

**2015 F4 NEZ CHAMPIONSHIP certified by FIA  
SPORTING REGULATIONS**

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## **FOREWORD**

The AKK-Motorsport (Finland) (AKK) is the referring ASN for the F4 NEZ Championship certified by FIA, presented by SMP Racing (the Championship). The Championship is announced by the NEZ Council and comprises one title of Champion – one for driver. It consists of the Formula 4 races which are included in the Formula 4 NEZ calendar. The FIA North European Zone (NEZ) countries are Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Russia and Sweden. All the participating parties (AKK, organizers, competitors and circuits) undertake to apply as well as observe the rules governing the Championship.

### **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. Changes to these Sporting Regulations must be made in accordance with Article 18 of the International Sporting Code.
- 1.2 These Sporting Regulations come into force from the moment of their publication on [www.fia-nez.eu](http://www.fia-nez.eu) web-site, where possible changes, bulletins etc, will be published.

### **2) GENERAL UNDERTAKING**

- 2.1 All drivers, competitors and officials participating in the Championship undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees, agents and suppliers, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the International Sporting Code (the Code), the FIA General Prescriptions, the Technical Regulations and the present Sporting Regulations, together referred to as “the Regulations”.
- 2.2 The Championship is governed by AKK and each of its Events is governed also by the hosting ASNs in accordance with the present Regulations. Event means any event counting towards the Championship and registered on the FIA Zone Calendar for any year, commencing at the scheduled time for scrutineering and sporting checks and including all practice sessions and the races itself and ending at either the time for the lodging of a protest under the terms of the Code or the time when a technical or sporting certification has been carried out under the terms of the Code, whichever is later. Under the term “Code” the FIA International Sporting Code is understood.

### **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 FIA General Prescriptions, the Technical Regulations and the Sporting Regulations.

If a competitor is unable to be present in person at the Event, he must nominate his representative in writing.

Throughout the entire duration of the Event, a person having charge of an entered car during any part of an Event is responsible jointly and severally with the competitor for ensuring that the requirements are observed.

- 3.2 Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout the Event.
- 3.3 The presentation of a car for scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.
- 3.4 All persons concerned in any way with an entered car or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock, pits, pit lane, or track must wear an appropriate pass at all times.
- 3.5 During any Event competitors (and/or anybody associated with the entry of a car), are not permitted to produce or order to produce any moving pictures of competition cars on the track. Any exception to this must be approved in writing by the Promoter.

Failure to comply with the above will be reported to the stewards of the meeting and may result in a fine or the exclusion of the relevant party from the Event.

#### **4) LICENSES**

**4.1** All drivers must be at least 15 years old, the date of the birthday being binding and must hold an appropriate National or International License issued by their parent ASN from the Zone.

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

#### **5) CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**5.1** Events are reserved for Formula 4 cars as defined in the current FIA Technical Regulations.

**5.2** Each Event will have the status of a national competition with FIA Zone registration.

**5.3** The Event shall include all practice sessions and races.

**5.4** There will be three races. Each race duration is 25 minutes + 1 lap, but no more than 30 minutes.

**5.5** The number of Events in the Championship is 7. The Championship will be decided to be complete if more than half of the events included into the Calendar will take place.

**5.6** An Event may be cancelled if fewer than 12 cars are available for it.

**5.7** Each Event will be run on circuits holding a valid FIA licence grade 4 minimum, delivered by the FIA

#### **6) NATIONAL F4 CHAMPIONSHIP**

**6.1** The Formula 4 Championship driver's title will be awarded to the driver who has scored the highest number of points, taking into consideration all the results obtained during the Events which have actually taken place.

**6.2** Points for drivers' title will be awarded at each race 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

1 point will be awarded to the driver who sets the fastest qualifying time.

1 point will be awarded in each race to the driver who sets the fastest lap time.

**6.3** If a race is suspended under Article 39, and cannot be resumed, no points will be awarded if the leader has completed less than two laps, half points will be awarded if the leader has completed more than two laps but less than 75% of the original race distance and full points will be awarded if the leader has completed 75% or more of the original race distance.

Full points will however be awarded if the maximum race time is reached before 75% of the original race distance was completed by the leader.

**6.4** If required by the AKK to do so the drivers finishing first, second and third in the Championship must be present at the annual AKK Prize Giving ceremony.

## **7) DEAD HEAT**

- 7.1** Prizes awarded for all the positions of competitors who tie will be added together and shared equally.
- 7.2** If two or more drivers finish the season with the same number of points, the higher place in the Championship 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 this procedure fails to produce a result, the AKK will nominate the winner according to such criteria as it thinks fit.

## **8) PROMOTER**

- 8.1** An application to promote an Event must be made to the AKK. It must be accompanied by written evidence that the promoter has made arrangements to secure the participation of all competitors. For 2015 season the Promoter is Koiranen GP.

## **9) ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS**

- 9.1** The organizer will be the ASN hosting the event or the club or body appointed to it.

## **10) INSURANCE**

- 10.1** The organizer of an Event must ensure that all competitors, their personnel and drivers are covered by third party insurance.
- 10.2** Thirty days before the Event the organizer of the Event must send to AKK through his parent ASN the 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.
- 10.3** Third party insurance arranged by the organizer 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.
- 10.4** Drivers taking part in the Event are not third parties with respect to one another.

## **11) OFFICIALS**

- 11.1** The following officials will be nominated by the AKK :
- a) A permanent race director.
  - b) Two stewards of the meeting one of whom shall be permanent and the chairman. In accordance with Article 11.7 of the Code, the stewards of the meeting will officiate as a body under the authority of their Chairman.
  - c) The Technical Delegate.
  - d) The Secretary of the Championship who will be the permanent Secretary of the meeting.

