



# EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES COMMITTEE



TO:  Teams  Manufacturers

CATEGORY:  LMP2  LMP3  LMGTE

DECISION N°: ELMS20\_D0014\_LMP3\_Mandatory\_pit\_stops

DATE: 31/07/2020 FROM: The European Le Mans Series Committee

SUBJECT: Decision regarding mandatory pit stops for LMP3 cars for the Spa Competition

## APPLICABLE REGULATION

Article 12.6  2020 European Le Mans Series Sporting Regulations

## DECISION

The single engine supplier of the LMP3 category has informed in writing the European Le Mans Series Committee that fuel consumption for the new generation of LMP3 cars is higher than anticipated. As a consequence, Article 12.6.2 of the 2020 Sporting Regulations of the Series are amended as follows to allow LMP3 Competitors to refuel four times in a safe manner.

### 12.6.1 Pit stop reference time (for the LMP3 category only)

Unless instructed otherwise, only to be used during the race:

At each Competition for each race, a **two different** reference Pit Stop Times for **four (4)** pit stops during the race, will be established, taking into account the time driven with a maximum speed of 60 kph in the pit lane from the entry timing loop to the exit timing loop and the calculated standard times for refuelling and tire changing.

The Reference pit stop time will be:

**For two of the four pit stops, the reference pit stop time will be :**

**(distance from "pit in loop" to "pit exit loop" at 60Kph) + (refuelling time) + (tyre change time).**

**For the other two of the four pit stops, the reference pit stop time will be :**

**(distance from "pit in loop" to "pit exit loop" at 60Kph) + (refuelling time)**

The **two different** "Pit Stop Reference Times" will be published in the Briefing Notes of each Competition. The pit stop must be carried out in front of the designated pit or area of each team under the responsibility of the designated Team Manager.

The Reference Pit Stop Time will not be considered if a car/driver is stopping in its allocated working area for the purpose of abiding to a Stop & Go penalty.



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## 12.6.2 Case of a pit stop shorter than the reference time

LMP3 competitors have to perform **2 4** mandatory pit stops with a time greater or equal to the Reference Pit Stop time, **as per Article 12.6.1 above**.

The Reference Pit Stop Time will not be considered if a car/driver is stopping in its allocated working area for the purpose of abiding to a Stop & Go penalty.

The mandatory Pit Stops must be carried out within 3 hours and 45 minutes from the start of the race.

At the latest, for the last **of the four** mandatory pit stop, the car must cross the pit entry loop before 3h44 minutes and 59.999 seconds of race time elapsed.

In case the pit stop time of a car during the race, is under the "Reference Pit Stop Time", the car will receive at least 30 seconds penalty.

### PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- with immediate application
- from: Spa 2020**

And is applicable:

- until further notice
- for the mentioned event(s) only**