



EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES COMMITTEE



TO: Teams Manufacturers

CATEGORY: LMP2 LMP3 LMGTE

DECISION N°: ELMS21_D0012_All_Countdown_cars_to_be_on_their_wheels

DATE: 31/03/2021 **FROM:** The European Le Mans Series Committee

SUBJECT: Countdown when cars need to be on their wheels

APPLICABLE REGULATION

Articles 11.2.3, 14.3.3, 14.4.2 2021 ELMS Sporting Regulations

DECISION

11.2.3 Countdown

The approach of the start will be announced by boards reading “5 minutes”, “3 minutes”, “1 minute” and “30 seconds”, accompanied by an audible warning.

These boards mean:

- “5 minutes” board: start of the countdown: drivers on board, no further work allowed on the cars ~~except for tyre changes.~~ **Tyre change is forbidden, cars must be resting on their wheels.**
- “3 minutes” board: ~~tyre change is forbidden, cars must be resting on their wheels and everyone~~ Except the driver, team members and officials must leave the grid. However, a member of the team may remain in place.
- “1 minute” board: the doors of cars must be closed, and the team personnel must leave the grid. The engines are started by the driver without external assistance.
- “30 seconds” board: only 30 seconds remaining before the formation lap.
- Showing of the green flag: start of the formation lap behind the Leading Car: the cars must maintain their grid positions.
- The details will be specified at each Competition.

14.3.3 Change of tyres for safety reasons

The Race Director, for safety reasons, may decide to authorize a tyre change.

If this is the case, the tyre change must be carried out between the 10- and 5- minutes indications before the race resumes.

At the ~~3~~ **5** minutes indication to resume the race, all cars must be resting on their wheels.

14.4.2 Procedure concerning cars present on the grid

As from the “10 minutes” board, a maximum of 4 team personnel per car, wearing the appropriate armbands, will be allowed to access the grid to carry out exclusively the following tasks:

- Assisting the driver,
- Helping to start the car with an external battery,
- Checking the tyres (air may not be added) and brakes,
- Changing the tires if allowed by the Race Director (before the “5 minutes” board),
- Removing the cover from the car (before the “5 minutes” board),
- Demisting the windscreen.

At the “~~3~~ **5** minutes” board, cars must be resting on their wheels.

4 minutes before the race resumes, all cars located on the grid between the first overall classified car on track and the red flag line will be waved off the complete one lap without overtaking and join the rear of the line of cars behind the Safety Car.

Any decision taken by the European Le Mans Series Committee is not subject to appeal.

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At the "1 minute" board, engines must be started and the team, tyre and brake technicians must withdraw from the grid. If a driver needs assistance after the "30 seconds" board is shown, this shall be signaled by the marshals with yellow flags.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- with immediate application**
- from:

And is applicable:

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