- 11.2** One Steward and all the other officials managing the Event will be appointed by the ASN hosting the Event, through approval of the Event Supplementary Regulations.
- 11.3** The clerk of the course shall work in permanent consultation with the race director. The race director shall have overriding authority in the following matters and the clerk of the course may give orders in respect of them only with his express agreement:
- a) The control of practice and the race, adherence to the timetable and, if he deems it necessary, the formulation of any proposal to the stewards to modify the timetable in accordance with the Code or Sporting Regulations.
  - b) The stopping of any car in accordance with the Code and with the Sporting Regulations.
  - c) The interruption of practice.
  - d) The starting procedure.
  - e) The use of the safety car.
  - f) The suspending and resuming of the race.
- 11.4** The race director, the clerk of the course, the chief scrutineer and the stewards of the meeting must be present at the circuit at the latest from the beginning of the Event as defined by the Code.
- 11.5** The race director must be in permanent radio contact with the clerk of the course, the chief scrutineer and the chairman of the stewards at all times when cars are permitted to run on the track. Additionally, the clerk of the course must be at race control and in radio contact with all the marshals' posts.

## **12) COMPETITORS APPLICATIONS**

- 12.1** Applications to compete in the Championship must be submitted to the Promoter by using the entry form available from the Promoter and accompanied by the entry fee as specified below. Applications at other times will only be considered if a place is available and on payment of a late entry fee to be fixed by the Promoter. The Promoter will notify the entrant of the result of the application within thirty days of its receipt.
- Successful entrants are automatically entered in all Events of the Championship.
- 12.2** Applications shall include:
- a) Confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the Regulations and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of everyone associated with its participation in the Championship, to observe them.
  - b) An undertaking by the applicant to participate in every Event
- 12.3** The entry fee per driver per season will be set by the Promoter
- The AKK reserves the right to reject an entry if the above fees are not paid on or before the due date.
- 12.4** All applications will be studied by the AKK and accepted or rejected at its absolute discretion. The Promoter will publish the list of drivers accepted together with their race numbers on or before May 1st, having first notified unsuccessful applicants as set out in Article 13.1. Out-of-time applications will be considered separately.
- 12.5** At its absolute discretion the Promoter may accept an additional entry from a driver for a single Event, under such circumstances the entry fee will be set by the ASN. Any such application must be made at least 14 days prior to the start of the Event in question.
- 12.6** The Promoter may cancel the Championship if less than 12 cars are entered for it by the closing date for entries.

12.7 Any driver entered in the Championship and who is unable to take part in an Event must inform the AKK in writing before the end of initial scrutineering of the Event in question.

### 13) PASSES

13.1 No pass may be issued or used other than with the agreement of the Promoter. A pass may be used only by the person and for the purpose for which it was issued.

### 14) INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

14.1 The stewards or race director may give instructions to competitors by means of special circulars in accordance with the Code. These circulars will be distributed to all competitors who must acknowledge receipt.

14.2 All classifications and results of practice and the race, as well as all decisions issued by the officials, will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3 Any decision or communication concerning a particular competitor should be given to him within twenty five minutes of such decision, and receipt must be acknowledged.

### 15) INCIDENTS

15.1 "Incident" means any occurrence or series of occurrences involving one or more drivers, or any action by any driver, which is reported to the stewards by the race director (or noted by the stewards and subsequently investigated) which:

- a) Necessitated the suspension of a race under Article 39.
- b) Constituted a breach of these Sporting Regulations or the Code.
- c) Caused a false start by one or more cars.
- d) Caused a collision.
- e) Forced a driver off the track.
- f) Illegitimately prevented a legitimate overtaking manoeuvre by a driver.
- g) Illegitimately impeded another driver during overtaking.

Unless it was completely clear that a driver was in breach of any of the above, any incidents involving more than one car will normally be investigated after the race.

15.2 a) It shall be at the discretion of the stewards to decide, upon a report or a request by the race director, if a driver or drivers involved in an incident shall be penalised.

b) If an incident is under investigation by the stewards a message informing all teams which driver or drivers are involved will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors.

Provided that such a message is displayed within 25 minutes of the end of the race, or a message is delivered to any team concerned within this time, the driver or drivers concerned may not leave the circuit without the consent of the stewards.

15.3 The stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an Incident:

- a) A drive-through penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane and re-join the race without stopping.
- b) A ten second time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop at his pit for at least ten seconds and then re-join the race.

If either of the two penalties above are imposed during the last five laps, or after the end of a race, Article 15.4b) below will not apply and 20 seconds will be added to the elapsed race time of the driver concerned in the case of a) above and 30 seconds in the case of b).

- c) A time penalty.
- d) A reprimand.

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

- e) A drop of any number of grid positions at the driver's next race. If such a penalty is imposed for a race where grid positions were determined following split qualifying sessions, and cars are arranged on each side of the grid accordingly, the number of grid places a driver will drop on his side of the grid will be divided by two (rounded up if necessary).
- f) Exclusion from the results.
- g) Suspension from the driver's next Event.

**15.4** Should the stewards decide to impose either of the penalties under Article 15.3a) or b), the following procedure will be followed:

- a) The stewards will give written notification of the penalty which has been imposed to the competitor concerned and, where possible, will ensure that this information is also displayed on the timing monitors.
- b) From the time the stewards' decision is notified on the timing monitors the relevant driver may cross the Line on the track no more than twice before entering the pit lane and, in the case of a penalty under Article 15.3b), proceeding to his garage where he shall remain for the period of the time penalty.

However, unless the driver was already in the pit entry for the purpose of serving his penalty, he may not carry out the penalty after the safety car has been deployed. The number of times the driver crosses the Line behind the safety car 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 time penalty period has elapsed.

- c) When the time penalty period has elapsed the driver may re-join the race.
- d) Any breach or failure to comply with Articles 15.4b) or c) may result in the car being excluded.

