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**FOREWORD**

The GT4 European Series is governed by the FIA International Sporting Code and its appendices (hereinafter "the Code"), Appendix J, the International Series General Prescriptions and the present Sporting Regulations specific to the Series, as well as clarifications and bulletins issued by the SRO Sporting Board during the season in accordance with Article 2.1.

SRO Motorsports Group (hereinafter referred to as "the Promoter"), will organise the GT4 European Series (hereinafter "the Series") reserved for RACB-homologated Grand Touring cars (hereinafter "GT4")

The Series comprises the title of GT4 European Series for Drivers in the Silver, Pro-Am and Am categories and one overall title for Teams.

Certain aspects relating to the application of the Series regulations have been entrusted to the SRO Sporting Board and SRO Technical Board, as defined in Appendix 5.

Terms used in these regulations such as 'Event' and 'Competition' are defined as in the International Sporting Code article 20 (Definitions). Within these Sporting Regulations, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders.

**1. REGULATIONS**

1.1 The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version, which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. Headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of these Sporting Regulations.

1.2 These Sporting Regulations come into force on 1 January 2020 and replace all previous Sporting Regulations regarding this Series.

**2. GENERAL UNDERTAKING**

2.1 All drivers, Competitors and Officials participating in the Series undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and their agents, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the Code, the GT4 Technical Regulations issued by the RACB, Bulletins and Clarifications from the SRO Sporting Board issued during the season, and the present Sporting Regulations. Bulletins will be approved by the parent ASN, which is the RACB.

**3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

3.1 It is the Competitor's obligation to ensure that all persons concerned by his entry observe all the requirements of the Code, the applicable Technical Regulations, the present Sporting Regulations, the Appendix 1 to each Competition as well as Bulletins and Clarifications from the SRO Sporting Board issued during the season.

3.2 Each Competitor must nominate his representative(s) in writing on the entry form. If a Competitor is unable to be present in person at the Competition, he must nominate his representative in writing to the Stewards of the Meeting. A person having charge of an entered car during any part of a Competition is responsible jointly and severally with the Competitor for ensuring that the requirements are observed.

3.3 Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety and with the technical regulations throughout the Competition.

3.4 The presentation of a car for Scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of the conformity of the car.

3.5 All persons concerned in any way with an entered car or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock, pits or pit lane, or on the track, must wear an appropriate pass and clothing at all times as stated in Article 12.2. Any infractions will result in penalties according to the following provision:

- a. First offence: Three hundred euros (300 euros)
- b. Second offence: Four hundred and fifty euros (450 euros)
- c. Third offence: Six hundred euros (600 euros)

3.6 All drivers, Competitors and Officials participating in the Series must hold current and valid licences. For drivers, the minimum requirement is a Grade D FIA international Driver's licence, or equivalent licence such as the International Licence for Drivers with Disabilities and, where applicable, valid licences and/or authorisations issued by their ASN. The drivers must be in possession of a current medical certificate of aptitude and permission from their ASN to compete in the relevant international.

3.7 Results remain provisional until all sporting matters and technical Scrutineering are completed. This includes the checking any onboard cameras when applicable.

Until the final classification is published, all teams must have one nominated person available to be summoned to the Stewards and to sign for any decisions. The Team Messaging application must be monitored until the final official results are issued.

Should the person designated as Team Manager for the Event not be available until results are final, the Team should nominate one or more additional personnel who are able to sign for the team. This person or people must be listed on the sheet that will be available at the Team Managers' administrative checks. Any changes or additional personnel after this point should be notified directly to the Stewards.

#### **4. ELIGIBLE CARS**

4.1 a) Competitions are first and foremost reserved for GT4 Grand Touring cars homologated by the RACB for SRO as defined by the applicable Technical Regulations.

b) In exceptional circumstances, the Promoter reserves the right to accept "Guest" cars, whose Technical Form is temporary or incomplete, or which are recently out of homologation. These cars and their drivers will not score any points and will be considered invisible in terms of points attribution.

4.2 All cars must be in conformity with the list of safety features according to Article 257A of Appendix J. This list of safety elements includes the Fuel Tank, Safety structures, seat and mountings, safety belts, fire extinguisher, master switch, rain light, windscreen, towing eyes, rear-view mirrors, cockpit firewalls, and complete refuelling equipment.

#### **5. SERIES COMPETITIONS**

5.1 Each Competition will have the status of a restricted international Competition. Competition means any race registered on the annual calendar of the GT4 European Series including administrative checks, technical Scrutineering, all free practice and qualifying sessions and the races.

5.2 The Series is made up of Competitions consisting of two races, each with a maximum duration of one hour. (For the avoidance of doubt, the two races at each event are considered as a single Competition for the purposes of these regulations.)

5.3 In all cases, the leader will be shown the chequered flag when he crosses the control line (the Line) at the end of the lap during which the prescribed period ends. If the leader is stopped, the chequered flag is presented to the next-best placed car running on the track.

5.4 The Line is a single line which crosses both the track and the pit lane

5.5 The maximum number of Competitions in the Series is set at 7

5.6 The definitive list of Competitions is published by the Promoter before March 1st 2020. However, in case of force majeure, the Promoter reserves the right to modify this date as well as the format of any Competition.

5.7 A Competition may be cancelled in case of force majeure, or with the agreement of the Hosting ASN, the Parent ASN and the Promoter.

## **6. THE TITLES**

6.1 The GT4 European Series will include three categories :

- Silver
- Pro-Am
- Am

A GT4 European Series Drivers' title will be awarded in each Category to the driver(s) who have scored the highest number of points, taking into consideration all the points obtained during the Competitions which have taken place.

6.2 **Not in use**

6.3 For each title, there will be a separate classification. In any category, unless a minimum of three cars compete regularly during the season, each of which takes part in at least three events, and with at least two cars entered in all events, a title or trophy will not be awarded.

6.4 **Eligibility for Points**

Teams and Drivers entered in a round of the GT4 European Series will score points towards the GT4 European Series Teams and Drivers titles, with the exception of Race-by-race Competitors in the final two Competitions of the season, who will not score points towards the Teams classifications unless they have been entered in at least one previous GT4 European Series Competition during the season.

6.5 **GT4 European Series Driver and Team Titles**

Silver, Pro-Am and Am titles: Points will be awarded to eligible Competitors and their drivers according to the category results of all races counting towards the GT4 European Series using the point scales for each individual event as given below. For the Teams title, only the two highest-finishing cars per Team will score points, and all other cars entered by that Team will not score points.

Team titles: the name on the Competitor's licence will be used to determine points for the overall title, independently of the commercial Team name used in individual events. Competitors may use different commercial Team names in different events. Teams may specify a Team commercial nationality to be used on the podium, TV Graphics and car flags, as long as this can be justified in terms of the nationality of the commercial sponsor, the nationality of the majority of the drivers, or the home base of the Team.

This commercial nationality is independent of the nationality of the licence under which the Competitor is entered.

**6.6** Representatives of the top three placed Competitors as well as the Drivers finishing in the top three positions in the classification of the Silver, Pro-Am and Am must make themselves available for the end of season prize giving ceremony which will take place at a date and location to be determined. All Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their drivers attend as aforesaid. Only the winners' title will be awarded in any Category where fewer than three Teams or Driver line-ups have competed regularly during the season, each of them taking part in at least three events, and with at least two cars entered in all events.

## **7. POINTS**

**7.1** Points classifications will be published on the Series website after the end of each Event. In case of any disputes concerning point attributions, these will be decided by the Sporting Board. Any queries or challenges concerning point attributions must be submitted to the SRO Sporting Director within 14 days of the first publication of the points in dispute. The point classifications will be considered final 14 days after the end of the last Event of the season, and, subject only to any ongoing judicial or sporting matters, from that point no further amendments or corrections will be made.

### **7.2 DRIVERS TITLES**

a) Cars entered on a full season basis into the GT4 European Series, then points for all titles are awarded, overall and in each Cup at each Competition according to the following scale:

- 1st: 25 points
- 2nd: 18 points
- 3rd: 15 points
- 4th: 12 points
- 5th: 10 points
- 6th: 8 points
- 7th: 6 points
- 8th: 4 points
- 9th: 2 points
- 10th: 1 point

In the case that a race is suspended and not resumed, points will be awarded equally to all drivers sharing one car.

### **7.3 TEAM POINTS**

The two highest-scoring cars per Team will score points. Any other cars entered by that team will not score points towards the team title.

A car scores points depending on the category it is entered in (Silver, Pro-Am or Am). The number of points awarded in each category is dependent on the number of cars participating in that class, in line with following table:

Number of cars in category:	>5	5	4	3	2	1
1 <sup>st</sup>	25 points	18 points	15 points	12 points	10 points	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18 points	15 points	12 points	10 points	8 points	N.A.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 points	12 points	10 points	8 points	N.A.	N.A.
4 <sup>th</sup>	12 points	10 points	8 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
5 <sup>th</sup>	10 points	8 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

6 <sup>th</sup>	8 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7 <sup>th</sup>	6 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8 <sup>th</sup>	4 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
9 <sup>th</sup>	2 points	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
10 <sup>th</sup>	1 point	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

**7.4 Not in use**

**7.5 Not in use**

**7.6** Team points are awarded to the Competitor, as designated by the licence-holder, independent of the commercial Team name.

In the case that a car is entered under a Driver licence, the team may designate a Team name to which the points will be designated.

**7.7** If a race is suspended under Article 47 and cannot be resumed :

- No points will be awarded to the Competitors or driver crews if the leader has completed less than two laps
- Half points will be awarded if the leader has completed two or more laps, but less than 75% of the original race time, and as long as the results include at least one lap which took place outside Full Course Yellow or Safety Car conditions.
- Full points will be awarded if the leader has completed more than 75% of the original race time.

The above-mentioned conditions will be based on the number of laps as shown on the published results as the basis for the final classification.

Points will be awarded equally to all drivers, including any who did not comply with the minimum driving time.

**7.8 Dead Heats**

Prizes and points awarded in accordance with the classification to Competitors who tie will be added together and shared equally.

**7.9** If two or more drivers or Teams finish the season with the same number of points, the higher place in the Series shall be awarded to:

- a. The holder of the greatest number of first places,
- b. If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places,
- c. If the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places, and so on until a winner emerges.
- d. If the above-mentioned procedure fails to separate two or more drivers or teams, then whoever finishes ahead in the final race of the respective season will be deemed to have finished ahead of the other in the Series.
- e. Special case: Drivers of the same car, who have formed the same crew during all the Competitions in the Series in which they have scored points, and who finish with the same number of points, will share the same place in the Series.

**8. ORGANISER, ORGANISATION AND INSURANCE**

**8.1.** An application to organise a GT4 European Series Event must be made to the ASN of the country in which the Event is to take place, which will apply to the parent ASN together with the Promoter.

**8.2** Each Organiser, via its ASN, shall supply the information set out in Appendix 1 to the present regulations to the Promoter at least 30 days before the event.

For each of the GT4 European Series Events, a Visa is issued by the hosting ASN of the country in which the Event is organised, provided that all documents required by the present regulations have been duly sent to the ASN and that they are in conformity with the regulations applicable to the Series.

**8.3** The Organiser of an Event must ensure that all Competitors, their personnel and their drivers are covered by third party insurance.

**8.4** Thirty days before the Event, the Organiser must send the Promoter details of the risks covered by the insurance, which must comply with the national laws in force. This insurance certificate, written in the language of the country as well as in English, shall be made available to the Competitors. The sum insured must be a minimum of 6.000.000 euros (six million euros)

**8.5** Third party insurance arranged by the Organiser of an Event shall be in addition and without prejudice to any personal insurance policy held by a Competitor or by any other natural person or legal entity taking part in the Event.

**8.6** Drivers taking part in the Event are not third parties with respect to one another.

## **9. OFFICIALS**

**9.1** The following Officials will be appointed for the GT4 European Series:

- A Race Director and when applicable his Assistant
- A Series Technical Delegate
- A Series Scrutineer
- A Chairman of the Stewards
- An International Steward
- A Chief Timekeeper
- A Pit-lane official (optional)
- A Driver Advisor (optional).
- Safety Car and Leading Car drivers (optional)

Other officials designated by the ASN concerned including :

- A Clerk of the Course
- A Chief Scrutineer
- One National Steward

## **10. CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF DRIVERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE CREWS**

### **10.1 Driver Line-ups per Category**

a) The GT4 European Series Silver Cup

Driver categorisations will be applied and the following pairings will be accepted :

- Silver / Silver

b) The GT4 European Series Pro-Am Category

Driver categorisations will be applied and the following pairings will be accepted :

- Gold / Bronze
- Silver / Bronze

c) The GT4 European Series Endurance Am Category

Driver categorisations will be applied and the following pairings will be accepted :

- Bronze / Bronze

In cases of force majeure one Bronze driver may be allowed to drive alone with permission from the SRO Sporting Board. In this case, additional time or weight can be added by the Stewards of the Meeting.

The composition of the crews must be sent to the Promoter at least 14 days before the start of each Event. Any modification to a crew is prohibited after the end of the administrative checks except in case of force majeure acknowledged by the Stewards of the Meeting.

**10.2** The GT4 European Series is primarily intended for driver crews competing together throughout the season to claim the title.

During the final round of the GT4 European Series, the following situations will not be authorised in the any category, except in a case of force majeure recognised as such by the Stewards of the Meeting:

- to move a driver who has raced in one car throughout the Series to another car entered by the same Team.
- To split a pair of drivers who have competed and/or scored points together throughout the Series and who otherwise cannot be separated by the terms of Article 7.8, between two cars entered by that same Team
- Any other change in terms of the line-up which is considered to be against the spirit of the GT4 European Series

The final decision on any such changes will be made by the SRO Sporting Board for the event.

It is understood that should a Team enter cars under multiple Competitor licenses due to the limitations in Article 11.3, then all cars entered on these licences will be considered as being one Team for the purposes of this article.

**10.3** At the end of the season, Gold or Silver drivers classified alone in the Pro-Am category of the GT4 European Series may be removed from the final classification of that Category subject to approval from the Sporting Board.

**10.4** Drivers wishing to compete in the GT4 European Series must be categorised by the FIA. Drivers who are not categorised must send in a record of achievements to the FIA at the latest fourteen days prior to the beginning of the first Event in which he or she wishes to take part, using the link available via the FIA website under <http://www.fia.com/fia-driver-categorisation>

The definitions of the categories, the Driver Categorisation List and the application form can be found on the FIA website.

All decisions concerning the categorisations are taken under the authority of the FIA Drivers Categorisation Committee.

The list of Competitors allowed to take part in the Competition will indicate the category attributed to each driver.

The SRO Sporting Board retains the right to make any amendments to the FIA Categorisation of any driver according to the criteria of GT. Any drivers given a temporary categorisation derogation will be indicated in the entry list with an asterisk.

Derogations reducing a driver's FIA Categorisation will be issued on a race-by-race basis only and will be reassessed after each Event.

Upgrades increasing a driver's FIA Categorisation for the GT4 European Series may also be issued for any Event.

No more than one derogation will be given to any line-up of drivers competing in any round of the GT4 European Series. There are no limits on the number of upgrades in a line-up. Drivers with derogations may receive additional restrictions including additional time during the pit-stop which will be decided by the SRO Sporting Board.

The performance of any drivers who have received a derogation will be monitored by the SRO Sporting Board. Derogations may be removed at any time without notice.

In particular, should any driver's performance, calculated by the average of their ten best lap times in the race, be equal or superior to the average time of the top ten best drivers from the category in which they have been racing, their derogation will be examined by the SRO Sporting Board within 5 days of the end of the event. The Sporting Board may take any decision it considers appropriate concerning the continuation of the derogation, but a first infraction will normally result in a warning and/or additional restrictions on driving time, and a second infraction is likely to result in the immediate removal of the derogation. Additionally, the average performance of the drivers in the car compared to the average of other cars in the category will be used to decide on the continuation of any derogation.

Any driver derogations may be associated with maximum or minimum driving times. These will be specified in the confirmation document issued by the Sporting Board. Except in cases of force majeure accepted by the Stewards of the Meeting, failing to abide by these limits will result in the removal of the derogation and may include other penalties up to and including disqualification from the Competition.

A driver who has received confirmation from the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee that they will be downgraded for the following year may be considered for a derogation.

The above-mentioned criteria concerning the driver performance may be adjusted or other criteria added if deemed necessary by the SRO Sporting Board during the season.

Any complaints concerning the categorisation of drivers and derogations must be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting at the latest 30 minutes after the publication of the Official entry list. After this time, no further complaints may be made during the event. No derogations will be removed during an event.

