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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.

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 will be required to proceed directly to the exit of Turn 13 where they will find the boards showing positions from 1, 2, 3 located.
- All other cars that finished the race are required to return to the Pit Lane and line up at the Pit Entry in front of the FIA Garages.
- Mechanics for the teams in the top three (3) positions must be in position in the zone marked 'Authorised Personnel' on the attached map no later than two (2) laps before the end of the race.
- Mechanics for teams who could potentially score a podium position must also be on standby in the 'Authorised Personnel' area should the positions change during the last two (2) laps.
- Teams of the top three (3) finishing cars need to bring the necessary equipment should a car not to be safe in this Parc Fermé location (*orange or red ES status light*) and also to be able to remove the front wing –nose assembly.
- Other than the team mechanics (with cooling fans if necessary) as detailed above, officials and FIA
  pre-approved television crews and the four 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 Drivers will be weighed by the FIA near their cars. 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
  in 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 David Coulthard.
- Drivers must not interfere with Parc Fermé protocols in any way.
- Once the interviews have been completed, the cool down area, where water and towels will be
  positioned for each Driver, will be located in the Parc Fermé Area. No other drinks are permitted in
  the Parc Fermé area.

- The cars finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions, the mechanics will be authorised to remove the cars from the designated area before the interviews are completed and the drivers have gone to the podium area.
- The car finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> position, under the supervision of the FIA Technical Delegate, must then be pushed to the podium and onto the ramp which leads to the car elevator. A mechanic must sit in the car to steer it during this procedure.
- 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 2nd and 3rd classified drivers and the team representative of the 1<sup>st</sup> place driver will then go to the back of the podium and be called for the presentation as normal. The winning driver will remain underneath the podium and stand next to their car on the platform. The platform will then be raised when their name is announced.
- 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
  - o A representative of the Winning Constructor
  - o 2nd Place Driver
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Driver
- The Sparkling Wine Podium Celebrations will the take place.
- Following the sparkling wine celebrations, the participants are requested to move to the front of the platform and stand next to the winning car for a photo opportunity.
- 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 will go to the FIA Press Conference, located on the first floor of the Media Centre Building.
- Drivers classified from 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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