## **16) PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

**16.1** Protests shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of €500. Fee for the protest paid in favour of the ASN hosting the event, after the consideration. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned to the competitor.

**16.2** Appeals may not be made against decision concerning the following :

- a) Penalties imposed under Articles 15.3a), b) c) or d), including those imposed during the last five laps or after the end of a race.
- b) Any drop of grid positions imposed under Article 28.3.
- c) Any penalty imposed under Article 31.5.
- d) Any decision taken by the stewards in relation to Article 34.4.
- e) Any penalty imposed under Articles 36.4 or 40.3.

## **17) SANCTIONS**

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

**17.2** Any driver who receives three reprimands in the same Championship season will, upon the imposition of the third, be given a ten grid place penalty for the start of driver's next race. If the third reprimand is imposed following an Incident during the last race of an Event the ten grid place penalty will be applied for the start of the driver's first race at the next Event.

The ten grid place penalty will only be imposed if at least two of the reprimands were imposed for a driving infringement.

## **18) CHANGES OF DRIVER**

**18.1** Any driver already nominated by one entrant, who then wishes to drive for another entrant entered in the Championship, must first satisfy the AKK that this is being done with the consent of the original entrant. If there is no such consent the Organizer will decide, at its absolute discretion, whether such a change may be made.

**18.2** Before the end of initial scrutineering each competitors must specify which of his drivers will be driving which cars. After this point no changes may be made to the original allocation.

## **19) DRIVING**

**19.1** The driver must drive the car alone and unaided.

**19.2** The driver is not permitted to participate in any additional practice, qualifying or race within the Event.

**19.3** Drivers must use the track at all times. For the avoidance of doubt 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 the driver may re-join, however, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage.

A driver may not deliberately leave the track without justifiable reason.

**19.4** More than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off-line, should leave at least one car width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner.

**19.5** Any driver defending his position on a straight, and before any braking area, may use the full width of the track during his first move, provided no significant portion of the car attempting to pass is alongside his. Whilst defending in this way the driver may not leave the track without justifiable reason.

For the avoidance of doubt, if any part of the front wing of the car attempting to pass is alongside the rear wheel of the car in front this will be deemed to be a 'significant portion'.

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

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

## **20) CAR LIVERY**

- 20.1 Each car must carry the race number of its driver as published by the AKK. The number panel, if supplied, may not be modified without approval of the AKK and must be placed on the nose of the car and on each rear wing end plate which must be left clear of other identification (unless specifically provided by the AKK).
- 20.2 Every competitor must display the name of the driver and his national flag on the bodywork, on the outside of the cockpit or on the driver's helmet. These must be clearly legible.

## **21) TRACK TESTING**

- 21.1 Other than the testing organized by the Series, no driver entered in the Championship may take part in a test or races on a track hosting a Championship Event during the three week period preceding that Event with any car, otherwise authorised by the AKK.

## **22) PIT ENTRY, PIT LANE AND PIT EXIT**

- 22.1 The section of track between the first safety car line and the beginning of the pit lane will be designated the "pit entry".
- 22.2 The section of track between the end of the pit lane and the second safety car line will be designated the "pit exit".
- 22.3 The pit lane will be divided into two lanes, the lane closest to the pit wall will be designated the "fast lane" and the lane closest to the garages will be designated the "inner lane".

Other than when cars are at the pit lane exit under Articles 36.2 and 39.5, the inner lane is the only area where any work can be carried out on a car. However, no work may be carried out in the fast lane if it is likely to hinder other cars attempting to leave the pit lane.

- 22.4 Unless a car is pushed from the grid at any time during the start procedure, cars may only be driven from the teams/group designated garage area to the end of the pit lane.

Any car(s) driven to the pit lane exit prior to the start or re-start of a practice session, or any car(s) required to stop at the pit exit during a safety car period, must form up in a line in the fast lane and leave in the order they got there unless another car is unduly delayed.

- 22.5 Any driver that is required to start the race from the pit lane may not drive his car from his teams designated garage area until the five minute signal has been given and must stop in a line in the fast lane. Under these circumstances working in the fast lane will be permitted, but any such work is restricted to :

- a) Starting the engine and any directly related preparation.
- b) The fitting or removal of permitted cooling and heating devices.
- c) Changes made for driver comfort.
- d) Changing of wheels if there is a change of weather conditions.

When cars are permitted to leave the pit lane they must do so in the order that was established under Article 36 unless another car is unduly delayed. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

- 22.6 Other than drying, sweeping or any tyre rubber left when cars leave their pit stop position, competitors may not attempt to enhance the grip of the surface in the pit lane unless a problem has been clearly identified and a solution agreed to by the race director.
- 22.7 Competitors must not paint lines on any part of the pit lane.

- 22.8 Other than in Article 22.5 above 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 even when the car is being pushed.
- 22.9 All pressurised air bottles and associated hoses in the pits must be stowed safely and may only be brought into the pit lane immediately before they are required for work on a car and must be removed as soon as the work is complete.
- 22.10 It is the responsibility of the competitor to release his car after a pit stop only when it is safe to do so.
- 22.11 Starting an engine with an external device will be considered working on the car, consequently this will not be permitted in the fast lane of the pits.
- 22.12 Cars may not enter the fast lane of the pits until the pit exit is opened at the start or re-start of each practice or qualifying session. Furthermore, no car may be moved to a position in the slow lane which is closer to the pit exit than the garage which has been assigned to the relevant Team.
- 22.13 All pit road garage doors must remain open during all practice and qualifying sessions.
- 22.14 Under exceptional circumstances the race director may ask for the pit entry to be closed during the race for safety reasons. At such times drivers may only enter the pit lane in order for essential and entirely evident repairs to be carried out to the car.

