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ARTICLE B1 : ORGANISATION OF A COMPETITION**B1.1 General Principles & Provisions**

B1.1.1 *Competitions* are reserved for Formula One *Cars* as defined in the Technical Regulations.

B1.1.2 Each *Competition* will have the status of an international restricted competition.

B1.1.3 A *Competition* may be cancelled if fewer than twelve (12) *Cars* are available for it.

B1.1.4 A *Competition* commences four (4) hours before *FP1* is scheduled to start and ends 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 later.

B1.1.5 Instructions And Communications To *Competitors*

- a. 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.
- b. All classifications and results of free practice, sprint qualifying session, sprint session, qualifying session, and the *Race*, as well as all decisions issued by the officials, will be published using the *Document Management System*. Any decision or communication concerning a particular *Competitor* should be given to him within twenty-five (25) minutes of such decision, and receipt must be acknowledged.

B1.1.6 Unless written permission has been given by the FIA to do otherwise, the circuit may only be used for purposes other than the *Competition* after the last practice session on each day of practice, after the *Sprint* (where it is scheduled), and on the day of the *Race* no less than one (1) hour before the end of the *Pit Lane* is opened to allow *Cars* to cover a reconnaissance lap.

B1.1.7 Other than by driving on the track, *Competitors* are not permitted to attempt to alter the grip of any part of the track surface.

B1.1.8 The Race Director, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or the Medical Delegate can require a driver to have a medical examination at any time during a *Competition*.

If, after an incident, the Impact Warning Light is activated the driver may, at the discretion of the Race Director, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or the Medical Delegate, be required to be examined by the *Competition* medical service without delay. The Medical Delegate will determine the most appropriate time and place for this examination.

B1.2 FIA Delegates

B1.2.1 For each *Competition* the FIA will nominate the following delegates:

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| a. Safety Delegate. | c. Technical Delegate. |
| b. Medical Delegate. | d. Media Delegate. |

And may nominate:

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| e. A representative of the President of the FIA. | h. An Observer. |
| f. A Deputy Race Director. | i. A safety car driver. |
| g. A Deputy Medical Delegate | j. A medical car driver. |

- B1.2.2** The role of the FIA delegates is to help the officials of the *Competition* in their duties, to see within their fields of competence that all the *Regulations* governing the *Championship* are respected, to make any comments they judge necessary and to draw up any necessary reports concerning the *Competition*.
- B1.2.3** The Technical Delegate nominated by the FIA is responsible for scrutineering. In this respect he may carry out, or have carried out by scrutineers, at his discretion, any checks to verify the compliance of the *Cars* entered in the *Competition*, at any time until the end of the *Competition*, without prior request from the stewards or clerk of the course. The Technical Delegate has full authority over the national scrutineers.
- B1.3 Officials**
- B1.3.1** From among holders of an FIA Super Licence the following officials will be nominated by the FIA:
- Three stewards one of whom will be appointed chairman.
 - A Race Director.
 - A Permanent Starter.
- B1.3.2** From among holders of an FIA Super Licence the following officials will be nominated by the ASN and their names sent to the FIA at the same time as the application to organise the *Competition*:
- One steward from among the ASNs nationals.
 - The clerk of the course.
- B1.3.3** The Clerk of the Course shall work in permanent consultation with the Race Director. The Race Director shall have overriding authority in the following matters and the clerk of the course may give orders in respect of them only with his express agreement:
- The control of free practice, qualifying session, sprint qualifying session, sprint session and the *Race*, adherence to the timetable and, if he deems it necessary, the making of any proposal to the stewards to modify the timetable in accordance with the Code or Sporting Regulations.
 - The stopping of any *Car* in accordance with the Code or Sporting Regulations.
 - The stopping of free practice, qualifying session or sprint qualifying session, suspension of a sprint session or suspension of the *Race* in accordance with the Sporting Regulations if he deems it unsafe to continue and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is carried out.
 - The starting procedure.
 - The use of the safety car.
- B1.3.4** The stewards, the Race Director, the Clerk of the Course and the Technical Delegate must be present at the start of the *Competition*.
- B1.3.5** In exceptional circumstances, should any stewards not be present at the start of the *Competition*, they must be available and contactable at all times to fulfil their duties.
- B1.3.6** The Race Director must be in radio contact with the clerk of the course and the chairman of the Stewards at all times when *Cars* are permitted to run on the track. Additionally, the Clerk of the Course must be in *Race* control and in radio contact with all marshal's posts during these times.

B1.3.7 The Stewards may use any video or electronic means to assist them in reaching a decision. The Stewards may overrule judges of fact.

B1.4 Insurance

B1.4.1 The *Promoter* of a *Competition* must procure that all *Competitors*, their personnel and drivers are covered by third party insurance in accordance with the FIA requirements.

B1.4.2 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.

B1.4.3 Third party insurance arranged by the *Promoter* shall be in addition and without prejudice to any personal insurance policy held by a *Competitor* or any other participant in the *Competition*.

B1.4.3 Drivers taking part in the *Competition* are not third parties with respect to one another.

B1.5 Official Meetings

B1.5.1 At each *Competition* where a sprint session is scheduled, Meetings, chaired by the Race Director, will take place three (3) hours before the start of *FP1*, one (1) hour after the end of *FP1* and one and a half (1.5) hours after the end of the sprint qualifying session. The first must be attended by all team managers and the second and third by all drivers and team managers.

B1.5.2 At each *Competition* where a sprint session is not scheduled, Meetings, chaired by the Race Director, will take place three (3) hours before the start of *FP1* and one and a half (1.5) hours after the end of *FP2*. The first must be attended by all team managers and the second by all drivers and team managers.

B1.5.3 Should the Race Director consider another meeting necessary it will take place three hours before the start of the *Race*. *Competitors* will be informed no later than five (5) hours before the start of the *Race*. All drivers and team managers must attend.

B1.6 General Safety

B1.6.1 Save where these Sporting *Regulations* require otherwise, *Pit Lane* and track discipline and safety measures will be the same for all free practice sessions, the qualifying session, the sprint qualifying session and sprint session as for the *Race*.

B1.6.2 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*. Under no circumstances may a driver stop his *Car* on the track without justifiable reason.

B1.6.3 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 *Competitors'* designated garage area, the *Pit Lane* or on the starting grid.

B1.6.4 During the period commencing fifteen (15) minutes prior to and ending five (5) minutes after every free practice session, qualifying session and sprint qualifying session and the period between the commencement of the formation lap which immediately precedes the sprint session and the *Race* and the time when the last *Car* enters the parc fermé, no one is allowed on the track, the pit entry road or the pit exit road 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 *TTCS*.

B1.6.5 The lights described in Article C14.3 must be illuminated at all times when using intermediate or 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, sprint qualifying session, sprint 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 central rear light described in Article C14.3.2 and at least one of the side lights described in Article C14.3.3 are not working. Should a *Car* be stopped in this way the driver may re-join when the fault has been remedied.

B1.6.6 The organiser must make at least two (2) fire extinguishers of 5kg capacity available to each *Competitor* and ensure that they work properly.

B1.6.7 Animals, except those which may have been expressly authorised by the FIA for use by security services, are forbidden on the track, in the *Pit Lane*, in the paddock or in any spectator area.

B1.6.8 Only twelve (12) team members for each *Competitor* are permitted in the signalling area during any free practice session, qualifying session, sprint qualifying session, sprint session and the *Race*.

B1.6.9 Refuelling

- a. Refuelling is only permitted in the *Competitors'* designated garages.
- b. No *Car* may be refuelled, nor may fuel be removed from a *Car*, at a rate greater than 0.8 litres per second.
- c. The driver may remain in his *Car* throughout refuelling but the engine must be stopped.
- d. During all refuelling or fuel handling operations:
 - i. The relevant personnel must be wearing outer garments which are in compliance with either FIA Standard 8867-2016, FIA Standard 8856-2000 or FIA Standard 8856-2018.
 - ii. 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, FIA Standard 8856-2000 or FIA Standard 8856-2018.
 - iii. All *Cars*, refuelling equipment and containers must be suitably grounded where necessary.
 - iv. 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.

B1.7 Pit Entry Road, Pit Lane And Pit Exit Road

B1.7.1 Allocation of Designated Garage Areas

The FIA will allocate garages and an area in the *Pit Lane* on an equal basis where each *Competitor* may work and, within each of these “*designated garage areas*”, one position where pit stops during any session may be carried out.

Competitors may not:

- a. Paint lines on any part of the *Pit Lane*.
- b. Attempt to enhance the grip of the surface in the *Pit Lane*, other than by drying, sweeping, or by laying tyre rubber when *Cars* leave their pit stop position, unless a problem has been clearly identified and a solution agreed to by the Race Director.
- c. Leave equipment in the *Fast Lane*, other than when specifically detailed in Article B5.3.
- d. Use any powered device to lift any part of a *Car* in the *Pit Lane*.
- e. Other than when *Cars* are at the end of the *Pit Lane* in accordance with Article B5.3 and Article B5.14, 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*.

B1.7.2 Pit Lane Safety

- a. *Cars* must not be released from a garage or pit stop position in way that could endanger *Pit Lane* personnel or another driver.

In all of the cases detailed in this article, a *Car* will be deemed to have been released from the *Competitors’ designated garage area* 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 stop position following a pit stop. *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. *Cars* must not be released from a garage or pit stop position in an unsafe condition.
 - i. If a *Car* is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during any *LTCS*, the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate. Such penalty will be applied to the *Race* unless the infringement has been committed during the sprint qualifying session, in which case the penalty will be applied to the sprint session.
 - ii. If a *Car* is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during a *TTCS*, a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on the driver concerned. However, if the driver retires from the *TTCS* as a result of the *Car* being released in an unsafe condition a fine may be imposed upon the *Competitor*.
 - iii. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 or a *TTCS*, 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.

- e. Unless authorised by the FIA no one under the age of 16 is permitted in the *Pit Lane* at the following times:
 - i. The period commencing fifteen (15) minutes prior to and ending five (5) minutes after every free practice session, the qualifying session, and the sprint qualifying session.
 - ii. The period commencing fifteen (15) minutes before the pit exit is opened to allow *Cars* to cover reconnaissance laps and the time when the last *Car* enters the parc fermé after the *TTCS* has ended.

B1.7.3 Driving in the Pit Entry Road, Pit Lane And Pit Exit Road

- a. A speed limit of 80km/h will be imposed in the *Pit Lane* during the whole *Competition*. However, to ensure the safe and orderly conduct of the *Competition* this limit may be amended by the Race Director.
 - i. Any *Competitor* whose driver exceeds the limit during any free practice session, qualifying session, or sprint qualifying session will be fined €100 for each km/h above the limit, up to a maximum of €1000.
 - ii. In accordance with Article B1.10.2d the stewards may impose an additional penalty if they suspect a driver was speeding in order to gain any sort of advantage.
 - iii. During a *TTCS*, the stewards may impose either a 5 Second Penalty (Article B1.10.4a.), a 10 Second Penalty (Article B1.10.4b), a Drive-Through Penalty (Article B1.10.4c) or a Stop-and-Go Penalty (Article B1.10.4d) on any driver who exceeds the limit.
- b. At no time may a *Car* be reversed in the *Pit Lane* under its own power.
- c. No *Car* should be driven from its pit stop position at any time unless:
 - i. It has first been driven into the pit stop position having just entered the *Pit Lane* from the track; and
 - ii. It is then driven immediately back onto the track from the pit stop position.
- d. Unless a *Car* is pushed from the grid at any time during the start procedure, *Cars* may only be driven from the *Competitors' designated garage area* to the end of the *Pit Lane*.

Any car(s) driven to the end of the *Pit Lane* prior to the start or re-start of a *LTCS* must form up in a line in the *Fast Lane* and leave in the order they got there unless another *Car* is unduly delayed.

- e. There will be a green and a red light at the end of the *Pit Lane*. No *Car* may be driven out of the *Pit Lane* when the light at the end of the *Pit Lane* is green and on their own responsibility. Additionally, a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light will be shown in the pit exit road to warn drivers leaving the *Pit Lane* if *Cars* are approaching on the track.

B1.7.4 Closing of the Pit Lane

In exceptional circumstances the Race Director may ask for the pit entry to be closed for safety reasons.

- a. 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*.
- b. A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) 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.

B1.8 Changes Of Driver

B1.8.1 During a *Championship* each *Competitor* will be permitted to use a maximum of four (4) drivers in *Races*, and any new driver may score points in the *Championship*.

B1.8.2 Provided any change proposed after the end of initial scrutineering receives the consent of the stewards, a change of driver may be made:

- a. At each *Competition* where a sprint session is not scheduled, at any time before the start of the qualifying session.
- b. At each *Competition* where a sprint session is scheduled, at any time before the start of the sprint qualifying session for a driver who will participate in the sprint session, or at any time before the start of the qualifying session for a driver who will participate in the *Race*.

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

B1.8.3 In addition to the provisions of Article B1.8.1, each *Competitor* will be permitted to use additional drivers during *FP1* and *FP2* provided that:

- a. The FIA are informed which *Cars* and drivers each *Competitor* intends to use in each session no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of *FP1*. Any changes less than two (2) hours before the scheduled start of *FP1* may only be made with the consent of the stewards.
- b. No more than two (2) drivers are used in any one (1) session.
- c. On two (2) occasions during the *Championship*, for each car entered for the *Championship*, each *Competitor* must use a driver who has not participated in more than two (2) *Championship Races* in their career. Each *Competitor* must advise the FIA in writing seven (7) days prior to the start of the relevant *Competition* with the details of the driver that they will use.
- d. They carry the competition number that has been allocated to them.
- e) They use the power unit, RNCs and tyres which are allocated to the nominated driver.
- f) They are in possession of a Super Licence or Free Practice Super Licence.

B1.8.4 If one of the *Competitor's* nominated drivers is unable to drive at some stage after the end of initial scrutineering, and the stewards consent to a change of driver, the replacement driver must use the engine, gearbox and tyres which were allocated to the original driver (Articles B8.2, B8.3 and B6.1).

B1.9 Driving

B1.9.1 The driver must drive the *Car* alone and unaided.

- B1.9.2** Drivers taking part in any session must always wear flame-resistant clothing, helmets, and Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) specified in the *Code*.
- B1.9.3** Drivers must observe the provisions of the *Code* relating to driving behaviour on circuits at all times.
- B1.9.4** 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 to these. In accordance with Appendix H of the *Code*, the light signals displayed on the trackside light panels have the same meaning as flag signals.
- B1.9.5** 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.
- B1.9.6** Drivers must make every reasonable effort to use the track at all times and may not 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 he gained by leaving the track.

- B1.9.7** If a driver has serious mechanical difficulties, he must leave the track as soon as it is safe to do so.
- B1.9.8** A driver who abandons a *Car* must leave it in neutral or with the clutch disengaged, with the ERS shut down and with the steering wheel in place.
- B1.9.9** Except during a *Sprint* suspension or *Race* suspension, any *Car* abandoned on the circuit by its driver, even temporarily, shall be considered as withdrawn from the session. In exceptional circumstances, *Cars* abandoned on the circuit during a *Sprint* suspension or *Race* suspension may be allowed to participate when that session resumes, provided they were not abandoned because of a mechanical issue, *Car* damage or in order to gain an advantage.

B1.10 On-Track Incidents, Infringements & Sanctions

B1.10.1 Reporting of an Incident

The Race Director may report any on-track incident or suspected breach of these Sporting Regulations or the *Code* (an “*Incident*”) to the stewards.

B1.10.2 Investigation of an Incident

- a. 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.
- d. If an *Incident* is under investigation by the stewards a message informing all *Competitors* which driver or drivers are involved will be sent.
 - i. Provided that such a message is displayed no later than sixty (60) minutes after the *TTCS* has finished the driver or drivers concerned may not leave the circuit without the consent of the stewards.

- c. 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.
- d. The stewards may impose the penalties specifically set out in these Sporting *Regulations* in addition to or instead of any other penalties available to them under the *Code*.

B1.10.3 Incident(s) during a *LTCS*

In the event of an incident during any *LTCS* the Stewards may delete a driver's lap time (or lap times) or drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate.

- a. Unless it is completely clear that a driver committed a driving infringement any such incident will normally be investigated after the relevant session.
- b. Any such grid position penalties will be served in the *Race*, unless the driving infringement occurred in the sprint qualifying session, in which case such penalty will be applied to the grid of the sprint session.
- c. Where appropriate, regard will also be given to Article B1.10.2d.

B1.10.4 Incident(s) during a *TTCS*

In the event of an incident during any *TTCS*, the stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an *Incident*:

- a. A five (5) second time penalty ("*5-Second Penalty*"): The driver must enter the *Pit Lane*, stop in his pit stop position for at least five seconds and then re-join the *TTCS*. The relevant driver may however elect not to stop, provided he carries out no further pit stop before the end of the *TTCS*. In such cases five (5) seconds will be added to the elapsed *TTCS* time of the driver concerned.
- b. A ten (10) second time penalty ("*10-Second Penalty*"): The driver must enter the *Pit Lane*, stop in his pit stop position for at least ten seconds and then re-join the *TTCS*. The relevant driver may however elect not to stop, provided he carries out no further pit stop before the end of the *TTCS*. In such cases ten (10) seconds will be added to the elapsed *TTCS* time of the driver concerned.

In both of the above cases the driver concerned must carry out the penalty the next time he enters the *Pit Lane* and, for the avoidance of doubt, this includes any stop the driver makes whilst a *VSC* or safety *Car* procedure is in use.

- c. A drive-through penalty ("*Drive-Through Penalty*"): . The driver must enter the *Pit Lane* and re-join the *TTCS* without stopping.
- d. A ten second stop-and-go time penalty ("*Stop-and-Go Penalty*"): The driver must enter the *Pit Lane*, stop in his pit stop position for at least ten seconds and then re-join the *TTCS*.

If any of the four (4) penalties above are imposed upon a driver, and that driver is unable to serve the penalty due to being unclassified in the *TTCS* in the case of a. or b) or due to retirement from the *TTCS* 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 (4) penalties above are imposed during the last three (3) laps, or after the end of a *TTCS*, Article B1.10.5b will not apply and five seconds will be added to the elapsed time of the driver concerned in the case of (a. above, 10 seconds in the case of (b), 20 seconds in the case of (c) and 30 seconds in the case of (d).

- e. A time penalty.
- f. A reprimand.

Any driver who receives five (5) reprimands, at least four (4) of which being imposed a driving infringement, in the same *Championship* will upon the imposition of the fifth be given a ten (10) grid place penalty for the *Race* at that *Competition*. If the fifth reprimand is imposed following an Incident during a *Race* the ten (10) grid place penalty will be applied for the *Race* at the driver's next *Competition*.

- g. A drop of any number of grid positions at the driver's next *Race*.

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

- h. Disqualification from the results.
- i. Suspension from the driver's next *Competition*.

B1.10.5 Procedure(s) for Serving a Penalty

Should the stewards decide to impose a *5-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a.), a *10-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), a *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c) or a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d), the following procedures 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* using the *OMS*.
- b. With the exception of a *5-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a. and a *10-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), from the time the *Competitor* concerned is notified of the stewards' decision using the *OMS* 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 *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d), proceeding to his pit stop position where he shall remain for the period of the time penalty.

However, unless the driver was already in the pit entry road for the purpose of serving his penalty, he may not carry out the penalty if the VSC 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 VSC procedure will be added to the maximum number of times he may cross the *Line* on the track.

- c. Whilst a *Car* is stationary in the *Pit Lane* as a result of incurring a *5-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a. or a *10-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), it may not be worked on until the *Car* has been stationary for the duration of the penalty. In this context, touching the *Car* or driver by hand or tools or equipment will all constitute working.
- d. Whilst a *Car* is stationary in the *Pit Lane* as a result of incurring a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) 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. If the *Competitor* is unable to start the engine the *Car* may then only be worked on in the driver's garage.

- e. Any breach or failure to comply with Articles B1.10.5b, B1.10.5c or B1.10.5d may result in the *Car* being disqualified.