The Stewards of the Meeting will provisionally categorise drivers who announce themselves with their record of achievements after the Event has already begun. A fee of 200 euros will be payable to the SRO Motorsports Fund for any such requests for late categorisation. Any such provisional categorisations will only be valid for one event and will not constitute an FIA categorisation.

Drivers who have not been categorised will not be allowed to take part in the GT4 European Series.

## **11. COMPETITORS' APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### **11.1 Not in use**

### **11.2 Eligibility for Points**

Race-by-race Competitors will not score points towards the Teams classifications in the final two Events unless they have been entered in at least one previous GT4 European Series event during the season.

### 11.3 Conditions of Entry

Full-season and race-by-race Competitors are accepted.

A Competitor may enter a maximum of three cars per category in any event of the GT4 European Series under one Competitor's licence.

Application forms to enter the GT4 European Series on either a full-season or race-by-race basis can be downloaded from the Teams section of the website [gt4series.com](http://gt4series.com)

a) Full season Competitors: applications to compete in the GT4 European Series must be submitted to the Promoter, on the entry form available on the Series website as from December 1st, 2019, the Official opening date for entry in the Series. The entry form must be submitted by April 5th 2020. The entry fee is set at €25.000 (twenty-five thousand euros) per car. This season entry fee includes mandatory entry in all the Competitions in the GT4 European Series. Only full paid entries submitted by April 5<sup>th</sup> will be considered full season entrants. If the maximum capacity for the GT4 European Series has not been reached by April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, any further entries will be considered at the Championship Manager's discretion and upon receiving the full payment.

b) Race-by-Race entries are set as follows, per car, per Competition:

€4.500 (four thousand five hundred euros) per car. The deadline for entries is fourteen days before the start of the Competition in question.

c) Test sessions will be available before certain events, full season entrants that have paid before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 will be given a discounted rate on the available test sessions.

d) Not in use

e) Not in use

f) Entries are not transferable and entry fees are not refundable.

All amounts are excluding VAT. VAT may be added according to applicable rules depending on the Competitor's tax status.

g) The Promoter reserves the right to refuse any applications.

h) The application shall include:

1. confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the Code, the Technical Regulations and the Sporting Regulations and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of everyone associated with its participation in the Series, to observe them,
2. the name of the Competitor (as it appears on the licence),
3. the name of the Official Team representative, authorised to sign on behalf of the Team,
4. a copy of the Competitor's licence issued by the ASN,
5. the make and model of the competing car(s),
6. the category in which the car will compete,
7. the names of the drivers,
8. the commercial name the Team wishes to use,
9. for full-season Competitors only, an undertaking by the applicant to participate in every Event with the number of cars entered,
10. the full payment of the entry fees.

i) All Competitors must abide by the guidelines set down in terms of sponsorship from Series partners in regards to pit garage decoration, car livery, Team and driver overalls. The Promoter reserves

space on the cars and overalls of all Competitors (see Appendix 3). No sponsorship from companies associated with the manufacture, re-treading, sale or distribution of tyres is authorised.

j) A Team is defined as the cars entered under a specific Competitor's licence. A Team may use a Commercial Team name which is different from the Competitor name. No two Teams may use the same Commercial Team name. Should cars be entered under a Driver licence, the team may designate a Competitor name under which they will compete.

k) Any logo on doors, bonnet or roof which could be confused with a car's racing number is prohibited.

## 12. PASSES, ACCESS TO THE SITE AND ARMBANDS

**12.1** Any participant present in any capacity whatsoever in the reserved areas must wear their pass in such a way that it is clearly visible. The Promoter alone is empowered to issue passes. A pass may be used only by the person and for the purpose for which it was issued.

**12.2** The following passes will be issued:

**Full Access Passes:** access to the whole site, including pit garages, pit lane and pit wall, with no restrictions in terms of clothing.

**Pit Lane Passes:** general entrance, access to the paddock, pit lane and starting grid. Access to the pit wall signalling area is limited to working Team members only in the area reserved for the Team. Shorts (including long trousers rolled up), sleeveless shirts and open shoes are forbidden in the pit lane.

Incorrect dress will result in penalties according to the following provision:

- a. First offence: Three hundred euros (300 euros)
- b. Second offence: Four hundred and fifty euros (450 euros)
- c. Third offence: Six hundred euros (600 euros)

**Driver Passes:** general entrance, access to paddock, pit lane, starting grid and pit wall signalling area as for Pit Lane passes above, as well as to the Media Centre.

**Paddock Passes:** general entrance and access to the paddock.

**Media Passes:** general entrance, access to the paddock and media centre. Access to track roads and pit lane is only authorised with appropriate sticker and tabard as stated in media briefing documents.

Passes may only be used by the person for whom they are intended. Any falsification or duplication of passes, or any passes being used by other persons, will result in confiscation of the pass and may result in fines or penalties from the Promoter and/or the Stewards.

### 12.3 Access

Teams may not exclude Full Access or Media passes from their pit garages or awnings, and may not produce or distribute additional passes, which supersede those passes distributed by the Promoter.

Team members are restricted to the area of the pit wall opposite their pit allocation.

Officials and the Promoter's representatives with Full Access passes will have access to any Team areas within the circuit boundaries.

### 12.4 Armbands

The following armbands will be issued for use during pit stops:

- White armbands for car controllers
- Red armbands for mechanics
- Orange armbands for other Team personnel in the working lane

- Yellow armbands issued to industry personnel. Industry personnel must abide by the pit lane clothing instructions.  
A maximum of one armband may be worn at any time. Armbands may only be worn on the arm. Penalties for any infractions may be imposed by the Stewards of the Meeting.

### **13. DRIVER DESIGNATIONS AND CHANGES OF DRIVER**

#### **13.1 Driver Numbers and Limits**

Throughout the Competition no fewer and no more than two drivers may drive one and the same car (except as provided for in article 13.2(e))

For each car, the Team Manager of each Team must designate the starting driver for each race at the latest two hours before the start of free practice. After this point, no changes may be made to the driver order without the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting.

Driver 1 will do Qualifying Session 1 and start Race 1  
Driver 2 will do Qualifying Session 2 and start Race 2  
However, the orders listed above can be changed by the stewards in a bulletin.

In the Pro-Am category, Driver 1 will be the driver with the lower FIA categorisation, and Driver 2 will be the driver with the higher FIA categorisation.

In Silver Cup and Am, where both drivers have the same FIA Driver Categorisation, the Team may choose Driver 1 / Driver 2. However, this may be amended by the Stewards or the Sporting Board in case of concerns.

#### **13.2 Driver Changes**

- a) During the Competition, a driver may not change from one car to another.
- b) Each driver may only be nominated to drive one car.
- c) A change of driver may only take place before the start of free practice and with the consent of the Stewards of the Meeting.
- d) Any changes in the driver order once published may only be authorised by the Stewards of the Meeting following the submission of a written request from the Competitor. Such an authorisation will only be given in exceptional circumstances or in cases of force majeure. Failure to abide by the declared driving order will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting who may issue penalties as they see fit.
- e) After the start of free practice, any driver changes will only be accepted in cases of force majeure and subject to the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting, who may impose any restrictions, conditions or penalties as they see fit.

#### **13.3 Driving**

The driver must drive his car alone and unaided.

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

**14.1** The SRO Sporting Board, Stewards of the Meeting, Race Director or Sporting Director may give instructions to Competitors by means of special circulars in accordance with the Code. These circulars will be distributed to all the Competitors, who must acknowledge receipt. The signature of the Competitor or of his designated representative is mandatory.

**14.2** All classifications, starting grids, and results of practice and the race, as well as all decisions issued by the Officials, are posted on both the digital and Official notice boards.

**14.3** All Teams must be connected and are required to monitor the GT4 European Series Team Messaging System at all times during the Event.

**14.4** Any decision or communication concerning a particular Competitor must be given to him as soon as possible and receipt must be acknowledged. The GT4 European Series messaging system may be used to send summons and documents and for Teams to confirm receipt.

**14.5** All Teams must have a radio tuned into the Race Control frequency, which will be used for communication from the Race Director to the Teams. Please see Appendix 8 for the provisional 2020 frequencies. A radio check will take place at the start of each day and Teams must reply using the GT4 European Series Team Messaging system. Teams must be listening to the frequency from 15 minutes before the start of each session to the end of the session or the opening of Parc Fermé for qualifying and races. Teams may not use this frequency for any other information. Information given on the Race Director's radio frequency is in addition to messages given on the screen. All such messages, whether written or oral, must be adhered to.

**14.6** Radio Communications between Team and Car: if so requested, each Team must provide the Promoter with the radio frequency and access codes used for the communication between the Team and the driver in each car. Each Team will authorise the Official TV production company to use selected recordings of radio conversation between the Team and drivers. Such material may be used without limitation for the television coverage of the event. If necessary, for safety reasons, the Officials of the Event may also listen to the conversations.

## **15. UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR**

**15.1** Any Incident in the paddock, pit lane or the track, such as provocative acts of any kind, verbal or physical threats or unsportsmanlike behaviour, or any action or occurrence in relation to any Event(s) or Competition(s) that could be considered to be in contravention of the GT4 European Series spirit, which is committed by a Team member or a person under the responsibility of a Competitor, may be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting who will take any action they consider suitable. The Team will be held responsible for the actions of the persons within their entourage and may be penalised accordingly.

In particular, penalties may be awarded for offences affecting the security of the event or Competition according to the scale below

- Grid penalty
- Loss of all qualifying times
- Stop and go penalty of a duration up to 5 minutes

**15.2** Competitors are expected to abide by any regulations issued at any Event in order to maintain the cleanliness and safety in the Paddock and Pit Lane. They must endeavour not to waste water, electricity or other resources. Oil and other liquids must not be allowed to drain into the environment, and must be deposited in areas designated for that purpose. Tyres must be kept by the Competitor or returned to Pirelli when applicable. Any Competitor failing to abide by these measures will be reported to the Stewards. The Competitor will be held responsible for the actions of the persons within their entourage and may be penalised accordingly.

**15.3** In particular, the following rules must be followed at any Event :

- Cars may only be parked in the area to which they are assigned and with a valid car pass displayed. Any cars found in the wrong area or without a car pass will be removed and the Team will be reported to the Stewards, where a minimum fine of 1000 € will be awarded. In particular, any attempts to forge or replicate passes or other access documents will be reported to the Stewards and the Competitor will be penalised accordingly.  
Cars or vans with Delivery passes may be used for a maximum of 30 minutes within the paddock for

delivery purposes. After this time, they must return to their correct parking area.

- Any dangerous actions in the paddock, including excessive speed or circulating in the opposite direction to any given circulation plan may be penalised
- At all times, Competitors, their personnel and suppliers must obey the instructions given by the Organisation of the Event in terms of the set-up of Sporting, Hospitality or other units in the paddock. Any refusal to follow the instructions given will result in the Team being summoned to the Stewards.

## **16. INCIDENTS AND SANCTIONS**

**16.1** "Incident" means any occurrence or Series of occurrences involving one or more drivers and/or Team members, or any action by any driver and/or Team member, which is reported to the Stewards of the Meeting by the Race Director (or noted by the Stewards of the Meeting and referred to the Race Director for investigation) and which:

- necessitated the stopping of a practice (free, pre-qualifying or qualifying) session or the suspension of a race under Article 47
- constituted a breach of these Sporting Regulations or the Code;
- caused a false start by one or more cars;
- caused a collision;
- forced a driver off the track;
- illegitimately prevented a legitimate overtaking manoeuvre by a driver;
- illegitimately impeded another driver during overtaking;
- caused a pit lane infringement.

**16.2** Any Incidents involving more than one car may be investigated immediately or reviewed after the relevant session or race. Any such Incident which results in at least one of the cars being unable to continue will be automatically placed under investigation.

**16.3** a) It shall be at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting to decide, upon a report or a request by the Race Director, if drivers and/or Team members involved in an Incident shall be penalised.

b) If an Incident is under investigation by the Stewards of the Meeting, a message informing all Teams which driver or drivers are involved will be displayed on the timing monitors (if the facilities on the circuit so permit). However, failure to display notification that an Incident has been placed under investigation will not invalidate that investigation or any subsequent decision and/or penalty.

c) If a driver is involved in a collision or Incident (see Article 16.1), and has been informed of this by the Stewards of the Meeting no later than 30 minutes after the race has finished, he must not leave the circuit without the consent of the Stewards of the Meeting.

**16.4** The Stewards of the Meeting may impose one or more of the following five penalties, simultaneously if applicable and/or in substitution or in addition to other available penalties, on any driver involved in an Incident:

- a. A time penalty to be served at the next scheduled pit stop.
- b. A drive-through penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane and re-join the race without stopping.
- c. A Stop & Go time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop in the penalty zone for the given time and then re-join the race.
- d. A drop of grid positions at the driver's next race.
- e. Disqualification of the driver from the next race or Competition of the Series.
- f. Formal Reprimand

**16.5** Should any of the penalties under Article 16.4 b) or c) above be imposed and notified after the end of the race, or, for duration races, during the last 10 minutes, at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting, Article 16.6 below shall not apply and an additional time penalty of a minimum of 30 seconds in case a) and a minimum of 35 seconds + the penalty time in case b) shall be added to the elapsed time of the car concerned.

Fines will normally be imposed for items relating solely to the conduct of a driver or a Team member having no direct sporting application. These include missing a drivers' briefing or press conference without force majeure or prior agreement, speeding in the pit lane during free practice or qualifying, or other items considered by the Stewards of the Meeting to fall under this category. Any sums paid as fines will be placed in the SRO Motorsports Fund as authorised by the RACB further to Article 12.7.3 of the International Sporting Code. Fines may be accompanied or replaced by an obligation to accomplish some work of public interest in accordance with article 12.3.1.c of the International Sporting Code.

Incidents occurring during free practice may result in a Stop & Go penalty during that session or the next session of this nature, of a length to be determined by the Race Director or Stewards. Should Incidents occur during free practice without the possibility for the penalty to be served, the penalty may be converted into a fine.

Incidents occurring during qualifying may result in either the cancellation of lap times by the Race Director or Stewards, or a drop of positions on the starting grid, the number of positions to be decided by the Stewards.

In Incidents involving cars from different categories, the driver of the car from the more professional category will be deemed to be at fault unless evidence clearly shows the contrary.

In cases of contact between cars of different categories, the Stewards may impose any penalty they consider appropriate to the circumstances.

**16.6** Should the Stewards of the Meeting decide to impose a time penalty as provided for in Article 16.4 b) or c) the following procedure shall be applied:

At the car's pit stop, the driver must enter the pit lane and stop in his pit stop position under Parc Fermé conditions for the given penalty time. No-one from the Team may touch the car during this period, and the driver may not open the door. Once the time has elapsed, the pit stop according to articles 36-39 may begin. The minimum time will be extended by the penalty time imposed. Such a penalty will not be imposed after the pit window has opened.

In the case that a race is red-flagged and cannot be resumed before a penalty has been served, the time will be added to the elapsed race time of the car concerned.

Should the Stewards of the Meeting decide to impose one of the penalties provided for in Article 16.4 b or c, the following procedure shall be applied:

a. From the time the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting is notified on the timing monitors, the relevant car may cross the Line on the track no more than twice before entering the pit lane and, in the case of a penalty under Article 16.4 b., proceeding to the penalty zone where it shall remain for the period of the time penalty. Unless specified otherwise by the Stewards of the Meeting, Stop-and-Go and Stop-and-Go time penalties are to be served in front of the respective Team's pit box. Teams are responsible for ensuring that the car stops for the period notified.

b. However, unless the car was already in the pit entry for the purpose of serving its penalty, it may not carry out the penalty after the Safety Car or Full Course Yellow procedures have been deployed. The number of times the driver crosses the Line behind the Safety Car or during a Full Course Yellow procedure will be added to the maximum number of times he may cross the Line on the track.

Whilst a car is stationary in the pit lane as a result of incurring a time penalty, it may not be worked on. However, if the engine stops, it may be started after the penalty period has elapsed, respecting Article 33.11 c). If the driver is unable to start his car by himself, it may be evacuated to its pit garage by its mechanics.

- c. When the time penalty period has elapsed, the driver may re-join the track.
- d. No penalty can be taken by a Team until it has been notified in writing, either on the timing monitors or by document issued by the Stewards of the Meeting.