### **23) SCRUTINEERING AND SPORTING CHECKS**

- 23.1 The following documents must be submitted to the clerk of the course by each team during initial scrutineering :
  - a) Driver's licences.
  - b) ASN authorisation for foreign licence holders (applicable for licences not issued by the ASN of a membership country of the EC or an associated country).
  - c) Medical certificate of aptitude.
- 23.2 Drivers with medical peculiarities (as for example allergies, bleeder, diabetic etc.) are obliged to submit a written information to the chief medical officer before the first practice starts. This information must include name and number of the race car. Participants with injuries or temporary handicaps are obliged to contact the chief medical officer immediately. The chief medical officer will decide if such a driver will be admitted to the event.
- 23.3 During initial scrutineering, and at any time during the event, each competitor must have available all documents required by Article 4.1 above in addition to the car's technical passport.
- 23.4 Unless a waiver is granted by the stewards, competitors who do not keep to time limits will not be allowed to take part in the Event.
- 23.5
  - a) Initial scrutineering of the car will take place in the garage assigned to each competitor. The technical passport for the car must be available.
  - b) In order that scrutineers have the required access, all pit lane garage doors must be left open during all practice and qualifying sessions.
- 23.6 Race numbers and any official advertising must be on the car for inspection during scrutineering.
- 23.7 No car may take part in the Event until it has been passed by the scrutineers.
- 23.8 The scrutineers may :
  - a) Check the eligibility of a car or of a competitor at any time during the Event.
  - 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.
- 23.9 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.
- 23.10 The race director or clerk of the course may require that any car involved in an accident be stopped and checked.
- 23.11 After each race and all qualifying practice sessions at least five classified cars will be selected and must undergo complete scrutineering.
- 23.12 Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall be responsible for the operation of the parc fermé and who alone are authorised to give instructions to the competitors.
- 23.13 The stewards will publish the findings of the scrutineers each time cars are checked during the Event. These results will not include any specific figure except when a car is found to be in breach of the Technical Regulations.

#### **24) TYRES AND TYRE LIMITATION DURING THE EVENT**

- 24.1 Only the dry-weather or wet-weather tyres which have been provided at the Event by the appointed supplier may be used throughout the Event.
- 24.2 Any modification or treatment including cutting, grooving, the application of water, solvents or softeners, the use of heat retaining (and/or cooling) devices or pre-heating/cooling is prohibited. This applies to both wet-weather and dry-weather tyres.  

In order to ensure that tyres have not been treated or modified samples may be taken from the tyre tread for analysis and comparison with a tyre taken directly from the supplier's stock. The sampling procedures will follow those for fuel sampling, see Article 29.7 for details.
- 24.3 During an Event each driver may use no more than:
  - a) Four front and four rear used dry-weather tyres for the two free practice sessions. In this context a tyre will be considered used if it was allocated to the same car at a previous Event, whether or not it was used on the track.  

At the first Event of the Championship, or at the first Event for an additional car each driver will be allocated four front and four rear new dry-weather tyres for use in the two free practice sessions.
  - b) Four front and four rear new dry-weather tyres for the qualifying practice sessions and the races.
  - c) Four front and four rear wet-weather tyres.  

At his absolute discretion the Technical Delegate may enforce a method of sealing all wet-weather tyres between Events.
- 24.4 With the exception of the races, wet-weather tyres may only be used after the track has been declared wet by the race director, following which wet or dry weather tyres may be used for the remainder of the relevant session.
- 24.5 A competitor wishing to replace an already marked unused tyre by another identical unused one must present both tyres to the chief scrutineer.
- 24.6 If an approved bar coding is not used on the outer sidewall of each tyre or, at the request of the competitor on both sidewalls, the scrutineers will paint the race number of the driver as well as a letter characterising the Event.

- 24.7 The use of tyres without appropriate identification may result in a grid position penalty or exclusion from the race.
- 24.8 Tyres may only be inflated with air or nitrogen.
- 24.9 All tyres, when under the control of a team, must remain visible within the team's designated garage area at all times.  
At his absolute discretion, the chief scrutineer will enforce parc fermé conditions on tyres at any time.
- 24.10 The scrutineers appointed for marking will supervise tyre changes in the pits.

## 25) WEIGHING

- 25.1 a) During each qualifying practice session cars will be weighed as follows :
- i) At the pit entrance or in the technical garage the Event organizer will provide a flat horizontal surface measuring 6m x 3m, this area will be used for the weighing procedure. After qualifying practice the weight of the cars may also be checked in parc fermé.
  - ii) Cars will be selected at random to undergo the weighing procedure. The chief scrutineer will inform the driver that his car has been selected for weighing.
  - iii) Having been signalled that his car has been selected for weighing, the driver will proceed directly to the weighing area and stop his engine.
  - iv) The car will then be weighed and the result given to the driver in writing.
  - v) If the car is unable to reach the weighing area under its own power it will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals who will take the car to be weighed.
  - vi) A car or driver may not leave the weighing area without the consent of the chief scrutineer.
  - vii) If a car stops on the circuit and the driver leaves the car, he must go to the weighing area immediately on his return to the pits in order for his weight to be established.
- b) After the race each car crossing the Line may be weighed.  
If a driver wishes to leave his car before it is weighed he must ask the chief scrutineer to weigh him in order that this weight may be added to that of the car. The chief scrutineer will then tell the driver his weight and, once the driver leaves parc fermé, this will be deemed implicit acceptance of the figure.
- c) The relevant car may be excluded should it's weight be less than that specified in Article 4.1 of the Technical Regulations when weighed under a) or b) above, save where the deficiency in weight results from the accidental loss of a component of the car.
- d) No solid, liquid, gas or other substance or matter of whatsoever nature may be added to, placed on, or removed from a car after it has been selected for weighing or has finished the race or during the weighing procedure. (Except by a scrutineer when acting in his official capacity).
- e) Only scrutineers and officials may enter the weighing area. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorized by such officials.
- 25.2 In the event of any breach of these provisions for the weighing of cars the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate or exclude him from the race.