B1.11 Protests, Appeals And Right of Review

- B1.11.1** *Protests* shall be made in accordance with the *Code* and accompanied by a deposit of €2000.
- B1.11.2** *Appeals* shall be made in accordance with the *Code* and accompanied by a deposit of €6000.
- B1.11.3** *Petitions for Review* shall be made in accordance with the *Code* and accompanied by a deposit of €2000.
- B1.11.4** *Appeals* may not be made against a decision concerning the following:
 - a. Penalties imposed under Articles B1.10.4a B1.10.4b, B1.10.4c, B1.10.4d, B1.10.4e, B1.10.4f or B1.10.4g, including those imposed during the last three (3) laps or after the end of a *TTCS*.
 - b. Any drop of grid positions imposed under Article B8.2 and Article B8.3.
 - c. Any penalty imposed under Article B1.10.3.
 - d. Any decision taken by the stewards in relation to Article B2.3.4 or B2.5.4.
 - e. Any penalty imposed under Articles B5.5.3 or B5.14.4.
 - f. Any decision taken by the stewards under Article A2.3.2.

ARTICLE B2 : FORMAT OF A COMPETITION**B2.1 Free Practice Session(s)****B2.1.1** Standard Format *Competition(s)*

At each *Standard Format Competition*:

- a. Two (2) free practice sessions (“Free Practice 1” or “FP1” and “Free Practice 2” or “FP2”), each lasting one (1) hour and separated by no less than two (2) hours and no more than three (3) hours, take place on the first day of on track running.
 - i. If additional specifications of tyres are provided for *ICTT*, (or if this has been scheduled and subsequently postponed or cancelled) *FP2* will be increased in duration to one and a half (1.5) hours.
- b. A further free practice session (“Free Practice 3” or “FP3”), lasting one (1) hour and starting no less than eighteen (18) hours after the end of *FP2*, will take place on the second day of on track running.
 - i. If additional specifications of tyres are provided for *ICTT*, (or if this has been scheduled and subsequently postponed or cancelled) *FP3* will start no less than seventeen and a half (17.5) hours after the end of *FP2*.

B2.1.2 Alternative Format *Competition(s)*

At each *Alternative Format Competition*:

- a. One (1) free practice session (“Free Practice 1” or “FP1”), lasting one (1) hour will take place on the first day of on track running.

B2.1.3 Free Practice Session Classification

The classification of all free practice sessions shall be determined based upon fastest lap time set by each driver during the session, with the driver with the fastest lap time in first position, the driver with the second fastest lap time in second position, and so on and so forth.

B2.2 Sprint Qualifying Session

B2.2.1 At each *Alternative Format Competition*, the starting grid of the *Sprint* will be determined by the results of the sprint qualifying session (“*Sprint Qualifying*” or “*SQ*”), which will take place on the first day of track running and start no less than two and a half (2.5) hours, and no more than three and a half (3.5) hours after the end of *FP1*.

B2.2.2 Sprint Qualifying Format

The *Sprint Qualifying* will be run as follows:

- a. For the first twelve (12) minutes of the session (“*SQ1*”) all *Cars* will be permitted on the track and at the end of this period the slowest five (5) *Cars* will be prohibited from taking any further part in the session.

Lap times achieved by the fifteen (15) remaining *Cars* will then be deleted.

- b. After a seven (7) minute break the session will resume for ten 10 minutes (“SQ2”) and the fifteen (15) remaining *Cars* will be permitted on the track. At the end of this period the slowest five (5) *Cars* will be prohibited from taking any further part in the session.

Lap times achieved by the ten (10) remaining *Cars* will then be deleted.

- c. After a seven (7) minute break the session will resume for eight 8 minutes (“SQ3”) and the ten (10) remaining *Cars* will be permitted on the track.

B2.2.3 Sprint Qualifying Classification

The *Sprint Qualifying* Classification will be determined in the following way:

- a. Classified drivers will be ordered according to the procedure below:
 - i. The top ten positions will be allocated to the drivers who took part in SQ3, in accordance with the fastest lap time set by each driver in SQ3, the fastest in the first position.
 - ii. The next five positions will be allocated to the drivers who got eliminated in SQ2, in accordance with the fastest lap time set by each driver in SQ2, the fastest in the 11th position.
 - iii. The next five positions will be allocated to the drivers who got eliminated in SQ1, in accordance with the fastest lap time set by each driver, the fastest in the 16th position.
 - iv. If two (2) or more drivers set identical lap times during SQ1, SQ2 or SQ3 priority will be given to the one who set it first.
 - v. If more than one driver fails to set a lap time during SQ2 or SQ3 they will be arranged in the following order:
 - a. Any driver who attempted to set a qualifying time by starting a flying lap.
 - b. Any driver who failed to start a flying lap.
 - c. Any driver who failed to leave the pits during the period.
- b. Drivers will be considered to be “unclassified” in the following circumstances:
 - i. If they got eliminated in SQ1 and their best lap in SQ1 exceeded 107% of the fastest lap time set during SQ1, unless the track was declared wet by the Race Director.
 - ii. If they failed to set a lap time in SQ1, or if all their lap times were deleted.
 - iii. If they got disqualified by the Stewards from *Sprint Qualifying*.

The relative classification of such drivers will be determined as follows:

- a. Drivers who are unclassified because of conditions i) or ii) will be allocated the top positions in accordance with the order they were classified in *FP1*.
- b. Drivers who are unclassified because of condition iii) will be allocated the lower positions in accordance with the order they were classified in *FP1*.

The participation of unclassified drivers in the remainder of the *Competition* will be determined in each case by the Stewards, who may exceptionally consider parameters such as a suitable lap time being set in another practice session, the general performance of the driver in previous

Competitions of the Championship, or the gravity of the offence which caused the driver's disqualification

The procedure detailed in this Article is based upon twenty (20) *Cars* being officially eligible to take part in the *Competition*. If twenty-two (22) *Cars* are eligible six (6) will be eliminated after SQ1 and SQ2, if twenty-four (24) *Cars* are eligible seven (7) *Cars* will be eliminated after SQ1 and SQ2, and so on if more *Cars* are eligible.

At the end of *Sprint Qualifying* the times achieved by each driver will be officially published.

B2.3 Sprint Session

B2.3.1 At each *Alternative Format Competition*, a sprint session ("*Sprint*" or "*SP*") will take place on the second day of track running.

B2.3.2 Sprint Session Distance

The distance of each *Sprint*, from the start signal referred to in Article B5.7.1 to the end-of-session signal referred to in Article B5.15.1, shall be equal to the least number of complete laps which exceed a distance of 100km, with the exception of the following circumstance:

- a. If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (Article B5.10) the number of *Sprint* laps will be reduced by the number of laps carried out by the safety car minus one.

B2.3.3 Sprint Session Duration

An exception to the provisions of Article B5.15.1 for the end-of-session signal will be made under the following circumstances:

- a. Should one (1) hour elapse from the start signal before the scheduled *Sprint* distance is completed, the leader will be shown the end-of-session signal when he crosses the control line (the "*Line*") at the end of the lap following the lap during which the one (1) hour period ended, provided this does not result in the scheduled number of laps being exceeded.
- b. Should the *Sprint* be suspended (Article B5.14) the duration of the suspension will be added to this one (1) hour period up to a maximum total *Sprint* duration of one and a half (1.5) hours, and the leader will be shown the end-of-session signal when he crosses the *Line* at the end of the lap following the lap during which the sum of these periods ended, provided this does not result in the scheduled number of laps being exceeded. If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (Article B5.10), the maximum total *Sprint* duration of one and a half (1.5) hours will commence at the scheduled *Sprint* start time.

B2.3.4 Grid for the Sprint Session

- a. The grid for the *Sprint*, if scheduled, will be formed in accordance with the results of *Sprint Qualifying* (Article B2.2.2), the *Sprint Qualifying* classification process (Article B2.2.3) and the procedure defined in this article. Any penalties received for the *Sprint* will be added up and be applied using the procedure defined in this article.

If *Sprint Qualifying* does not take place at a *Competition*, and with acceptance of the Stewards that the session cannot take place, the grid for the *Sprint* will be defined based upon the Drivers' Championship classification. In such circumstance, the procedure defined in Article

B2.3.4b shall be applied using the Drivers' Championship classification of each driver instead of their *Sprint Qualifying* classification, all drivers shall be considered to be classified.

If neither of the methods of forming the grid for the *Sprint* described above can be applied, the formation of the grid for the *Sprint* shall be at the sole discretion of the Stewards.

- b. Starting from a nominally empty grid, drivers will be allocated their grid positions in the following sequence of steps:
 - i. Classified drivers who have received 15 or less cumulative grid penalties will be allocated a temporary grid position equal to their sprint qualifying session 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 sprint 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.
 - ii. 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 or sprint qualifying session classification.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Classified drivers who have accrued more than 15 cumulative grid position penalties, or 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 sprint qualifying session classification.
 - v. 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 B2.2.3b.
- c. The provisional starting grid will be published no less than two (2) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Sprint*. Any *Competitor* whose *Car* is unable to start for any reason whatsoever (or who has good reason to believe that their *Car* will not be ready to start) must inform the stewards accordingly at the earliest opportunity and, in any event, no later than one and a quarter (1¼) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap of the *Sprint*.
 - i. If one or more *Cars* are withdrawn the grid will be closed-up accordingly.
 - ii. The final starting grid will be published one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Sprint*.
 - iii. The Grid position of any *Cars* withdrawn or unable to start after the time referred to in Article B2.3.4c will remain vacant.

B2.3.5 Sprint Session Classification

- a. The *Car* placed first will be the one having covered the scheduled distance in the shortest time, or, where appropriate, passed the *Line* in the lead at the end of the one (1) hour (or more under Article B2.3.3b). 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*.

- b. 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.
- c. The provisional classification will be published after the *Sprint*. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under the *Code* and these Sporting Regulations.

B2.4 Race Qualifying Session

B2.4.1 The starting grid of the *Race* will be determined by the results of the *Race* qualifying session ("*Qualifying*" or "*Q*"), which will take place:

- a. At each *Standard Format Competition* on the second day of on track running, starting no less than two (2) hours, and no more than three (3) hours after the end of *FP3*.
- b. At each *Alternative Format Competition* on the second day of track running, starting no less than three (3) hours, and no more than four (4) hours after the end of the *Sprint*.

B2.4.2 Race Qualifying Format

The *Qualifying* will be run as follows:

- a. For the first eighteen (18) minutes of the session ("*Q1*") all *Cars* will be permitted on the track and at the end of this period the slowest five (5) *Cars* will be prohibited from taking any further part in the session.

Lap times achieved by the fifteen (15) remaining *Cars* will then be deleted.

- b. After a seven (7) minute break the session will resume for fifteen (15) minutes ("*Q2*") and the fifteen (15) remaining *Cars* will be permitted on the track. At the end of this period the slowest five (5) *Cars* will be prohibited from taking any further part in the session.

Lap times achieved by the ten (10) remaining *Cars* will then be deleted.

- c. After an eight (8) minute break the session will resume for twelve (12) minutes ("*Q3*") and the ten (10) remaining *Cars* will be permitted on the track.

B2.4.3 Race Qualifying Classification

The *Qualifying* Classification will be determined in the following way:

- a. Classified drivers will be ordered according to the procedure below:
 - i. The top ten positions will be allocated to the drivers who took part in *Q3*, in accordance with the best time set by each driver in *Q3*, the fastest in the first position.
 - ii. The next five positions will be allocated to the drivers who got eliminated in *Q2*, in accordance with the fastest lap time set by each driver in *Q2*, the fastest in the 11th position.
 - iii. The next five positions will be allocated to the drivers who got eliminated in *Q1*, in accordance with the fastest lap time set by each driver, the fastest in the 16th position.

- iv. If two (2) or more drivers set identical times during *Q1*, *Q2* or *Q3* priority will be given to the one who set it first.
- v. If more than one driver fails to set a lap time during *Q2* or *Q3* they will be arranged in the following order:
 - a. Any driver who attempted to set a qualifying time by starting a flying lap.
 - b. Any driver who failed to start a flying lap.
 - c. Any driver who failed to leave the pits during the period.
- b. Drivers will be considered to be “unclassified” in the following circumstances:
 - i. If they got eliminated in *Q1* and their best lap in *SQ1* exceeded 107% of the fastest lap time set during *Q1*, unless the track was declared wet by the Race Director.
 - ii. If they failed to set a lap time in *Q1*, or if all their lap times were deleted.
 - iii. If they got disqualified by the Stewards from *Sprint Qualifying*.

The relative classification of such drivers will be determined as follows:

- a. Drivers who are unclassified because of conditions i) or ii) will be allocated the top positions in accordance with the order they were classified in *FP3*.
- b. Drivers who are unclassified because of condition iii) will be allocated the lower positions in accordance with the order they were classified in *FP3*.

The participation of unclassified drivers in the remainder of the *Competition* will be determined in each case by the Stewards, who may exceptionally consider parameters such as a suitable lap time being set in another practice session, the general performance of the driver in previous *Competitions* of the *Championship*, or the gravity of the offence which caused the driver’s disqualification

The procedure detailed in this Article is based upon twenty (20) *Cars* being officially eligible to take part in the *Competition*. If twenty-two (22) *Cars* are eligible six (6) will be eliminated after *Q1* and *Q2*, if twenty-four (24) *Cars* are eligible seven (7) *Cars* will be eliminated after *Q1* and *Q2*, and so on if more *Cars* are eligible.

At the end of *Qualifying* the times achieved by each driver will be officially published.

B2.5 Race Session

B2.5.1 The *Race* session (“*Race*” or “*R*”) will take place on the third day of track running at all *Competitions*.

B2.5.2 Race Session Distance

The distance of the *Race*, from the start signal referred to in Article B5.7.1 to the end-of-session signal referred to in Article B5.15.1, shall be equal to the least number of complete laps which exceed a distance of 305km, with the exception of the two following circumstances:

- a. The distance of the *Race* in Monaco shall be equal to the least number of complete laps which exceed a distance of 260km.

- b. If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (Article B5.10) the number of *Race* laps will be reduced by the number of laps carried out by the safety car minus one.

B2.5.3 Race Session Duration

An exception to the provisions of Article B5.15.1 for the end-of-session signal will be made under the following circumstances:

- a. Should two hours elapse from the start signal before the scheduled *Race* distance is completed, the leader will be shown the end-of-session signal when he crosses the control line (the *Line*) at the end of the lap following the lap during which the two (2) hour period ended, provided this does not result in the scheduled number of laps being exceeded.
- b. Should the *Race* be suspended (Article B5.14) the duration of the suspension will be added to this two (2) hour period up to a maximum total *Race* duration of three (3) hours, and the leader will be shown the end-of-session signal when he crosses the *Line* at the end of the lap following the lap during which the sum of these periods ended, provided this does not result in the scheduled number of laps being exceeded. If the formation lap is started behind the safety car (Article B5.10), the maximum total *Race* duration of three (3) hours will commence at the scheduled *Race* start time.

B2.5.4 Grid for the Race Session

- a. The grid for the *Race* will be formed in accordance with the results of the *Qualifying* (Article B2.4.2), the *Qualifying* classification process (Article B2.4.3) and the procedure defined in this article. Any penalties received for the *Race* will be added up and be applied using the procedure defined in this article.

If *Qualifying* does not take place at a *Competition*, and with acceptance of the Stewards that the session cannot take place, the grid for the *Race* will be defined based upon the Drivers' Championship classification. In such circumstance, the procedure defined in Article B2.5.4b shall be applied using the Drivers' Championship classification of each driver instead of their *Qualifying* classification, all drivers shall be considered to be classified.

If neither of the methods of forming the grid for the *Race* described above can be applied, the formation of the grid for the *Race* shall be at the sole discretion of the Stewards.

- b. Starting from a nominally empty grid, drivers will be allocated their grid positions in the following sequence of steps:
 - i) Classified drivers who have received 15 or less cumulative grid penalties will be allocated a temporary grid position equal to their qualifying session 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.
 - ii) 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 or sprint qualifying session classification.

- iii) 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.
 - iv) Classified drivers who have accrued more than 15 cumulative grid position penalties, or 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.
 - v) 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 B2.4.3b.
- c. The provisional starting grid will be published no less than four (4) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Race*. Any *Competitor* whose *Car* is unable to start for any reason whatsoever (or who has good reason to believe that their *Car* will not be ready to start) must inform the stewards accordingly at the earliest opportunity and, in any event, no later than two and a half (2.5) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap of the *Race*.
- i) If one or more *Cars* are withdrawn the grid will be closed-up accordingly.
 - ii) The final starting grid will be published two (2) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Race*.
 - iii) The Grid position of any *Cars* withdrawn or unable to start after the time referred to by B2.5.4c will remain vacant.

B2.5.5 Race Session Classification

- a. The *Car* placed first will be the one having covered the scheduled distance in the shortest time, or, where appropriate, passed the *Line* in the lead at the end of two (2) hours (or more under Article B2.5.3). 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*.
- b. *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.
- c. The provisional classification will be published after the *Race*. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under the *Code* and these Sporting Regulations.

ARTICLE B3 : PROCEDURES DURING A COMPETITION**B3.1 Scrutineering**

- B3.1.1** Each *Competitor* will be required to carry out initial scrutineering of their *Cars*, which will commence four (4) hours prior to the start of *FP1* and submit the duly completed declaration no later than two (2) hours before the start of *FP1*. The declaration form template will be provided by the FIA.
- B3.1.2** Unless prior written permission has been granted by the Technical Delegate, any *Competitor* who do not keep to these time limits will be referred to the stewards.
- B3.1.3** No *Car* may take part in the *Competition* until the declaration described in Article B3.1.1 has been submitted, and the Technical Delegate has confirmed to the *Competitor* that he is satisfied it has been fully and correctly completed.
- B3.1.4** Any *Competitor* whose *Car* has a change of survival cell after initial scrutineering (Article B3.1.1) must complete a new declaration for approval by the Technical Delegate. However:
- a. At each *Standard Format Competition*, any such *Car* scrutineered after the start of *FP1* may not be used until the start of P3 and any such *Car* scrutineered after the start of P3 may not be used until the pit exit is opened before the Race (Article B5.2).
 - b. At each *Alternative Format Competition*, any such *Car* scrutineered after the start of *FP1* may not be used until the pit exit is opened before the Sprint (Article B5.2).
- B3.1.5** The scrutineers may:
- a. Check the eligibility of a *Car* or of a *Competitor* at any time during a *Competition*.
This includes and is not limited to; a period of up to one hour, after the covers are fitted following *Sprint Qualifying* according to Article B3.4.2 or *Qualifying* according to Article B3.4.3, and after the covers are removed before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the sprint according to Article B3.4.2 or the *Race* according to Article B3.4.3, and immediately after the Race.
 - b. Require a *Car* to be dismantled by the *Competitor* to make sure that the conditions of eligibility or conformity are fully satisfied.
 - c. Require a *Competitor* to pay the reasonable expenses which exercise 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.
- B3.1.6** The Race Director may require that any *Car* involved in an accident be stopped and checked.
- B3.1.7** 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*.
- B3.1.8** The stewards will publish the findings of the scrutineers each time *Cars* are checked during the *Competition*. These results will not include any specific figure except when a *Car* is found to be in breach of the Technical Regulations.