**16.7** The penalties given in these regulations are guidelines only. The Stewards of the Meeting may impose any penalty of combination of penalties specifically set out in these Sporting Regulations or available to them under the Code which they deem to be appropriate in the event of any breach of regulations. In addition, the Stewards of the Meeting may issue suspended penalties at their discretion. Nothing in these regulations shall preclude the Stewards of the Meeting from referring any matter to the appropriate ASN for consideration of further penalty in accordance with the Code should the Stewards consider that a penalty beyond their powers may be merited in any instance.

## **17. BEHAVIOUR WARNING POINTS**

Drivers involved in Incidents of any kind, or who have been reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour or driving standards, may, in addition to their penalty, be awarded Behaviour Warning Points (BWP) by the Stewards of the Meeting.

The following scale may apply, subject to the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting :

- formal reprimand 1 Behaviour Warning Point
- drive-through penalty 1 Behaviour Warning Point
- pit lane speeding 1 Behaviour Warning Point for speeds between 50 km/h and 65 km/h and two BWP over 65 km/h
- stop and go penalty 2 Behaviour Warning Points
- causing a collision 1 or 2 Behaviour Warning Points depending on the severity of the offence

Other offences may give rise to BWP as decided by the Stewards of the Meeting.

Behaviour Warning Points will only be awarded to drivers for their own actions, not those of the Team or Team-mates (e.g. pit stop infringements, track limits). The number of BWP awarded will be listed on the Decision of the Stewards of the Meeting or may be the subject of a separate decision.

The number of BWP will be calculated per driver:

- A driver with 3 points will receive a 5-place grid drop for the car in which he is driving for the next race
- A driver with 4 points will receive a 10-place grid drop for the car in which he is driving for the next race
- A driver with 5 points or more will receive a minimum of a drive-through penalty for car in which he is driving, to be applied at the next race.

After these penalties have been awarded, the driver will have 3 behaviour warning points deducted from their score and the remainder will be carried forward to the next Competition in which the driver takes part.

Behaviour warning points will be carried forward to the next event.

For each Competition in which the driver participates but gains no additional behaviour warning points, two points will be deducted.

Negative scores will not be taken into account.

By decision of the Stewards, Behaviour Warning Points may be carried over from the previous season or carried on to the next season and may be carried over between any rounds that are run by SRO that also use the behaviour warning point system.

## **18. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

**18.1** Protests shall be made in accordance with the Code. Appeals will be heard by the RACB. The appeal fee is €2.000 (two thousand euros) which should be paid by bank transfer to the RACB, (IBAN : BE54 3100 2286 4097 - BIC : BBRUBEBB)  
The protest fee is €500 (five hundred euros) which must accompany the protest.

**18.2** Protests lodged after Race 1 may be heard after Race 2.

**18.3** In accordance with FIA International Sporting Code Article 12.2.4, appeals may not be made against any element of decisions resulting in the imposition of any of the following penalties:

- Drive-Through or Stop & Go penalties (including those imposed during the last laps of a race, or after the race, and converted to a time penalty);
- Time penalties (whether imposed during or after the race);
- Drop of grid positions;
- Cancellation of practice or qualifying lap times (whether imposed by the Race Director or Stewards);

## **19. MANDATORY EQUIPMENT**

### **19.1 Data Acquisition System**

All Competitors must use the GT4 European Series data acquisition system as defined by SRO and listed in Appendix 7. This system must be used throughout each Competition and must work at all times during each Competition. It serves exclusively to store the data acquired, which may be checked at any point during any Competition. The weight of the system is included in the minimum weight of the car.

All costs connected with the checking, servicing and updating of the system are borne entirely by the Competitors.

Please see article 27 for all information concerning the use of the Data Acquisition System.

### **19.2 Incident Camera**

It is the responsibility of each Competitor to obtain an onboard Camera system and to install it in strict compliance with the relevant instructions.

The weight of the Incident Camera system is included in the minimum weight of the car.

The camera must face the front of the car and show the track. In view of the camera must be a brake light that is repeated on the dashboard. The data from the onboard camera system may be used by the stewards, race director, or promoter to investigate incidents. All data from onboard camera system(s) is/are property of the promoter and will be returned to the team after the Event.

Until the end of the Parc Fermé after the last race, only Officials may remove memory cards.

### **19.3. Transponder**

Each driver must use the driver timing transponder specified by the Promoter throughout the Competition. It is the responsibility of each Competitor to obtain this transponder at their own expense, to install it, to make it work correctly, and to ensure it is showing the correct information at all times. This transponder must be installed in strict compliance with the relevant instructions. Any problems with the transponder must be notified to the Race Director immediately.

To ensure that the proper driver is shown at all times, the driver ID must not be changed before the car is stationary and must be correctly changed before the car crosses the pit exit loop.

Teams are responsible for making sure the correct driver is shown at all times on the timekeeping system.

If an incorrect driver ID is recorded at pit entry or pit exit, a penalty may be imposed by the Stewards according to the following scale:

Fines will be awarded according to the following provision:

- First offence: three hundred euros (300 euros)
- Second offence: five hundred euros (500 euros)
- Third offence: one thousand euros (1.000 euros)

Please see Appendix 7 for details of the compatible Transponders.

#### **19.4 Lumirank**

A light panel approved by the Promoter, showing the car's position, must be installed in each car according to the position set down in the Promoter's Graphical Charter given in Appendix 3. It will be the responsibility of each Team to obtain and install the car position light panel according to the instructions issued by the Promoter, and to ensure that it is working correctly at all times. Please see Appendix 7 for further details.

#### **19.5 GPS**

Teams will be required to install data units for the purpose of transmitting GPS positioning data to the timekeeping system. It will be their responsibility to obtain and install this unit in accordance with the instructions given by the Promoter, and to ensure that it works correctly at all times during the sessions. Any such data may be used by Officials to inform any investigations or decisions. Failure to use the GPS correctly may result in a penalty from the Stewards.

Should any car be involved in a serious collision, Teams are required to return the GPS box to Swiss Timing for checks.

### **20. DRIVING STINTS AND PIT STOPS**

#### **20.1 Mandatory Pit Stop**

a) A mandatory pit stop for changing the driver is to be carried out during each of the 2 races. The car must cross the pit entry line from 25:00:00 after the Official start of the race until 34:59.99 after the Official start of the race. Only one driver change may take place during the race. Any pit stops taken before the start of the pit window will not count as the mandatory pit stop.

c) If the Safety Car is on track or a Full Course Yellow period is in operation at the time when the pit window is scheduled to open (25:00 after the start of the race) the pit window will be delayed. When the green flag is shown at the end of the SC or FCY period, the pit window will open immediately. The pits will then remain open for 10 minutes for the mandatory stops. Any pit stops taken before the start of the new pit window will not count as the mandatory pit stop. Should the Safety Car be called on track, or a Full Course Yellow period be declared, during the pit window, the race director may extend the time of the pit window by a time between one and three minutes.

d) If the Race Director decides for any other reason than given in clause c) above that the pit window cannot be opened at the scheduled time then he may take the decision to delay the pit window. In this case, the Teams will be informed via the monitors and the radio. A new pit window will be

communicated, which will be given in terms of the time remaining in the race. Any pit stops taken before the start of the new pit window will not count as the mandatory pit stop.

## **20.2 Pit Stop Time**

A minimum pit stop time will be imposed for the GT4 European Series. The pit stop time will be issued in a Bulletin from the Stewards for each event. Any car whose pit stop time is less than the given time between pit in and pit out will be given a penalty by the Stewards of the Meeting.

There will be a one second tolerance which may be used once during each race meeting. The tolerances will not be aggregated or carried over to the next Event

The minimum pit stop time will be calculated by taking the pitlane delta (Pit in – Pit Out at 50 kph)

- +65 seconds for the mandatory Driver change pitstop only.
- +95 seconds to change driver and tyres from wet to dry (or vice versa) during the mandatory pit window.
- +95 seconds to change tyres from wet to dry (or vice versa) outside of the mandatory pit window.
- There is no minimum time for additional stops for minor repairs or changing one tyre (due to a puncture) other than the delta outside of the pit window.

Tyre changes are only authorised in case of a change of adherence or damage to a tyre or tyres duly confirmed by the Technical Delegate or Race Director.

The exact time for the Mandatory Pit Stop and Tyre Change Pit Stop will be issued in a Bulletin from the Stewards.

## **21 NUMBER OF CARS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE**

The maximum number of cars allowed to take part in practice and to start any race is calculated according to Supplement n°2 of Appendix O to the Code.

If the number of applications to enter any round exceeds the maximum number as calculated above or a lower number given in the Appendix 1 document for the event, the Competitors will be selected according to the criteria of the Promoter.

## **22. LIVERIES – NUMBERS – GRAPHICAL CHARTER**

**22.1.** Each car will carry the race number allocated by the Promoter. Race Numbers must be an integer between 0 and 999. Race numbers will be unique within the GT4 European Series during the season and may not be reused by another Competitor. The number 1 will be reserved in priority for the winning Team from the GT4 European Series from the previous season.

Race numbers and advertising on the cars must be in conformity with the Promoter's Graphical Charter for the Event and must be clearly visible from the front and from each side of the car. Any logo on doors, bonnet or roof which could be confused with a car's racing number is prohibited.

Additionally, each car must carry its race number on the rear of the car. The numbers will be provided by the Promoter.

**22.2 Not in use**

**22.3 Not in use**

**22.4** If it is impossible to identify a car from its numbers, it may be stopped by the Race Director or the Clerk of the Course.

**22.5** Each car and driver must adhere to the Promoter's Graphical Charter for each Competition in terms of the decoration of the car and driver overalls, as well as the restrictions noted in Article 11.3 k). Any infractions will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. Please see Appendix 3.

**22.6** Each car and driver must adhere to the Pirelli Graphical Charter issued before the start of the season. Any infractions will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. Please see Appendix 3.

### **23. ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS**

**23.1** At each Event, the ASN will check the licences of all Teams and drivers, who must sign on at the time and place mentioned on the Official Timetable, as well as signing any waivers requested by the ASN and approved by the Promoter. All drivers must have authorisation to compete abroad from their ASN. Any driver or Team failing to complete their administrative checks during the allotted time will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. Any driver or Team who is unable to attend at the given time must inform the Stewards of the Meeting in writing. The Organiser will ensure that he has a copy of the licences of all the drivers and Competitors taking part in the Competition. The list of Competitors and drivers and cars allowed to take part in the Competition will be published before the start of the Free Practice Session. Teams and Drivers who are not in compliance with Article 22.5 will not be listed.

**23.2** No Competitor, Driver or other person concerned with an Automobile can be required to sign any waiver or other document unless this requirement is stated in the regulations.

**23.3** During the administrative checks, the Competitors must confirm in writing their Official representative(s) for the Event.

### **24. SEAN EDWARDS FOUNDATION TEST**

All drivers taking part in the GT4 European Series must complete the Sean Edwards Foundation assessment test before taking part in their first Competition of the season. Furthermore, the Stewards of the Meeting may insist that any driver take the test at any point during any event.

Team managers may be requested to attend various sporting workshops.

### **25. BRIEFING**

A briefing by the Race Director will take place at the latest on the day of the free practice in the location specified in the Appendix 1 of the Competition.

All drivers entered in the Competition, and their Competitors' appointed representatives, must be present throughout the briefing. Any driver unable to attend must inform the Stewards of the Meeting in writing.

Except for force majeure, any absence may result in a penalty from the Stewards of the Meeting according to the following scale :

First offence: Five hundred euros (500 euros)

Second offence: Seven hundred and fifty euros (750 euros)

Third offence: One thousand euros (1.000 euros)

Fines may be accompanied or replaced by an obligation to accomplish some work of public interest in accordance with article 12.3.1.c of the International Sporting Code.

If the Race Director considers that another briefing is necessary, it will be held at a place and time agreed with the Stewards of the Meeting. The drivers and the Competitors' representatives will be informed accordingly.

Any driver seen to be using a mobile phone during the briefing for any purpose other than taking a photo of the presentation will be considered to be absent and will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

## **26. SCRUTINEERING**

**26.1** Each Competitor must have all documents required by Article 3.6, and the various documents relating to his car, available for inspection at any time during the Event. Each car must bear identification stickers clearly visible from the rear and from each side of the car.

**26.2** Competitors must present a technical passport (with first pages completed and pictures added) and homologation form for each of their cars entered in the Competition. The technical passport will be established the first time a car is presented for Scrutineering.

**26.3** Cars must be presented to Scrutineering at the time indicated on the Scrutineering Timetable in the following condition :

- with homologation forms and the car passport,
- with fuel cell and safety cage certificate,
- without fuel,
- with restrictors, ready for sealing, wire to be provided by the Team,
- with ballast, ready for sealing, wire provided by the Team,
- with the engine ready for sealing. Competitors must drill sufficient holes in the ribs and/or two consecutive screws in the sump, cylinder head and cylinder head covers. Twisted wire must be installed on each side of the engine, coming from the sump, joining each group of screws, holes or ribs so that these parts cannot be separated. Wire ends must be long enough to allow the plaques and seals to be affixed,
- for cars equipped with turbo chargers, the turbo must be ready for sealing, pre-wired,
- with identification and additional lights installed if applicable,
- with all mandatory stickers (technical / safety / Series sponsors) in accordance with the Graphical Charter (see Appendix 3),
- with slick tyres.

**26.4** The weight of the car and other figures (number of seals, restrictor diameter) that will be written in the technical passport are under the sole and entire responsibility of the Competitor. It is always up to the Competitor to provide, at any time during the event, proof that his car and equipment are in conformity with the regulations and current BOP decisions.

**26.5** Any breaking of a seal during the event must be requested in writing to the Technical Delegate.

**26.6** **Not in use**

**26.7** All drivers competing in the GT4 European Series must use a helmet which complies with International Sporting Code Appendix L Chapter III Article 1 and with the FHR devices that are homologated by the FIA. Drivers must wear overalls, gloves, long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes, which meet the FIA Standard FIA 8856-2000. Helmets and clothing must pass Scrutineering before the first time any driver takes part in a round of the GT4 European Series, as well as whenever there is a change of any of the items which have already been checked. The driver does not need to be present when his equipment is presented. Drivers may be requested to present any or all equipment to the ASN at any time during any event. Driver overalls must be checked for conformity to Article 22.5 and Article 11.3 k).

**26.8** **Not in use**

**26.9** The Official Series and sponsors patches provided by the Promoter must be stitched or embroidered on the drivers and mechanics overalls in accordance with ISC Appendix L Chapter II Article 2. Any breach of this Article may lead to sanctions imposed by the Stewards.

**26.10** Initial Scrutineering of the car and of the drivers' equipment and sporting checks for the Competitors will take place in accordance with the Official Timetable for the Event. Any Competitor unable to attend at the given time must request permission in writing to the Stewards, who may grant a waiver. Competitors who do not keep to these time limits or who do not obtain a waiver may be given a penalty according to the following scale :

- First offence: Five hundred euros (500 euros)
- Second offence: Seven hundred and fifty euros (750 euros)
- Third offence: One thousand euros (1.000 euros)

Teams must abide by the instructions of the Officials and pit lane marshals when proceeding to Scrutineering.

Fines may be accompanied or replaced by an obligation to accomplish some work of public interest in accordance with article 12.3.1.c of the International Sporting Code.

**26.11** No car and no driver may take part in the Competition until they have been passed by the Scrutineers.

**26.12** The Scrutineers may:

- a) check the eligibility of a car or of a Competitor at any time during an Event and may conduct checks without prior request from the Race Director or Stewards.
- 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. At the end of qualifying, and of the races, the car must contain at least 2 kg of fuel. The 2 kg of fuel must be taken in the Parc Fermé through an FIA-approved self-sealing connector, fitted immediately before the injectors (see Technical List n°5). The sample-taking must be done prior to any check requiring the engine to be started.
- e) check the air restrictor diameters:
  1. Competitors are obliged to equip their engines with intake restrictors as provided for in Article 257A of ISC Appendix J and in Article 4.1 1 b), and modifications throughout the season made by the SRO Technical Board.
  2. The dimensions and geometry of the restrictors must comply with the Regulations and/or any decision and modifications throughout the season made by the SRO Technical Board, at all times and in all temperatures.
  3. The restrictors to be checked and marked must be accessible during the Scrutineering of the cars.
  4. The information entered on the technical passport for each Competition is the responsibility of the Competitor, who will sign it, once he has filled in all requested information.
  5. Each restrictor will be identified by means of a metal plate indicating the serial number of the seal. This number will also appear in the technical passport. The diameter must be engraved on the restrictor. It will be up to the Competitor to ensure that the Scrutineer is able to see the plate and the seal very easily simply by opening the bonnet.

