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NOTE TO TEAMS: POST RACE INTERVIEW & PODIUM CEREMONY PROCEDURE

In addition to the provisions of the 2021 Formula One Sporting Regulations – Appendix 3 Podium Ceremony, as this is a Closed Event the Podium Ceremony procedure detailed below must be followed.

Numerous parts of this Post Race Procedure are substantially different to previous races.

Post Race Interview and Podium Ceremony Procedure:

- The master of ceremonies will be appointed by the FIA to conduct and take responsibility for the entire podium ceremony.
- Drivers who finish the race in the top three (3) positions, and the World Drivers' Champion (if not in the top three) **should stay on track, drop to the back of the field and then proceed directly to the Grid** where there will be the opportunity for post-championship celebrations should they wish to do so. Following these celebrations, they should proceed towards the start light gantry where they will find the boards showing positions from 1, 2, 3.
- Should a driver decide to celebrate on the grid, they must do so near the finish line.
- All other cars that finished the race are required to return to the Pit Lane and stop in the Parc Fermé area in front of the FIA Garages.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary), officials and FIA pre-approved television crews and the FIA approved photographers, no one else will be allowed in the designated area at this time (no driver physios nor team PR personnel). At the sole discretion of the FIA Media Delegate, the team-embedded photographer of the winning driver may also be permitted in the designated area.
- Once out of their cars, the top three (3) Drivers will be escorted to the interview area located underneath the podium structure where they will be weighed by the FIA. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.).
- For the duration of the Post Race Interviews and Podium Ceremony Procedure, the Drivers finishing the race in positions 1, 2, 3 must remain attired only in their Driving Suits, 'done up' to the neck, not opened to the waist. Face masks may be removed during the Post Race Interviews and Podium Ceremony.
- After the Drivers have been weighed, the post-race interviews will take place in this designated area, and the interviewer will be Jenson Button.
- Drivers must not interfere with Parc Fermé protocols in any way.
- During this time, team members of the top three (3) drivers will be permitted to access their allocated areas in the Pit Lane.
- If the World Drivers' Champion does not finish in the top three (3), he must go to the Parc Fermé area for a TV interview following the interviews of the top 3 finishers. The World Champion will also be escorted to the podium and allowed to take part in the celebration with the top three (3) drivers.

The Champion must then complete the TV pen and go to the Press Conference Room for a Champions' Press Conference that will follow the top three (3) Press Conference.

- Once the interviews have been completed, the cool down area, where water and towels will be positioned for each Driver, will be located within the podium structure. No other drinks are permitted in the Parc Fermé area.
- Each Driver will be given their Pirelli Caps which will also contain a Face Mask both of which must be worn during the Podium Ceremony.
- The drivers will then be escorted to the Podium area where the 1, 2, 3 Rostrum and Dias will be located.
- **During this time, the World Drivers' Champion's car will be pushed by team mechanics directly in front of the podium.**
- When the Drivers are ready, an announcement for the Podium Ceremony will take place with the 3rd and 2nd placed Drivers introduced to move to their respective Podium Dias steps.
- The Winning Driver will then be announced who will move to his position on the Podium.
- Once the driver has taken their position on the podium step, the Face Mask can be removed.
- The National Anthems will then take place and flags will be displayed.
- Four (4) dignitaries will present all 4 trophies on the podium.
- The Trophy Presentations will take place in the following order:
 - Winning Driver Place Driver (On the Podium)
 - A representative of the Winning Constructor (On the Podium)
 - 2nd Place Driver (On the Podium)
 - 3rd Place Driver (On the Podium)
- The Podium Celebrations will then take place.
- Once the Podium celebration is over, a reflection interview of the World Champion will take place on the podium.
- For the duration of the TV pen interviews and FIA Post Race Press Conference, all Drivers finishing must remain attired in their respective teams' uniform only. For the avoidance of doubt this includes a Medical Face Mask or Team Branded Face Mask in the Press Conference Room.
- Following the Podium Ceremony, the top three (3) drivers will be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate to the TV pen located at the Pit Entry end of the Formula 1 Paddock where they may be accompanied by their press officers.
- At the end of the TV pen, the top three (3) drivers (and World Drivers' Champion if not in the top 3) will then be escorted by the FIA Media Delegate to the FIA Press Conference, located on the ground floor of the Media Centre Building.
- Following the Press Conference for the top 3, there will be an additional Press Conference for the World Drivers' Champion.
- Drivers classified from 4th and beyond must proceed directly to the TV pen immediately after they have been weighed in the Parc Fermé, located in the FIA garage. Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.).
- Any Driver classified from 4th and beyond who does not have a virtual session for the written media organized after the race must be available for interview at the written media zone adjacent to the TV pen once their TV interviews have concluded.
- Drivers who retired during the race are required to go to the TV pen as soon as they have come back into the paddock.

Please see the attached Post Race Podium Ceremony and Parc Fermé Diagram.

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