## 26) GENERAL CAR REQUIREMENTS

- 26.1** The only rolling chassis permitted are those supplied by the appointed car manufacturer (Tatuus). Once supplied, the rolling chassis may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the AKK after consultation with the manufacturer. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.
- 26.2** An approved Accident Data Recorder (ADR) must be fitted to the car and be in working order at all times during the Event.
- 26.3** No signal of any kind may pass between a moving car and anyone connected with the car's entrant or driver save for lap timing purposes, legible messages on a pit board, body movement by the driver and verbal communication between a driver and his team by radio.
- 26.4** Engine noise will be assessed in the following way:
- a) The measuring point will be at a distance of 50 cm from and at an angle of 45° to the exhaust outlet.
  - b) The height of the microphone will be between 40-60cm from the ground.
  - c) The noise meter will be tuned to "slow".
  - d) Measurements will be taken with the filter "A".
  - e) The clutch pedal must be actuated in order to prevent the gearbox from rattling.
  - f) The engine speed must be set at three-quarters of the maximum rpm.

## **27) SPARE CARS**

- 27.1** Spare cars are not permitted. However any part of the car (excluding the survival cell) may be changed at any time during the Event.
- No driver may use more than one car at the same event. After initial scrutineering the survival cell may not be changed during the remainder of the event.
- 27.2** The decision whether a car has been repaired or changed will be taken by the stewards of the meeting, based upon a report by the chief scrutineer.
- 27.3** Any car which has passed initial scrutineering may not be removed from the confines of the circuit during the remainder of the Event.

## **28) ENGINES**

- 28.1** The only engines permitted are those supplied by the appointed supplier (Abarth). Once supplied, the engine may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the AKK after consultation with the supplier. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.
- 28.2**
- a) Each driver may use no more than one engine for the entire Championship including all Events and official tests in which his team competes. Should a driver use a replacement engine he will drop ten places on the starting grid for the next three races he takes part in.
  - b) If a driver is replaced at any point during the Championship the replacement driver must use the engine which the original driver had been using.
- 28.3** An engine will be deemed to have been used once the car's timing transponder has shown that it has left the pit lane.

- 28.4** After consultation with the relevant engine supplier the ASN will attach seals to each engine prior to it being used for the first time at an Event in order to ensure that no significant moving parts can be rebuilt or replaced.
- 28.5** Other than the straightforward replacement of one engine unit with another, a change will also be deemed to have taken place if any of the seals are damaged or removed from the original engine after it has been used for the first time in any practice session.

## **29) FUEL, FUEL SAMPLING AND REFUELLING**

- 29.1** Only fuel provided at the Event by the Promoter may be used throughout the Event.
- All competitors will be provided with the fuel specification in advance of each Event. Any alteration to the specification of the fuel provided by the appointed supplier may result in exclusion from the Event.
- 29.2** It must be possible to take a 1.0kg sample of fuel from a car at any time during the Event.
- 29.3** All cars must be fitted with a self sealing FIA approved connector which can be used by the scrutineers to take a fuel sample from the tank. Competitors must also provide a fuel line approximately 1.5m long, with a tap, which can be used to transfer the samples into the sampling vessels.
- 29.4** During all refuelling or fuel handling operations:
- The relevant personnel must be wearing clothing which will provide adequate protection against fire.
  - An assistant, wearing clothing which will provide adequate protection against fire, and who is equipped with a suitable fire extinguisher of appropriate capacity must be present.
  - During refuelling all other team personnel must keep a safe distance from the car.
  - All cars, refuelling equipment and containers must be suitably grounded where necessary.
  - Any powered pumping system used to transfer fuel must be operated by a non-latching switch or be turned off automatically if the operator leaves.
- 29.5** No refuelling, or removal of fuel, is permitted :
- During any qualifying practice session.
  - Between qualifying practice sessions if the interval between them is 15 minutes or less.
  - During the race or at any time prior to the completion of post-qualifying or post-race scrutineering.
- 29.6** Refuelling, or removal of fuel, is only allowed via self-sealing dry-break connectors and using the equipment complying with FIA safety regulations. The driver may remain inside the car throughout refuelling but the engine must be stopped.
- Refuelling, or removal of fuel may only be carried out in the team garages or in the team area in the paddock. Refuelling, or removal of fuel in the pit lane is not permitted.
- 29.7** Fuel samples will be taken during the Event as follows :
- During every Event a reference sample will be taken at random from the stock of the designated fuel supplier. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.
- Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :
- One container to the scrutineers for testing.
  - One container to the Event organizer.

- One container to the fuel supplier.
- b) At any time during an Event the Technical Delegate may take a fuel sample from any car. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.

Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :

- One container to the scrutineers for testing.
- One container to the Event organizer.
- One container to the competitor.