**26.13** Before the end of the initial Scrutineering, the cars must be presented in race condition but without fuel for weighing in the Scrutineering garage. At this moment, the restrictor plates will be identified.

**26.14** At the end of the qualifying practice session and after the finish of the races, all classified cars must make their way to the Parc Fermé for checking. The presence of an Official representative of the Competitor is required.

**26.15** Any car which, after being passed by the Scrutineers, is dismantled or modified in a way which might affect its safety or call into question its eligibility, or which is involved in an accident with similar consequences, must be re-presented for Scrutineering approval.

**26.16** With the exception of the races, the Scrutineers may request a car to stop in the Scrutineering Garage at any point during a session for checks to take place. Any infractions will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

**26.17** The Race Director or the Clerk of the Course may require that any car involved in an accident be stopped and checked.

**26.18** The Stewards of the Meeting will publish the Scrutineers' findings each time cars are checked during the Event. These results will not include any specific figures except when a car is found to be in breach of the Technical Regulations.

**26.19** 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.

## **27 DATA LOGGER & ECU**

**27.1** A data-logger with additional sensor must be installed in all cars at all Competitions in accordance with article 19.1. SRO Data Technicians will check all data loggers prior to the first free practice. Cars without loggers or with loggers which are not working correctly are not in conformity with the regulations and may be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. The data-logger must be fitted with the interface for the Timing GPS module.

**27.2** The data-logger is also a Scrutineering device and data will be used for Scrutineering purposes. The reference engine data will be the data collected during the 2019 SRO Official BOP test or those collected during other tests and races with the current BOP decisions.

**27.3** Only the Data cards supplied with the Data Logger or by the data technician are authorised to be used during the Event.

No data, memory cards or similar storage media shall be extracted or removed from the datalogger system during the event. This can only be done by the data technicians or Scrutineers working for the Technical Delegate. The removal, extraction or manipulation (manually, electronically or in any other form) of data or memory cards or similar storage media or the data logger will be reported to the stewards.

Data cards and any other component of the Data logging system may be sealed at any time.

**27.4** Information on the installation and use of the data logger is given in Appendix 12.

**27.5** The data thus collected must remain at the disposal of the SRO Technical Department and the Technical Delegate. The SRO Technical Department can be assisted by technicians specialized in electronic systems in order to ensure the correct operation and the conformity of the readings of the data logging system and the conformity of the various systems with which the cars are equipped.

They may at any moment remove, exchange or control the various electronic components of a car and draw up a report to the Technical Delegate on their investigations, and they reserve the right to keep the components they have removed for later analysis.

No protest or appeal will be accepted concerning these controls and removed components. If a case of non-conformity is noted (either during or after the Event), this may be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

**27.6** The data logger must work throughout the Competition, including during every practice. Controls may be carried out at any time during the Event. Competitors cannot leave the Event before their data loggers have been downloaded or unless the Stewards have given their consent for them to leave.

**27.7** The GPS antenna of the data logger should be mounted on the roof and no other antenna can be within 30 cm of this. If needed, the SRO Technical department can require Competitors to remove other antennas from the roof.

## **28 WEIGHING**

**28.1** At any time during the Event, the Technical Delegate or Scrutineers may select cars to be weighed.

To identify which driver is on board the car, each driver must bear on both sides of his helmet a numbered sticker plus any other identification mark required by the Organisers of the Event in agreement with the Stewards of the Meeting and the Technical Delegate.

**28.2** Should the weight of a car be less than that specified on the Balance of Performance table for that Competition, the Competitor concerned may be given one of the penalties set out in Article 28.7, save where the deficiency in weight results from the accidental loss of a component of the car.

**28.3** No substance may be added to, placed on, or removed from a car after it has been selected for weighing or has finished the race or during the weighing procedure (except by a Scrutineer when acting in his Official capacity and in accordance with the technical regulations, or when requested to do so by a Scrutineer).

**28.4** No one other than Scrutineers and Officials may enter or remain in the Scrutineering garage without the specific permission of the Technical Delegate.

**28.5** A car must carry an Official television on-board camera and its equipment if so requested. The weight is included in the weight of the car as specified on the Balance of Performance sheet for that Competition. All cars must be prepared to allow the installation of the camera according to Appendix 9. Teams are responsible for the camera installed and any non-accidental damage may be reported to the Stewards.

**28.6** A Competitor may fit one or more personal cameras in the car. The Competitor must obtain written permission from the Promoter and from the Technical Delegate for each camera. The installation must be presented at the time of Scrutineering. Any cameras considered unsafe will be removed. The weight of the complete equipment is not included in the minimum weight of the car. Cameras transmitting live video footage are not authorised. Cameras affixed to helmets are not authorised.

**28.7** The average weight of the drivers in any car competing in the Series must be at least 85 kilograms. Should the average weight of the drivers in any specific car be less than 85 kg, the car will be expected to carry Driver Ballast to compensate. The following procedure will be followed:

i. Each Competitor must declare the weight of his drivers, including overalls, underwear, shoes, gloves, helmet and HANS, at the time of the administrative checks

- ii. The average weight of the drivers in the car will be calculated and rounded up to the nearest integer being (W)
- iii. If  $W < 85$ , then the Driver Ballast to be carried by the car will be  $85 - W$
- iv. The Driver Ballast must be installed in the ballast box and sealed before qualifying.
- v. The Driver Ballast, as well as the individual weight of the drivers in question, may be checked at any point during the event. Any anomalies will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. Penalties may go as far as cancellation of times in Qualifying or Disqualification from the race.
- vi. The Driver Ballast is not included in the minimum BOP weight of the car.
- vii. For all cars, if  $W > 85$  then the weight of  $W - 85$  may be removed from the minimum BOP weight (if any) of the car.

**28.8** In the event of any breach of these provisions for the weighing of cars, the Stewards of the Meeting may drop the Competitor as many grid positions as they consider appropriate or disqualify him from the session or race.

## **29 SUPPLY OF TYRES AND TYRE LIMITATIONS DURING THE EVENT**

### **29.1 Tyre Supply**

Only tyres from the official Pirelli distributor for GT4 European Series, approved and registered by the Promoter and sold at the Event, will be accepted. Tyres must be ordered and paid by the deadlines set by Pirelli, failing which tyres will not be supplied.

Only one type (specification and dimensions) of dry-weather tyre and one type of wet-weather tyre will be registered per car.

The list of the approved tyre specifications will be published at the latest two weeks prior to the first Event in the Series.

All tyres must be used as supplied at the event by the tyre manufacturer specified by the Promoter. The only exception is for Race by Race entrants, that are allowed to have 'used' tyres from a previous SRO GT4 European Series event. They must comply with the specifications determined by Article 29.2. Any chemical and/or mechanical treatment of the tyres is prohibited. The original tyre tread and profile may not be modified or cut. Modification to marking, reference, information written on the tyre or any traceability means is forbidden. This includes the barcode, manufacturer serial number, type of tyre, dimensions and any other relevant items.

Teams are recommended to adhere to the limits detailed in the technical booklet issued by Pirelli and received from the Promoter before the first Official Event, as well as to any other Technical Bulletins received during the season.

Teams and drivers are required to sign the acknowledgement of risks form issued by Pirelli before the first time they compete in the Series. A new form must be signed should a driver change Team. On entering the Series, Teams are required to sign and return the 'supply agreement with Teams' issued by Pirelli.

A new tyre is a tyre that has not been previously registered and/or allocated to a car. A set of tyres must comprise two front tyres and two rear tyres.

### **29.2 Dry and Wet weather tyres**

Dry-weather tyres: only tyres with no tread pattern are accepted as dry-weather tyres.

Wet-weather tyres: a wet-weather tyre is a tyre which is designed for use on a wet track, and is grooved more than 30% symmetrically around the tyre centre-line and covering a square:

### **29.3 Control of tyres**

1. The control of the tyres will be carried out according to a process defined by the Promoter.
2. The outer sidewall of all tyres which are to be used at a Competition must be marked with a unique identification.
3. Other than in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the Stewards of the Meeting), the barcode list of all dry-weather tyres intended for use at an Event must be presented to the Technical Delegate prior to the end of initial Scrutineering.
4. A used tyre is one that has been registered for a previous Competition with the same car number. For race-by-race Competitors, this is considered to be any previous event in which the car was entered. Used tyres must be presented to the tyre manufacturer for checking and re-registration following the process defined by the Promoter and the Tyre Manufacturer. Pirelli maintains a list of the tyres which have been recorded during the season. Used tyres must be taken to Pirelli for re-registration before any new tyres are fitted.

### **29.4 Tyre-heating devices**

All tyre-heating devices are forbidden

### **29.5 Joker Tyres**

Each car competing in the GT4 European Series has an allocation of one joker tyre per Competition, which can be used to replace any tyre which has been damaged or is otherwise unusable. The use of a joker tyre will only be authorised on information from the Race Director or Stewards that the car was involved in an Incident or other on-track occurrence, and confirmation from the tyre manufacturer and/or Technical Delegate that the tyre to be replaced may no longer be safely used. A formal request must be made in writing, and must include the reference of the damaged tyre and the reference of the tyre replacing it. If no Joker tyre is requested during a Competition, this joker tyre is considered to have lapsed and cannot be carried over to the next Competition.

### **29.6 Change of Chassis & Car Number**

- Should a car change race number during the season but remain with the same Competitor, the used tyres will be transferred to the new race number
- Should a Competitor change the model of car during the season so that the used tyres are no longer suitable, then the car will be treated as a new Competitor in terms of tyres. However, if the Competitor then reverts to the old model, the previously used tyres must be used.
- Should a car be transferred between Competitors, the new Competitor may choose either to retain the used tyres or to be considered as a new Competitor.

### **29.7 Not in use**

### **29.8 Not in use**

### **29.9 Not in use**

### **29.10 Tyre Limitations**

For all cars at the first event of the season, and for race-by-race Competitors, at their first Competition of the season, a maximum of three new sets (S1 to S3) and a minimum of two new sets (S1 to S2) may be registered, to be used as follows:

- a) S1 to be used in Free Practice 1 and 2 only
- b) S2 – S3 (optional) to be used for Qualifying and Races only

From the second Competition onwards for full season Competitors and for returning race-by-race Competitors, a maximum of two used sets (S1, S2) and a maximum of two new sets of tyres (S3 to S4) and a minimum of one new set of tyres (S3) may be registered as follows:

- a) S1 and S2: two used sets for use in Free Practice 1 and 2 only
- b) S3 – S4 (optional) to be used for Qualifying and Races only

In case of a puncture or other damage during Qualifying or Race, another tyre from those registered for the Competition may be used to replace it. This replacement must be notified to the Technical Scrutineers.

There is no limitation on the number of wet-weather tyres that can be used during the Competition. The use of tyres without appropriate identification is strictly forbidden during the whole Competition.

### **29.11 Tyre Limitations for Wet Weather Tyres**

Wet-weather tyres may be used only after the track has been declared wet by the Clerk of the Course/the Race Director for the session (free practice and qualifying). For the race, the use of wet-weather tyres is free. Wet-weather tyres will not be marked and there is no limit on how many of them may be used.

In all cases, any infractions will be penalised by the Stewards.

## **30 BALANCE OF PERFORMANCE, OFFICIAL TEST SESSIONS AND PRIVATE TESTING**

### **30.1 Balance of Performance**

Due to the nature of the cars and the choice of circuits, a specific Balance of Performance can be carried out for cars taking part in the GT4 European Series.

Balance of Performance testing sessions of the FIA GT4 models running in the GT4 European Series will be held before the start of the season. All cars competing in Endurance Competitions will have to be equipped with their endurance pack if it is available and has been homologated.

All manufacturers whose cars will be competing in the 2020 season must enter at least one of their cars for the purposes of Balance of Performance Testing. A penalty may be imposed by the SRO Technical Board on any Team which does not attend, except for force majeure accepted as such by the Board.

Additional performance tests may be carried out at any point during an Event and Teams will be required to allow their cars to take part in these tests if selected.

The SRO Technical Board is allowed to modify any parameter required to establish the SRO Balance of Performance.

The SRO Technical Board reserves the right to adjust the Balance of Performance until 120 minutes before the start of Race 1. Teams will be notified of any such changes during the Event via a Bulletin from the Stewards.

If the Stewards are satisfied that any Competitor or manufacturer has provided information which was misleading or has inappropriately influenced the BOP process or where a Competitor's or manufacturer's subsequent performance is higher than the expected result, they may impose sanctions or penalties before, during or after a Competition.

The SRO Technical Board will distribute the various circuits used by the Series into at least four groups, each with a specific Balance of Performance.

A : High speed lower downforce

B : High speed medium downforce

- C: Mid speed higher downforce
- D: Low speed medium downforce

The list of circuits and their type will be issued before the start of the season. Any changes of circuit type will be notified at least two weeks before the start of the event.

Cars must comply at all times during each competition with the information and instructions given in the Balance of Performance document for the relevant category of Track, the current version of which will be validated by the Stewards for each event via a Bulletin.

Should a car be not in conformity with its SRO/RACB GT4 Technical Form and/or the applicable Balance of Performance, it will be reported to the Stewards who may apply a penalty up to and including disqualification from the Competition.

### **30.2 Official Test Sessions**

Not applicable for 2020.

### **30.3 Official Paid Test Sessions**

Additional paid private testing sessions may be authorised by the Promoter before certain events. Any such official paid test sessions will be open to all Competitors but will not be mandatory. These sessions will not be considered as part of the meeting. Please see Appendix 4 for the provisional schedule. There will be no limitations on the number of tyres for these event test sessions, but they must be in conformity with the principles laid down in article 29.1, namely either new tyres or used tyres from previous events of the GT4 European Series, or purchased for other SRO-promoted GT4 series. Tyres used during these sessions may not be marked for use during an Event.

The price per car and the instructions for any such tests will be made available before the Event.

Test sessions organised by Curbstone do not constitute Official tests, and they will be subject to the same testing deadlines as other private tests.

### **30.4 Not in use**

**30.5** Official test sessions (mandatory or non-mandatory) will not be regarded as being part of any Event or Competition, and drivers and cars which are not registered for the Series may be permitted to take part at the sole discretion of the Promoter.

### **30.6 Not in use**

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### **30.7 Not in use**

### **30.8 Hardship Laps**

In exceptional circumstances, Teams may request a hardship lap in order to check a car after significant repairs or other issues. Any such requests must be made to the Stewards of the Meeting. If authorised, any such laps will be scheduled, when possible, at the end of a previous session and will consist of a single lap from pit out to pit in without crossing the timing line.

### **30.9 Private Testing**

Private testing on any circuit which will host a Series Competition is forbidden as from 10 days before the start of each Event (the day when Administrative checks start) and until the date scheduled for that event.

Private testing means any testing carried out by any Team entered in the GT4 European Series involving driver(s) entered for any event with GT4 cars homologated by the RACB

Participation in Competitions, including Official test sessions, counting towards other Championships or Series is not considered as private testing. However, participation in non-mandatory sessions included during these Competitions is not authorised.

Development test sessions organized by the official tyre supplier, Pirelli, are not considered as private testing. Permission will be granted for teams and drivers, nominated by the Car Manufacturer of reference, to take part in any such tests when requested by Pirelli to the Sporting Board.

Private testing at a circuit on the calendar may be authorised if the circuit configuration used is significantly different from that being used for the GT4 European Series Event. 'Significantly' would normally mean using fewer than half the same corners.

Written permission for any private testing after the deadline given above must be obtained from the SRO Sporting Board.

Any breaches of these rules will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting at the relevant Competition of the Series. Penalties may go as far as disqualification from that Competition.

### **31 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES – CARS, PIT WALKS AND AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS**

**31.1** In order to retain a level of equality between Teams and drivers, the following restrictions apply during all Events:

- a. Additional laps with the race cars and drivers entered in the Competition are only authorised as part of media activities to aid the promotion of the Event, including tracking laps for photo shoots, filmed laps for TV programmes or other activities organised by the Promoter.
- b. Promotional activities with road cars may be organised by Teams for their VIP guests or Media with permission from the Promoter. Promotional activities with GT4 race cars are not authorised except with exceptional permission from the SRO Sporting Board. Drivers competing in the GT4 European Series may take part in any such activities.
- c. Promotional activities with race cars which are not eligible for the GT4 European Series may be authorised with permission from the Promoter. Drivers competing in the GT4 European Series may take part in these activities.
- d. There are no restrictions on drivers and Teams competing in other races taking place at the same Event, as long as this does not impact on their participation in the mandatory elements of the main GT4 European Series, including briefings, podiums, press conferences etc.