B3.2 Weighing

- B3.2.1** After any *LTCS*, during *Sprint Qualifying* or during *Qualifying Cars* will be weighed as follows:
- When signalled to do so the driver will proceed directly to the FIA garage and stop his engine.
 - Any driver who fails to stop when asked to do so, and then fails to bring the *Car* back to the FIA garage, or if work is carried out on the *Car* before it is returned to the FIA garage, will be referred to the stewards.
 - Each driver must be weighed by the Technical Delegate at the end of the last part of the qualifying session or sprint qualifying session in which they participated.
 - At the end of *Qualifying* or *Sprint Qualifying* all *Cars* which took part in Q3 (or SQ3) will 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*.
 - If a *Car* stops on the circuit during *Qualifying* or *Sprint Qualifying* and the driver leaves the *Car*, he must go to the FIA garage immediately on his return to the *Pit Lane* in order for his weight to be established.
- B3.2.2** After any *TTCS* any classified *Car* may be weighed. If a driver wishes to leave their *Car* before it is weighed, they must ask the Technical Delegate to be weighed in order that this weight may be added to that of the *Car*.
- B3.2.3** The relevant *Car* may be disqualified should its weight be less than that specified in Article C4.1 when weighed in accordance with Articles B3.2.1 or B3.2.2, save where the deficiency in weight results from the accidental loss of a component of the *Car*.
- B3.2.4** No substance may be added to, placed on, or removed from a *Car* after it has been selected for weighing or has finished any *TTCS* or during the weighing procedure. (Except by a scrutineer when acting in his official capacity).
- B3.2.5** 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 *TTCS*.
- B3.3 Covering of Components**
- B3.4.1** Commencing twenty-nine (29) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*, 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.
- B3.4.2** In addition to the restrictions detailed in Article B3.4.1, the following are specifically not permitted:
- Engine, gearbox or radiator covers whilst engines are being changed or moved around the garage.
 - Covers over spare wings when they are on a stand in the *Pit Lane* not being used.
 - Parts such as (but not limited to) spare floors, fuel rigs or tool trolleys may not be used as an obstruction.
- B3.4.3** The following are permitted:
- Covers which are placed over damaged *Cars* or components.

- b. A transparent tool tray, no more than 50mm deep, placed on top of the rear wing.
- c. Warming or heat retaining covers for the engine and gearbox on the grid.
- d. A rear wing cover designed specifically to protect a mechanic starting the *Car* from fire.
- e. Covers over the tyre manufacturer's code numbers (not the FIA bar code numbers).
- f. A cover over the *Car* in the parc fermé overnight.
- g. A cover over the *Car* in the *Pit Lane* or grid if it is raining.
- h. Tyre heating blankets *[as described in Article 10.8.4d) and 10.8.5 of the Technical Regulations]*.

B3.4 Sealing of Cars

B3.4.1 Standard Format *Competition(s)*

At each *Standard Format Competition*:

- a. With the exception of when a *Competitor* is using one of their permitted exceptions to *Restricted Period 3* (Article B9.5.3), within three (3) hours of the end of *FP2* all *Cars* used during the session (or which were intended for use but failed to leave the *Pit Lane*) must be covered and ready for FIA seals to be applied.

For the purpose of this Article only, a *Car* is defined as consisting of all the components required to comply with the Technical Regulations with the exception of the Floor, the nose, the Front Wing and the Rear Wing *[as detailed in Articles 3.5, 3.6.1, 3.9 and 3.10 of the Technical Regulations respectively]*. Components must be of a specification already used at the *Competition* or intended as an option at the *Competition*. Obsolete components or dummy components are not permitted. If the *Car* is supported on stands, all *Car* components must be present under the cover. The complete *Car*, minus any exceptions described in this Article and including any non-fitted components must remain in view of the overhead camera at all times. Permitted breather, heating or cooling devices may be fitted.

Failure to comply with this requirement will be equivalent to a breach of *Restricted Period 3* (Article B9.5.1c.i.) and failure to comply with both Articles will be considered as a single breach.

- b) Three (3) hours before the start of *FP3*, the FIA seals and covers may be removed.

B3.4.2 Alternative Format *Competition(s)*

At each *Alternative Format Competition*:

- a. Within two (2) hours of the end of *Sprint Qualifying* all *Cars* used during the session (or which were intended for use but failed to leave the *Pit Lane*) must be covered and ready for FIA seals to be applied.

For marketing purposes this deadline may be extended for one *Car* from each *Competitor* for a maximum of two (2) hours by prior arrangement with the Technical Delegate.

In the case of a breach of this Article, it will also be considered that the *Competitor* has breached Article B3.5.7. The relevant driver will be penalised by a single penalty for the combination of both offences.

- b. Three (3) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the sprint, the seals and covers may be removed but the *Cars* will remain under parc fermé conditions until the start of the sprint.

B3.4.3 All Competitions

At each *Competition*:

- a. Within two (2) hours of the end of *Qualifying* all *Cars* used during the session (or which were intended for use but failed to leave the *Pit Lane*) must be covered and ready for FIA seals to be applied.

For marketing purposes this deadline may be extended for one *Car* from each *Competitor* for a maximum of two (2) hours by prior arrangement with the Technical Delegate.

In the case of a breach of this Article, it will also be considered that the *Competitor* has breached Article B3.5.7. The relevant driver will be penalised by a single penalty for the combination of both offences.

- b. Five (5) hours before the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Race*, the seals and covers may be removed but the *Cars* will remain under parc fermé conditions until the start of the *Race*.

B3.4.4 Whilst *Cars* are covered and sealed, they may be fitted with devices to keep them warm.

B3.5 Pre-Sprint & Pre-Race Parc Fermé

B3.5.1 Each *Car* will be deemed to be in parc fermé from the time:

- a. At which it leaves the *Pit Lane* for the first time during the *Sprint Qualifying* until the start of the *Sprint*, and
- b. From the time at which it leaves the *Pit Lane* for the first time during *Qualifying* until the start of the *Race*.

Any *Car* which fails to leave the *Pit Lane* during the sprint qualifying session or qualifying session will be deemed to be in parc fermé at the end of *SQ1* or *Q1* respectively.

B3.5.2 Each *Competitor* must provide the Technical Delegate with a suspension set-up sheet for both of their *Cars* before each of them leaves the *Pit Lane* for the first time during the sprint qualifying session and the qualifying session.

B3.5.3 When deemed to be in parc fermé, other than when the *Cars* are sealed in accordance with Article B3.4.2 or B3.4.3, the following work may be carried out:

- a. Brakes
 - i. Brake friction material may be removed, measured, de-glazed and refitted.
 - ii. The brake system may be bled.
- b. Bodywork
 - i. The aerodynamic set up of the front wing may be adjusted using the existing parts. No parts may be added, removed or replaced.
 - ii. Bodywork (excluding radiators and heat exchangers) may be removed.

- iii. The front and rear wing assemblies may be inspected with the use of NDT methods, provided no disassembly takes place.
 - iv. Cosmetic changes may be made to the bodywork and tape may be added.
 - v. Any part of the *Car* may be cleaned.
 - vi. Bodywork fixings (consumable fasteners) may be replaced.
 - vii. Any bodywork component may be repaired where the damage is patched, bonded, or fixed together. Any such repair must cause no more than incidental changes in bodywork geometry, and no replacement components or sub-components may be used.
- c. Climatic Conditions – If the Technical Delegate is satisfied that changes in climatic conditions necessitate alterations of the specification of a *Car*, all competitors will be notified with the message “CHANGE IN CLIMATIC CONDITIONS”. From this point onwards until the start of the subsequent *TTCS* changes may be made to:
- i. Components specified in Articles 3.13.3 and 3.13.4 of the Technical Regulations.
[Above reference requires validating following update of Section C.]
 - ii. Power unit and / or gearbox cooling bodywork that lies within RV-BODY-REAR and / or RV-RBW-EC reference volumes as defined in Appendix C2.
 - iii. The settings of any bypass valves or flow restrictors used within the liquid part(s) of the cooling system(s) may also be adjusted, for the sole purpose of adjusting power unit and / or gearbox cooling.
 - iv. Pitot tubes may be covered or uncovered.
 - v. The addition or removal of the Driver Cooling Scoop described in Article 3.6.5 of the Technical Regulations.
[Above reference requires validating following update of Section C.]
- d. Driver Comfort
- i. Changes to improve the driver’s comfort. In this context anything other than the adjustment of the mirrors, seat belts and pedals may only be carried out with the specific permission of the Technical Delegate.
 - ii. Should ambient temperature change significantly, *Competitors* will be requested, using the *OMS*, to change the head padding required by Article C12.6.1.
 - iii. The additional or removal of padding (or similar material) is also permitted but may only be carried out under supervision and, if required by the Technical Delegate, must be removed before the post-*Race* weighing procedure.
- e. Electronics
- i. On board cameras, marshalling system components, timing transponders and any associated equipment may be removed, refitted or checked.
 - ii. A jump battery may be connected and on-board electrical units may be freely accessed via a physical connection to the *Car*.

- iii. Charging and / or discharging of the ERS energy storage devices.
- iv. The repair of an electronic component (e.g. damaged connector pin, wiring loom involving heat shrink, protecting sleeving, enclosure bonding)
- f. Fluids
 - i. Fuel may be drained or added.
 - ii. Compressed gases may be drained or added.
 - iii. Permitted breather, heating or cooling devices may be fitted.
 - iv. Fluids may be drained and/or replenished, however, fluids used for replenishment must conform to the same specification as the original fluids(s).
 - v. Drinking fluid for the driver may be added at any time, however, the capacity of the container for any such fluid must not exceed 1.5 litres.
- g) Repair of genuine accident damage, defined as any of the following:
 - i. Damage sustained as a result of contact with a barrier.
 - ii. Damage sustained as a result of contact with another *Car* on track.
 - iii. Damage incurred whilst off track limits, which also result in significant loss of lap time or a lap time which is deleted by the Race Director.
- h. Powertrain
 - i. Engines may be started.
 - ii. Spark plugs may be removed in order to carry out an internal engine inspection and cylinder compression checks.
- i. Tyres
 - i. Wheels, wheel fasteners and tyres may be removed, changed or rebalanced.
 - ii. Tyre pressures may be adjusted.
- j. A change of *Car*, as defined in Article B8.1.2, if that *Car* has suffered genuine accident damage or has suffered a significant failure or fault, as defined in Article B8.1.1, necessitating a change of survival cell. All components of the replacement *Car* must be the same in design and similar in mass, inertia, and function to the original *Car*. The set-up of the suspension must be the same.
- k. Work required by the Technical Delegate.

B3.5.4 Any parts which are removed from the *Car* in order to carry out any work specifically permitted in Article B3.5.3, or any parts removed to carry out essential safety checks, must remain close to the *Car* and, at all times, be visible to the scrutineer assigned to the relevant *Car*. Furthermore, any parts removed from the *Car* in order to carry out any such work must be refitted before the *Car* leaves the *Pit Lane*.

Any work not listed in Article B3.5.3 may only be undertaken with the approval of the Technical Delegate following a written request from the *Competitor* concerned. It must be clear that any replacement part a *Competitor* wishes to fit is the same in design and similar in mass, inertia and function to the original. Any parts which are removed shall be retained by the FIA.

If a *Competitor* wishes to change a part during the sprint qualifying session, qualifying session, on the grid before the start of the *Sprint* and between reconnaissance laps and / or on the grid before the start of the *Race*, this may be done without first seeking the permission of the Technical Delegate, provided it is reasonable for the relevant *Competitor* to believe permission would be given if there was time to ask and the broken or damaged part remains in full view of the scrutineer assigned to the *Car* at all times.

B3.5.5 Exceptionally, at each *Alternative Format Competition*, requests made under Article B3.5.4 for replacement parts that are different in design will be considered for approval where the *Competitor* can demonstrate there is a shortage of parts, and provided that the replacement part is of a specification that has been previously used in a qualifying session or a *Race*. In such cases, the *Competitor* must inform the FIA in writing prior to the start of the *Sprint* of any parts where this may be necessary.

B3.5.6 At the end of each *Sprint Qualifying* and *Qualifying* the FIA will select specific *Cars* to undergo further checks. Once informed their *Car* has been selected the *Competitor* concerned must take the *Car* to the Parc Fermé immediately.

B3.5.7 A *Competitor* may not modify any part on the *Car* or make changes to the set-up of the suspension whilst the *Car* is being held under parc fermé conditions. In the case of a breach of this Article:

- a. At each *Standard Format Competition*, the relevant driver must start the *Race* from the *Pit Lane*.
- b. At each *Alternative Format Competition*, if the parc fermé conditions are breached before the start of the *Sprint*, the relevant driver must start the *Sprint* from the *Pit Lane*. If the parc fermé conditions are breached after the start of *Qualifying* the relevant driver must start the *Race* from the *Pit Lane*.

In order that the scrutineers may be completely satisfied that no alterations have been made to the suspension systems or aerodynamic configuration of the *Car* (with the exception of the front wing) whilst in pre-*Race* parc fermé, it must be clear from physical inspection that changes cannot be made without the use of tools.

B3.5.8 One (1) scrutineer will be allocated to each *Car* for the purpose of ensuring that no unauthorised work is carried out whilst *Cars* are being held under parc fermé conditions.

B3.5.9 A list of parts replaced with the specific agreement of the Technical Delegate whilst *Cars* are being held under parc fermé conditions will be published and distributed to all *Competitors* prior to the *Race*.

B3.6 Post Sprint & Post Race Parc Fermé

B3.6.1 Only those officials charged with supervision may enter the parc fermé. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorised by such officials.

- B3.6.2** When the parc fermé is in use, parc fermé regulations will apply in the area between the *Line* and the parc fermé entrance.
- B3.6.3** The parc fermé shall be secured such that no unauthorised persons can gain access to it.
- A maximum of three (3) team personnel per *Car* will be permitted access to the Parc Fermé area for the sole purpose of fitting cooling fans and undertaking any work required by those officials charged with supervision of parc fermé.
- B3.6.4** Each Driver must remain fully attired until after they have been weighed (e.g.: Helmet, Gloves, etc.)
- B3.6.5** Drivers must not interfere with parc fermé protocols in any way.

ARTICLE B4 : LAP TIME CLASSIFIED SESSIONS (LTCS)**B4.1 General Provisions for LTCS**

- B4.1.1** Any driver taking part in any *LTCS* 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 B1.10.3.
- B4.1.2** Should it become necessary to stop any *LTCS*, the Race Director will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts and the abort lights to be shown at the *Line*.
- a. When the signal is given to stop all *Cars* must immediately reduce speed and proceed slowly back to the *Pit Lane*. In order to ensure that drivers reduce speed sufficiently, from the time at which the “RED FLAG” message is sent until the time that each *Car* crosses the first safety car line when entering the *Pit Lane*, drivers must stay above the minimum time set by the FIA ECU at least once in each marshalling sector (a marshalling sector is defined as the section of track between each of the FIA light panels).
 - b. All *Cars* abandoned on the track will be removed to a safe place.
 - c. At the end of each *LTCS*, any period of *Qualifying* (Q1, Q2, Q3) or any period of *Sprint Qualifying* (SQ1, SQ2, SQ3) no driver may cross the *Line* more than once.
- B4.1.3** The Race Director may interrupt an *LTCS* as often and for as long as he thinks necessary to clear the track or to allow the recovery of a *Car*. However, only during *Sprint Qualifying* or *Qualifying* will the session be extended as a result. 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 the *TTCS*.
- B4.1.4** The VSC procedure may be initiated to neutralise a *LTCS* on the order of the Race Director. When the order is given to initiate the VSC procedure a message “VSC DEPLOYED” will be sent to all *Competitors* and all FIA light panels will display “VSC”. At any time whilst the VSC procedure is in use:
- a. 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. This will apply whether any such *Car* is being driven on the track, the pit entry road, or the *Pit Lane*.
 - b. All competing *Cars* must reduce speed and stay above the minimum time set by the FIA ECU at least once in each marshalling sector and at both the first and second safety car lines (a marshalling sector is defined as the section of track between each of the FIA light panels). All *Cars* must also be above this minimum time when the FIA light panels change to green.
 - c. With the exception of the cases listed under i) to iv) below, no driver may overtake another *Car* on the track. The exceptions are:
 - i. When entering the pits a driver may pass another *Car* remaining on the track after he has reached the first safety car line.
 - ii. When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another *Car* on the track before he reaches the second safety car line.

- iii. Whilst in the pit entry road, *Pit Lane* or pit exit road a driver may overtake another *Car* which is also in one of these three areas.
- iv. If any *Car* slows with an obvious problem.

When the Race Director decides it is safe to end the VSC procedure the message “VSC ENDING” will be sent to all *Competitors* and, at any time between 10 and 15 seconds later, “VSC” on the FIA 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.

B4.2 Specific Provisions for Free Practice Session(s)

B4.2.1 Practice Starts on the Grid

After the end of each free practice session, as defined in Articles B2.1.1 and B2.1.2, any driver on track when the end-of-session signal is shown may carry out a practice start on the grid. Any such driver wishing to perform a practice start must:

- a. Cross the *Line* following the end-of-session signal being shown, complete one (1) further lap and proceed to the grid.
- b. Perform the start from a marked grid position, pulling as far forward on the grid as possible.
- c. Under no circumstances perform a practice start if another *Car* remains stationary in front of them on the same side of the grid.

If the Race Director considers it is necessary to stop the conduct of practice starts, a red flag will be displayed, and the abort lights will be shown at the *Line*. In the event of a red flag any driver remaining on the grid must move away slowly and all *Cars* remaining on track must proceed slowly into the *Pit Lane*.

B4.3 Specific Provisions for Qualifying Session(s)

B4.3.1 Any driver whose *Car* stops in any area other than the *Pit Lane* during *Sprint Qualifying* or *Qualifying* and receives physical assistance will not be permitted to take any further part in that session.

B4.3.2 An AOT, as defined in the Technical Regulations, must be empty during the complete *Sprint Qualifying* and *Qualifying* sessions.

ARTICLE B5 : TOTAL TIME CLASSIFIED SESSIONS (TTCS)**B5.1 General Provisions for TTCS**

- B5.1.1** No driver may start a *TTCS* without taking part in at least one (1) *LTCS*.
- B5.1.2** The layout of the Grid will be in a staggered 1 x 1 formation and the rows on the Grid will be separated by 16 metres.
- B5.1.3** All equipment used to cool the *Car* on the Grid using forced air flow (or any other gaseous flow) must only be powered by electricity.
- B5.1.4** Fuel may not be added to nor removed from a *Car* after it has left the *Pit Lane* to start the reconnaissance lap(s) permitted in accordance with Articles B5.2 until the end-of-session signal has been shown in accordance with Article B5.15.
- B5.1.5** During a *TTCS*, the engine may only be started with the starter except in the *Pit Lane* or the *Competitors' designated garage area* where the use of an external starting device is allowed.
- B5.1.6** Other than where permitted during the suspension of a *TTCS* in accordance with Article B5.14, tyre blankets are not permitted in the *Pit Lane* at any time during a *TTCS* and must be removed before the tyres are carried to the pit stop area.
- B5.1.7** Except for the circumstances described in Article B1.6.4d or Article B5.14, any driver whose *Car* stops in any area other than the *Pit Lane* during a *TTCS* and receives physical assistance resulting in the *Car* re-joining may be disqualified from that *TTCS*.
- B5.1.8** The FIA safety car will be driven by an FIA appointed safety car driver and will carry an FIA safety car observer capable of recognising all the competing *Cars* who is in permanent radio contact with *Race* control.
- B5.1.9** The mass of oil contained in each oil tank, with the exception of the main oil tank, must be declared to the FIA one (1) hour before the scheduled start of any *TTCS*.
- B5.1.10** Unless specifically authorised by the Race Director, during the start of any *TTCS* the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of the team personnel permitted under Article B1.6.8, officials and fire marshals.

B5.2 Reconnaissance Lap(s)

- B5.2.1** Prior to the *Pit Lane* opening for the reconnaissance lap(s), the safety car will leave the *Pit Lane* and take up position at the front of the grid and remain there until the five (5) minute signal is given. At this point (except under Article B5.10) it will cover a lap of the track and take up position.
- B5.2.2** Prior to the scheduled start of the formation lap for each *TTCS* the pit exit will be opened and all *Cars*, including any that are required to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*, will be permitted to leave the *Pit Lane* to cover reconnaissance lap(s). All drivers going to the pit exit at this time must do so at a constant speed and with constant throttle, this applies over the whole of the *Pit Lane* whether a driver is going to the pit exit from his garage or travelling through the *Pit Lane* between reconnaissance laps
- a. For each *Sprint*, the pit exit will be opened thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap, and shall remain open for five (5) minutes. Each driver may complete one (1) reconnaissance lap.

- b. For each *Race*, the pit exit will be opened forty (40) minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap and shall remain open for ten (10) minutes. Should any driver wish to cover more than one (1) reconnaissance lap, this must be done by driving down the *Pit Entry Road* and *Pit Lane* at greatly reduced speed between each of the laps. If a driver stops in his *designated garage area* between reconnaissance laps the *Car* may only re-join the track by being driven from the driver's garage and not from his pit stop position.