### **30) GENERAL SAFETY**

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

- b) Drivers when driving or on foot, having first received permission to do so from a marshal.
  - c) Team personnel when either pushing a car or clearing equipment from the grid after all cars able to do so have left the grid on the formation lap.
  - d) Team personnel when assisting marshals to remove a car from the grid after the start of the race.
  - e) Team personnel working on a car on the grid during a race suspension in accordance with Article 39.4.
- 30.16** During a race, the engine may only be started with the starter except:
- a) In the pit lane or the teams designated garage area where the use of an external starting device is allowed, or
  - b) Under Article 36.11(b).
- 30.17** Drivers taking part in practice sessions and the races must always wear the clothes and helmet and FHR devices specified in the Appendix L to the Code. Crash helmets complying with FIA Standard 8860 are mandatory.
- 30.18** A speed limit of 60km/h will be enforced in the pit lane. Except in the race, any driver who exceeds the limit will be fined €50 for each km/h above the limit. During the race, the stewards or race director may impose either of the penalties under Article 15.3 a) or b) on any driver who exceeds the limit.
- 30.19** If a driver has serious mechanical difficulties during a practice session or the race he must leave the track as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 30.20** The car's rear lights must be illuminated at all times whenever they are running on wet-weather tyres. It shall be at the discretion of the race director to decide if a driver should be stopped because his rear light is not working. Should a car be stopped in this way it may re-join when the fault has been remedied.
- 30.21** Only three team members per participating car (all of whom shall have been issued with and wearing special identification) are allowed in the signalling area during practice and the race.  
People under 14 years of age are not allowed in the pit lane.
- 30.22** Animals, except those which may have been expressly authorised by the Organizers for use by security services, are forbidden in the pit area and on the track and in any spectator area.
- 30.23** The race director, the clerk of the course or the chief medical officer can require a driver to have a medical examination at any time during an Event, this medical examination may include an anti-doping test (ISC – Appendix L, Chapter II, Article. 4).
- 30.24** Failure to comply with the general safety requirements of the Code or these Sporting Regulations may result in the exclusion of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

### **31) PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 31.1** Save where these Sporting Regulations require otherwise, pit lane and track discipline and safety measures will be the same for all practice sessions as for the race.
- 31.2** No driver may start in the race without taking part in at least one practice session.
- 31.3** During all practices there will be a green and a red light at the pit lane exit. Cars may only leave the pit lane when the green light is on. Additionally, a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light will be shown in the pit exit to warn drivers leaving the pit lane if cars are approaching on the track.
- 31.4** The interval between the second free practice session and the qualifying session, in addition to the interval between the qualifying session and the first race, may not be less than three hours.  
The interval between races may not be less than three hours.

- 31.5** In the event of a driving infringement during any practice session the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate. Unless it is completely clear that a driver committed a driving infringement any such incident will normally be investigated after the relevant session.

Where appropriate, regard will also be given to the provisions of Article 17.1.

- 31.6** Any driver taking part in any practice session who, in the opinion of the stewards, stops unnecessarily on the circuit or unnecessarily impedes another driver shall be subject to the penalties referred to in Article 31.5.

- 31.7** Should it become necessary to stop any practice session because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the 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 to stop, all cars shall immediately reduce speed and proceed slowly back to the pit lane, and all cars abandoned on the track will be removed to a safe place.

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

- 31.8** 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. However, only during qualifying practice will the session be extended as a result.

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

## **32) FREE PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 32.1** Two free practice sessions of at least 30 minutes and of no more than 60 minutes duration will take place on the first day of the Event.

## **33) QUALIFYING PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 33.1** One qualifying practice sessions of at least 20 minutes and of no more than 30 minutes duration will take place on the first or second day of the Event.

- 33.2** If the number of cars entered for an Event exceeds the number of cars which are permitted to take part in practice (according to the requirements of the circuit licence), the cars may be split into two groups with odd numbered cars in one and even numbered cars in the other.

## **34) THE GRID**

- 34.1** At the end of the qualifying practice the fastest time achieved by each driver will be officially published.

- 34.2** The grid for the first race will be drawn up in the order of the fastest qualifying time achieved by each driver in the qualifying practice session and the grid for the third race will be drawn up in the order of the second fastest qualifying time achieved by each driver in the qualifying practice session.

Race 2 grid formation will follow the Race 1 classification.

Grids will be published two hours before the start of the relevant formation lap.

Any driver who is unable to start for any reason whatsoever must inform the stewards at the earliest opportunity and in any case, no later than one hour and fifteen minutes before the start of the formation lap.

If one or more cars are withdrawn, the starting grid will be closed up accordingly and the final starting grid confirmed 30 minutes before the start of the formation lap. Should two or more drivers have identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

- 34.3** The fastest driver will start the race from pole position on the grid.

If the qualifying sessions were split in accordance with Article 33.2, the fastest driver overall will start from pole position on the grid and the fastest driver from the other group will start from second place on the grid. The remaining cars will be arranged on the grid in rows corresponding to their group and behind the fastest driver from each of their groups.

- 34.4** Any driver whose best qualifying lap exceeds 110% of the pole position time will not be allowed to take part in the race. Under exceptional circumstances however, which may include setting a suitable lap time in a previous free practice session, the stewards may permit the car to start the race.

Should there be more than one driver accepted in this manner, their order will be determined by the stewards.

- 34.5** The grid will be in a staggered 1 x 1 formation and the rows on the grid will be separated by 8 metres.

### **35) MEETINGS**

- 35.1** A meeting chaired by the race director will take place on the first day of practice at a location to be advised, all drivers entered for the Event must be present.

### **36) STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 36.1** Ten minutes before the start of the formation lap the pit exit will be opened and cars will be permitted to 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.

Should they wish to cover more than one reconnaissance lap, this must be done by driving down the pit lane at greatly reduced speed between each of the laps.

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

- 36.2** Seven minutes before the start of the formation lap, a warning audible signal will be given indicating that the pit lane exit will be closed in two minutes.

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

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

- 36.3** The approach of the start will be announced by the board 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 five minute signal is shown, everybody except drivers, officials and team technical staff must leave the grid.

- 36.4** When the three minute signal is shown all cars on the grid must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed in the pit lane, or on the grid during a race suspension.

A penalty under Article 15.3(b) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal.

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

**36.6** When the green lights are illuminated, the cars will begin the formation lap with the pole position driver leading.