Any breaches of these rules will be reported to the Stewards. Penalties may go as far as disqualification from the Competition.

**31.2** Cars are expected to remain at the track from the time they are scheduled to undergo Scrutineering until the end of the Competition. Exceptions, as specified in advance by the Promoter, may include Parades, Car exhibitions and Demonstrations taking place outside the circuit or neighbouring areas.

**31.3** Autograph sessions may be scheduled during any Event at the time given in the Official Timetable. Drivers are expected to attend any such sessions, dressed in Team uniform, at the scheduled time, and to make themselves available for the full duration.

## 32 GENERAL CAR REQUIREMENTS

No signal of any kind may pass between a moving car and anyone connected with the car's Competitor or driver, save for the following:

- legible messages on a pit board;
- body movement by the driver;
- lap trigger signals from the pits to the car;

Lap marker transmitters shall be battery-powered and, once operating, must be free-standing (not attached to any other pit equipment by means of wires or optical fibres) and incapable of receiving external information. Such lap triggers shall use a transmitter operating with a carrier frequency above 10 GHz (radio or optical) and a beam half angle of no more than 36° when measured at the 3dB point, and shall not be used for the transmission of any data from pit to car other than the lap mark. Lap mark data must be transmitted repeatedly and must be demonstrably consistent;

- verbal communication between a driver and his Team by radio;
- electromagnetic radiation between 2 and 2.7 GHz is forbidden, save with the written consent of the Promoter
- Telemetry is not allowed.
- **IMPORTANT:** no item, installation or antenna is permitted which may interfere at any time with the Official data logger, timing, GPS, radio or TV systems.

## 33 GENERAL SAFETY

**33.1** Official instructions will be given to drivers by means of the signals set out in Appendix H of the Code. Competitors are responsible for observing and complying with these at all times and must not use flags similar in any way whatsoever to these. At circuits where flag signals are supplemented by light panels/signals, both means of signalling will be deemed to have regulatory value.

**33.2** Drivers are strictly forbidden to drive their car in the opposite direction to the race unless this is absolutely necessary in order to move the car from a dangerous position and in accordance with the instructions of the marshals.

A car may only be pushed to remove it from a dangerous position as directed by the marshals. This rule is also applicable when the car is parked in the Parc Fermé.

**33.3** Any driver intending to leave the track must signal his intention to do so in good time, making sure that he can do this without danger.

**33.4** During practice and the races, drivers may only use the track and must at all times respect the provisions of the Code relating to driving behaviour on circuits.

**33.5** A driver who abandons a car on the track must leave it in neutral or with the clutch disengaged and with the steering wheel in place.

**33.6** Repairs to a car may only be carried out inside or outside the pits, on the working lane, on the starting grid or as provided for in Article 47. A driver who manages to repair the car after it has been pushed to a place of safety, with or without remote assistance from their Team, may rejoin the session.

**33.7** The Organiser must make at least two fire extinguishers of 5 kg capacity available at each pit garage and ensure that they work properly.

**33.8** 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 Team's designated pit garage area, in the pit lane or on the starting grid.

**33.9** At no time may a car be reversed in the pit lane under its own power.

**33.10** Drivers must use the track at all times.

The white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not. A driver will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with the track. Should a car leave the track for any reason the driver may rejoin.

However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage.

Drivers consistently crossing the white lines defining the edge of the circuit, whether or not they gain an advantage, will be stopped during the free practices, have their lap time(s) cancelled during qualifying and may receive a drive through penalty during the race. The Stewards of the Meeting can apply any other penalty available.

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.

Notifications will be for the car, not the driver.

**33.11** a) During the periods commencing 15 minutes prior to and ending 5 minutes after every practice session, and the period between the commencement of the formation lap which immediately precedes the races and the time when the last car enters the Parc Fermé, no one is allowed on the track with the exception of:

- marshals or other authorised personnel in the execution of their duty;
- drivers when driving or under the direction of the marshals;
- 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.

b) At any time during a Competition, a driver may join the track, including the pit lane and the grid, only after starting the engine alone and unaided, and leaving his working area with no external assistance.

c) During a race, the engine may only be started with the starter except on the grid or after a Stop and Go penalty, where the use of an external starting device is allowed. The car must leave its position in the pit lane with no external intervention. Any car reported to have received assistance to start will be given a stop and go penalty, during which the car must be started by the driver alone.

d) A car may only leave its working area when it is ready to rejoin the track, and must proceed down the pit lane respecting the pit lane speed limit, without slowing or stopping, except for force majeure.

**33.12.** Drivers taking part in free practice, qualifying practice and the races must always wear the clothes, underwear, helmets, and FIA-approved head restraint specified in Appendix L to the Code.

**33.13** A driver coming into the pits must not unfasten his safety harness or racing net until his car is completely stopped in front of the pit garage. After a pit stop, the car must only start moving after the driver's safety harness and racing net have been fastened. It is the car controller's responsibility to ensure that a driver is properly buckled in before the car leaves its working area to enter the track.

While driving in the fast lane of the pits, the driver must have at least one hand on the steering wheel at all times. He may unplug the radio or disconnect the drinks bottle and other such items but should not be distracted from watching the road ahead while doing any of these things. Tension in the belts may be loosened but the belts must remain in contact with the driver so that they are considered to still be properly restrained in accordance with ISC Appendix L chapter III article 4. The driver's safety harness must be securely fastened before the car leaves the Team's working area but, on exiting the pits, the driver may further tighten the belts or adjust them. Any infractions may be reported to the Stewards.

For the avoidance of doubt, the dispensation granted under Article 33.13 for the adjustment of safety harness belts does NOT extend to the positioning of belts in relation to the FHR. The driver must ensure that the harness and FHR are correctly positioned before leaving the working area and that the fitting of

the harness and FHR meets the standards laid out in the International Sporting Code Appendix L Chapter III Article 3 at all times when the driver is seated in the vehicle either on track or moving in the pit lane.

**33.14** Extrication and Recovery exercises may take place before the Competition. Selected Teams will be notified by the Stewards of the Meeting and must make their car available at the stated time.

**33.15** If a driver has serious mechanical difficulties during practice or the races, he must leave the track or return to his working area as soon as it is safe to do so. At no time may a car be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner that 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, the pit lane or the pit exit.

**33.16** The car's regulatory lighting system must function at all times during the Competition. Any car that does not present the minimum illumination listed below, may be stopped by the Clerk of the Course for repairs:

- At the Front: 2 headlights (right and left) and 2 direction indicators
- At the Rear: 2 lights, 2 direction indicators and 2 stop lights / brake lights.
- Also, should the weather conditions deteriorate, the rain light.

**33.17** Drivers may not flash their headlights (main beams) as a warning or indication more than 3 times in succession between any two successive corners. Any car reported to have exceeded this number of flashes will be given a warning. A second infraction for any car during the Competition will result in a drive-through penalty.

**33.18** Not in use

**33.19** The car's headlights, red rear light and rear rain lights must be illuminated at all times when it is running on a track that has been declared a "wet track". It shall be at the discretion of the Race Director to decide whether a driver should be stopped because his car's lights are not working. If a car is stopped for that reason, it may re-join the Competition once the fault has been remedied.

Once a race has been declared Wet, it remains Wet for the remainder of the Race. However, instructions will be issued from Race Control to indicate when lights can be switched off.

**33.20** Not in use

**33.21** A maximum of six working Team members per participating car are allowed on the pit wall signalling area reserved for the Team during practice and the race(s). People under 16 years of age are not allowed in the pit lane, on the pit wall or on the grid, except during the 'pitlane walkabout' or the 'grid walk' when they may be allowed if accompanied by an adult and if authorised by the circuit. Personnel must adhere to the regulations concerning clothing and helmets according to Article 12.2. Infractions will receive penalties according to the following provision:

- First offence: Three hundred euros (300 euros)
- Second offence: Four hundred and fifty euros (450 euros)
- Third offence: Six hundred euros (600 euros)

**33.22** Animals, except those which may have been expressly authorised for use by security services, are forbidden in the pit area, on the track and in any spectator area.

**33.23** The Race Director, the Clerk of the Course or the Chief Medical Officer can require a driver to undergo a medical examination at any time during an Event.

**33.24** At the end of any session or race, each driver may cross the Line only once.

**33.25** Failure to comply with the general safety requirements of the Code or these Sporting Regulations may result in the disqualification of the car and driver concerned from the Competition.

### **34 PIT LANE, PIT GARAGES AND PIT LANE ALLOCATION**

**34.1** The allocation of working space in the pit lane will be done according to the following order:

- 1) Specific requests from the Promoter or Event Organiser
- 2) The Team which is currently leading the GT4 European Series

Once these Teams have chosen their working area, the remaining Teams will be placed according to whatever criteria the Promoter deems suitable. The Teams listed above must respond by the given deadline or they will lose their priority. Any choice, once given, is irrevocable.

The Promoter retains the right to override or cancel the above-mentioned working space allocation due to commercial, sporting or other reasons.

Teams must abide by the working space allocation document issued by the Promoter for each event with each car placed in the corresponding space.

**34.2** The installation of Teams and their equipment in the pit lane and working lane will take place subject to the approval of the Race Director and/or the Pit Lane Supervisor, whose decision is final.

**34.3** The working area for each Team will be in front of its pit garage(s) and will be the only working area for all of its cars. The limits of the area allotted to each Team may be indicated or marked on the ground by the Pit Lane Official in consultation with the Race Director. No Team may exceed the marked limits with their equipment.

Should the conditions at any circuit not allow for this to be followed, the procedure for allocating the working area for each Team will be given in the Appendix 1 document prior to the event, or in a Bulletin from the Stewards of the Meeting during the Event.

**34.4** For the avoidance of doubt and for description purposes, the pit lane shall be divided into two lanes.

The lane closest to the pit wall is designated the "fast lane", and the lane closest to the pit garages is designated the "working lane" and is the only area where any work may be carried out on a car. The "working lane" is formed on one side by a line painted in front of the pit building and on the other by a line separating it from the "fast lane".

**34.5** Competitors must not paint lines on any part of the pit lane. Any markings made with tape must be removed at the end of the Event.

Suppliers may not install floors, lighting, etc without specific written authorisation from the Promoter.

**34.6** Smoking, making fire and welding are all strictly forbidden in the pit garages as well as within a six-metre radius. No welding operations can be carried out within this perimeter, and no devices generating sparks will be allowed in this area.

**34.7** LPG gas cylinders and accessories are strictly forbidden in the pit lane, in the pit garages and for a distance of at least five metres behind the pit garages, as well as inside the Competitors' trucks. Any infractions may result in a penalty according to the following scale: Fines will be awarded according to the following provision:

First offence: Three hundred euros (300 euros)

Second offence: Four hundred and fifty euros (450 euros)

Third offence: Six hundred euros (600 euros)

**34.8 Not in use**

**34.9 Not in use**

**34.10 Not in use**

**34.11** A speed limit of 50 km/h will be enforced in the pit lane. Any driver exceeding the limit above will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting. Penalties will be normally imposed according to the following schedule :

- During the Free Practice: First offence : warning. Any further offences will result in a fine of 50 euros per kilometre over the 50km/h limit.
- During Qualifying Sessions: A fine of 50 euros per kilometre over the 50 km/h limit
- During the races: First offence : a fine of 50 euros per kilometre over the 50 km/h limit. Second offence : a drive-through penalty. Third offence : be a fine and a drive through penalty. These will be cumulative over the two races. Any further offences will be penalised at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting.

**34.12** Unless a car is pushed from the grid at any time during the start procedure, cars may only be driven from the Team's designated pit garage area to the end of the pit lane.

**34.13** Any driver intending to start the race from the pit lane may not drive his car from his Team's designated pit garage area until the pit exit is closed and must stop in a line in the fast lane.

**34.14** No equipment may be left in the fast lane. A car may enter or remain in the fast lane only with the driver sitting in the car behind the steering wheel in his normal position, and under its own power.

**34.15** A maximum of five minutes before the start of any practice session or qualifying session, cars may be allowed to drive from their allocated working area to queue in the fast lane. Cars may only leave their working area to queue after an instruction of 'FAST LANE OPEN' has been given on the timing monitors and/or the Team radio. Should it not be possible to give this instruction, cars may not move until the pit lane exit is green.

Cars moving from their working area before they have received either the FAST LANE OPEN instruction or a green light at pit exit may be reported to the Stewards. This also applies after a red-flag interruption to a practice or qualifying session.

**34.16** It is the responsibility of each Competitor to release his car after a pit stop only when it is safe to do so. Cars in the fast lane have priority over those leaving the working lane. Cars must move from their working area to the fast lane prior to exiting the pit lane across the pit lane exit loop.

**34.17** Cars must leave the working area in an appropriate manner. Any infractions will result in a penalty.

**34.18** During the race, cars may only leave their working area when they are ready to rejoin the race. They must proceed down the pit lane at a suitable pace, respecting the pit lane speed limit. Except for safety reasons, they may not stop in the fast lane, or proceed at low speed.

**34.19** At all times when the cars are allowed onto the track:

a) No tools or equipment may be left in the working area once a pit stop is over.

e) At the start of any session, cars should be at an angle of 45 degrees, nose towards pit exit.

Except during qualifying, cars should stop parallel to the pit building for pit stops, and should park at 45 degrees at other times. During qualifying, they must be parked at an angle of 45 degrees to the pit lane, with the rear of the car to the pit garage and the nose facing towards the pit exit. Any changes to this

article according to the specific layout of each individual circuit will be given in a Bulletin from the Stewards of the Meeting.

f) At all times, cars must be pushed in front of the pit/garage and the engine must be restarted by the driver alone, and the car must leave the working area with no external assistance.

g) During Qualifying, any car which stops around the track and is brought back to the paddock by external means will be placed in Parc Fermé and will not be allowed to take part in the rest of the session. This applies even if the car, for any reason, is returned to the Team. Cars which are able to rejoin after external assistance and return to the pit lane via the track may take part in the rest of the session.

### **35 FUEL, FUEL RIGS, FUEL CELL & FUEL CIRCUIT**

**35.1** Only the fuel supplier designated by the Promoter may be used by all the Competitors at the Competitions. The specifications of the fuel may be provided upon request to the Promoter.

**35.2** All fuel used during the Competition must be purchased on site. Fuel samples will be checked and infractions will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

**35.3** Refuelling is not allowed during any session or race, including the gap between Qualifying 1 and Qualifying 2

**35.4** Refuelling may only take place in the team's allocated area in the paddock, under full security procedures. Teams must abide by the paddock instructions issued at each event.

### **36 PIT STOPS – GENERAL**

**36.1** No work can be carried out on the car and no change of driver can take place until the car has come to a complete stop at its designated working area, and its engine is switched off. Except when work is being carried out on the car, all personnel must remain behind the white line designating the start of the working lane or on the pit wall.

**36.2** For any pit stop, cars must stop a minimum of 50 cm from the white line designating the start of the working area.

Should a car overshoot its pit garage, it may be pushed back to its location by the mechanics, under supervision of the marshals with yellow flags.

**36.3** Only the car controller and the replacing driver are allowed in the working area a maximum of one lap before the pit stop of the car.

**36.4** No equipment must be in the working area before the car has stopped in front of the pit garage. No personnel may hold panels on the working lane, or stand behind stationary panels. No lollipops or panels may be fixed or shown from the pit wall towards the pit lane. Team personnel may use lollipops to indicate to the cars from the working zone.

Team personnel and equipment must withdraw as soon as the work is complete.

#### **36.5 Number of personnel**

No more than three mechanics may be in the working lane at any one time.

A car controller (the 4th member), wearing a white armband, may stand at the front of the car and oversee the work of the mechanics. He may walk around the car but must not touch the car in any way and may only make visual checks.

#### **Clothing**

Each Competitor must ensure that its mechanics and car controller wear

- Clothing with at least short sleeves; long sleeves, rolled down so also the forearms are covered are highly recommended;

- Long trousers rolled down, so the full legs are covered;
- Closed shoes.

**36.7** Carry-on / backpack compressed air bottles for tyre changes are not permitted. Air bottles must be solidly fixed to the gantry. Hoses, cables etc must not be attached to the mechanics' overalls by any means. No autonomous equipment may operate without its mechanic.

**36.8** During any pit stop, whatever the reason, the driver is obliged to turn off his engine.

For any tuning or regulating, the engine may be started with the help of an auxiliary source of energy. However, before the car is ready to rejoin the track, the engine must be switched off.