B5.2.3 At the end of these laps all *Cars* starting the *TTCS* from the grid should stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped and all *Cars* required to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane* must enter the *Pit Lane*.

B5.2.4 Any *Car* which does not complete a reconnaissance lap and reach the grid under its own power will not be permitted to start the *TTCS* from the grid.

B5.2.5 Any *Car* which is still in the *Pit Lane* when the pit exit is closed after the reconnaissance laps can start the *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane* provided it got there under its own power.

B5.3 Pit Lane Starters

B5.3.1 With the exception of the reconnaissance laps (Article B5.2), any driver that is required to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane* may not drive his *Car* from his *Competitors 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*.

B5.3.2 If more than one *Car* is will start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*, they must line up in the order in which they qualified. However, any *Car* reaching the end of the *Pit Lane* after the five (5) minute signal must start behind any *Car* already at the pit exit.

B5.3.3 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 and heating devices.
- c. Changes made for driver comfort.
- d. Changing wheels and tyres.
- e. The aerodynamic set up of the front wing may be adjusted using the existing parts. No parts may be added, removed, or replaced.

B5.3.4 All such *Cars* may join the *TTCS* once the whole field has passed the end of the *Pit Lane* for the first time after the start. When *Cars* are permitted to leave the *Pit Lane* they must do so in the order that was established under Articles B5.3.2, unless another *Car* is unduly delayed. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

B5.4 Delayed Start

B5.4.1 If at any point during the grid procedure (Article B5.5), the Race Director decides the start of the *TTCS* should be delayed, and the formation lap has not started, the abort lights will be switched on and a board saying "DELAYED START" will be displayed and the message "DELAYED START" will be sent to all *Competitors*.

B5.4.2 The starting procedure will begin again at the ten (10) minute signal.

B5.5 Grid Procedure

B5.5.1 The approach of the start will be announced by signals shown ten (10) minutes, five (5) minutes, three (3) minutes, one (1) minute and fifteen (15) seconds before the start of the formation lap, each of which will be accompanied by an audible warning.

B5.5.2 When the ten (10) minute signal is shown:

- a. everybody except drivers, officials and team technical staff must leave the grid.
- b. if track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the *TTCS* at the scheduled time, the formation lap(s) may take place behind the safety car (Article B5.10). In such circumstance:
 - i. The orange lights of the safety car will be illuminated, this being the signal to the drivers that the formation lap will be started behind the safety car. At the same time all *Competitors* will be informed using the *OMS*.
 - ii. The use of wet-weather tyres as specified under Article B6.3.8 is compulsory.

B5.5.3 When the five (5) minute signal is shown:

- a. All *Cars* on the grid and any *Cars* in the *Pit Lane Fast Lane* must have their wheels fitted. After this signal wheels may only be removed in the Inner Lane.
A Stop-and-Go Penalty (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver whose *Car* did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the five (5) minute signal.
- b. Tyre blankets must be disconnected from any power supply and must not be reconnected during the start procedure, unless the delayed start signal is shown.
- c. Team personnel and equipment trolleys must commence leaving the grid.

B5.5.4 When the three (3) minute signal is shown:

- a. No more than sixteen (16) team personnel for each *Competitor* are permitted on the grid.

B5.5.5 When the one (1) minute signal is shown:

- a. 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.
 - i. 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 *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.
A Stop-and-Go Penalty (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.
 - ii. If any driver needs assistance after the fifteen (15) second signal they must immediately raise their hands above their head. 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 accordance with Article B5.6.3.

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

B5.6 Formation Lap

B5.6.1 When the green lights are illuminated, all *Cars* on the grid able to do so should leave the grid and begin the formation lap with the pole position driver leading.

B5.6.2 When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the *Pit Lane* speed limit until they pass pole position.

B5.6.3 After the formation lap has started, if:

- a. A *Car* is immobilised on the starting grid:
 - i. The marshals alongside the grid will wave their yellow flags and/or activate the yellow grid light panels to inform the drivers that a *Car* is stationary on the grid.
 - ii. Once all *Cars* able to do so have left the grid it shall be the duty of the marshals to push the *Car* into the *Pit Lane* by the fastest route. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the *Car*.
 - iii. Once the *Car* is in the *Pit Lane* the *Competitor* may then attempt to start the *Car*, if successful the *Car* may then start the *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane* or, if the *TTCS* has started, may leave the *Pit Lane* and join the *TTCS*.

The driver and mechanics must follow the instructions of the marshals at all times during such a procedure.

- b. The Race Director decides the start should be aborted the procedures defined in Article B5.8 will be followed
- c. The Race Director decides an extra formation lap is required the procedures defined in Article B5.9 will be followed

B5.6.4 During the formation lap practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible.

B5.6.5 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 he reaches the first safety *Car* line, must enter the *Pit Lane* and start the *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane*.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the *Pit Lane* if he has not re-established the original starting order before he reaches the first safety *Car* line.

B5.7 Start Procedure

B5.7.1 When the *Cars* come back to the grid at the end of the formation lap or laps, they must stop within their respective starting grid positions, keeping their engines running.

- a. There will be a standing start, the signal being given by means of lights activated by the permanent starter.
- b. Once all the *Cars* have come to a halt the five (5) second light will appear followed by the four, three, two and one second lights. At any time after the one-second light appears, the *Sprint* will be started by extinguishing all red lights.

B5.8 Aborted Start

- B5.8.1** If, after the formation lap has started, the Race Director decides the start should be aborted, the abort lights will be illuminated, a board saying “ABORTED START” will be displayed, and the message “ABORTED START” will be sent to all *Competitors*.
- B5.8.2** All *Cars* should return to the grid and all *Competitors* will be informed of the likely delay. The starting procedure will begin again at the ten (10) minute signal.
- B5.8.3** Every time this happens the *TTCS* will be shortened by one (1) lap.

B5.9 Extra Formation Lap(s)

- B5.9.1** If, after the formation lap has started, a problem arises which does not necessitate the start to be aborted, or if after returning to the starting grid at the end of the formation lap a *Car* develops a problem that could endanger the start, the Race Director may decide an extra formation lap is required in order that such problem(s) may be resolved. In such circumstances:
- The driver of a *Car* that develops a problem that could endanger the start must immediately raise his hands above his head and the marshal responsible for that row must immediately wave a yellow flag and/or activate the yellow grid light panel.
 - The abort lights will be illuminated, followed by the green lights after a two second delay, a board saying “EXTRA FORMATION LAP” will be displayed and the message “EXTRA FORMATION LAP” will be sent to all *Competitors*.
- B5.9.2** All *Cars* able to do so must leave the grid and complete an extra formation lap. Once all *Cars* able to do so have left the grid any the *Car(s)* immobilised on the grid will be moved into the *Pit Lane*.
- It shall be the duty of the marshals to push any *Car* immobilised on the grid into the *Pit Lane* by the fastest route. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the *Car*.
 - Once the *Car* is in the *Pit Lane*, the *Competitor* may then attempt to rectify the problem and, if successful, the *Car* may then start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane* or, if the *TTCS* has started, may leave the *Pit Lane* and join the *TTCS*.
 - 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*.

The driver and mechanics must follow the instructions of the marshals at all times during such a procedure.

- B5.9.3** When leaving the grid to complete the extra formation lap all drivers must respect the *Pit Lane* speed limit until they pass pole position.
- B5.9.4** Any *Cars* that are required to start *TTCS* 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 *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane* in the order they get there.
- B5.9.5** Every time this happens the *TTCS* will be shortened by one (1) lap.
- B5.9.6** Should Article B5.9 apply, the *TTCS* will nevertheless count for the *Championship* no matter how often the procedure is repeated, or how much the *TTCS* is shortened as a result.

B5.9.7 Any driver who caused an extra formation lap, and is then able to start the extra formation lap must enter the *Pit Lane* at the end of the lap and start the *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane*.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.

B5.10 Formation Lap(s) Behind the Safety Car

B5.10.1 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 (10) car lengths apart. The safety car will continue until conditions are considered suitable for competition.

B5.10.2 When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the *Pit Lane* speed limit until they pass pole position.

B5.10.3 Any *Cars* that were starting the *TTCS* 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 *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane* in the order they get there.

B5.10.4 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 *Pit Lane* and start the *TTCS* from the end of the *Pit Lane* in the order they get there.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) 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.

B5.10.5 Overtaking during the lap(s) behind the safety car is only permitted under the following circumstances:

- a. 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
- b. If there is more than one *Car* starting from the *Pit Lane* and one of them is unduly delayed.
- c. If any *Car* slows with an obvious problem, or
- d. If a *Car* is delayed during the formation lap(s) behind the safety car.

B5.10.6 In any of the cases detailed in Article B5.9.4, drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order or the order the *Cars* were in at the pit exit when the formation lap was started:

- a. Under a “STANDING START” as detailed in Article 51, the driver of any *Car* that is delayed may overtake to re-establish the original starting position provided they do so before they cross the first safety car line on the lap the safety car returns to the pits. Should they fail to do so, they must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may only join the *TTCS* once the whole field has passed the end of the *Pit Lane* after the start of the *TTCS*.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to re-enter the *Pit Lane* in such circumstances.

- b. Under a “ROLLING START” as detailed in Article 52, the driver of any *Car* that is delayed may overtake to re-establish the original starting order provided they do so before the message “ROLLING START” is sent to all competitors. Should they fail to do so, they must start the *TTCS* from where they are.

B5.10.7 If the formation lap is started behind the safety car, the TTCS will be shortened by the number of laps carried out by the safety car minus one.

B5.10.8 Suspended Start Procedure

If, after one or more formation laps behind the safety car, track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the TTCS, the message “SUSPENDED START” will be sent to all *Competitors* and all *Cars* must enter the *Pit Lane* behind the safety car. The procedures described in Articles B5.14.1 to 58.9 must then be followed, the use of wet-weather tyres under Article B6.3.8) is compulsory and there will be a “ROLLING START” as detailed in Article B5.10.9. The TTCS will start when the safety car leaves the *Pit Lane* as described in Article B5.14.4e.

B5.10.9 Standing Start

- a. If, after one or more formation laps behind the safety car, the track conditions are considered suitable to start the TTCS from a standing start, the message “STANDING START” will be sent to all *Competitors*, all FIA light panels will display “SS” and the 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 (10) car lengths behind it.

- b. 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 Articles B5.6.3 and B5.7 as relevant.

In accordance with Article B5.10.3, *Cars* that were required to start TTCS from the *Pit Lane* must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may start the TTCS once the last *Car* has passed the pit exit after the start.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the TTCS from the *Pit Lane*.

B5.10.10 Rolling Start

- a. If, after one or more formation laps behind the safety car, the track conditions are considered unsuitable to start the TTCS from a standing start, the message “ROLLING START” will be sent to all *Competitors*, all FIA light panels will display “RS” and the 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 (10) car lengths behind it.

- b. As the safety car is approaching the pit entry road the FIA light panels will be extinguished and a green flag and/or green light panel will be displayed at the *Line*.

No driver may overtake another *Car* on the track until he passes the *Line* for the first time after the safety car has returned to the pits. The *TTCS* will be deemed to have started when the leading *Car* crosses the *Line* after the safety car has returned to the pits.

In accordance with Article B5.10.3, *Cars* that were required to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane* must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may start the *TTCS* once the last car has passed the pit exit after the start.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.

B5.11 False Start

B5.11.1 The stewards will impose either a *5-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a.), a *10-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), a *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c) or a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d), 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 B5.7.1b, or;
- b. Positioned his *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, or;
- 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.

B5.12 Virtual Safety Car (VSC)

The Virtual Safety Car will 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.

B5.12.1 Deployment of VSC

The VSC procedure may be initiated to neutralise a *TTCS* upon the order of the Race Director. When the order is given to initiate the VSC procedure a message “VSC DEPLOYED” will be sent to all *Competitors* and all FIA light panels will display “VSC”.

B5.12.2 During a VSC Deployment

At any time whilst the VSC procedure is in use:

- a. 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. This will apply whether any such *Car* is being driven on the track, the pit entry road, or the *Pit Lane*.
- b. All *Cars* must reduce speed and stay above the minimum time set by the FIA ECU at least once in each marshalling sector and at both the first and second safety car lines (a marshalling sector is defined as the section of track between each of the FIA light panels). All *Cars* must also be above this minimum time when the FIA light panels change to green.

When initiated during a *TTCS*, the stewards may impose either a *5-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a), a *10-Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), a *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c)

or a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) on any driver who fails to stay above the minimum time.

- c. With the exception of the cases listed under a. to d) below, no driver may overtake another *Car* on the track whilst the VSC procedure is in use. The exceptions are:
 - i. When entering the pits a driver may pass another *Car* remaining on the track after he has reached the first safety car line.
 - ii. When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another *Car* on the track before he reaches the second safety car line.
 - iii. Whilst in the pit entry road, *Pit Lane* or pit exit road a driver may overtake another *Car* which is also in one of these three areas.
 - iv. If any *Car* slows with an obvious problem.

B5.12.3 Use of *Pit Lane* during VSC Deployment

When initiated during a *TTCS*, no *Car* may enter the pits whilst the VSC procedure is in use unless it is for the purpose of changing tyres.

B5.12.4 Withdrawal of VSC

When the Race Director decides it is safe to end the VSC procedure the message “VSC ENDING” will be sent to all *Competitors* and, at any time between 10 and 15 seconds later, “VSC” on the FIA 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.

B5.12.5 Each lap completed whilst the VSC procedure is in use during a *TTCS* will be counted as a lap.

B5.13 Safety Car (SC)

The safety car 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 *TTCS*.

B5.13.1 Deployment of Safety Car

The safety car may be brought into operation to neutralise a *TTCS* upon the order of the Race Director. When the order is given to deploy the safety car the message “SAFETY CAR DEPLOYED” will be sent to all *Competitors*, all FIA light panels will display “SC”, all marshal’s posts will display waved yellow flags and “SC” boards, and the safety car will join the track with its orange lights illuminated regardless of where the leader is.

B5.13.2 During a SC Deployment

At any time whilst the safety car is deployed:

- a. 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. This will apply whether any such *Car* is being driven on the track, the pit entry road, or the *Pit Lane*.
- b. All competing *Cars* must reduce speed and form up in queue behind the safety car no more than ten (10) 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 until the time that each *Car* crosses the first safety car line for the second time, drivers must stay

above the minimum time set by the FIA ECU at least once in each marshalling sector and at both the first and second safety car lines (a marshalling sector is defined as the section of track between each of the FIA light panels).

The stewards may impose either a *5 Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4a), a *10 Second Penalty* (Article B1.10.4b), a *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c) or a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) on any driver who fails to stay above the minimum time.

- c. 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 he passes the *Line* for the first time after the safety car has returned to the pits. The exceptions are:
- i. If a driver is signalled to do so from the safety car.
 - ii. Under Articles 49.6, 55.14, 58.6, and 58.11.
 - iii. When entering the pits a driver may pass another *Car* remaining on the track, including the safety car, after he has reached the first safety car line.
 - iv. When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another *Car* on the track before he reaches the second safety car line.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. Whilst in the pit entry road, *Pit Lane* or pit exit road a driver may overtake another *Car* which is also in one of these three areas.
 - vii. Any *Car* stopping in its *designated garage area* whilst the safety car is using the *Pit Lane* (Article B5.13.3) may be overtaken.
 - viii. If any *Car* slows with an obvious problem.

B5.13.3 Use of Pit Lane during a SC Deployment

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 Road* and all *Competitors* will be informed using the *OMS*, 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 stop at its designated garage area.

A *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c) 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 tyres.

B5.13.4 Order of Cars Behind the SC

- a. When ordered to do so by the Race Director the observer in the *Car* will use a green light to signal to any *Cars* between it and the leader that they should pass. These *Cars* will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the queue of *Cars* behind the safety car.
- b. If the Race Director considers track conditions are unsuitable for overtaking the message “OVERTAKING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED” will be sent to all *Competitors*.

- c. If the Race Director considers it safe to do so, and the message “LAPPED CARS MAY NOW OVERTAKE” has been sent to all *Competitors*, all *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 queue 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.

B5.13.5 Duration of SC Period

Except under Article B5.13.4b, the safety car shall be used at least until the leader is behind it and all remaining *Cars* are queued behind him. Once behind the safety car, the leader must keep within ten (10) car lengths of it (except under Article B5.13.6 below).

B5.13.6 Withdrawal of Safety Car

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* and the 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 queue behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten (10) 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 orange lights on the safety car are extinguished 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 road the SC boards will be withdrawn and, other than on the last lap of the *TTCS*, as the leader approaches the *Line* the yellow flags will be withdrawn and a green flag and/or green light panel will be displayed at the *Line*.

- B5.13.7** Each lap completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as a lap of the *TTCS*. However, if the procedure set out in Article B5.10 is followed, B2.3.3a or B2.5.3a as appropriate will apply.

- B5.13.8** 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 lap and the *Cars* will take the end-of-session signal as normal without overtaking.

B5.14 Suspension & Resumption

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 *TTCS* will be suspended

- B5.14.1** Suspending a *TTCS*

Should it become necessary to suspend a *TTCS*, the Race Director will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts and the abort lights to be shown at the Line. When the signal is given:

- a. Overtaking is forbidden.
- b. 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*.

In exceptional circumstances, for reasons of safety the pit entry may be closed before *Cars* have returned to the *Pit Lane*. In such circumstances all *Cars* must proceed slowly to the starting grid, the first *Car* to arrive on the grid should occupy pole position and others should fill the remaining grid positions in the order they arrive. The remainder of the procedures detailed in Articles B5.14.2, B5.14.3 and B5.14.4 shall remain unchanged, but will be conducted on the grid instead of in the *Fast Lane*.

B5.14.2 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 *TTCS* was suspended.

Any *Cars* in the *Pit Lane* or pit entry road at the time the *TTCS* was suspended will be arranged in the order they occupied before the *TTCS* was suspended.

Any *Cars* in their garage at the time the *TTCS* was suspended will be arranged at the back of the line of *Cars* in the *Fast Lane* in the order they got there.

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 *TTCS*.

The safety car will then be driven to the front of the line of *Cars* in the *Fast Lane*.

B5.14.3 During a Suspension

Whilst the *TTCS* is suspended:

- a. The *TTCS* nor the timekeeping system will stop, however, in accordance with B2.3.3b the length of the *Sprint* suspension or in accordance with B2.5.3b the length of the *Race* will be added to the maximum time period.
- 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 ix) below and must not impede the resumption of the *TTCS*.
 - i. Starting the engine and any directly associated preparation.
 - ii. The addition of compressed gases (Article C4.5).
 - iii. The fitting or removal of permitted cooling and heating devices.
 - iv. Changes to the air ducts around the front and rear brakes.
 - v. Changes to the radiator ducts.
 - vi. Changes made for driver comfort.
 - vii. Changing wheels and tyres.

- viii. Repair of genuine accident damage, as specified in Article B3.5.3g, including the replacement of assemblies containing such damaged parts.
- ix. The aerodynamic set up of the front wing may be adjusted using the existing parts. No parts may be added, removed or replaced.
- c. Only team members, officials and accredited television cameramen will be permitted in the *Pit Lane*.
- d. Unless asked to do so by the FIA, *Cars* may not be moved from the *Fast Lane* whilst the *TTCS* 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.
- e. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

B5.14.4 Resuming a TTCS

As soon as a resumption time is known all *Competitors* will be informed using the *OMS*, in all cases at least ten minutes warning will be given. Signals will be shown ten minutes, five minutes, three minutes, one minute and fifteen seconds before the resumption and each of these will be accompanied by an audible warning.

- a. When the ten (10) minute signal is shown, if the *TTCS* is being resumed in wet conditions and the Race Director deems more than one lap necessary the use of wet-weather tyres as specified under Article B6.3.8 is compulsory. If this is the case the orange lights of the safety car will be illuminated. At the same time this will be confirmed to all *Competitors* using the *OMS*.
- b. When the five (5) minute signal is shown all *Cars* must have their wheels fitted. Tyre blankets must also be disconnected from any power supply at this time and must not be reconnected during the start procedure, unless the delayed start signal is shown.