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

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

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

**36.8** Overtaking during the formation lap is only permitted if a car is delayed and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order. Any driver delayed in this way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before he reaches the first safety car line, must enter the pit lane and start from the pit lane as specified in Article 36.2.

**36.9** When the cars come back to the grid at the end of the formation lap, they will stop on their respective grid positions, keeping their engines running.

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

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

**36.10** Unless specifically authorised by the race director, during the start of a race the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of officials and fire marshals.

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

a) If a car develops a problem that could endanger the start the driver must immediately raise his hands above his head and the marshal responsible for that row must immediately wave a yellow flag. If the race director decides the start should be delayed the green lights will be illuminated two seconds after the abort lights are switched on, a board saying "EXTRA FORMATION LAP" will be displayed and all cars able to do so must complete a further formation lap whilst the car which developed the problem is moved into the pit lane.

When leaving the grid to complete the extra formation lap all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.

The team may then attempt to rectify the problem and, if successful, the car may then start from the pit lane. Should there be more than one car involved their starting order will be determined by the order in which they reached the pit lane exit.

Every time this happens the race will be shortened by one lap.

b) If any other problem arises, and if the race director decides the start should be delayed, the following procedures shall apply :

i) If the race has not been started, the abort lights will be switched on, a board saying "DELAYED START" will be displayed, all engines will be stopped and the new

formation lap will start five minutes later with the race distance reduced by one lap. The next signal will be the three minute signal.

Tyre changing on the grid is not permitted during such a delay.

Every time this happens the race will be shortened by one lap.

- ii) If the race has been started the marshals alongside the grid will wave their yellow flags to inform the drivers that a car is stationary on the grid.
- iii) If, after the start, a car is immobilised on the starting grid, it shall be the duty of the marshals to push it into the pit lane by the fastest route. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car.
- iv) Once the car is in the pit lane his mechanics may attempt to start it, if successful the driver may re-join the race. The driver and mechanics must follow the instructions of the track marshals at all times during such a procedure.

**36.12** Should Article 36.11 apply, the race will nevertheless count for the Championship no matter how often the procedure is repeated, or how much the race is shortened as a result.

**36.13** Either of the penalties under Articles 15.3a) or b) will be imposed for a false start.

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

- a) If it starts to rain after the five minute signal but before the race is started and, in the opinion of the race director teams should be given the opportunity to change tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and the starting procedure will begin again at the ten minute point.
- b) If the start of the race is imminent and, in the opinion of the race director, the volume of water on the track is such that it cannot be negotiated safely even on wet-weather tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and 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 39.15 will apply.

**36.15** The stewards may use any video or electronic means to assist them in reaching a decision. The stewards may overrule judges of fact. A breach of the provisions of the Code or these Sporting Regulations relating to the starting procedure, may result in the exclusion of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

## **37) THE RACES**

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

## **38) SAFETY CAR**

**38.1** The safety car will be driven by an ASN approved driver and will carry an approved observer capable of recognising all the competing cars who is in permanent radio contact with race control.

**38.2** Twenty minutes before the start of the formation lap the safety car will take up position at the front of the grid and remain there until the five minute signal is given. At this point (except under Article 38.15 below) it will cover a whole lap of the circuit and take up position.

**38.3** The safety car may be brought into operation to neutralise a race upon the order of the clerk of the course.

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

- 38.4** When the order is given to deploy the safety car the message "SAFETY CAR DEPLOYED" will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors and all marshal's posts will display waved yellow flags and "SC" boards for the duration of the intervention.
- 38.5** No car may be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person at any time whilst the safety car is deployed. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 38.6** The safety car will join the track with its orange lights illuminated and will do so regardless of where the race leader is.
- 38.7** All competing cars must reduce speed and form up in line behind the safety car no more than ten car lengths apart.
- 38.8** With the exception of the cases listed under a) to h) below, no driver may overtake another car on the track, including the safety car, until he passes the first safety car line for the first time when the safety car is returning to the pits. However, if the safety car is still deployed at the beginning of the last lap, or is deployed during the last lap, Article 38.14 will apply.

The exceptions are :

- a) If a driver is signalled to do so from the safety car.
  - b) Under Articles 38.12 or 38.15 below.
  - c) When entering the pits a driver may pass another car remaining on the track, including the safety car, after he has reached the first safety car line.
  - d) When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another car on the track before he reaches the second safety car line.
  - e) When the safety car is returning to the pits it may be overtaken by cars on the track once it has reached the first safety car line.
  - f) Whilst in the pit entry, pit lane or pit exit a driver may overtake another car which is also in one of these three areas.
  - g) Any car stopping in its designated garage area whilst the safety car is using the pit lane (see Article 38.11 below) may be overtaken.
  - h) If any car slows with an obvious problem.
- 38.9** When ordered to do so by the clerk of the course the observer in the 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.
- 38.10** The safety car shall be used at least until the leader is behind it and all remaining cars are lined up behind him.
- Once behind the safety car, the race leader must keep within ten car lengths of it (except under Article 38.12 below).
- 38.11** Under certain circumstances the clerk of the course may ask the safety car to use the pit lane. In these cases, 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.
- 38.12** When the clerk of the course decides it is safe to call in the safety car the message "SAFETY CAR IN THIS LAP" will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors and the car's orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the teams and drivers that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap.
- At this point the first car in line behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten car lengths behind it.

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

As the safety car is approaching the pit entry the yellow flags and SC boards will be withdrawn and, other than on the last lap of the race, replaced by waved green flags with green lights at the Line. These will be displayed until the last car crosses the Line.

- 38.13** Each lap completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as a race lap.
- 38.14** 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.
- 38.15** Under certain circumstances the race may be started behind the safety car or resumed in accordance with Article 40.5(a). In either case, at the ten minute signal its orange lights will be illuminated, this being the signal to the drivers that the race will be started (or resumed) behind the safety car.