Other than for tuning or regulating, the car's engine may be restarted only when the car is about to join the track and is in contact with the ground, on all four wheels. The car must leave the working area with no external assistance.

**36.9** Any breach of the provisions of the Code or these Sporting Regulations relating to pit lane assistance will entail penalties at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting, up to the disqualification of the car and driver(s) concerned from the Competition. The Organiser must ensure that a sufficient number of marshals have been designated to carry out all the work and controls necessary in the pit lane.

**36.10** During sessions, cars may be placed on skates in the working lane when they need to be moved.

**36.11** All personnel in the working lane during pit stops must wear an armband. If not specified in the regulations, this will be an orange armband. This does not include personnel crossing between the pit wall and the garage.

### **37. DRIVER CHANGES**

**37.1** During the mandatory pit stop during the race, the driver being replaced may help the replacement driver to install himself in the car but may not work on the car. One driver helper wearing an orange armband may help the drivers during the driver change operation. This person is however not allowed to do anything else during the pitstop.

A car controller, wearing a white armband, may oversee the work of the mechanics. He may walk around the car, but must not touch the car, the drivers or the replacement parts in any way and may only make visual checks.

### **38. TYRE CHANGES**

**38.1** If tyre changes are authorised, they may only be carried out on the car in the pits/working area of the pit lane and parallel to the pit lane. Only ambient pressurised air can be used to fill the tyres or operate the air guns.

1) Personnel authorised in the pit lane working area for tyre changes:

- The following armbands will be issued to each car and must be used as follows during the pitstops:

- 1 white armband for the car controller;
- 3 red armbands for mechanics working on the car;

The following armbands will be issued for other personnel in the pit lane:

- orange armband for additional people in the pit lane
- yellow armband for Industry

Armbands may only be worn on the arm. Any infractions may be reported to the Stewards

No work can be carried out on the car and no change of driver can take place until the car has

come to a complete stop at its designated working area and its engine is switched off.

Except when work is being carried out on the car, all personnel must remain behind the line designating the start of the working lane or on the pit wall. Only the car controller ("lollipop man" with the white armband) and the replacing driver are allowed in the pit lane a maximum of one lap before the pit stop of the car.

During a mandatory pit stop during the race, the driver being replaced may help the replacement driver to install himself in the car but may not work on the car.

No personnel may hold panels standing in the fast lane or stand behind stationary panels in the working lane. Team personnel may use lollipops to indicate to the cars from the working zone.

A maximum of 2 mechanics, clearly identified for the whole procedure wearing red armbands (the same two mechanics must carry out the whole operation, having no possibility to swap their tabard or armband) are allowed to carry out any operations needed to change the tyres. These two people may come into the working area and start these operations only once the car has stopped in front of the pit garage, with the engine off.

- They must:
  - o A maximum of one air gun for central locked wheels or two electric or air guns for wheels locked by nuts and bolts may be in the working zone at any time.
  - o The use of a torque wrench is allowed.
  - o Take the new wheels and put the replaced ones inside the pit,
  - o Carry permanently the detached wheels when they are outside the pit. However, in order to facilitate the wheel changes, it is possible to lay them flat on the ground near the car.
  - o Not throw the wheels or drop them,
  - o Take the equipment back inside the pit.
- Any other Team members standing in the working area (working lane, Article 34.4) will be considered as mechanics and working on the car, as will a driver if he performs any work on the car. A penalty may be imposed on a team for any additional team member in excess of the persons authorised above.

One mechanic with a red armband may wash/clean the windscreen and lights, remove dirt or grass from the radiator grille, change the water bottle or assist the drivers during the driver change. Removing a tear-off film is considered to be cleaning the windscreen. Replenishment of lubricant and various fluids, without fuel, is allowed during the free and qualifying practice and race.

A driver helper wearing an orange armband may help the drivers during the driver change operation. This person is however not allowed to do anything else during the pitstop.

- A data technician may download data from the car by cable, card or data stick, without performing any other task
- 1 'tyre' technician and 1 'brake' technician external to the Team may, without intervening or working on the car, proceed to conduct visual checks as well as with a temperature probe or pressure gauge. They will wear an armband in accordance with Article 12.4.

**38.2** The car cannot leave the pit working area until all personnel and equipment are no longer in the working area. 'Personnel' includes the tyre and other pit stop personnel, but does not include the Car Controller (who has to be in the working zone for the release of the car) or the exiting driver.

### **39. OTHER OPERATIONS IN THE PITS**

**39.1** Other operations, including replenishment of lubricants and various fluids, may be carried out on the car in the working lane.

For free practice and qualifying these operations must be carried out in the pits/working area of the pit lane and parallel to the pit lane. Whenever possible, all cars will park parallel. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, a bulletin will be issued and the race director will advise during briefings.

### **40. REPLACEMENT OF MECHANICAL PARTS**

During the Event, it is forbidden to replace the following parts on pain of a penalty which may go as far as disqualification:

- the engine, i.e. the turbo(s), the cylinder head(s), cylinder head cover(s), oil pan and engine block, parts that may be attached by means of seals,
- the chassis or the monocoque structure.

Changes which take place before the start of Qualifying will be subject to the approval of the Stewards. Changes after the start of Qualifying will be subject to a minimum penalty of a 10-place grid drop and a maximum penalty of a pit lane start.

### **41. FREE PRACTICE AND QUALIFYING PRACTICE**

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

**41.2** No driver may take the start of a race without having taken part in qualifying practice, except in a case of force majeure duly recognised as such by the Stewards. Drivers who set a time within 120% of the fastest time during the relevant session during pre-qualifying or free practice may be authorised by the Stewards of the Meeting to take part in the race.

**41.3** During the free and qualifying practice sessions, controls on the tyre markings may be carried out before the cars take to the track under the orders of the marshals, and there will be a green light and a red light at the pit lane exit. Cars may only leave their working area according to the procedure detailed in Article 34.15. Cars may only leave the pit lane when the green light is on at the start or restart of a session. Further, a blue flag or a blue flashing light will be shown at the pit lane exit to warn drivers leaving the pit lane if cars are approaching on the track.

**41.4 Not in Use**

**41.5 Not in Use**

**41.6 Not in Use**

#### **41.7 Event format for Competitions with two one-hour races**

There will be two free practice sessions of a maximum of 60 minutes. No additional time will be added if there are any unforeseen stoppages. There will be no Parc Fermé after free practice unless requested by the Race Director or Stewards.

#### **Free Practice 1**

The list of competitors, cars and drivers allowed to take part in the Competition must be published after the close of the administrative checks and scrutineering. No driver may take the start of the race without taking part in qualifying practice, except in a case of "force majeure" duly recognised as such by the Stewards.

## Free Practice 2

Free Practice 2 will be considered to be a pre-qualifying session for the races.

In the case that, for any reason, the Qualifying session cannot take place, or is stopped before times can be set, the best time from each driver during the Free Practice 2 session will be used to set the grid, with the best time from Driver 1 setting the grid for Race 1, and the best time from Driver 2 setting the grid for Race 2.

## Qualifying

No driver may take the start of either Race without completing one timed lap (not including in and out laps) in either the Q1 or Q2 qualifying practice sessions, except in a case of force majeure duly recognised as such by the Stewards.

Drivers who set a time within 120% of the fastest time during free practice may be authorised by the Stewards of the Meeting to take the start of the race. Permission must be requested from the Stewards of the Meeting for any such drivers in order to be allowed to take the start of the race.

Only in the most exceptional circumstances can a delay or other difficulty on race morning result in a change to the starting time of the races.

There will be two qualifying practice sessions of a minimum of 15 minutes. Driver 1 must take part in qualifying session 1 and driver 2 must take part in qualifying session 2.

- Starting order for Race 1 will be determined by the best qualifying time of qualifying 1.
- Starting order for Race 2 will be determined by the best qualifying time of qualifying 2.
- The driver of qualifying 1 must take the start of Race 1.
- The driver of qualifying 2 must take the start of Race 2.

This order may be reversed by the Appendix 1 of the Competition or by Bulletin from the Stewards of the Meeting.

Driver 1 will be the lower-categorised driver, Driver 2 will be the higher categorized driver. Exception; for safety reasons, this may be reversed in a specific car should the categorisation not reflect the relevant speed of the drivers.

Should the drivers be of the same category, the driving order must be given by the team at least 60 minutes before the start of the free practice sessions. If the team fails to do so before the given deadline, the driving order decided by the Promotor will be mandatory for the rest of the Event.

From 5 minutes before the green flag at the start of Qualifying session 1, all cars must be parked in the working lane at an angle of 45 degrees, nose towards the pit exit.

There will be a minimum 5-minute break between Qualifying session 1 and Qualifying session 2. Directly after Qualifying session 1 is finished the break will begin. Qualifying session 2 will start when the green light is switched on. The exact start time of Qualifying session 2 will be announced on the timing monitors. During the break all cars will be considered to be under Parc Fermé rules and no work may be done on the cars except for change of driver and tyres. No refuelling is allowed. No laptops or computers are allowed to be connected to the car. No data transfer may be carried out. If this is not respected it will be notified as a violation of the Parc Fermé rules and will be reported to the Stewards.

**41.8** In the event of a driving infringement during any practice session, the Stewards of the Meeting may drop the driver as many grid positions as they consider appropriate. Unless it is absolutely clear that a driver committed a driving infringement, any Incident will normally be investigated after the relevant session. Any determination of breach in this respect, or the consequent penalty imposed, shall not be subject to appeal.

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

The car may also be moved with help other than that of the marshals (i.e. any equipment, e.g. tractor, etc.) and re-join the session.

Any driver taking part in any practice session who, in the opinion of the Stewards of the Meeting, stops unnecessarily on the circuit or unnecessarily impedes another driver, shall be subject to the penalties in accordance with Article 41.8.

**41.10** The Race Director or the Clerk of the Course may interrupt practice as often and for as long as he thinks necessary to clear the track or to allow the recovery of a car. In the case of free practice only, the Race Director or the Clerk of the Course may decline to prolong the practice period after an interruption of this kind, with the agreement of the Stewards of the Meeting.

Furthermore if, in the opinion of the Stewards of the Meeting, a stoppage is caused deliberately, the driver concerned may have his times from that session cancelled (in substitution or in addition to other available penalties) and may not be permitted to take part in any other practice session that day.

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

**41.12** All cars abandoned on the circuit during the free practice sessions will be brought back to the pits as soon as possible and may participate in the subsequent session. However, during Qualifying, if a car is brought back to the paddock on a truck or other recovery vehicle it will not be allowed to take any further part in Qualifying.

**41.13** With the exception of a lap in which a red flag is shown, each time a car crosses the Line it will be deemed to have completed one lap.

**41.14** In all qualifying sessions, the driver designations as Driver 1 and Driver 2 must be in accordance with the driver order declared by the Team before the end of Administrative checks. Changes to this order once published may only be authorised by the Stewards in accordance with article 13.2 d). Only one driver may compete in any one qualifying session. No driver may compete in more than one qualifying session. Any changes from the declared order will be reported to the Stewards and the qualifying times may be cancelled.

## **42. STOPPING THE PRACTICE**

Should it become necessary to stop the practice because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the Race Director or, in his absence, his Deputy or the Clerk of the Course shall order a red flag and the abort lights to be shown at the Line. Simultaneously, red flags will be shown at all the marshal posts. If red lights are available, these will be switched on as well.

When the red flag is deployed, all cars shall immediately reduce speed to 80 km/h. The cars shall proceed back to the pits (or any other place indicated by the Race Director) with extreme caution and no overtaking .

After a red flag has been deployed, cars may only leave their working area in accordance with Article 34.15.

All cars abandoned on the track will be moved to a safe place. Stopping in the fast lane is not permitted.

#### **43. GRID**

**43.1** At the end of qualifying practice sessions one and two, the fastest time achieved by each driver will be published officially.

**43.2** Not in Use

**43.3** Qualifying Session 1 will set the grid for Race 1.  
Qualifying Session 2 will set the grid for Race 2.

Once the grid has been established, grid position penalties (if any) will be applied to the drivers in question in the order in which the decisions were issued.

**43.4** The pole position will be the position on the grid which was the pole position in the previous year or, on a new circuit, which has been designated on the FIA circuit licence.

**43.5** Any driver who has not qualified for the race and who has failed to set a time in either free practice sessions or pre-qualifying within 120% of the fastest time in the relevant session may nevertheless be allowed by the Stewards of the Meeting to take part in the warm-up (if applicable) or in the races. Where such a driver has set a lap time within the 120% limit in a free practice session, pre-qualifying or warm-up during a previous Competition this may be taken into consideration. Should more than one driver be accepted in this manner, the Stewards of the Meeting will determine their order. In neither case may a Team appeal against the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting.

**43.6** The grids will be in a 2 x 2 formation and the rows will be separated by at least 8 metres.

**43.7** Any car which has not taken up its position on the grid by the time the 5-minute signal is shown will not be permitted to do so and must start from the pit lane.

**43.8** The final starting grid for any Race will be published at the latest one hour before the start of that race.

Any Competitor whose car(s) is/are unable to start one of the races for any reason whatsoever (or who has good reason to believe that their car(s) will not be ready to start) must inform the Race Director or Technical Delegate accordingly at the earliest opportunity and, in any case, no later than 70 minutes before the start of the race concerned.

If one or more cars are withdrawn, the grid will be closed up accordingly.

#### **44. STARTING DRIVERS**

**44.1** Not in Use

**44.2** Not in Use

**44.3** The driver of qualifying 1 must take the start of Race 1. The driver of qualifying 2 must take the start of Race 2. Any unauthorised changes to this order will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

#### **45. STARTING PROCEDURE**

**45.1** Competitors must be present on the Pre-Grid twenty five (25) minutes before the start of qualifying and the race. If all the cars are located in the pit garages the Pre-Grid will not be compulsory.

A minimum of 15 minutes before the time for the green flag/start of the formation lap of the Race, the cars will leave the pits to cover a reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap they will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped. Only the nominated starting driver may drive the car for the reconnaissance laps.

Any car which does not finish the reconnaissance lap and does not reach the grid or the pit lane under its own power will not be permitted to start the race from the grid and, if able to do so, must start from the pit lane.

**45.2** A maximum of 5 minutes after the pit lane opens, the pit lane will close. A warning signal announcing the closing of the pit lane exit will be given two minutes beforehand.

Any car which is still in the pits can start from the pits, but only under the direction of the marshals. It may be moved to the pit exit only with the driver in position.

Where the pit exit is immediately after the Line, cars will join the race when the whole field has passed the pit exit on its first racing lap.

Where the pit exit is immediately before the Line, cars will join the race as soon as the whole field has crossed the Line after the start.

The remainder of the starting procedure will take place in accordance with the Official Timetable of the Event until the 10-minute board.

**45.3** Wheel changes on the starting grid may only be allowed prior to the 3-minute signal. Wheels may only be brought onto the grid before the pit lane closes; this may be altered by a Bulletin from the Stewards of the Meeting depending on the Official Timetable of the Event.

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

- When the three-minute signal is shown, no more work can be performed on the car. All cars the cars must be resting on their wheels and the wheels must have been tightened.
- After this three-minute signal, wheels may only be removed in the pits, except under Article 37.17.
- A penalty may be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three-minute signal.
- Everybody except drivers, officials and maximum one (1) team technical staff must leave the grid
- When the one-minute signal is shown, engines must be started, and the last mechanic must leave the grid.

**45.5** Fifteen-second signal: 15 seconds after this signal, a green flag/light will be shown at the front of the grid whereupon the cars will begin a formation lap with the Official Leading Car, maintaining their starting order. During this lap, practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible.

The starting procedure of a Competition may be modified by the Appendix 1 or by Bulletin from the Stewards.

Overtaking during the formation lap is permitted only if a car is delayed when leaving its grid position and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, drivers may overtake only 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 from the end of the pit lane.

Any driver who is delayed leaving the grid may not overtake another moving car if he was stationary after the remainder of the cars had crossed the Line and must start the race from the back of the grid. If more than one driver is affected, they must form up at the back of the grid in the order in which they left to complete the formation lap. If the Line is not situated in front of the pole position, for the purposes of this article only, it will be deemed to be a white line one metre in front of pole position.

A drive-through penalty will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards of the Meeting, unnecessarily overtook another car during the formation lap.

The speed of the Official Leading Car must be around 80 kph during the formation lap.

**45.6** Any driver who is unable to start the formation lap must indicate this to the marshals. When leaving the grid, all drivers must proceed at a greatly reduced speed until clear of any Team personnel standing beside the track.