After this signal wheels may only be removed if the *Car* has been moved out of the *Fast Lane* or during a further suspension.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver whose *Car* did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the five (5) minute signal or has any of its wheels changed before it leaves the *Pit Lane* after the *TTCS* has been resumed.

- c. At the two (2) 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 *TTCS* 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.
- d. When the one (1) minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the *Fast Lane* by the time the fifteen (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 enter the *Pit Lane* following the reconnaissance laps behind the safety car described in Article B5.14.4f, or the formation lap described in Article B5.14.6, and resume the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the *Pit Lane* and resume the *Race* from the *Pit Lane*.

If any driver needs assistance after the fifteen (15) second signal, he must raise his 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 *Inner 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*.

- e. The *TTCS* will be resumed behind the safety car when the green lights are illuminated, and the safety car leaves the *Pit Lane*. Drivers must follow the safety car no more than ten car lengths apart.
- f. The safety car will enter the pits after one (1) lap unless:
 - i. The *TTCS* is being resumed in wet conditions and the Race Director deems more than one lap is necessary, in which case the use of wet-weather tyres as specified under Article B6.3.8 is compulsory.
 - ii. All *Cars* are not yet in a line behind the safety car.
 - iii. A further incident occurs necessitating another intervention.

B5.14.5 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 with an obvious problem when leaving its position in the *Fast Lane*, or
- b. Whilst in the pit entry road, *Pit Lane* or pit exit road a driver may overtake another *Car* which is also in one of these three areas, or
- c. If any *Car* slows with an obvious problem, or
- d. If a *Car* is delayed during the lap(s) behind the safety car.

In any of the cases detailed in a. to d) above, drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order or the order the *Cars* were in at the pit exit when the *TTCS* was resumed.

- e. Under a “STANDING START PROCEDURE” as detailed in Article B5.14.6, the driver of any *Car* that is delayed in any of the cases detailed in Article B5.14.5 may overtake to re-establish the original starting position provided they do so before they cross the first safety car line on the lap the safety car returns to the pits. Should they fail to do so they must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may only re-join the *Race* once the whole field has passed the end of the *Pit Lane* after the *TTCS* has been resumed.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to re-enter the *Pit Lane* if they have not re-established the original starting order before they reach the first safety car line on the lap the safety car returns to the pits.

- f. Under a “ROLLING START PROCEDURE” as detailed in Article B5.14.7, the driver of any *Car* that is delayed in any of the cases detailed in Article B5.14.5 may overtake to re-establish the original starting order provided they do so before the message “ROLLING START” is sent to all competitors. Should they fail to do so, they must resume the *TTCS* from where they are.

A *Drive-Through Penalty* (Article B1.10.4c) or a *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the stewards, unnecessarily overtook another *Car* during the lap (or laps).

B5.14.6 Standing Start Resumption

If track conditions are considered suitable to resume the *TTCS* from a standing start, the message “STANDING START PROCEDURE” will be sent to all *Competitors* at a time no later than one (1) minute signal detailed in Article 58.5.

All FIA light panels will display “SS” and the safety car’s orange lights will be extinguished.

At the discretion of the Race Director, the safety car may (a. stay in the *Pit Lane*, or (b) extinguish its orange lights and pull to the side of the track, letting all *Cars* that are eligible to take the standing start overtake it. In such case(s), the signal “ALL CARS MAY OVERTAKE THE SAFETY CAR” will be sent to all *Competitors*.

All *Cars*, with the exception of those that were in their garage at the time the *TTCS* was suspended (Article B5.14.2), or those who have been moved from the *Fast Lane* (Article B5.14.3), can return to the grid, take up their grid positions and follow the procedures set out in Articles B5.6.3 and B5.7 as relevant as relevant.

Cars that were in their garage at the time the *TTCS* was suspended (Article B5.14.2), or those who have been moved from the *Fast Lane* (Article B5.14.3d) will be permitted to leave the *Pit Lane* when the *TTCS* is resumed, but must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may join the *TTCS* once the last *Car* has passed the pit exit after the re-start.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to resume the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.

Each lap completed using the procedures set out above will be counted as a lap of the *TTCS*.

B5.14.7 Rolling Start Resumption

If track conditions are considered unsuitable to resume the *TTCS* from a standing start, the message “ROLLING START PROCEDURE” will be sent to all *Competitors*, at a time no later than one (1) minute signal detailed in Article B5.14.4.

When the Race Director decides it is safe to call in the safety car the message “ROLLING START” will be sent to all *Competitors*, all FIA light panels will display “RS” and the safety car’s orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the *Competitors* and drivers that the safety car will be entering the *Pit Lane* at the end of that lap.

At this point the first *Car* in queue behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten (10) car lengths behind it.

As the safety car is approaching the pit entry road the FIA light panels will be extinguished and a green flag and/or green light panel will be displayed at the Line.

Cars that were in their garage at the time the *TTCS* was suspended (Article B5.14.2), or those who have been moved from the *Fast Lane* (Article B5.14.3d) will be permitted to leave the *Pit Lane* when the *TTCS* is resumed, but must re-enter the *Pit Lane* and may join the *TTCS* once the last *Car* has passed the pit exit after the re-start.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to resume the *TTCS* from the *Pit Lane*.

No driver may overtake another *Car* on the track until he passes the *Line* for the first time after the safety car has returned to the pits.

Each lap completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as a *TTCS* lap.

B5.14.8 If, after one or more laps behind the safety car, track conditions are considered unsuitable to resume competition, the message “RE-START SUSPENDED” will be sent to all *Competitors* and all *Cars* must enter the *Pit Lane* behind the safety car. The procedures set out in B5.14.1 to 58.9 must then be followed, the use of wet-weather tyres under Article B6.3.8 is compulsory and there will be a “ROLLING START” as detailed in Article B5.14.7.

B5.14.9 If the *TTCS* 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 *TTCS* was given.

B5.15 Finishing Procedure

B5.15.1 A chequered flag will be the end-of-session signal and will be shown at the *Line* as soon as the leading *Car* has covered the full distance in accordance with Article B2.3.2 in the case of a *Sprint* or Article B2.5.2 in the case of a *Race*.

B5.15.2 Should for any reason the end-of-session signal be given before the leading *Car* completes the scheduled number of laps, or the prescribed time has been completed, the *TTCS* will be deemed to have finished when the leading *Car* last crossed the *Line* before the signal was given.

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

B5.15.3 After receiving the end-of-session 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).

An exception to Article B1.6.2 and to the above will be made for the winning driver of the *Race* who may perform an act of celebration before reaching parc fermé, provided any such act:

- a. Is performed safely and does not endanger other drivers or any officials.
- b. Does not call into question the legality of his *Car*.
- c. Does not delay the podium ceremony.

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.

ARTICLE B6 : TYRE LIMITATIONS**B6.1 Supply Of Tyres**

- B6.1.1** The single tyre manufacturer (the “*Tyre Supplier*”) appointed by the FIA must undertake to provide:
- At each *Competition*, three (3) specifications of dry-weather tyre, one (1) specification of intermediate tyre, and one (1) specification of wet-weather tyre. Each of which must be visibly distinguishable from one another when a car is on the track.
 - At certain *Standard Format Competitions*, one additional specification of dry-weather tyre may be made available to all *Competitors* for the purpose of in-competition tyre evaluation (“*In-Competition Tyre Evaluation*” or “*ICTE*”).
 - At a maximum of two *Standard Format Competitions*, additional specifications of dry-weather tyres may be made available to all *Competitors* for the purpose of in-competition tyre testing (“*In-Competition Tyre Testing*” or “*ICTT*”). Should either of these *Competitions* be found to be unsuitable for an effective evaluation of these tyres (due to issues such as weather), additional dry-weather tyres may be made available at a third *Competition*.

B6.1.2 Information Prior to a Competition

Unless otherwise determined by the FIA and with the agreement of the *Tyre Supplier*, the FIA will provide all *Competitors* with the following information, no less than:

- Four (4) weeks prior to the relevant *Competition*, whether additional specifications of tyre will be allocated for *ICTT*, and in these circumstances:
 - For these additional tyres; the quantity of tyres per Driver, and for each *Competitor*, the expected run plans for that *Competitor*.
 - For tyres that are not these additional tyres; the specification of the tyres and any changes to the timing of electronic returns.
 - Procedures that will be adopted, tyre quantities and specifications if the *Competition* is found to be unsuitable to evaluate the additional tyres.
- Two (2) weeks prior to each *Competition*:
 - Which tyre specifications will be made available by the *Tyre Supplier* for the *Competition*.
 - The mandatory dry-weather tyre specification(s) for the Race, up to a maximum of two (2).
 - The mandatory dry-weather tyre specification for Q3, such specification always being the softest of the three (3) specifications made available for the *Competition*.
- One (1) week prior to the relevant *Competition*, whether an additional specification of tyres will be made available for *ICTE*.

B6.1.3 Conditions of Supply

- All tyres must be operated in accordance with the prescriptions issued prior to each *Competition* by the FIA and the *Tyre Supplier*, including any additional or modified procedures set out in the Appendix to these Sporting Regulations or as communicated directly by the FIA and the *Tyre Supplier*.

- b) From the time at which each *Competitor* receives fitted tyres from the *Tyre Supplier* at or before a *Competition* these may not be used on any rig, simulator or vehicle, other than the *Car* for which they were intended.
- c) Tyres supplied to any *Competitor* at any time may not be used on any rig or vehicle (other than a Formula One car on an FIA Grade 1 or FIA Grade 1T Circuit, at the exclusion of any kind of road simulator), either *Competitor* owned or rented, providing measurements of forces and/or moments produced by a rotating full size Formula One tyre, other than forces acting within 10° of Zw [as defined in Article 2.11.3 of the *Technical Regulations*], tyre rolling resistance and aerodynamic drag. Tyres may be used on a test rig providing forces control and monitoring by Formula One rim manufacturers for the sole purpose of proof testing their products.

B6.2 Control & Allocation of Tyres

- B6.2.1** Other than in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the stewards), all tyres intended for use at a *Competition* must be presented to the Technical Delegate for allocation prior to the start of the *Competition*.
- B6.2.2** A complete set of tyres will be deemed to comprise two (2) front and two (2) rear tyres all of which must be of the same specification.
- B6.2.3** The Technical Delegate will allocate sets of tyres to each driver from among the stock of tyres the *Tyre Supplier* makes available for the *Competition*.
- B6.2.4** Unless otherwise determined by the FIA and with the agreement of the Tyre Supplier, for each *Competition* the number of sets of each specification and type of tyre that will be allocated to each driver, dependent upon the format of the competition, is provided in the table below:

	Format of the Competition:		
	Standard Format Competition	Alternative Format Competition	Standard Format Competition with ICTT
Number of sets of each specification and type of tyre that will be allocated to each driver:			
Dry-weather Tyres: Hard Specification	2	2	2
Dry-weather Tyres: Medium Specification	3	4	3
Dry-weather Tyres: Soft Specification	8	6	7
Intermediate Tyres	5	6	5
Wet-Weather Tyres	2	2	2

- B6.2.5** The outer sidewall of all tyres which are to be used at a *Competition* must be marked with a unique identification. The use of tyres without appropriate identification may result in a *Race* grid position penalty or disqualification from the *Race* as appropriate.

B6.2.6 At any time during a *Competition*, and at his absolute discretion, the Technical Delegate may select alternative tyres to be used by any *Competitor* or driver from among the stock of tyres the *Tyre Supplier* has present at the *Competition*.

B6.2.7 A *Competitor* wishing to replace one unused tyre by another identical unused one must present both tyres to the Technical Delegate.

B6.3 Use & Return of Tyres

B6.3.1 The only sets of tyres which may be used during a *Competition* are those which are defined in Article B6.4, B6.7 and B6.8, and each driver must only use tyres allocated and made available to them.

Any driver who uses a set of tyres of differing specifications or tyres not allocated to him during a *TTCs* may not cross the *Line* on the track more than twice before returning to the pits and changing them for a set of tyres of the same specification.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who does not change tyres as specified above. For the avoidance of doubt, a set of tyres of differing specifications will not be considered when assessing the number of specifications used during the *Race*.

B6.3.2 Tyres will only be deemed to have been used once the *Car's* timing transponder has shown that it has left the *Pit Lane*, or after the *Car's* timing transponder has crossed the *Line* after the start of the *Sprint* or *Race*.

B6.3.3 All tyres must be used as complete sets, as allocated by the FIA. However, sets of the same dry-weather specification may be mixed after *Qualifying*.

B6.3.4 For each *Competition*, the maximum number of sets of each type of tyres that may be used by each driver, dependent upon the format of the competition, is provided in the table below:

	Format of the Competition:		
	Standard Format Competition	Alternative Format Competition	Standard Format Competition with ICTT
Maximum number of sets of each type of tyres that may be used by each driver:			
Dry-Weather Tyres (excluding evaluation or test specifications)	13	12	12
Intermediate Tyres	5	5*	5
Wet-Weather Tyres	2	2	2

* Subject to Article B6.3.9b

If an additional driver is used (Articles B1.8.3 and B1.8.4) they must use the tyres allocated to the nominated driver they replaced.

B6.3.5 During any free practice session intermediate and wet-weather tyres may only be used after the track has been declared wet by the Race Director, following which intermediate, wet or dry-weather tyres may be used for the remainder of the session.

B6.3.6 Unless they have used intermediate or wet-weather tyres during the *Race*, each driver must use at least two different specifications of dry-weather tyres during the *Race*, at least one of which must be a mandatory dry-weather *Race* tyre specification (Article B6.1.2)

Unless a *Race* is suspended and cannot be re-started, failure to comply with this requirement will result in the disqualification of the relevant driver from the *Race* results. If the *Race* is suspended and cannot be re-started, thirty (30) seconds will be added to the elapsed time of any driver who was unable to use at least two (2) specifications of dry-weather tyre.

B6.3.7 If the formation lap is started behind the safety car because of heavy rain (Article B5.10), or the *TTCS* is resumed in accordance with Article B5.14, the use of wet-weather tyres until the safety car returns to the pits is compulsory.

A *Stop-and-Go Penalty* (Article B1.10.4d) will be imposed on any driver who does not use wet weather tyres whilst the safety car is on the track at such times.

B6.3.8 During a Standard Format Competition

a. Dry-Weather Tyres

At each *Standard Format Competition*, where additional tyres are not made available for *ICTT*, in regard to the sets of dry-weather tyres which may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:

- i. One (1) set of the mandatory Q3 tyre specification (Article B6.1.2b) may not be used nor returned before Q3 and, for the *Cars* that qualified for Q3, one set of the same specification must be electronically returned no later than the covers-on time defined in Article B3.4.3.
- ii. Two (2) sets of the mandatory *Race* specification(s) (Article B6.1.2b) may not be returned before the *Race*. For the avoidance of doubt, if there are two (2) mandatory *Race* tyre specifications, one (1) set of each specification may not be returned before the *Race*.
- iii. Two (2) sets must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP1*.
- iv. Two (2) further sets must be electronically returned no later than two hours after the end of *FP2* unless both *FP1* and *FP2* are either declared wet or cancelled, in which case one of these sets may be retained by each driver but must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.
- v. Two (2) further sets must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.

b. Intermediate & Wet-Weather Tyres

In regard to the number of sets of Intermediate and wet-weather tyres that may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:

- i. if *FP1*, *FP2* or *FP3* is declared wet, one (1) set of intermediate tyres must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.

B6.3.9 During an Alternative Format Competition

a) Dry-Weather Tyres

At each *Alternative Format Competition*, in regard to number of sets of dry-weather tyres which may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:

- i. One (1) set must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP1*.
 - ii. One (1) set must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of the *Sprint*. For any driver who used a set during the *Sprint*, this must be the set with the highest number of laps completed in the *Sprint*.
 - iii. Three (3) sets must be electronically returned no later than the covers-on time after *Qualifying*, defined in Article B3.4.3.
 - iv. In each of the periods *SQ1* and *SQ2* of *Sprint Qualifying*, up to one set may be used, and this must only be a new set of the medium specification.
 - v. In the period *SQ3* of *Sprint Qualifying*, up to one set may be used, and this must only be a set of the soft specification.
 - vi. If any of the periods *SQ1*, *SQ2* or *SQ3* of *Sprint Qualifying* be declared wet, the specification, mileage or number of sets that may be used in the remainder of *Sprint Qualifying* will be free.
- b. Intermediate & Wet-Weather Tyres

In regard to the number of sets of Intermediate and wet-weather tyres that may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:

- i) A maximum of one (1) additional set of intermediate tyres will be made available, and may be used by each driver, under the following circumstances:
 - a. If either *FP1* or the *Sprint Qualifying* are declared wet, one (1) additional set of intermediate tyres will be made available to any driver who used a set of intermediate tyres during either session. Under such circumstances, one (1) used set of intermediate tyres must be electronically returned no later than the covers-on time after the end of *Sprint Qualifying*, defined in Article B3.4.2.
 - b. One (1) additional set of intermediate tyres will be made available to any driver who used a set of intermediate tyres during the *Sprint* and who was not previously allocated an additional set. Under such circumstances, this set may not be used before the pit exit is opened before the start of the *Race*, and one (1) set of used intermediate tyres must be electronically returned no later than the covers-on time after *Qualifying*, defined in Article B3.4.3.

B6.3.10 During a Standard Format *Competition* with ICTT:

a. Dry-Weather Tyres

At each *Standard Format Competition*, where additional tyres are made available for *ICTT* in regards to the number of sets of dry-weather tyres which may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:

- i. One (1) set of the mandatory Q3 tyre specification may not be used nor returned before Q3 and, for the *Cars* that qualified for Q3, one set of the same specification must be electronically returned no later than the covers-on time defined in Article B3.4.3.

- ii. Two (2) sets of the mandatory *Race* specification(s) may not be returned before the *Race*. For the avoidance of doubt, if there are two (2) mandatory *Race* tyre specifications, one (1) set of each specification may not be returned before the *Race*.
 - iii. One (1) set must be electronically returned no later than two hours after the end of *FP1*.
 - iv. One (1) set of medium specification tyres may not be used nor returned before *FP2*. This set and one (1) further set (two sets in total) must be electronically returned no later than two hours after the end of *FP2* unless both *FP1* and *FP2* are either declared wet or cancelled, in which case one of these sets may be retained by each driver but must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.
 - V. Two (2) further sets must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.
- b. Intermediate & Wet-Weather Tyres
- In regards to the number of sets of Intermediate and wet-weather tyres that may be used by each driver defined in Article B6.3.4:
- i. if *FP1*, *FP2* or *FP3* is declared wet, one (1) set of intermediate tyres must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP3*.

B6.4 Tyre Return Procedure

- B6.4.1** The official return of tyres will be made electronically using the FIA Race Team Client. In the event of an issue with the system, and when instructed to do so by the FIA, each *Competitor* will be requested to provide the tyre return data in a CSV file format via email.
- B6.4.2** Any set of electronically returned tyres must also be physically returned to the *Tyre Supplier* before the start of the following session.
- B6.4.3** Once all tyres have been returned electronically after the end of each day of on track activity the *Tyre Supplier* will publish a list of the tyres which each driver has available to him for the remainder of the *Competition*.

B6.5 Specific Provisions for ICTE

- B6.5.1** In addition to the specifications of dry-weather tyres allocated under Article B6.2.4, at a Standard Format *Competition* where *ICTE* (Article B6.1.1c) is scheduled, a maximum of two (2) sets of an additional evaluation specification of dry-weather tyres will be allocated to each driver.
- B6.5.2** Each driver may use these tyres during *FP1* and *FP2*.
- B6.5.3** All additional tyres allocated for *ICTE* must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP2*.

B6.6 Specific Provisions for ICTT

- B6.6.1** In addition to the specifications of dry-weather tyres allocated un Article B6.2.4, at a Standard Format *Competition* where *ICTT* (Article B6.1.1b) is scheduled, additional sets of test specification dry-weather tyres will be allocated to each driver.
- B6.6.2** If additional test specifications of dry-weather tyres are made available for *ICTT*, these tyres must be used each Driver for use during *FP2*.