When the green lights are illuminated the safety car will leave the grid and all drivers must follow in grid order, no more than ten car lengths apart, and must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position. During a race start there will be no formation lap and race will start when the green lights are illuminated.

Overtaking is only permitted if :

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

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

Any driver delayed in either 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 may only join the race once the whole field has passed the pit lane exit.

## **39) SUSPENDING A RACE**

**39.1** 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 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.

**39.2** When the signal is given overtaking is forbidden, the pit exit will be closed and all cars must proceed slowly to the starting grid. The first car to arrive on the grid should occupy pole position and others should fill the remaining grid positions in the order they arrive.

If the race is suspended during a safety car intervention, and the safety car is directed into the pit lane, cars should stop in a line behind the safety car in the fast lane of the pits.

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

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

The safety car will then be driven to the front of the grid.

**39.4** Whilst the race is suspended :

- a) Neither the race nor the timekeeping system will stop, however, where the Event timetable can accommodate it, the length of the race suspension will be added to the maximum time for the race in question.
  - b) Cars may be worked on once they have stopped on the grid or entered the pits but any such work must not impede the resumption of the race.
  - c) Only team members and officials will be permitted on the grid.
- 39.5** Cars may not enter the pit lane when the race is suspended. A penalty under Article 15.3(a) will be imposed on any driver who enters the pit lane or whose car is pushed from the grid to the pit lane after the race has been suspended. Any car which was in the pit entry or pit lane at the time the race was suspended will not incur a penalty. However, if the race has been suspended in the pit lane (see Article 39.2) a penalty will only be imposed on any driver whose car is moved from the fast lane to any other part of the pit lane.

All cars in the pit lane will be permitted to leave the pits once the race has been resumed and, subject to the above, any car intending to resume the race from the pit exit may do so in the order they got there under their own power, unless another car was unduly delayed.

At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

#### **40) RESUMING A RACE**

- 40.1** 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 where possible, in all cases at least ten minutes warning will be given.
- 40.2** 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.
- 40.3** When the three minute signal is shown all cars on the grid must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed in the pit lane, or on the grid during a further race suspension. If the race has been suspended in the pit lane (see Article 39.5) all cars in the fast lane must have their wheels fitted at the three minute signal.
- A penalty under Article 15.3(b) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal.
- At the two minute point any cars between the safety car and the leader will be waved off to complete a further lap, without overtaking, and join the line of cars behind the safety car.
- 40.4** When the one minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15 second signal is given taking all equipment with them. If any driver needs assistance after the 15 second signal he must raise his arm and, when the remainder of the cars able to do so have left the grid, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the pit lane. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car (or cars) concerned to warn drivers behind.
- 40.5** 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 :
- a) The race is being resumed in wet conditions and the race director deems more than one lap necessary, in which case see Article 38.15.
  - b) All cars are not yet in a line behind the safety car.
  - c) Team personnel are still clearing the grid.
  - d) A further incident occurs necessitating another intervention.

When the green lights are illuminated the safety car will leave the grid and all drivers must follow, no more than ten car lengths apart, and must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position. Soon after the last car in line behind the safety car passes pit lane exit (including any cars which were waved off under Article 40.3 above) the pit exit light will be

turned green, any car in the pit lane may then enter the track and join the line of cars behind the safety car.

**40.6** Overtaking is only permitted if :

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

In either case drivers may only overtake to re-establish the order before the race was suspended or the order the cars at the pit exit were in when the race was resumed.

Any driver delayed in either 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 may only re-join the race once the whole field has passed the pit lane exit.

**40.7** Either of the penalties under Article 15.3a) or b) will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the stewards, unnecessarily overtook another car during the lap.

During this lap Articles 38.12, 38.13, 38.14 and 38.15 will apply.

**40.8** If the race cannot be resumed the results will be taken at the end of the last full lap completed by a leader before cancellation of a race.

**41) FINISH**

**41.1** The end-of-race signal will be given at the Line as soon as the leading car has covered the full race distance in accordance with Article 5.4.

**41.2** Should for any reason the end-of-race signal be given before the leading car completes the scheduled number of laps, 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.

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

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

**42) PARC FERME**

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

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

**42.3** The parc fermé shall be sufficiently large and secure that no unauthorised persons can gain access to it.

**43) CLASSIFICATION**

**43.1** The car placed first will be the one having covered the scheduled distance in the shortest time, or, where appropriate, passed the Line in the lead at the end of the 30 minutes (or more if the race is suspended, see Article 39.4). All cars will be classified taking into account the number of complete laps they have covered, and for those which have completed the same number of laps, the order in which they crossed the Line.

- 43.2 Cars having covered less than 75% of the number of laps covered by the winner (rounded down to the nearest whole number of laps), will not be classified.
- 43.3 The official classification will be published after the race. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under the Code and these Sporting Regulations.

#### **44) PODIUM CEREMONY**

- 44.1 The drivers finishing the races in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and immediately thereafter make themselves available for the purpose of television interviews and a press conference in the media centre.

#### **45) PRESS CONFERENCES AND PROMOTION**

- 45.1 Upon request, all registered drivers are obliged to attend free of charge all press conferences organized by the AKK and the Promoter. The following obligations must in addition be respected:

Immediately after qualification and/or prize giving the first three classified drivers of the race will be required to make themselves available for a press conference (at a location specified in the supplementary regulations). All of these three drivers are obliged to attend this press conference.

The drivers must wear their closed overalls and designated caps during the press conferences.

- 45.2 Drivers must take part in any promotional activity requested by the promoter such as autograph sessions, prize giving, press conferences, pit road walkabouts and pre-race parades.

The drivers, competitors and manufacturers give the right to the AKK to use their name for any promotional, advertising, publicity and public relations purpose, for the promotion of the Championship.

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