### Section 1 : 11 Operational staff

N°	Name	Position in organisation	Count	Notes
1			1	Team Manager
2			1	
3			1	
4			1	
5			1	
6			1	
7			1	
8			1	
9			1	
10			1	
11			1	

**TOTAL** **11**

### Section 2 : Non-Operational staff

N°	Name	Position in organisation	Count	Notes
1			1	Team Principal
2			1	Driver
3			1	Driver
4			1	Driver
5			1	Driver Guest
6			1	Driver Guest
7			1	Driver Guest

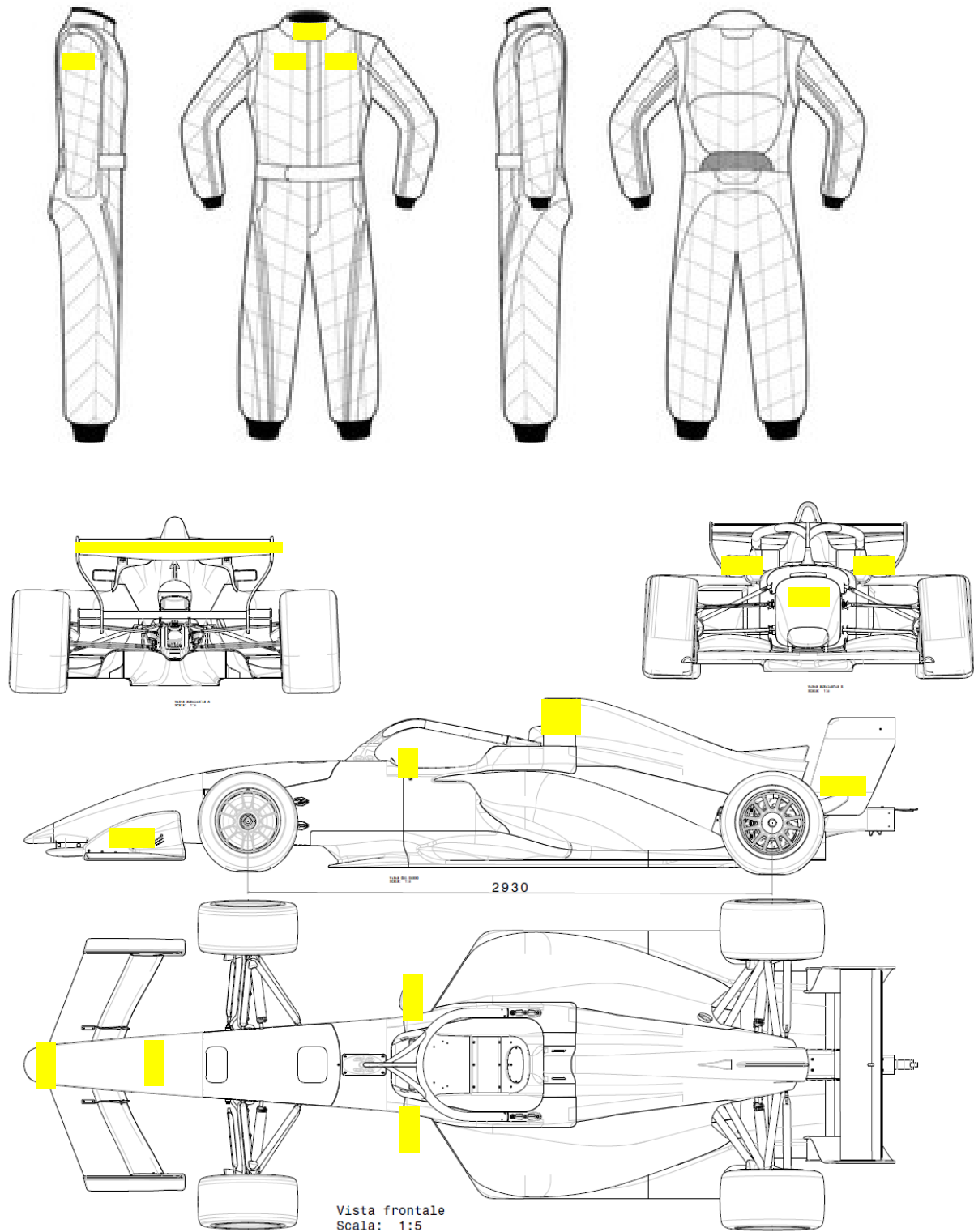
**For the avoidance of doubt it must be clear that except for drivers, Non-Operational staff in order to be considered as such should not be associated or attending:**

- any mechanical operation of the cars
- any engineering operation of the cars
- any conversation with Race Director and Officials
- any sporting and technical meetings
- the summoning of drivers or team managers to the Stewards

#### APPENDIX 4: FR BRAND GUIDELINES AND RESERVED AREAS

Race car: Two dedicated spaces for the Formula Regional logo on the car must be available. Preferably on the nose and mirrors.

Driver's equipment: A dedicated space for the Formula Regional logo on the driver's overall must be available. Preferably on the upper chest left and collar.



The stickers are to be affixed on both the left and right sides of the trailer. The sticker consists of the FIA Formula Regional European Championship.

- (1) Unalterable, non-personalisable generic pattern
- (2) Championship logo
- (3) Title partner/engine partner logo
- (4) Geographical location (personalisable)

On each race truck in the left corner (in the driving direction) of the trailer's roof, a flag has to be affixed by the teams, according to the drawing. The flag itself (approx. height 300 cm x approx. width 100 cm) will be provided by the Promoter. Each team is responsible for providing one mast to set up this flag. The height of the mast (measured from the top of the trailer's roof upwards) should be between 300 cm and 350 cm.

Teams may be also required to carry and install other flags/masts provided by the FIA/promoter related to their team or drivers.

All advertising on/in cars, drivers and teams must comply with the legal requirements of the country in which the race is taking place and comply with any national restrictions required in order to permit the host broadcaster to transmit the event.

The identification of the official Tyre supplier must be displayed on both sides of the car plus forward facing as provided and required by the FIA. Any identification of a conflicting tyre company to the appointed official tyre company must be removed.

## APPENDIX 5: DRIVERS' SAFETY KIT

SPORTING REGULATIONS		
Equipment	FIA standard	FIA Regulations
Helmets	FIA standard 8860-2018-ABP	Article 1 "Helmets" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L - ISC
Drivers' Clothing	FIA standard 8856-2018	Article 2 "Flame-resistant clothing" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L – ISC
Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)	FIA standard 8858-2002 FIA standard 8858-2010	Article 3 "Flame-resistant clothing" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L - ISC
Safety Belts	FIA standard 8853-2016	Article 4 "Safety Belts" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L – ISC <u>Art. 14.4 of 274 appendix J</u>

**APPENDIX 6: TECHNICAL PASSPORT UNDER ARTICLE 22.11**

CHAMPIONSHIP	
SEASON (YEAR)	
TEAM IDENTIFICATION	
RACE NUMBER	
CHASSIS SERIAL NUMBER	
ENGINE 1 SERIAL NUMBER	
ENGINE 2 SERIAL NUMBER	
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	
DATE	