If *FP2* is unsuitable for the evaluation of these tyres (such as due to poor weather) they will not be made available and they may be carried over to the back-up *Competition*, as advised by the FIA.

B6.6.3 Unless the additional tyres for *ICTT* have not been made available, or the session is declared wet, all Drivers must use these tyres during *FP2* according to run plans specified by the *Tyre Supplier* and the only dry weather tyres that may be used during *FP2* are those allocated for *ICTT*.

B6.6.4 Drivers participating in *ICTT* must be eligible for a Full Super Licence, and must have competed in at least one (1) Formula 1 *Competition* during their careers.

B6.6.5 Test parts, Test Software, Component Changes & Set-up Changes

Test parts and test software are permitted. However, the *Car* must remain in a fixed specification, configuration and set-up. Mechanical set-up changes, driver control changes, software and component changes are only permitted if they are necessary for the correct evaluation of the tyres or to complete the tyre test. Set-up changes and driver control changes must be agreed in advance with the tyre supplier. Component and software changes must be approved by the FIA. A replacement component may be approved in cases such as damage to the original and should be of the same specification. Exceptionally, if a same specification component is unavailable, a component of a different specification which has been previously used at a *Competition* or TCC may be approved.

B6.6.6 Additional Sensors and Logging

Additional sensors may be fitted on the *Car* to measure tyre state and or performance and must be agreed with the *Tyre Supplier* and the FIA in advance. Data collected from such sensors must be shared with the *Tyre Supplier* in due time after the test session, and processed data from such sensors (having removed any team-specific information) may be shared by the *Tyre Supplier* with the other *Competitors*.

B6.6.7 All additional tyres allocated for *ICTT* must be electronically returned no later than two (2) hours after the end of *FP2*.

ARTICLE B7 : DRIVER ADJUSTABLE BODYWORK & ENERGY DEPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS**B7.1 Driver Adjustable Bodywork****B7.1.1 General Principles**

- a. The permitted “*Driver Adjustable Bodywork*” includes the Front Wing Rotation System defined in Article C3.10.10 and the Rear Wing Rotation System defined in Article C3.11.6.
- b. The *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* will be considered to be deactivated when both the Front Wing Rotation System and Rear Wing Rotation System are in their respective high incidence design positions.
- c. The *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* will be considered to be activated when, following command from the driver, both the Front Wing Rotation System and Rear Wing Rotation System are in their respective low incidence positions of adjustment.
- d. The FIA will provide all *Competitors* with relevant information regarding the defined *Activation Zone(s)* for a circuit no less than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the relevant *Competition*.
- e. The start of each defined *Activation Zone* shall be marked by a solid white line crossing the circuit and by signage on at least one (1) side of the circuit adjacent this line.

B7.1.2 Enabling & Disabling of the Driver Adjustable Bodywork System

- a. When the safety car is deployed the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* system will be disabled. It will be enabled when the leader has crossed the *Line* after the safety car has returned to the *Pit Lane*.
- b. For reasons of safety, the Race Director may, at his absolute discretion disable, partially or entirely, such *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* system:
 - i. In conditions of low grip or poor visibility the Race Director may disable all such systems until conditions improve. In such circumstance, if the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* system is disabled at any time during any of the three periods of *Sprint Qualifying (SQ1, SQ2 or SQ3)* or *Qualifying (Q1, Q2, or Q3)* it will remain disabled for the remainder of the relevant period.
 - ii. If yellow or double yellow flags are being shown in an *Activation Zone*, the Race Director may disable activation of the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* in the relevant *Activation Zone* until the yellow or double yellow flags are withdrawn.

B7.1.3 Activation & Deactivation

- a. In accordance with Article C3.10.10 g) and Article C3.11.6 f), activation of the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* by the driver is only permitted when the *Car* is stationary or in any of the *Activation Zones*.
- b. The driver may only activate the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* when he has been notified via the control electronics (Article C8.3) that it is enabled.
- c. Subject to Article B7.1.3a, when the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* system is enabled during any *LTCS*:
 - i. The driver may activate the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* at any time.

- d. Subject to Article B7.1.3a, when the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* system is enabled during any *TTCS*:
 - i. The *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* may not be activated by the driver from the time at which the safety car is deployed until they have crossed the *Line* after the safety car has returned to the *Pit Lane*.
- e) The *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* will be deactivated by the control electronics the first time the driver uses the brakes after he has activated the system.

B7.1.4 Failure Mode Handling

- a. In the event of a failure in the system which notifies the driver that they are in a defined *Activation Zone*, and is hence permitted to activate the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork*, the *Competitor* concerned may ask the Race Director for permission to override the system. If permission is given in this way, the onus will be upon the *Competitor* concerned to ensure that their driver only uses the *Driver Adjustable Bodywork* within the defined *Activation Zones*. If the failure in the system is rectified the driver may no longer use this override, the Race Director will notify the *Competitor* if and when the fault has been remedied.

B7.2 Energy Deployment Limitations

B7.2.1 General Provisions & Principles

- a. The absolute limits of electrical DC power of the ERS-K used to propel the *Car* are defined in Article C5.4.8, and the limits of allowable energy harvested by the ERS-K are defined in Article C5.4.10.
- b. No less than four (4) weeks prior to the start of a *Competition*, the FIA will provide all *Competitors* with the following information and limitations applicable to the *Competition*, which must be respected at all times during the *Competition*:
 - i. Subject to Article C5.4.8i, and only if deemed necessary by the FIA for the sole purpose of ensuring the maximum speed of the *Car* remains compatible with the design and construction of the relevant circuit, any adjustment(s) of the maximum electrical DC power of the ERS-K, as a function of *Car* speed, that may be used to propel the *Car* when *Override Mode* is not active.
 - ii. Subject to Article C5.4.8ii, and only if deemed necessary by the FIA for the sole purpose of ensuring the maximum speed of the *Car* remains compatible with the design and construction of the relevant circuit, any adjustment(s) of the maximum electrical DC power of the ERS-K, as a function of *Car* speed, that may be used to propel the *Car* when *Override Mode* is active.
 - iii. In accordance with Article C5.4.10i, the maximum energy that may be harvested by the ERS-K on a single lap when *Override Mode* is not active.
 - iv. Subject to Article C5.4.10ii, the additional energy that may be harvested by the ERS-K on any lap when *Override Mode* is enabled and activated when the driver crosses the *Line* at the start of the lap.
 - v. The value (time) of the *Detection Gap*.

- vi. The position (lap distance) of the *Detection Line*.
- vii. The position (lap distance) of the *Activation Line*.
- c. Exceptionally, for the safe and orderly conduct of a *Competition*, the FIA may amend any of the information or limitations described in Article B7.2.1b at any time prior to the start of a *Competition* or during a *Competition*.
- e. The location of the *Detection Line* and *Activation Line* shall be marked by a solid yellow line crossing the circuit and by signage on at least one (1) side of the circuit adjacent to this line.

B7.2.2 Enabling & Disabling of Override Mode System

- a. Prior to the start of any *TTCS* the *Override Mode* system will be disabled. It will be enabled when the leader has crossed the *Detection Line* for the first time during the *TTCS*.
- b. When the Safety Car is deployed the *Override Mode* system will be disabled. It will be enabled when the leader has crossed the *Detection Line* after the safety car has returned to the *Pit Lane*.
- c. For reasons of safety, the Race Director may at his absolute discretion disable, partially or entirely, the *Override Mode* system:
 - i. In conditions of low grip or poor visibility the Race Director may disable all such systems until conditions improve. In such circumstance, if the *Override Mode* system is disabled at any time during any of the three periods of *Sprint Qualifying* (SQ1, SQ2 or SQ3) or *Qualifying* (Q1, Q2, or Q3) it will remain disabled for the remainder of the relevant period.
 - ii. If yellow or double yellow flags are being shown in a sector, the Race Director may disable activation of *Override Mode* in that sector until the yellow or double yellow flags are withdrawn.

B7.2.3 Activation & Deactivation of Override Mode

- a. Subject to Article B7.2.4, the driver may only use *Override Mode* when he has been notified via the control electronics (Article C8.3) that it is enabled and activated.
- b. During any *LTCS*:
 - i. *Override Mode* will be activated at all times when it is enabled, and may be used by the driver at any time it is enabled and activated.
- c. During any *TTCS*:
 - i. *Override Mode* will be activated at the *Activation Line*, and may be used by the driver, when their *Car* was less than the *Detection Gap* behind another *Car* when they crossed the *Detection Line*.
 - ii. *Override Mode* will be deactivated when the driver crosses the *Activation Line*, whilst *Override Mode* is activated, when their *Car* was greater than the *Detection Gap* behind another *Car* at the *Detection Line*.
 - iii. *Override Mode* may not be used by the driver from the time at which the safety car is deployed until they have crossed the *Activation Line* after the safety car has returned to the *Pit Lane*.

B7.2.4 Failure Mode Handling

- a. In the event of a failure in the system which notifies the driver that *Override Mode* is enabled or that they were less than the *Detection Gap* behind another *Car* at the *Detection Line*, and are hence permitted to use *Override Mode*, the *Competitor* concerned may ask the Race Director for permission to operate the system manually. If permission is given in this way, the onus will be upon the *Competitor* concerned to ensure that their driver only uses the *Override Mode* when it is enabled, and if they are less than the *Detection Gap* behind another *Car* at the *Detection Line*. If the failure of the system is rectified the *Competitor* may no longer use such manual detection, the Race Director will notify the *Competitor* if and when the fault has been remedied.

ARTICLE B8 : CAR & COMPONENT LIMITATIONS**B8.1 Car Limitations & Usage**

B8.1.1 Each *Competitor* may have no more than two (2) *Cars* available for use at any one time during a *Competition*, except when all the following circumstances are met:

- a. A *Car* has suffered genuine accident damage, as specified in Article B3.5.3g or has suffered a significant failure or fault as demonstrated to the Technical Delegate, accepted by the Technical Delegate as necessitating a change of survival cell.
- b. The *Competitor* has provided a written request to the FIA to change the survival cell, and this has been approved by the Technical Delegate.
- c. There are no more than two *Cars* available for one driver at any one time, and this period is only sufficient to facilitate the change of *Car*.

B8.1.2 In the context of this article, a *Car* is defined as an assembly consisting of a survival cell, with a Power Unit or components of a Power Unit installed or partially installed. (A Power Unit is as defined in Article 5.1.2 and Appendix C4 column three (titled 'Art.5.1.2 Defin.')), and any other *Car* components fitted or installed.

B8.2 Power Unit Limitations & Usage

B8.2.1 The only *Power Unit* that may be used at a *Competition* during the *Championship* is a *Power Unit* which is constituted only of elements that were in conformity, at the date they were introduced in the *Race* pool, with the latest submitted and approved homologation dossier as defined in Appendix C5.

B8.2.2 In each *Championship*, unless a driver drives for more than one (1) *Competitor* (Article B8.2.7), and subject to the additions described below, each driver may use no more than:

- a. 3 engines (ICE): an engine, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be all the components respectively listed as "ICE" and "INC" in the "PU Element" and "Sealed Perimeter" Columns in Appendix C4.
- b. 3 turbochargers (TC): a turbocharger, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be all the components respectively listed as "TC" and "INC" in the "PU Element" and "Sealed Perimeter" Columns in Appendix C4.
- c. 3 exhaust sets (EXH): an exhaust set, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be all the components respectively listed as "EXH" and "INC" in the "PU Element" and "Sealed Perimeter" Columns in Appendix C4. The four elements constituting an Exhaust set, deemed to be the left-hand primaries, right-hand primaries, left hand secondary, right hand secondary, will be considered separately for the purposes of this Article.
- d. 2 energy store units (ES) : an energy store, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be all the components listed as "ES" in the "PU Element" and "Sealed Perimeter" Columns in Appendix C4.
- e. 2 of each control electronics units (PU-CE): a control electronics unit, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be any of the components listed as "PU-CE" and "INC" in the "PU Element" and "Sealed Perimeter" Columns in Appendix C4.

- f. 2 MGU-K: MGU-K, for the purposes of this Article, will be considered to be all the components respectively listed as “MGUK” and “INC” in the “PU Element” and “Sealed Perimeter” Columns in Appendix C4.

B8.2.3 Each driver will be permitted to use an additional unit for each of the *Power Unit* elements listed in Article B8.2.2 in the following conditions:

- a. In the 2026 *Championship*
- b. If the *Power Unit* used is supplied by a PU Manufacturer who has not supplied *Power Units* in 2026 and is in its first year of supplying *Power Units*.

B8.2.4 Ancillary components, included in the sealed perimeters defined in Article B8.2.2, are subject to the following additional provisions:

- a. In addition to the provisions of Article B8.2.2 and B8.2.3, two additional such components may be used per *Championship* Season for each driver.
- b. Within the limits of (a.), such components may be transferred between sealed elements of each driver without incurring a penalty.

The components covered by the provisions of this Article are listed in Table 1 of Appendix C4.

Details regarding the means of sealing these components or, if this is deemed not feasible, the means of identifying them, must be provided in the PU Homologation Dossier (Appendix C5) and must be approved by the FIA.

B8.2.5 The FIA may authorise or mandate the replacement of a SSPUC component included within the perimeter of one of the elements defined in Articles B8.2.2 and B8.2.4, for safety, policing or reliability reasons.

B8.2.6 The FIA may increase, at its sole discretion, the number of permitted components specified in Article B8.2.4 for SSPUC components in the event of a genuine reliability issue making it impossible to cover the *Championship* season with the number of components initially specified. The criticality of the reliability issue requiring this action will be determined after consultation with the relevant SSPUC Supplier and all PU Manufacturers. The change of permitted number of such components will be communicated by the FIA to all PU Manufacturers and will be valid until the end of the current *Championship*.

B8.2.7 If a driver is replaced at any time during the *Championship* his replacement will be deemed to be the original driver for the purposes of assessing *Power Unit* usage.

B8.2.8 Should a driver use more *Power Unit* elements than the numbers prescribed in Articles B8.2.2, B8.2.3 and B8.2.4 of any one of the elements during a *Championship*, a grid place penalty will be imposed upon him at the first *Competition* during which each additional element is used. Penalties will be applied according to the following table and will be cumulative:

- a. The first time an additional element is used: Ten grid place penalty.
- b. The next times an additional element is used: Five grid place penalty.

Any of the elements listed in this Article B8.2 will be deemed to have been used once the *Car's* timing transponder has shown that it has left the *Pit Lane*.

During any single *Competition*, if a driver introduces more than one of the same *Power Unit* element, which is subject to penalties, only the last element fitted may be used at subsequent *Competitions* without further penalty.

B8.2.9 After consultation with the relevant Power Unit Manufacturer the FIA will attach seals to each of the relevant elements of the Power Unit prior to them being used for the first time at a *Competition* in order to ensure that no significant parts can be rebuilt or replaced.

Within two hours of the end of the post-*Race* parc fermé additional seals will be applied to all used ICE, TC and MGU-K elements in order to ensure that they cannot be run or dismantled between *Competitions*. The sealing method must be agreed with the Technical Delegate.

Upon request to the FIA these additional seals will be removed 24 hours before the start of the next *Competition* at which the *Power Unit* elements are required. All such *Power Unit* elements must remain within the *Competitor's* designated garage area when not fitted to a *Car* and may not be started at any time during a *Competition* other than when fitted to a *Car* eligible to participate in the *Competition*.

For safety reasons, the committed ES and PU-CE may be used between competitions provided the absolute DC electrical power is below 5kW. Exceptionally and solely for safety reasons, the FIA in its sole discretion may grant permission to a competitor to run a used unit without restricted conditions. In case permission is provided, the FIA will inform the other PUMs.

If any of the FIA seals are damaged or removed from the relevant components within the *Power Unit* after they have been used for the first time those parts may not be used again unless they were removed under FIA supervision.

B8.2.10 The parts listed as “EXC” in Column 5 of Appendix C4 may be changed without incurring a penalty under Article B8.2.8 of these Sporting Regulations. If changing any of these parts involves breaking a seal this may be done but must be carried out under FIA supervision. Any parts changed may only be replaced by parts homologated in accordance with Appendix C5.

B8.3 RNC Limitations & Usage

B8.3.1 For each RNC, each driver may use up to a maximum number of such elements for the entire *Championship*, and this maximum value for this RNC will vary as a function of the *Competitions* in that *Championship*, in accordance with the table of this Article.

- a. Should a driver use more than the allowable maximum value of elements for a given RNC, a grid penalty will be imposed upon them for the *Race* at the first *Competition* during which each additional element is used.
- b. Penalties will be in accordance with the relevant columns of the table of this Article.
- c. If two additional RNCs are fitted to the same gearbox assembly the first time each of these are used, the penalty will be the maximum of the penalty stated between the two types of RNC in the table of this Article, not the sum of the two penalties.
- d. Any additional RNC will be deemed to have been used once the *Car's* timing transponder has shown that it has left the *Pit Lane*.

Restricted-Number Component	As defined in:	Allocation of RNCs for different Number of Races						Penalties for additional units (Race grid positions)
		<=20	21	22	23	24	25	
Gearbox case and Cassette	Technical Regulation Articles 9.1.5 and 9.1.7	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Gearbox driveline, gear change components and auxiliary components	Technical Regulation Articles 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.1.4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5

[Above reference(s) require validating following update of Section C.]

B8.3.2 The following exceptions and provisions apply:

- a. RNCs may be subjected to maintenance or repair work between *Competitions* provided that:
 - i. The nature of the work to be carried out has been approved by the FIA and communicated to all *Competitors*
 - ii. The *Competitor* takes all the necessary measures to satisfy the FIA that the provisions of this Article are fully respected. This may include, but is not limited to, an accurate record of the repair work that gets carried out, photographs, the recording of part numbers, etc.
 - iii. Change gears, dog rings and reverse (excluding final drives or reduction gears) may be changed under supervision for others of identical specification at any time during a *Competition* provided the Technical Delegate is satisfied there is evident physical damage to the parts in question.
- b. No significant parts of an RNC may be replaced between *Competitions*, unless expressly permitted by the FIA.
- c. With the consent of (and at the sole discretion of) the FIA, the numbers above will be increased in accordance with the relevant column of the table above, if:
 - i. The RNC used is supplied by a new Power Unit Manufacturer (as defined in Appendix 6) for Power Unit RNC's.
 - ii. The *Competitor* in question is participating in their first *Championship*.
- d. If a driver is replaced at any time during the *Championship* his replacement will be deemed to be the original driver for the purposes of assessing the number of available RNC's.
- e. During any single *Competition*, if a driver introduces more than one of the same RNC which is subject to penalties, only the last such element fitted may be used at subsequent *Competitions* without further penalty.

- f. Penalties applied under the provisions of this Article are cumulative and apply only to the *Competition* where they have been incurred.
- g. On four (4) occasions throughout the *Championship* during *FP1* and/or *FP2*, a *Competitor* may use a gearbox assembly outside of the RNC allocation. This gearbox assembly need not comply with the homologation requirements of Articles 9.5 and 9.7.2 of the Technical Regulations.

[Above references require validating following update of Section C.]

- B8.3.3** For each RNC, the FIA will determine the appropriate method of identification in order to ensure that the provisions of Article B8.3.1 are fully met. This may involve the usage of seals, the scanning of part numbers, the use of appropriate containers which can be sealed between *Competitions* or any other solution that the FIA decides, duly communicated to the *Competitors*.
- a. Any seals used will be attached after consultation with the relevant *Competitor* or Power Unit Manufacturer.
 - b. If any of the FIA seals are damaged or removed from an RNC after it has been used for the first time this RNC may not be used again unless the seals were removed under FIA supervision.

ARTICLE B9 : PERSONNEL LIMITATIONS**B9.1 General Provisions**

B9.1.1 All persons concerned in any way with an entered *Car* or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock, *Pit Lane*, or track during a *Competition* must always wear an appropriate pass. No pass may be issued or used other than with the agreement of the FIA. A pass may be used only by the person and for the purpose for which it was issued.

B9.2 Operational Personnel

B9.2.1 At each *Competition* during the period beginning twenty-nine (29) hours before the scheduled start of *FP1* and ending two (2) hours after the start of the *Race*, each *Competitor* may not have more than a total of fifty-eight (58) *Operational Personnel* who are associated in any way with the operation of the *Cars* within the confines of the circuit.