Marshals will be instructed to push any car (or cars) remaining on the grid into the pit lane by the shortest route as soon as all cars able to leave the grid have done so. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start his car until in the pit lane.

**45.7** When all cars are lined up side-by-side for the start, the Official Leading Car will reduce the speed of the field to 50 km/h before pulling off the track into the pit lane. From that moment, the car on pole position will be in charge of the speed. The leader will then slowly increase his speed to a maximum of 110 Km/hr by the moment of the start.

During the briefing the Race Director may define a 'Starting Zone' from which point the start can be given. In this case, the cars will only be authorised to race and overtake once they have entered the zone.

Any divergence from the prescribed instructions before the start is given will result in a penalty.

During the formation lap the red light will be on. No car may overtake another one before the starting signal is given.

**45.8** There will be a rolling start as described in the Code. Race timing will commence at the point that the race start signal (green light or other start signal as specified in the Drivers' Briefing) is given. Should an additional formation lap be carried out, Article 45.9 will apply.

During the start of a race, the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of properly authorised Officials and fire marshals, all of whom shall have been issued with and shall be wearing the appropriate pass. During a start behind safety car, the Team personnel may return to the pit wall once the cars have left the grid.

**45.9** If a problem arises when the cars reach the Line at the end of the formation lap, the red light will stay on. Yellow flags will be displayed at all marshal posts. The cars, with the pole position leading, will complete a new formation lap.

They will be joined and led by the Official leading car and will continue for another formation lap.

Should such an additional formation lap be carried out, the race timing will commence at the end of the first formation lap.

**45.10** A penalty will be imposed for a false start if so reported by start line judges, judges of fact, the Race Director or the Starter.

**45.11** Only in the following cases will any variation in the starting procedure be allowed:

- a) If it starts to rain after the five-minute signal but before the race is started and, in the opinion of the Race Director, Competitors should be given the opportunity to change tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and the starting procedure will begin again at the 10-minute point. If necessary, the procedure set out in Article 45.4 will be followed.
- b) If the start of the race is imminent and, in the opinion of the Race Director, the volume of water on the track is such that it cannot be negotiated safely even on wet-weather tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and information concerning the likely delay will be displayed on the timing monitors. Once the start time is known, at least ten minutes' warning will be given.
- c) If the race is started behind the Safety Car, Article 46.8 will apply.
- d) In certain cases, according to the Supplementary Regulations of the Event or by decision of the Race Director and the Promoter, a shortened starting procedure may be stipulated.

In this case, a minimum of 10 minutes before the time for the green flag/formation lap, the cars will leave the pit lane to cover a reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap they will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped. Any car coming into the pit lane at the end of this lap will not be allowed to go out onto the track again and will take the start from the pit lane only after the start has been given and the complete field of cars has passed the exit of the pit lane or, where the pit exit is immediately before the Line, the whole field has crossed the Line after the start. The starting procedures will then continue with Article 45.4 onwards.

**45.12** The Stewards of the Meeting may use any video or electronic means to assist them in reaching a decision. The Stewards of the Meeting may overrule judges of fact. A breach of the provisions of the Code or these Sporting Regulations relating to starting procedure may result in the disqualification of the car and drivers concerned from the Competition.

## **46. THE RACES**

**46.1** A race will not be stopped in the event of rain unless the circuit is blocked or it is dangerous to continue (see Article 47)

**46.2** If a car stops during the race, it must be removed from the track as quickly as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or hinder other Competitors. If the driver is unable to drive the car from a dangerous position, it shall be the duty of the marshals to assist him. He may also be moved with help other than that of the marshals (i.e. any equipment, e.g. tractor, etc.) and re-join the race.

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

### **FULL COURSE YELLOW**

#### **46.4 Full Course Yellow**

Should it be necessary for safety reasons, whenever a car is stopped in a dangerous location, whenever track vehicles are working near the track, marshals are working close to the track or other similar situations, the Race Director will declare a Full Course Yellow period.

A Full Course Yellow period will be deemed to be in operation from the moment a Full Course Yellow countdown is declared on the Team Radio or on the Screen.

The message FCY will be displayed on the monitors and the instruction Full Course Yellow will be given on the Team Radio after a countdown.

Waved yellow flags and FCY boards will be shown at all marshal posts, at the Line and at pit exit.

At this point, all cars must be at 80 km/h. Overtaking, except for safety reasons accepted as such by the Race Director or Stewards of the Meeting, is forbidden. Cars must proceed at a constant speed in single file.

Speeds will be monitored and any car exceeding the given speed will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting and a penalty may be given.

The pit lane entry and exit will remain open. Cars entering the pit lane may overtake cars that are on the track once they cross Safety Car Line 1. Cars exiting the pit lane may overtake other cars until they reach Safety Car Line 2.

Once the problem is resolved, the track will return to Green and the information will be given on the monitors and Team radio. Alternatively, should the problem not be resolved, the Safety Car may be deployed according to Article 46.5 and 46.6

#### **46.5 Safety Car**

The Race Director will call for a Safety Car intervention whenever circuit vehicles are on the track, when cars need to be guided to avoid workers, when barriers are damaged, medical intervention is needed or other situations where it is deemed necessary.

#### **46.6 Safety Car intervention after FCY**

At the start of any Incident which may need the Safety Car to be deployed, a Full Course Yellow period may be declared before the Safety Car is deployed. In this case, the Safety Car will join the track, with its lights off, and will overtake the cars on track until it reaches the leader. It will then switch on its lights, and the SC boards will be shown. From this point onwards it will proceed according to Article 46.7.

#### **46.7 Safety Car Procedure** (in accordance with Appendix H of the ISC, article 2.10)

When the order is given to deploy the safety car, all marshal posts will display waved yellow flags and "SC" boards and the orange lights at the Line will be illuminated, for the duration of the intervention.

The safety car will start from its designated location with its orange lights illuminated and will join the track regardless of where the race leader is.

All the competing cars must then form up in line behind the safety car no more than five car lengths apart, and overtaking, with the following exceptions, is forbidden until the cars reach the Line (or the next race neutralisation end point) after the safety car has returned to the pits.

Overtaking will be permitted under the following circumstances:

- if a car is signalled to do so from the safety car;
- any car entering the pits may pass another car or the safety car after it has crossed the first safety car line;
- any car leaving the pits may be overtaken by another car on the track before it crosses the second safety car line;
- when the safety car is returning to the pits or its intermediate position, it may be overtaken by cars on the track once it has crossed the safety car line;
- any car stopping in its designated garage area whilst the safety car is using the pit lane may be overtaken;
- if any car slows with an obvious problem.

Any car being driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers at any time whilst the safety car is deployed will be reported to the stewards. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry the pit lane or the pit exit.

When ordered to do so by the Race Director or, in his absence, the Clerk of the Course, the observer in the safety car will use a green light to signal to any cars between it and the race leader that they should

pass. These cars will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of cars behind the safety car.

The safety car shall be used at least until the car in the lead is behind it and all remaining cars are lined up behind the leader. Once behind the safety car, the race leader must keep within 5 car lengths of it and all remaining cars must keep the formation as tight as possible.

However, due to pit stops during the procedure, the Race Director may decide to restart without having all cars lined up behind the Safety Car.

While the safety car is in operation, competing cars may enter the pit lane, but may only rejoin the track when the green light at the end of the pit lane is on. It will be on at all times except when the safety car and the line of cars following it are about to pass or are passing the pit exit.

A car rejoining the track must proceed at an appropriate speed until it reaches the end of the line of cars behind the safety car.

Under certain circumstances, the Race Director or, in his absence, the Clerk of the Course may ask the safety car to use the pit lane. In this case, and provided its orange lights remain illuminated, all cars must follow it into the pit lane without overtaking. Any car entering the pit lane under these circumstances may stop at its designated garage area.

When the Race Director (or his Deputy or the Clerk of the Course in his absence) calls in the safety car, its orange lights will be extinguished; this will be the signal 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 five car lengths behind it. In order to avoid the likelihood of accidents before the safety car returns to the pits, from the point at which the lights on the car are extinguished, drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration, braking, or any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart. As the safety car is approaching the pit entry, the yellow flags and SC boards at the marshal posts will be withdrawn and replaced by waved green flags with green lights at the Line and at the Intermediate race neutralisation end point(s). These will be displayed until the last car crosses the Line.

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

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 chequered flag as normal without overtaking.

#### **46.8. Starting the race behind the Safety Car**

In exceptional circumstances, the race may be started behind the safety car. In this case, at any time before the one-minute signal, its orange lights will be turned on. This is the signal to the drivers that the race will be started behind the safety car. When the green lights are illuminated, the safety car will leave the grid with all cars following in grid order no more than 5 car lengths apart. There will be no formation lap and the race will start when the green lights are illuminated.

If the Race Director determines that the race should start behind the Safety Car, the start procedure and countdown may be adjusted to ensure that, as far as is practicably possible, the green lights and, therefore, the race start, will be at the time scheduled in the Official Timetable for the Event.

Overtaking, during the first lap only, is permitted if a car is delayed when leaving its grid position 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.

Soon after the last car in line behind the safety car passes the end of the pit lane, the pit exit light will turn green; any car in the pit lane may then enter the track and join the line of cars behind the safety car.

Any driver who is delayed leaving the grid may not overtake another moving car if he was stationary after the remainder of the cars had crossed the Line, and must form up at the back of the line of cars behind the safety car. If more than one driver is affected, they must form up at the back of the field in the order in which they left the grid. A penalty will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, unnecessarily overtook another car during the first lap.

A safety car may be used as the Official Leading Car for a rolling start; in this case, the regulations governing the start will apply to it until it resumes its Safety Car function after the start has been given.

## **47. SUSPENDING AND RESUMING THE RACE**

### **47.1 Suspending the race**

Should it become necessary to suspend the race because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the Race Director / Clerk of the Course 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, cars must slow to a maximum of 80 km/h and overtaking is forbidden. The pit exit will be closed and all cars must proceed slowly to the red flag line where they must stop in single file and will be placed under Parc Fermé conditions.

The safety car will be placed in front of the cars lined up behind the red flag line.

While the race is suspended :

- Subject to the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting and the Promoter, the length of the race suspension may be added to the remaining time for the race,
- Only Officials are allowed on the grid
- The drivers are allowed to get out of their cars, to remove helmets and gloves, but must remain with their cars
- No driver changes are permitted
- The drivers must obey the marshals' instructions at all times

#### **a) For cars on the grid**

All interventions on the cars are prohibited on the grid, unless authorisation is given from race control, who may authorise checks on tyres, covering the car in case of rain and the use of a maximum of two fans to cool the brakes. If authorised, this may be carried out by a maximum of two Team members.

b) Any cars which were in the pits before the signal to suspend the race was given are also under Parc Fermé conditions and all work must stop when the red flag signal is given. Once the three-minute board is shown work may resume on these cars. At any point after the three-minute board and before the green flag, any such car may move to the end of the pit lane and after the green flag may join at the back of the line of cars behind the safety car.

c) Any cars which entered the pit lane after the red flag signal was given must proceed to their working area under Parc Fermé conditions. Once the three-minute board is shown for the race to resume, work may commence on these cars. They may move to the end of the pit lane when the race has been resumed, and may join at the end of the first lap after the race has been resumed. This also includes any cars pushed off the grid after the 10-minute board.

**Red flag during pit window** : Should a red flag be deployed during the mandatory pit window, all cars must return to the pit lane, where they will be under Parc Fermé conditions until the Race Director instructs otherwise. The race will be restarted using the race order at the end of the last full lap before

the opening of the pit window, with the second driver behind the wheel. Further instructions will be given by the Race Director.

On the instructions of the race director, cars which have not made their pit stop will be released from Parc Fermé only to change tyres and driver.

Should it not be possible to resume the race, the final classification will be that of the race order at the end of the last full lap before the opening of the pit window.

#### **47.2 Not in Use**

#### **47.3 Resuming the race**

The delay will be kept as short as possible and as soon as a resumption time is known, Teams will be informed via the timing monitors, Team messaging and Team radio; 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.

The race director, for safety reasons, may decide to authorise a tyre change from slick to wet-weather tyres. If authorised, this must take place between the ten and five-minute boards.

From the 10-minute board, the cars on the grid are no longer under Parc Fermé conditions and Team members may access the grid only to assist the driver, check tyres and brakes, bring and connect an external battery only for the purpose of restarting the engine and, if authorised by the race director, to change the tyres.

A Team may, with permission from the Race Director, remove a car from the grid. In this case, they will be allowed to rejoin the race with the cars according to article 47.1 c).

When the five-minute signal is shown, all cars must have their wheels fitted. After this signal, wheels may only be removed in the pit lane or on the grid during a further suspension of the race.

A penalty will be imposed on any Competitor whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the five-minute signal.

When the three-minute signal is shown, the cars must be resting on their wheels. A penalty will be imposed on any Competitor whose car was not resting on its wheels or did not have all its wheels tightened at the three-minute signal.

At some point after the three-minute signal, which will depend on the expected lap time, any cars between the red flag line and the leader will be waved off to complete a further lap, without overtaking, and join the line of cars behind the Safety Car.

For cars in the pit lane, the information in article 47.1 b) and c) must be followed.

When the one-minute signal is shown, engines will be started. All Team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15-second signal is given, taking all equipment with them. If any driver needs assistance after the 15-second signal, he must indicate this to the marshals and, when the remainder of the cars able to leave the grid have done so, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the pit lane. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car (or cars) concerned to warn drivers behind.

Any driver who is unable to start this lap must indicate this to the marshals. When leaving the grid, all drivers must proceed at a greatly reduced speed until clear of any Team personnel standing beside the track.

Marshals will be instructed to push any car (or cars) remaining on the grid into the pit lane by the shortest route as soon as all cars able to leave the grid have done so. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car and must follow the instructions of the marshals.

The race will be resumed behind the Safety Car when the green lights are illuminated. The Safety Car will enter the pits after one lap unless all cars are not yet lined up behind it, or the Safety Car may continue until the Race Director decides it is safe to resume the race.

When the green lights are illuminated, the Safety Car will leave the grid with all cars following, in the order in which they stopped behind the red flag line, no more than 5 car lengths apart. Soon after the last car in line behind the Safety Car passes the end of the pit lane, the pit exit light will turn green. Any cars which were in the pit lane before the red flag (article 47.1 b)) may then enter the track and join the line of cars behind the Safety Car. Cars which entered the pit lane after the red flag (article 47.1 c)) may move to the end of the pit lane after the race has resumed, and rejoin after the first lap behind the safety car.

Overtaking during this lap is permitted only if a car is delayed when leaving the red flag line and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, drivers may overtake only to re-establish the order they were in before the race was suspended. During this lap, Article 2.10 of ISC Appendix H will apply.

Any driver who is delayed leaving the red flag line may not overtake another moving car if he was stationary after the remainder of the cars had crossed the red flag Line, and must form up at the back of the line of cars behind the Safety Car. If more than one driver is affected, they must form up at the back of the field in the order in which they left the grid.

A penalty will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards of the Meeting, unnecessarily overtook another car during the first lap.

If the race cannot be resumed, the final classification will be that of the race order at the end of the penultimate lap before the lap during which the signal to suspend the race was given.

#### **48. FINISH**

**48.1** The end-of-race signal will be given at the Line as soon as the leading car crosses it after the scheduled time has elapsed.

If the leader is stopped, the signal will be given as soon as the next-best placed car crossed the line (Article 5.3).

**48.2** Should for any reason (other than under Article 47) the end-of-race signal be given before the scheduled time has elapsed, the race will be deemed to have finished when the leading car last crossed the Line before the signal was given. Should the end-of-race signal be delayed for any reason, the race will be deemed to have finished when it should have finished.

**48.3** After receiving the end-of-race signal, all classified cars must proceed directly to the Parc Fermé without any unnecessary delay, without receiving any object whatsoever and without any assistance (except that of the marshals if necessary).

Any classified car which cannot reach the Parc Fermé under its own power will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals, who will direct the car to the Parc Fermé.

#### **49. PARC FERME**

**49.1** Only those Officials responsible for supervision may enter the Parc Fermé. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorised by such Officials.

**49.2** When the Parc Fermé is in use, the area between the Line and the Parc Fermé entrance will be considered to be Parc Fermé as well.

**49.3** The Parc Fermé shall be sufficiently large and secure so that no unauthorised persons can gain access to it.

**49.4** Unless otherwise specified, the Parc Fermé will last for a maximum of one hour from the chequered flag for the qualifying session or either race. After this time, any cars which have not been chosen for further examination by the Technical Delegate or ordered by the Stewards of the Meeting will be released.

