

# EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES COMMITTEE



**TO:** ⊠ Teams ⊠ Manufacturers

CATEGORY: ☐ LMP2 ☐ LMP3 ☐ LMGTE

DECISION N°: ELMS21\_D0013\_LMGTE\_BOP\_Process

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

**SUBJECT:** BOP Process

#### **APPLICABLE REGULATION**

**Articles 6.3.4** ⊠ 2021 European Le Mans Series Sporting Regulations

#### **DECISION**

To provide fair racing in a transparent manner, ACO BOP decisions for European Le Mans Series and publication will follow the process defined below:

#### 1/ Communication process

- Every manufacturer must appoint a single representative to discuss BOP matters. Competitors willing to provide input on BOP can only do so via their manufacturer representative
- Any communication regarding BOP must be done:
  - in writing, via email.
  - o sent to the ELMS Committee (<a href="mailto:comite.elms@lemans.org">comite.elms@lemans.org</a>). Per Art. 6.3 of the 2021 Sporting Regulations of the Series, the ELMS Committee is the sole body competent to rule on BOP.
  - o Cc'ing:
    - The Technical Delegate of the Series (David Hache <u>d.hache@lemans.org</u>)
    - All representatives from manufacturers entered to the Series (full season & race-by-race)
    - One representative from each Competitor entered to the Series (full season & race-by-race)
- Deadlines listed in this decision must be strictly abided by manufacturer representatives

**NB:** if any of the above or following requirements are not fulfilled, the communication will be discarded.

# 2/ First Competition of the season

The BOP table for the first Competition will be published at least two weeks before the start of the concerned Competition.

No BOP comments will be processed until the first post-Competition review process starts (see 5/).



#### 3/ Following Competitions

The BOP for following Competitions will be published at least one week before the start of the next Competition. In case of late additions to the entry-list, the BOP will be updated (if need be) as soon as possible.

No BOP comments will be processed between the date of publishing and the start of the Competition.

#### 4/ During a Competition

BOP decisions cannot be modified during an event, except for corrections of administrative mistakes – at the sole discretion of the ELMS Committee.

No BOP comments will be processed during a Competition and until the post-Competition review process starts (see 5/).

#### 5/ Post- Competition review process

At the latest three days after a Competition, a standard timing analysis will be circulated to manufacturer representatives and Competitors. Appropriate additional information from data, scrutineering, or tire scanning may be supplied. At the end of the report, 'provisional' BOP may be communicated.

Once the analysis has been circulated, manufacturer representatives will have three days (deadline 6pm CET on the third day) to provide analysis or complementary information to the ELMS Committee. Feedback must be documented and supported by data or timing information.

Please note that where Success Ballast applies, BOP changes will be kept minimal.

### 6/ Technical definition of the BOP aims

As per Article 6.3.4 of the 2021 European Le Mans Series Sporting Regulations: "an equivalence system named "Balance of Performance" (BOP) applies to cars entered in the LMGTE category. The aim of the BOP is to allow Grand Touring cars of different engineering designs to compete in the same category.

# 7/ Disclaimer

BOP decisions are taken and published at the sole discretion of the ELMS Committee and are based on conclusive input from the ACO Competition Department.

## PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:
☐ from:
And is applicable:  ⊠ until further notice
☐ for the mentioned Competition(s) only