However, during the period starting forty-five (45) minutes before the start of the first formation lap until fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the *Race* the number of such *Operational Personnel* is unlimited.

B9.2.2 For the avoidance of doubt *Race* drivers and staff whose duties are solely connected with hospitality, , marketing, media, security or driving trucks to or from the *Competition* are not considered *Operational Personnel*.

B9.3 Trainee Personnel

B9.3.1 In addition to the fifty-eight (58) personnel described in Article B9.1, each *Competitor* will be permitted sixteen (16) individual exceptions during a *Championship* for *Trainee Personnel*. However, no individual trainee may attend more than three (3) *Competitions* in this capacity.

B9.4 Declaration of Personnel

B9.4.1 A list of all operational, exempt, trainee and single *Race* personnel must be submitted to the FIA prior to each *Competition* using the official template provided by the FIA.

B9.5 Restricted Period(s)

B9.5.1 At each *Competition*, with the exception of the provisions of Article B9.4.2, *Operational Personnel* and *Trainee Personnel*, as defined in Articles B9.1 and B9.2, are not permitted within the confines of the circuit during the *Restricted Periods*.

During these *Restricted Periods* these personnel must not conduct operational activities. This includes but is not limited to work on the *Cars* or *Car* components necessary to operate the *Cars* and engineers working on computers. Failure to comply with this will be treated as a breach of the relevant *Restricted Period*.

The timing and duration of the *Restricted Periods* is defined below:

- a. *Restricted Period One*: Commencing forty-two (42) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1* and ending twenty-nine (29) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*.
- b. *Restricted Period Two*: Commencing eighteen (18) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1* and ending four (4) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*.

- c. *Restricted Period Three*:
 - i. At each *Standard Format Competition*, commencing fourteen (14) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP3* and ending three (3) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP3*. If the unrestricted time between the end of *FP2* and the start of the third restricted period exceeds four (4) hours the excess will be added to the start of the third restricted period.
 - ii. At each *Alternative Format Competition*, commencing fourteen (14) hours prior to the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Sprint* and ending three (3) hours prior to the scheduled start of the formation lap for the *Sprint*. If the unrestricted time between the end of *Sprint Qualifying* and the start of the third restricted period exceeds three (3) hours the excess will be added to the start of the third restricted period.

B9.5.2 *Operational Personnel* and *Trainee Personnel*, as specified in Articles B6.1 and B6.2, will be permitted to:

- a. Enter the Paddock thirty (30) minutes prior to the end of each *Restricted Period* for the sole purpose of easing congestion at the turnstiles; and
- b. Remain in the confines of the circuit for up to one (1) hour after the start of *Restricted Period One* and *Restricted Period Two* for the sole purpose of exercise on the circuit, meals and socialising.

B9.5.3 Each *Competitor* will be permitted the following exceptions during the *Championship* to the requirements of Articles B9.5:

- a. *Restricted Period One*: Four (4) exceptions
- b. *Restricted Period Two*: Three (3) exceptions
- c. *Restricted Period Three*: Two (2) exceptions

For the avoidance of doubt, these exceptions may not be used consecutively during a single *Competition*.

In the case of a breach of this article both drivers must start the *Race* from the *Pit Lane* and follow the procedures prescribed in Article B5.3.

B9.5.4 For the avoidance of doubt, *Race* drivers and personnel whose duties are solely connected with hospitality, marketing, media, security or driving trucks to or from the *Competition* are exempt from these requirements. Furthermore, during each *Restricted Period*, such non-operational personnel are permitted to:

- a. Load or unload (but not pack or unpack) freight
- b. Prepare equipment solely in support of other racing series
- c. Prepare the presentation of garages for display

B9.5.5 Boards warning anyone attempting to enter the paddock that a *Restricted Period* is in operation will be placed immediately before the turnstiles at the appropriate times.

ARTICLE B10 : MEDIA ACTIVITIES & OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**B10.1 Media Activities****B10.1.1** Day before on track running

- a. Up to six drivers will be selected to participate in official media and promotional activities (as defined by the Media Delegate) for a maximum duration of one (1) hour during a two (2) hour period, commencing 23 hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*.
 - i. Any driver not taking part in an official FIA Press Conference (as designated by the Media Delegate) must take part in a separate media and broadcast session organised by their team.
 - ii. These separate media sessions will take place in time slots defined by the Media Delegate and must not be held at the same time as any official FIA Press Conference.
- b. Within a one (1) hour period commencing 20 hours and 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*, six (6) drivers must be available for fan engagement activities for a maximum period of thirty (30) minutes each (this window includes the time required to travel to and return from the fan activity) within the one (1) hour period. This time period may be subject to change according to specific event requirements; any changes will be communicated to the relevant *Competitors* no later than four (4) weeks in advance.
- c. Each *Competitor* must provide a summary document to the Media Delegate listing the name and brief description of all major aerodynamic and bodywork components and assemblies that have not been run at a previous *Competition* or TCC and are intended to be run at the *Competition* (requirements and format as defined by the Media Delegate, in conjunction with the Commercial Rights Holder). This summary document must be provided no later than twenty-three (23) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*.

The contents of this document will remain with the FIA and the Commercial Rights Holder and will not be provided to the media until one (1) hour before the start of the pre-event *Car* display, at which time it will be distributed by the *DMS*.

B10.1.2 First day of on track running

- a. Each *Competitor* must make both of its *Cars* available outside their designated garage area for the pre-event *Car* display for a period of up to one (1) hour, which will commence no later than one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the start of *FP1*.
 - i. Each *Car* must be nominally complete and fitted with all major aerodynamic and bodywork components that are intended to be used when the *Car* leaves the *Pit Lane* for the first time in *FP1*.
 - ii. During this period, each *Car* must be positioned as determined by the Media Delegate and one (1) *Car* may be used for pit-stop practice or electronic / optical scanning of its surfaces. If only one *Car* will carry the major aerodynamic and bodywork components and assemblies that have not been run at a previous *Competition* or TCC and are intended to be run at the *Competition*, this *Car* must be the one displayed to media.
 - iii. During this period one (1) *Car* from three (3) different *Competitors* (as specified by the Media Delegate and Technical Delegate) and a senior technical representative of the

Competitor must be available for a period of at least 10 minutes to describe to the media all major aerodynamic and bodywork component updates made to their *Car*. Pit stop practice is not permitted during the *Competitors'* presentation period.

- iv. *Competitors* may not prevent media from filming or photographing the *Cars* during the Car Presentation.
 - v. Exceptions to the pre-event *Car* display will be permitted with prior written approval of the Technical Delegate.
- b. Each registered Power Unit Manufacturer must be available at one (1) *Competition* during the *Championship* to give a media presentation for a duration of at least 30 minutes. The Power Unit Manufacturer will be notified of the event at which it must give the presentation by the Media Delegate not later than four (4) weeks in advance.
 - c. Within a one (1) hour period finishing no later than one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP1*, ten (10) drivers must be available for fan engagement activities for a maximum period of thirty (30) minutes each (this window includes the time required to travel to and return from the fan activity) within the one (1) hour period.
 - d. At *Competitions* where a sprint session is not scheduled, all drivers must be made available to media in a format as defined by the Media Delegate for a minimum of five (5) minutes within the one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minute period after the end of *FP2*.
 - e. At *Competitions* where a sprint session is scheduled, all drivers who participate in the sprint qualifying session must make themselves available for media interviews immediately after the session in which they are eliminated (there will be no Press Conference for the top three (3) following the sprint qualifying session).
 - f. A maximum of six (6) team representatives will be selected by the Media Delegate to participate in media activities (as defined by the Media Delegate) for a period of one (1) hour, one (1) hour after the scheduled end of *FP1*.
 - i. At the sole discretion of the Media Delegate, the *Competitor* representatives may be split into two (2) groups of three (3) and rotate between different media activities.
 - ii. Each *Competitor* must have at least four (4) senior *Competitor* representatives to take part in these media activities during the *Championship*. The available senior *Competitor* representatives must comprise as a minimum the Team CEO (where applicable), Team Principal and Technical Director.
 - iii. The Media Delegate must be informed if any of these senior *Competitor* representatives are not attending a *Competition* at least 10 days prior to the start of the *Competition*.
 - iv. Three (3) Team Principals not taking part in the media activities will be selected by the Media Delegate in conjunction with the Commercial Rights holder to take part in fan engagement activities for a maximum period of thirty (30) minutes each (this window includes the time required to travel to and return from the fan activity) within the same one (1) hour period as the media activities.

B10.1.3 Second day of on track running

- a. Within a one (1) hour period finishing no later than one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the scheduled start of *FP3* (or no later than one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the scheduled start of the formation lap for the sprint for each *Competition* where a Sprint session is scheduled), ten (10) drivers who did not take part in fan activities on the first day of track running must be available for fan engagement activities for a maximum period of thirty (30) minutes each (this window includes the time required to travel to and return from the fan activity) within the one (1) hour period.
- b. All drivers eliminated in *Q1* or *Q2* must make themselves available for media interviews immediately following the end of each part of the session. In addition, all drivers who participated in *Q3*, and who are not required to take part in the post-qualifying press conference, must make themselves available for media interviews immediately following *Q3*.
- c. Immediately after the end of the qualifying session the first three (3) drivers in the qualifying session will take part in the post-qualifying procedures as prescribed in a Media Delegate's Note issued prior to the session.
- d. For the duration of the TV pen interviews and post qualifying press conference, all Drivers must remain attired in their respective teams' uniform only.
- e. At each *Competition* where a sprint session is scheduled:
 - i. any driver retiring before the end of sprint must make themselves available for media interviews after their return to the paddock.
 - ii. All drivers who finish the sprint session outside the top three (3) must make themselves available immediately after the sprint session for media interviews.
 - iii. Immediately after the sprint session the first three (3) drivers in the session will be required to attend a press conference in the media centre for a maximum period of fifteen (15) minutes, then make themselves available for television interviews for a maximum period of fifteen (15) minutes.

B10.1.4 Third day of on track running

- a. All drivers must attend a thirty (30) minute drivers parade or presentation (including, but not limited to, group photos, social media activities, celebrity interaction or trackside fan engagement) commencing two (2) hours and ten (10) mins before the scheduled start of the formation lap. *Competitors* will be given details of the activity by the Media Delegate.
- b. *Competitors* will be provided the pre-Race procedures as set out in the Media Delegate's Note issued prior to the session.

If required to do so by that document, all drivers must be present, no less than twenty-two (22) minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap, at the defined meeting point and follow the procedures set out in that document.

In any case, no less than sixteen (16) minutes before the scheduled start of the formation lap all drivers must be present at the front of the grid for the playing of the national anthem.

- c. Any driver retiring before the end of the *Race* must make themselves available for media interviews after his return to the paddock.

- d. Immediately after the *Race*, the first three (3) drivers will take part in the post-*Race* procedures as set out in the Media Delegate's Note issued prior to the session.
- e. All drivers who finish the *Race* outside the top three (3) must make themselves available immediately after the end of the *Race* for media interviews. In addition, any driver who does not have a written media session organised by their team after the *Race* must attend a group media session as defined by the Media Delegate.
- f. During the *Race*, each *Competitor* must make at least one (1) senior spokesperson available for interviews by officially accredited TV crews.
- g. Commencing one (1) and ending two (2) hours after the end of the *Race*, each *Competitor* must make one (1) senior spokesperson available to media at their team's hospitality for a minimum of five (5) minutes.

B10.2 Podium Ceremony

- B10.2.1** The drivers finishing the *Race* in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and a representative of the winning constructor must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and abide by the podium procedure set out in Appendix B3 (except Monaco); and immediately thereafter make themselves available for a period of one and a half (1.5) hours for the purpose of television interviews and the press conference in the media centre.
- B10.2.2** For the duration of the Podium Ceremony and post-*Race* interview procedure, the drivers finishing the *Race* in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions must remain attired only in their Driving Suits, 'done up' to the neck, not opened to the waist.
- B10.2.3** For the duration of the TV pen interviews and FIA Post Race Press Conference, all Drivers must remain attired in their respective teams' uniform only.
- B10.2.4** If no points are awarded, the podium ceremony specified in Article B10.2.1 will not take place. However, the television interviews specified in Article B10.2.1 will take place at the time the podium ceremony would have taken place.

ARTICLE B11 : TRACK RUNNING OUTSIDE A COMPETITION**B11.1 General Provisions for Track Running Outside a Competition**

B11.1.1 *Competitors* must inform the FIA and all other *Competitors* of any planned TPC, PE or DE at least seven (7) days before it is due to commence, such declaration being amendable up to 72 hours before it commences. The following information must be provided:

- a. The precise specification of the *Car(s)* to be used.
- b. The name(s) of the driver(s).
- c. The type of activity (TPC, PE or DE).
- d. The date(s) and intended hours during which the activity will take place.
- e. The purpose of the activity.
- f. The circuit or venue, as applicable for TPC, PE or DE, at which the activity will take place.

B11.1.2 An FIA Observer may be appointed and may attend any TPC, PE or DE. Once notified of the attendance of an FIA Observer, the *Competitor* organising the TPC, PE or DE is required to make relevant arrangements to facilitate access to the circuit or venue.

B11.2 Provisions for TCC

B11.2.1 TCC running may only take place:

- a. For a maximum continuous duration of nine (9) hours between the times of 09:00 and 19:00.
- b. On circuits located in Europe, unless agreed by the majority of the *Competitors* and the FIA, or for *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.2.7c).
- c. Whilst a *Championship Competition* is not taking place.

B11.2.2 Except for *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.1.7d), no type of automobile other than a *Current Car* is permitted on the track. For *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.1.7d), no type of automobile other than a *Current Car*, a *Previous Car*, or a *Mule Car* is permitted on the track.

B11.2.3 *Cars* being driven by drivers who do not qualify for a Super Licence must be fitted with a green main rear light which must be illuminated at all times the *Car* is on the track.

B11.2.4 Red flag and end-of-session procedures must be respected.

B11.2.5 Fuel handling and refuelling provisions (Article B1.6.9) must be respected.

B11.2.6 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.

B11.2.7 TCC Opportunities

TCC shall be limited to the opportunities detailed in this article:

- a. *Pre-Season Private Collective Testing*:

One (1) test, organised by all *Competitors*, the commercial rights holder and the FIA, open to all *Competitors*, of five (5) consecutive days duration between 5th and 31st January 2026, during which each *Competitor* may complete three (3) days of track running. During this test:

- i. Each *Competitor* may only use one (1) *Car* on each day.

- ii. A *Competitor* will be considered as having carried out a day of track running at the point their car leaves the pit lane for the first time during a day.
- b. *Pre-Season Public Collective Testing:*

Two (2) tests, organised by all *Competitors*, the commercial rights holder and the FIA, open to all *Competitors*, of three (3) consecutive days duration carried out between 7 February and seven (7) days before the start of the first *Competition* of the *Championship* During these tests:

 - i. Each *Competitor* may only use one (1) *Car* on each day.
 - ii. Between the running times as specified in Article B11.2.1, the provisions of Article B3.3 will apply, with the following exceptions, covers may be used:
 - a. Anytime the floor of a *Car* is not fitted.
 - b. During the recovery and repair of a *Car* damaged during track running
 - iii. One (1) day may be set aside for testing of wet-weather tyres if requested by the *Tyre Supplier*. Arrangements for this day will be made in consultation with all *Competitors*, the *commercial rights holder* and the FIA.
- c. *Post-Season Test:* One (1) test, one (1) day in duration carried out on the circuit at which the last *Competition* of the *Championship* was held, such test commencing no less than thirty-six (36) hours after the end of the *Competition*.
 - i. Each *Competitor* must use two (2) *Cars* at this test which must fully comply with the provisions of the Technical Regulations.
 - ii. One (1) *Car* must be driven by drivers who are in possession of or who qualify for a Super Licence and must be for the sole purpose of providing *Competitors* with the chance to test the tyre specifications to be used the following season. This *Car* must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or TCC during the current year or the year preceding the year of the *Championship*. This requirement does not apply to Power Units or their associated software.
 - iii. One (1) *Car* must be for the sole purpose of providing Young Drivers with the opportunity to test current Formula 1 *Cars*. This *Car* must be in an identical configuration of components and software to that used in at least one (1) *Race* during the current *Championship* year. This requirement does not apply to Power Units or their associated software.

Drivers eligible for this purpose must:

 - a. Be in possession of an FIA International A Licence.
 - b. Not have competed in more than two (2) Formula 1 World *Championship Races* during their career.
 - iv. The two (2) *Cars* must use Power Unit elements of a homologated specification, and associated software, which may include any modifications already approved by the FIA under Article 5 of Appendix C5, even if such modifications were not included in any of the elements used in the *Competitions* of the current year.

- d. *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing*: A maximum of forty (40) *Car* days of testing organised by the FIA in consultation with all *Competitors* and the *Tyre Supplier*, for the sole purpose of providing the *Tyre Supplier* with the chance to test improvements to the design of their tyres.
- i. Drivers participating in these tests must be eligible for a Full Super Licence, and must have either competed in at least one (1) Formula 1 *Competition* during their careers or have previously completed a minimum of 500 km of running in a current Formula One Car consistently at racing speeds.
 - ii. Any such testing scheduled at a circuit hosting a *Competition* of the *Championship* may only be carried out after that *Competition* has taken place.
 - iii. Tests arranged by the *Tyre Supplier* may be carried out between the end of the first *Competition* of the *Championship* and 31 December. Cars at these tests must satisfy one of the two following conditions:
 - a. Be designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of the *Championship* and must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or *TCC* during the current year or the year preceding the year of the *Championship*. These *Cars* must fully comply with the provisions of the Technical Regulations.
 - b. Be designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of the calendar year falling immediately prior to the calendar year of the *Championship* and must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or *TCC* during the year preceding the year of the *Championship*.
 - iv. Tests arranged by the *Tyre Supplier* may be carried out between 1 January and the end of the first Event of the *Championship*. *Cars* at these tests must have been designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of the calendar year falling immediately prior to the calendar year of the *Championship* and must only use components of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or *TCC* during the year preceding the year of the *Championship*.
- d. *Substitute Driver Test*: One (1) day, carried out between the start of a ten (10) day period which precedes the start of the second *Competition* and the last *Competition* of the *Championship*, in case a *Competitor* declares that one of its current *Race* drivers is to be substituted by a driver who has not participated in a Formula 1 World *Championship Race* in the two (2) previous calendar years. The following must be observed:
- i. Any such day may only be carried out by the new driver and may not take place on a circuit hosting a *Race* in the current *Championship* year.
 - ii. Any such day may only take place within a period fourteen (14) days prior to the substitution and fourteen (14) days after the substitution has taken place.
 - iii. If a *Competitor*, having declared the driver's substitution and performed the test, does not then enter a *Competition* with the new driver, the *Competitor* will be penalised by a reduction of one (1) day from the pre-season *TCC* days available in the following year.
 - iv. Only one (1) *Car* may be used.

B11.3 Provisions for TPC

- B11.3.1** *TPC* running may only take place for a maximum continuous duration of nine (9) hours between the times of 09:00 and 19:00.
- B11.3.2** *TPC* may only take place on tracks currently holding an FIA Grade 1 or FIA Grade 1T Track Licence.
- B11.3.3** *TPC* may only be carried out with *Cars* constructed to the specification of the period. *Cars* must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Competition* or *TCC* of a *Championship* season during the period used in the definition of a *Current Car*.
- B11.3.4** Exceptionally, and at the sole discretion and prior approval of the FIA, components and/or software may be fitted for *TPC* that do not comply with Article B11.3.3, for cost, reliability, safety, lack of availability or track condition reasons. In such cases *Competitors* must submit a formal request to the FIA detailing the reasons such components and/or software need to be fitted.
- B11.3.5** Only tyres manufactured specifically for this purpose by the *Tyre Supplier* may be used.