## **50. CLASSIFICATION**

**50.1** The car placed first will be the one having covered the greatest distance in the scheduled time. All cars will be classified (subject to article 50.3) 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.

For the purposes of this article only, the scheduled time means the period from the Official race start time up to and including the showing of the end-of-race signal in accordance with Article 48.1.

**50.2** If a car takes more than twice the time of the winner's fastest lap to cover its last lap, this last lap will not be taken into account when calculating the total distance covered by that car.

**50.3** Cars having covered less than 70% of the number of laps covered by the winner (rounded down to the nearest whole number of laps) will not be classified.

**50.4** The final classification will be published and posted by the Organiser on both the Digital and Official Notice Boards as soon as possible after the race. These will be the only valid results, subject to any amendments which may be made under the Code and these Sporting Regulations.

## **51. PODIUM CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCES**

**51.1** There will be a podium ceremony after every race. Where there are at least three cars entered in a category or Cup and at least three cars finishing, the drivers finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and a representative of the winning Team must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and abide by the podium procedure determined by the Promoter. When there are fewer than three cars entered or fewer than three cars finishing in a Category or Cup, but more than one, then only the winning drivers and Team representative will attend.

The podium will follow the protocol laid down by the Promoter.

Race 1 and Race 2

1: 1st, 2nd and 3rd GT4 European Series Sprint Pro-Am Cup

2: 1st, 2nd and 3rd GT4 European Series Sprint Am Cup

3 : 1st, 2nd and 3rd, GT4 European Series Sprint Silver Cup

**51.2** The Competitors and drivers undertake to comply with the instructions that they will be given concerning the podium ceremony. Any infringement will result in penalties at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting.

**51.3** A fine will be imposed on any Competitor who is absent for part or all of the podium ceremony, except in a case of force majeure recognised as such by the Stewards of the Meeting.

**51.7** The Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that their drivers fulfil their obligations. A fine will be imposed on any Competitor who is absent except in a case of force majeure recognised as such by the Stewards of the Meeting.

**51.8 Media Obligations**

Teams and Drivers are obliged to take part in any media activities which are included on the Official Timetable for the Event. Any Driver or Competitor who is absent except in case of force majeure recognised as such by the Stewards of the Meeting may be reported to the Stewards who may impose any penalty they consider appropriate.

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**APPENDIX 1: INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE FEHLER! VERWEISQUELLE KONNTE NICHT GEFUNDEN WERDEN.**

**PART A**

1. Name and address of the National Sporting Authority.	
2. Name and address of the organiser.	
3. Date and place of the Competition	
4. Grade and expiry date of the License of the Circuit.	
5. Time of the administrative checks	Date and Time:
6. Start of the scrutineering	Safety Scrutineering: Technical Scrutineering:
7. Start of the Drivers' Briefing	Date and Time:
8. Location of the Drivers' Briefing	
9. Start of the Team Managers' Briefing	Date and Time:
10. Location of the Team Managers' Briefing	
11. Start time and duration of the races.	<u>Race 1:</u> <u>Race 2:</u>
12. Postal and e-mail addresses and telephone and fax numbers to which enquiries can be addressed.	
13. Details of the circuit, which must include:	
- Location and how to gain access	
- Length of one lap	
- Direction (clockwise or anti-clockwise)	
- Location of pit exit (in relation to the line)	
- Length of the pitlane	
- Pole Position (left/right)	
- Penalty area	
- Finish control line	
- Start Line (in relation to the control line)	
- Starting Signal	
- Starting Mode	Rolling Start
- Pit Lane Speed Limit	
- Maximum number of cars in compliance with the track licence allowed to take part in:	
14. Precise location at the circuit of:	
- Stewards' office	
- Race Director's office	
- administrative checks	
- Scrutineering, flat area and weighing	
- Parc Fermé	
- Official Notice Board	
- Team Relations Office	

15. List of any supplementary trophies and special awards.	
16. The names of the following officials of the Event, appointed by the ASN:	
-Stewards of the Meeting	
- Clerk of the Course	
- Secretary of the meeting	
- Chief National Scrutineer	
- Chief National Medical Officer	
- Any other officials and functions	
17. Any other specific item:	

## **PART B**

### **1: Organisation and Management of the Competition**

#### 2: List of Officials nominated by the Promoter

Race Director  
 Race Director assistant  
 Chairman of the Stewards  
 International Steward  
 Technical Delegate  
 Pit Lane Officials  
 Driver Advisor  
 Safety Car Driver  
 Leading Car Driver

#### 3: Composition of the Sporting Board for the Competition

4: Appeal, Protest and fines, link to the digital notice board (if applicable) and other Promoter information.

### **PART C – Detailed timetable**

### **PART D – Event Insurance**

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## APPENDIX 3: GRAPHICAL CHARTER

Teams and Drivers must abide by the rules set down in the Graphical Charter. The valid Graphical Charter is always the latest version, which will be distributed to the teams and which will replace the version hereunder.



### GT4 European Series 2020 Graphical Charter Car's Decal

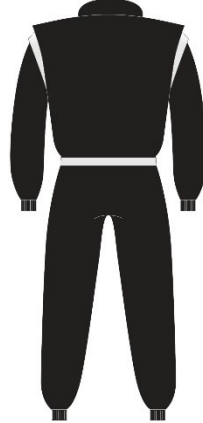
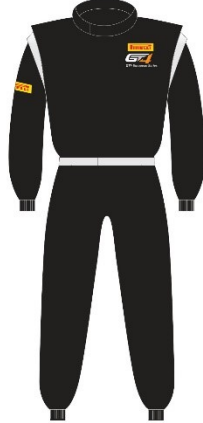


### GT4 European Series 2020 Graphical Charter

Ref No.	Qty	Purpose	Location	Supply Responsibility	Size	Font	Colour
1	four	Official Tyre Sponsor Decal - Pirelli	One placed on each corner of the car. Must be visible from the front and rear and be placed below headlights.	Pirelli	100mm H x 300mm W		Yellow with red text
2a					TBC		TBC
2b					TBC	Univia Pro	
2b	three	Side Door Panel	Both sides of the Car. Placed 10mm to 20mm back from the front door line. Total reserved Space: 410 mm h x 410 mm w.	Event Promoter	TBC	Univia Pro	White text coloured background as per below: PRO AM - Black AM - Orange SILVER- Grey
2c					TBC	Univia Pro	
3	two	Driver's Name	Sticked above the door panel		TBC	Univia Pro	TBC
4	one	Naming right sponsor windscreen strip	Front windscreen. NOTE: Competitors are prohibited from placing any other signage on the windscreen.	Event Promoter	Rectangular 1600 mm W x 215 mm H 220mm from the bottom of strip to top of windscreen	TBC	TBC
5	one	Lumitrak LED Digital Numeric Display	Right hand side on Front Windscreen, positioned on the black background of the bumper. Naming rights sponsor windscreen strip.	Event Promoter			Black Background Numerals as per below: PRO AM - the AM - the SILVER- the
6	one	Class ID Rear of Car	Placed right hand side, above the rear number plate decal.	Event Promoter	TBC	Univia Pro	
7	two	Official fuel Sponsor Decal - Ravenol	One placed on each front corner of the car. Must be visible from the front and be placed below headlights.	Event Promoter	TBC	TBC	Blue with yellow text



## GT4 European Series 2020 Graphical Charter Driver's Suit



GT4 European Series Logo to be placed on the Left hand side of the chest when wearing it. Patches will be provided by SRO.



Pirelli Sticker to be placed on the left hand side of the chest and on the right arm as per the illustration.

Pirelli patches will be provided by Pirelli to SRO for distribution to teams and **MUST NOT** be reproduced or produced by teams.

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**APPENDIX 4  
PROVISIONAL 2019 CALENDAR**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Race</b>	
R1	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Silverstone	GBR	A
R2	30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Paul Ricard	FRA	C
R3	27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Zandvoort	NLD	D
R4	25 <sup>th</sup> July – 26 <sup>th</sup> July	SPA	BEL	B
R5	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Nurburgring	DEU	D
R6	27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Budapest	HUN	D
R7	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Imola	<i>GT4 FINAL</i>	

**Provisional Official Paid Test Sessions**

Official paid Test Sessions (non-mandatory) will be organized at a number of 2020 Events.

The **provisional** schedule is as follows :

Silverstone :	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TIME; TBC</b>
Zandvoort	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TIME; TBC</b>
SPA:	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>TIME; TBC</b>

The definitive list of official test sessions and prices will be published before the start of the season.

## APPENDIX 5

### SRO SPORTING BOARD – RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### INTERNAL REGULATIONS

##### Article 1 – Purpose

The SRO Sporting Board is a body set up by the Series Promoter, SRO Motorsports Group, the purpose of which is to manage certain aspects relating to the application of the sporting and technical regulations and the organisation of the GT4 European Series Events, other than those which fall within the exclusive remit of the Officials of the Event as defined by the provisions of the International Sporting Code.

##### Article 2 – Members

The SRO Sporting Board at each event will consist of the following people or their representatives:

- The Permanent Chairman of the Stewards of the GT4 European Series
- The Race Director
- The SRO Technical Director
- The SRO Sporting Director
- The Series General Manager
- An RACB Representative.

##### Article 3 – Missions

The tasks of the SRO Sporting Board will include:

- Issuing clarifications on the regulations and their interpretation
- Taking decisions on the application of the regulations at the Events, in order to respond to specific situations (e.g. shortening of grid procedures, Timetable issues)
- Responding to any situations involving the commercial management of the Series
- Deciding on the acceptance of requests for private testing including coaching and participants of other series, and on any penalties or restrictions in the GT4 European Series.
- Deciding on exemptions for Driver Categorisations
- Deciding on requests for permission for Silver drivers to take part in the Bronze test
- Deciding on any questions concerning points or the classification of the Series.

##### Article 4 – Meetings

Meetings of the SRO Sporting Board can be called at any point during an Event, or can be convened by email between Events.

Decisions will be taken by unanimous agreement of the members. Two or more members may be authorised to take decisions on matters of derogations or permissions on behalf of the Board.

##### Article 5 – Right of Protest

Decisions taken by the SRO Sporting Board may not be appealed.

## **SRO TECHNICAL BOARD – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

#### **Article 1 – Purpose**

The SRO Technical Board is a body set up by the Series Promoter, SRO Motorsports Group, the purpose of which is to manage certain aspects relating to the application of the technical regulations, other than those which fall within the exclusive remit of the Officials of the Event as defined by the provisions of the International Sporting Code.

#### **Article 2 – Members**

The SRO Technical Board will consist of the following people or their representatives:

- The Chairman of SRO
- The SRO Technical Director
- An RACB Representative.

#### **Article 3 – Missions**

The tasks of the SRO Technical Board will include:

- Adaptations and Changes to the Balance of Performance
- Issues of eligibility of cars
- Issuing Technical Notes to the Competitors

#### **Article 4 – Meetings**

Meetings of the SRO Technical Board can be called at any point during an Event, or can be convened by email between Events.

Decisions will be taken by unanimous agreement of the members.

#### **Article 5 – Right of Protest**

Decisions taken by the SRO Technical Board may not be appealed.

## **SRO MOTORSPORTS FUND**

### **INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

#### **Article 1 – Purpose**

All money collected in the form of fines from Competitors entered in the GT4 European Series will be placed in a Fund, the SRO Motorsports Fund.

This Fund will either be returned to the Competitors in the form of a Prize Fund, or will be presented to a Charity.

The usage of the Fund in any given year will be announced to the Teams by means of a Bulletin from the Sporting Board.

#### **Article 2 – Administration**

The SRO Motorsports Fund will be managed by the Chief Operating Officer of SRO Motorsports Group.

The balance of the account may be requested in writing.

## **APPENDIX 6 - PODIUM CEREMONY**

At the end of each Race a ceremony must be provided for the three first drivers of the Series and categories in accordance with the conditions set out below.

### **1. MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

A master of ceremonies will be appointed by the Series Promoter to conduct 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. Trophies must be laid out on a table on one side of the podium. The champagne must be on the table.

#### **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.

### **3. ANTHEMS**

- a) 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.
- b) The champagne shower must not start until the presenter has left the podium.
- c) A commentary of the podium ceremony should be broadcast to the general public from the platform on the podium.

### **4. TROPHIES**

During the podium ceremony, the following Trophies will be awarded for race 1:

- a) Race winning SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Race winning AM/AM drivers
- b) Second place SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Second place AM/AM drivers
- c) Third place SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Third place AM/AM drivers

During the podium ceremony, the following Trophies will be awarded for the race 2:

- a) Race winning SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Race winning AM/AM drivers
- b) Second place SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Second place AM/AM drivers
- c) Third place SILVER drivers - PRO/ AM drivers – Third place AM/AM drivers

## **APPENDIX 7**

### **MANDATORY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT – GT4 EUROPEAN SERIES – SUPPLIER DETAILS**

#### **TYRES**

PIRELLI is the sole tyre supplier for the GT4 European Series.

Please note that tyres for EVENTS must be ordered no later than 2 weeks before the Tuesday of the event week for European events and 6 weeks before the Tuesday of the event week for Non-European events.

The order forms, Pirelli supply agreement and driver responsibility document can be downloaded from the Teams section of <http://www.Blancpain-gt-Series.com>

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#### **RADIO EQUIPMENT**

MRTC has been chosen by the GT4 European Series as their preferred radio communications partner. For further information regarding their products and services, please contact :  
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#### **FUEL**

The fuel for the 2020 season will TBC

Price for one litre of fuel: TBA  
Order and payment : TBC

#### **TIMING TRANSPONDER AND OTHER TIMING EQUIPMENT (ARTICLE Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.)**

#### **TRANSPONDER**

Driver identification system and transponders are required to be fitted in cars for all sessions. The order form is available on the website. Contact Steffen Ruhl [ruhl.s@st-sportservice.com](mailto:ruhl.s@st-sportservice.com).

The transponder to be used are either :

- MyLaps TranX 260 dpi
- MyLaps X2 Club

MyLaps X2 Club Transponders are available from Swiss Timing at a price of TBC

**ONBOARD CAMERAS (ARTICLE Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.)**

All cars must be fitted with a suitable camera, which must be checked by the Scrutineers for safety purposes.

**LUMIRANK PANEL**

All cars must be fitted with a Lumirank position panel. These will be distributed by Swiss Timing at the start of the season. It is the responsibility of the team to install and take care of the panels, and to contact Swiss Timing in case of any problems or in case of a change of category. In case of damage or loss the team will be invoiced for the value of the panel.

**GPS**

All cars must be fitted with a GPS data unit to transmit GPS data to timekeeping.

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**APPENDIX 8  
RACE CONTROL FREQUENCIES**

The following frequencies will be used as Race Control frequencies during the 2020 season.

TBC

The frequency used at each event will be announced as soon as possible before the event.

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## APPENDIX 9 OBLIGATIONS FOR TELEVISION

All cars must be ready to be fitted with a television onboard camera when so requested. For this, Teams will need to provide 12V @ 5Amps on a Superseal 2-way plug part number: 282080-1, connector manufacturer: TE Connectivity.

This will need to be provided in the passenger foot well with the following pin out:

Pin 1 +12V

Pin 2 Gnd

Teams will need to provide a hole in the roof of the car (wherever possible). The position of this is to be agreed with the TV technicians for the camera transmitter.

Teams must provide a panel for the dashboard to show the car details when they have a camera installed. Teams should choose the best format for their dashboard. The Pirelli sticker will be provided by TV and should not be reproduced by Teams.



## AVAILABILITY OF TEAM PERSONNEL DURING SESSIONS

For purposes of television coverage, it is requested that Team personnel and co-drivers should, whenever possible, watch the race on the pit wall or in the front sections of the garages, within reach and sight of the pit lane TV cameras. This is to enhance the viewing experience by allowing the reactions to be seen.

## **APPENDIX 10**

### **USE OF THE CAMERA IMAGES**

The images from the cameras may be used in the following cases :

#### **On request of an Official**

An Official of the Event may request that the images relating to any car or Team be examined after the race. In this case, the Pit Lane Official will recover the images and give them to the Stewards of the Meeting who may impose penalties for any breaches of regulations. Any such cars will be placed under investigation.

#### **On request of a Team**

In case of a report from a Pit Lane Marshal, the Team may challenge the report and request that the images should be examined. In this case, the Pit Lane Official will check the images after the chequered flag. Should the images confirm the Pit Marshal's report, an additional penalty may be given. Important : no Team may request that the images of a specific car be examined without making a formal protest to the Stewards of the Meeting according to the International Sporting Code.

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