B11.4 Provisions for TMC

- B11.4.1** *Cars* must include and are limited to the minimal modifications necessary for the purpose of testing development tyres or for testing components or systems on behalf of the FIA for future *Championship* seasons, as determined by the FIA.
- B11.4.2** *TMC* running may only take place for a maximum continuous duration of nine (9) hours between the times of 09:00 and 19:00.
- B11.4.3** Red flag and end-of-session procedures must be respected.
- B11.4.4** The fuel handling procedures set out in Article 36 must be respected.
- B11.4.5** During any *TMC*, no type of automobile other than a *Mule Car*, a *Current Car* or a *Previous Car* is permitted on the track.
- B11.4.6** 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.
- B11.4.7** All *TMC* may only take place on tracks currently holding an FIA Grade 1 or FIA Grade 1T Track Licence.
- B11.4.8** Exceptionally, and at the sole discretion and prior approval of the FIA, components and/or software may be fitted for *TMC* that do not comply with Article 10.10.a., for cost, reliability, safety, lack of availability or track condition reasons. In such cases *Competitors* must submit a formal request to the FIA detailing the reasons such components and/or software need to be fitted.
- B11.4.9** Only tyres manufactured specifically by the *Tyre Supplier* for development for the future *Championship* season or as determined as suitable by the FIA and the *Tyre Supplier* for the testing required by the FIA may be used.
- B11.4.10** A maximum of forty (40) *Car* days of testing is permitted between 1 January and 31 December organised by the FIA in consultation with all *Competitors*, and if required by the testing objectives the *Tyre Supplier*, and for the sole purpose of *TMC*.

- a. Drivers participating in these tests must be eligible for a Full Super Licence, and must have either competed in at least one (1) Formula 1 *Competition* during their careers or have previously completed a minimum of 500 km of running in a current Formula One Car consistently at racing speeds.
- b. Any such testing scheduled at a circuit hosting a *Competition* of the *Championship* may only be carried out prior to that *Competition* if the following conditions are met:
 - i. The *Car* used is a suitably modified *Car* designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship* and with the exception of changes permitted under b), i) and l) must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or TCC during any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship*.
 - ii. The driver is eligible based upon the requirements of Article B11.4.10a but is not entered in the current *Championship*.
 - iii. The circuit hosted a *Competition* of the *Championship* in the year falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship*.
- c. Subject to Article B11.4.10b, tests carried out between the end of the first *Competition* of the *Championship* and 31 December must use mule *Cars* satisfying one of the two following conditions:
 - i. Be a suitably modified *Car* designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of the *Championship* and with the exception of changes permitted under b), i) and l) must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or TCC during the current year or any of the four (4) years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship*.
 - ii. Be a suitably modified *Car* designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship* and with the exception of changes permitted under b), i) and l) must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or TCC during any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship*.
- d. Tests carried out between 1 January and the end of the first *Competition* of the *Championship* must use mule *Cars* that are a suitably modified *Car* designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations of any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship* and with the exception of changes permitted under b), i) and l) must only use components and software of a specification that have been used in at least one (1) *Race* or TCC during any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the year of the *Championship*.

B11.4.11 All TMC must comply with the following:

- a. No test parts, test software or component changes will be permitted which give any sort of information to the *Competitor* that is unrelated to the mule *Car* test, unless specifically requested by the FIA. Software and component changes are only permitted if they are

necessary for the correct evaluation of the test items or to complete the test programme and must be approved by the FIA. A replacement component may be approved in cases such as damage to the original and should be of the same specification. Exceptionally, if a same specification component is unavailable, a component of a different specification which has been previously used at a *Competition* or TCC or TPC may be approved. For the avoidance of doubt, components permitted under Article B3.5.3c may be changed, only if absolutely necessary for changes in climatic conditions.

- b. Mechanical set-up changes and driver control changes are only permitted if they are necessary for the correct evaluation of the test items or to complete the test programme. These changes must be agreed in advance with the FIA and the tyre supplier if tyre testing is to be carried out.
- c. Additional sensors may only be fitted on the *Car* to measure tyre state and or performance or if requested by the FIA and must be agreed with the *Tyre Supplier* when tyre testing is to be carried out and the FIA in advance. When tyre testing is carried out data collected from such sensors must be shared with the *Tyre Supplier* in due time after the test session, and processed data from such sensors (having removed any team-specific or FIA confidential information) may be shared by the *Tyre Supplier* with the other *Competitors*.

B11.5 Provisions for THC

B11.5.1 *THC* may only be carried out with *Cars* constructed to the specification of the period.

B11.5.2 Only tyres manufactured specifically for this purpose by the *Tyre Supplier*, or tyres of the period, may be used.

B11.6 Provisions for PE

B11.6.1 Each *Competitor* will be permitted to carry out two (2) *PE* with a *Current Car* which will not be considered *TCC*.

B11.6.2 A *PE* must not exceed 200km and only one may be carried out per team per day.

B11.6.3 Only tyres manufactured specifically for this purpose by the *Tyre Supplier* may be used.

B11.7 Provisions for DE

B11.7.1 At the sole discretion of the FIA, each *Competitor* will be permitted to carry out:

- a. Two (2) *DE*'s with a *Current Car* which will not be considered *TCC*.
- b. *DE*'s organised by the Commercial Rights Holder with a *Current Car*, which will not be considered *TCC*.

B11.7.2 No *DE* using a *Current Car* may exceed 15km.

B11.7.3 No *DE* using a *Previous Car* may exceed 50km.

B11.7.4 During any *DE*, *Cars* must be fitted with the FIA ECU required by Article C8.3.

B11.7.5 During any *DE*, only tyres manufactured specifically for this purpose by the *Tyre supplier* may be used.

B11.8 Safety Requirements, Technical Requirements & Car Limitations

B11.8.1 Safety Requirements

Competitors may only participate in *TCC*, *TPC*, *TMC* or *PE* using *Cars* which:

- a. Have been subjected to and fulfilled the requirements of the static and dynamic tests described in the *Technical Regulations* of the relevant year.
- b. Comply with all the safety-related requirements of the *Technical Regulations*. Minimal exceptions will be accepted for the sole purpose of test sensor installations, provided they do not compromise the safety of the driver, team personnel or marshals. Any such exceptions must be communicated to the FIA no less than seven (7) days prior to the start of the activity. The FIA may, at its absolute discretion deem such a design to be unsafe and request for the modification to be taken off the *Car*.
- c. Are fitted with the FIA ECU required by Article C8.3.

B11.8.2 If, after an incident during a *TCC*, *TPC* or *TMC*, the Impact Warning Light is activated the driver must present themselves for examination in the circuit medical centre without delay.

B11.8.3 Test parts, Test Software and Component Changes

- a. For the *Post-Season Test* (Article B11.2.8b) and *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.2.8c):

No test parts, test software or component changes will be permitted which give any sort of information to the *Competitor* that is unrelated to the tyre test, unless specifically requested by the FIA. Software and component changes are only permitted if they are necessary for the correct evaluation of the tyres or to complete the tyre test and must be approved by the FIA. A replacement component may be approved in cases such as damage to the original and should be of the same specification. Exceptionally, if a same specification component is unavailable, a component of a different specification which has been previously used at a *Competition* or *TCC* may be approved. For the avoidance of doubt, components permitted under Article B3.5.3c may be changed, only if absolutely necessary for changes in climatic conditions, subject to the provisions of Article B11.2.8b). The provisions of Article C8.15 not be applicable.

- b. For *TPC* (Articles B11.3):

No test parts, sensors, instrumentation, test software, component changes, operational tests or procedural tests will be permitted which give any sort of information to the *Competitor* that is related to *Cars* of the current *Championship* or *Cars* complying with *TCC*. The provisions of Article C8.15 will not be applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, only instrumentation and sensors that are required for the reliable operation of the *Car* and have been fitted at one or more *Races* of the period will be permitted.

B11.8.4 Set-up Changes

- a. For *Post-Season Test* (Article B11.2.8b) and *TPC* (Articles B11.3):

Mechanical set-up changes and driver control changes are permitted.

- b. For *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.2.8c):

Mechanical set-up changes and driver control changes are only permitted if they are necessary for the correct evaluation of the tyres or to complete the tyre test. These changes must be agreed in advance with the tyre supplier.

B11.8.5 Additional sensors and logging

- a. For the car running for the sole purpose of providing Young Drivers with the opportunity to test current Formula 1 cars at the *Post-Season Test* (Article B11.2.8b.iii) and *TPC* (Articles B11.3):
Additional logging and sensors are prohibited.
- b. For the car running for the sole purpose of providing *Competitors* with the chance to test the tyre specifications to be used the following season at the *Post-Season Test* (Article B11.2.8.b.ii) and *Out-of-Competition Tyre Testing* (Article B11.2.8c):

Additional sensors may only be fitted on the *Car* to measure tyre state and or performance and must be agreed with the *Tyre Supplier* and the FIA in advance. Data collected from such sensors must be shared with the *Tyre Supplier* in due time after the test session, and processed data from such sensors (having removed any team-specific information) may be shared by the *Tyre Supplier* with the other *Competitors*.

APPENDIX B1 : DEFINITIONS

“Alternative Format Competition” (or “AFC”) is any *Competition* where a *Sprint* is scheduled.

“Current Car” (or “CC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the *Regulations* of the 2026 or subsequent *Championships*. No *Competitor* may sell or make available any such *Current Car* to any third party without the prior authorisation of the FIA.

“Demonstration Event” (or “DE”) shall be defined as an event in which a *Competitor* participates purely for marketing or demonstration purposes.

“Document Management System” (or “DMS”) is the FIA provided document management and exchange system used as the primary means of document exchange with *Competitors* during a *Competition*.

“Fast Lane”: 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.

“Historic Car” (or “HC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the *Regulations* in force during the years preceding those referred in the definition of a *Previous Car*.

“Inner Lane” : The *Pit Lane* will be divided into two lanes, the lane closest to the garages will be designated the *Inner lane*.

“Lap Time Classified Session” (or “LTCS”) is any track running session during which the classification of the session is determined based upon the time taken by a driver to complete a single lap. *Lap Time Classified Sessions* include, but are not limited to, free practice sessions, the sprint qualifying session and the qualifying session.

“Mule Car” (or “MC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the Technical Regulations or with the Technical Regulations of any of the four (4) calendar years falling immediately prior to the calendar year of the *Championship*, but suitably modified for the purpose of providing the *Tyre Supplier* with a means of track testing of its future products or for providing the FIA with a means of testing components or systems a future *Championship*. No *Competitor* may sell or make available any such *Mule Car* to any third party without the prior authorisation of the FIA.

“Official Messaging System” (or “OMS”) is the FIA official messaging system that will be used as a means of real-time or near real-time communication to all *Competitors* during a *Competition*. Unless otherwise specifically defined, where in these Sporting Regulations where it is stated that a pre-determined message will be sent to all *Competitors*, or that all *Competitors* will be notified or informed of specific information during a competition, this will be done using the *Official Messaging System*.

“Pit Entry Road”, unless otherwise defined by the Race Director, means the section of track leading to the *Pit Lane*, between the first safety car line and the beginning of the *Pit Lane*.

“Pit Exit Road”, unless otherwise defined by the Race Director, means the section of track from the end of the *Pit Lane* leading to the track, between the end of the *Pit Lane* and the second safety car line, will be designated the “*Pit Exit Road*”.

“Pit Lane” is the... [TO BE COMPLETED]

Previous Car (or “PC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the *Regulations* of any of the 2022 - 2025 *Championships*. No *Competitor* may sell or make available any such *Previous Car* to any third party without the prior authorisation of the FIA.

“Promotional Event” (or “PE”) shall be defined as an event in which a *Competitor* participates purely for marketing or promotional purposes.

“Restricted Number Components” (or “RNC”) are components which have a limitation in numbers that can be used by each driver in a *Competition* during a *Championship*.

“Restricted Period” (or “RP”) is defined as a period of time during which, with the exception of the provisions of Article B9.4.1, team personnel who are associated in any way with the operation of the Cars are not permitted within the confines of the circuit

“Standard Format Competition” (or “SFC”) is any *Competition* where a *Race* is scheduled and a *Sprint* is not scheduled.

“Total Time Classified Session” (or “TTCS”) is any track running session during which the classification of the session is determined based upon the total time taken by a driver to complete a number of laps greater than one. *Total Time Classified Sessions* include, but are not limited to, the sprint session and the *Race* session.

“Testing of Current Car” (or “TCC”) is defined as any track running time, not part of a *Competition*, in which a *Competitor* entered in the *Championship* participates (or in which a third party participates on behalf of a *Competitor* or a supplier of a homologated power unit), using a *Current Car*.

“Testing of Historic Car” (or “THC”) is defined as any track running time, not part of a *Competition*, in which a *Competitor* entered in the *Championship* participates (or in which a third party participates on behalf of a *Competitor* or a supplier of a homologated power unit), using a *Historic Car*.

“Testing of Mule Car” (or “TMC”) is defined as any track running time, not part of a *Competition*, in which a *Competitor* entered in the *Championship* participates (or in which a third party participates on behalf of a *Competitor* or a supplier of a homologated power unit), using a *Mule Car*.

“Testing of Previous Car” (or “TPC”) is defined as any track running time, not part of a *Competition*, in which a *Competitor* entered in the *Championship* participates (or in which a third party participates on behalf of a *Competitor* or a supplier of a homologated power unit), using a *Previous Car*.

APPENDIX B2 : PROCEDURES FOR REGULATORY SUBMISSIONS

[TO BE ADDED]

APPENDIX B3 : INFORMATION REQUIRED 90 DAYS BEFORE A COMPETITION**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 (AS AGREED WITH THE PERMANENT BUREAU OF THE FIA F1 COMMISSION).
5. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE, FAX AND TELEX 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 RACE.
 - DIRECTION (CLOCKWISE OR ANTI-CLOCKWISE).
 - LOCATION OF END OF THE PIT LANE IN RELATION TO LINE.
7. PRECISE LOCATION AT THE CIRCUIT OF:
 - STEWARDS' OFFICE.
 - RACE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.
 - FIA OFFICE.
 - PARC FERMÉ.
 - DRIVERS' AND COMPETITORS' BRIEFING.
 - 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.
 - CLERK OF THE COURSE.
 - SECRETARY OF THE COMPETITION.
 - CHIEF NATIONAL SCRUTINEER.
 - CHIEF NATIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

PART B.

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| 1. FIA STEWARDS. | 5. MEDICAL DELEGATE. |
| 2. RACE DIRECTOR. | 6. TECHNICAL DELEGATE. |
| 3. SAFETY DELEGATE. | 7. MEDIA DELEGATE. |
| 4. PERMANENT STARTER. | 8. STEWARD'S ADVISER. |

AND, IF APPROPRIATE:

9. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIA PRESIDENT.
10. A DEPUTY RACE DIRECTOR
11. A DEPUTY MEDICAL DELEGATE
12. AN OBSERVER.
13. A SAFETY CAR DRIVER.
14. A MEDICAL CAR DRIVER.

APPENDIX B4 : PODIUM CEREMONY

At each Event the procedure for the Podium Ceremony is detailed below.

1. MASTER OF CEREMONIES

A master of ceremonies will be appointed by the FIA to conduct and take responsibility for the entire podium ceremony.

2. PODIUM**a. ROSTRUM AND DAIS**

The dimensions of the dais must follow those found in the FIA graphic design manual.

The distance between the edge of the winner's dais and the retaining barrier of the podium should be a minimum of 120cm to provide a walkway.

The place where each person presenting a trophy should stand must be marked on the floor of the podium.

Trophies must be laid out on a single table on one side of the podium. The champagne must be on the dais.

b. FLAGS

Olympic Games style "flat flags" should be used. There must be a minimum space of 50cm behind the podium structure for the flag men.

c. FLOOR

The podium and steps should be covered in green or dark blue carpet.

3. ANTHEMS

a. The national anthem of the winning driver and winning constructor will be played. The Nationalities of the constructors and drivers will be notified to the organiser by the FIA and will accord with Article 9.5.2 of the Code.

b. A suitable sound system should be installed to ensure that national anthems, (initiated by the master of ceremonies) are clearly heard with an audio link to the TV broadcast.

c. When the champagne shower begins, music should be played. This should not start until the presenters have left the podium.

d. A commentary of the podium ceremony should be broadcast to the general public from the platform erected for the TV cameras.

4. TROPHIES

Only 4 trophies will be presented during the podium ceremony:

- a. Winning driver.
- b. A representative of the winning constructor.
- c. Second driver.
- d. Third driver.

The trophies, which must be in the form of traditional cups, will be provided by the ASN and must show:

- e. The FIA Formula 1 World *Championship* official logo.
- f. The official name of the *Competition*.
- g. The driver's position.

The height of the trophies shall be:

- h. Winner's and constructor's trophies - no less than 50cm and no more than 65cm high.
- i. Second and third drivers' trophies - no less than 35cm and no more than 45cm high.

The maximum weight per trophy must not exceed 5kg. Trophies must be of a design that is capable of being handled and transported without damage.

5. SCENARIO

- a. Only three persons should be on the podium to present the trophies. In exceptional circumstances, the master of ceremonies may increase this to four.
- b. No police, bodyguards or persons not authorised by the master of ceremonies are allowed on the podium.
- c. The master of ceremonies will inform the TV and public address commentator of the names of the persons presenting the trophies.
- d. The master of ceremonies must be on the side of the podium where the trophies are located. The persons presenting the trophies will be on the other side. The master of ceremonies will hand the trophies to those presenting them.

6. TELEVISION

The ideal position for the TV camera is immediately opposite the podium and at the same height. Under no circumstances must there be a TV camera man on the podium.

7. PARC FERMÉ

The parc fermé must be positioned as close as possible to the podium, preferably immediately below, with direct access.

As soon as all the *Cars* have crossed the Line, a course car must go round the track to collect any driver who has finished in the first three but is stranded on the circuit.

The drivers must not be delayed in the parc fermé. One person, nominated by the master of ceremonies and in radio contact with him, will be responsible for moving the drivers from the parc fermé to the podium without delay. Only persons authorised by the master of ceremonies may make contact with the drivers before the end of the TV unilateral interviews.

8. UNILATERAL ROOM

The unilateral room must be adjacent to the podium. The master of ceremonies will see that the drivers proceed there immediately after the podium ceremony. The room should be suitably ventilated (or air conditioned if the temperature is above 25°C).

9. PRESS ROOM

Immediately after the TV interviews, drivers must go to the press room for interviews.

10. WATER + TOWELS

3 bottles of water must be put in the parc fermé (no identification).

3 bottles of water must be put in the unilateral room (no identification).

3 towels must be available in the unilateral room.

No other drinks are permitted in the parc fermé or unilateral room.

11. PODIUM PROTOCOL (except for Monaco)

The winning driver's award will be presented by the head of state or the prime minister of the host country or the FIA President. If such a person is not available, a comparable person within the host country, or a dignitary of international status should be invited. Should neither of these be available, the President of the ASN will be invited to present the winner's trophy.

The constructor's award must be presented by the official representative of the naming rights sponsor of the *Competition*. In the absence of a naming rights sponsor, the master of ceremonies will select a suitable person.

The second and third drivers' awards must be presented by the President of the ASN, unless local circumstances require an additional dignitary to be present. In this case, the latter will present the second award and the ASN president the third. Should the ASN president be unavailable or presenting the winning driver's trophy, the master of ceremonies will select a suitable replacement.

An invitation will be issued to each person attending the podium ceremony, with clear instructions as to the procedure to follow.

APPENDIX B5 : APPROVED CHANGES TO SECTION B FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS

Changes for 2027

- None

Changes for 2028

APPENDIX B1: DEFINITIONS

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“Current Car” (or “CC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the *Regulations* of the ~~2026 or subsequent~~ *Championships*, or those of the preceding year’s or the following year’s *Championship*. No *Competitor* may sell or make available any such *Current Car* to any third party without the prior authorisation of the FIA.

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Previous Car (or “PC”) is defined as a *Car* which was designed and constructed in order to comply with the *Regulations* of any of the ~~three (3)~~ *three (3) calendar years falling immediately prior to the calendar year preceding the year of the 2022—2025* *Championships*. No *Competitor* may sell or make available any such *Previous Car* to any third party without the prior authorisation of the FIA.

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Changes for 2029

- None