# 2025 DRIVERS' SEASON BRIEFING NOTES

## **PIT LANE PROCEDURES**

- 1) Maximum speed in pit lane: 60 km/h.
- 2) Pit lane speed must be respected from pit in loop (start of 60 km/h limitation marker board) to pit out loop (end of the 60 km/h limitation marker board).
- 3) Red / green at pit exit must be respected at all times.
- 4) If the red lights are on at pit exit: any car waiting at pit exit must stop before the RFID and 3 meters before the pit exit line.
- 5) Each time you enter the pit lane, bear in mind that cars can be stopped by scrutineers at any time; drivers must respect the signal of the scrutineers.

## **GENERAL SAFETY AND INCIDENT PROCEDURES**

- 6) Astroturf / kerbs / track verges take longer to dry than the track.
- 7) The circuits ELMS visits this season will have digital Track Side Panels to help with marshal signalling. In case of a discrepancy between TSP and the flags presented the most restrictive will apply irrelevant of its origin.
- 8) During a: Red Flag, Virtual Safety Car, Safety Car or Full Course Yellow procedures, if you encounter a problem: you must leave the racing line immediately.
- 9) In case of accident
  - Signal to the marshals that you are OK as soon as possible ('thumbs up').
  - Do not stay on radio to your team: this can lead to unnecessarily deploying medical services or may result in a Red Flag.
  - If you cannot continue:
    - Leave the car as soon and as safe as possible.
    - Help the recovery operations.
    - Car must be left in neutral with steering wheel in position.
    - If you can continue: stay in the car so that the marshals can hoist you to a safe place.
- 10) When going through a gravel / run off area:
  - Zig-Zag and do some break testes to your car <u>off the track</u> before re-joining the track, to drop the gravel / dirt away from the racing line.

#### **ON TRACK DRIVING STANDARDS**

- 11) Respect across all categories.
- 12) Blue flags (Appendix H ISC Article 2.5.5.e)) are to be respected at all times.
- 13) Discord may be used between competitors to anticipate blue flags.
- 14) It is up to the faster car to find a way to overtake in traffic: slower cars must stick to the racing line.
- 15) Track limits must be respected at all times.
  - Track limits will be monitored and listed on a specific timing page.
  - Track limits are counted by driver and by session. The race is considered as one session.
  - During a Session or race:
    - 4<sup>th</sup> offence in the session: warning flag.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> offence in the session: report to the Stewards.
  - During all sessions, track limit infringements will lead to the deletion of the relevant lap times.

## YELLOW AND DOUBLE YELLOW FLAGS – Appendix H of the ISC Article 2.5.5.b

- 16) Yellow flag(s) mean danger.
- 17) Reduce your speed.



- 18) Forbidden to overtake.
- 19) With Double Yellow Flags drivers must slow down, be prepared to change direction the conditons of the track may even oblige a driver to stop. Duoulble waved yellows may also mean marshals or service vehicles ae exposed, drivers must be ready to stop.

## RED FLAG – ELMS Sporting regulations Articles 14.2 / 14.3

- 20) During free practices or qualifying, when the Red Flag is deployed: all cars must slow down safely and swiftly to 80 km/h and to come back in pit lane.
- 21) The Race Director may release the cars from the 80 km/h speed limit once passed the incident to bring all the cars in the pit lane quicker.
- 22) During the race, overtaking is prohibited, the pit entry and exit will be closed, and all drivers must drive their cars slowly to the red flag line.

### FULL COURSE YELLOW – ELMS Sporting Regulations Article 14.5

- 23) Once the countdown has elapsed and the FCY is deployed:
  - Yellow flags will be waved around the track and FCY board will be presented in the marshal posts.
  - Marshal post(s) of the intervention will be under double yellow flags.
  - All cars to slow down to 80 km/h (a 5 seconds tolerance will be given) overtaking is forbidden.
- 24) Pit entry will close when the Race Director announces "FCY will be deployed at..."
- → In Free Practices, you will be allowed to pit under FCY even if the pit entry closed light is turned on.

### VIRTUAL SAFETY CAR – ELMS Sporting Regulations Article 14.7

- 25) Once the countdown is elapsed and Virtual Safety car is deployed:
  - All cars to be at 80 km/h (a 5 seconds tolerance will be given) overtaking is forbidden.
  - Yellow flags will be waved around the track and VSC boards will be presented in the marshal posts.
  - Marshal post(s) preceding the location(s) of the intervention(s) will wave double yellow flags.
  - During VSC the pit entry is open.

## SAFETY CAR – Appendix H of the ISC Article 2.10 – ELMS Sporting Regulations Article 14.6

- 26) Once Safety car is deployed
  - Yellow flags will be waved around the track and SC boards will be presented in the marshal posts.
  - Marshal post(s) preceding the location(s) of the intervention(s) will wave double yellow flags.
  - Overall leader to slow down around 80 km/h (this speed will not be controlled) overtaking is forbidden.
  - Pit entry will be closed from the moment SC procedure deployment is announced.
- 27) Weaving is forbidden in the area(s) affected by the incident(s).
- 28) Weaving is forbidden during the pass around.
- 29) Maximum distance between two consecutive cars is 5-car length gap.
- 30) If applicable the pass around will be announced on the timing monitors and by pit wall radio with the two following stages:
  - "Prepare for pass around": cars eligible for pass around to move to the right-hand side of the track.
  - "Start the pass around": cars eligible for pass around to start overtaking the SC and the queue by the right-hand side. At this stage weaving to keep tire temperature is not allowed.
  - Cars that have done the pass around must join the back of the queue as quick and as safe as possible, in a single line. Drivers must bear in mind that there are people working on the track.
  - During the pass around, Cars that are not doing the pass around must remain totally on the left-hand side, behind the Safety Car.



- 31) All cars on track must respect the pit entry closed light, irrelevant of their number of laps completed behind the Safety Car.
- 32) During the Safety Car Procedure there is no maximum speed. All cars must follow the SC and keep up with its speed.
- 33) Race control may ask the SC to use alternative track layouts or even track verges. If this is the case all drivers must follow the SC. By other words anywhere the SC goes with its orange roof lights illuminated.
- 34) At the end of the Safety Car procedure:
  - Race Director will instruct "Safety Car in this lap".
  - The Safety Car will turn off the roof lights.
  - Overtaking remains strictly forbidden until you cross the Line (unless a car is undoubtedly slow).
  - Any car with an obvious problem should leave the racing line to allow the others following to pass.

#### **STARTING PROCEDURES**

- 35) When the time comes the pit exit will open as per the sporting regulations, and cars will be driven to the grid, bear in mind that each car should reach its starting position under its own power.
- 36) The pole position of each class will be on the pole side of the track as per the circuit licence.
- 37) Clear instructions will be given during each briefing of the season.
- 38) Unless instructed otherwise there will be 2 formation laps.
- 39) The pole position is responsible for the speed of the field.
- 40) Cars must go through the standing start grid boxes markings.
- 41) Race starts once the lights go off and when each single car physically crosses the Starting Line.

## END OF SESSIONS AND END OF RACE PROCEDURE

- 42) Parc fermé and operations allowed are detailed in the Sporting Regulations: no other work or checks may be completed.
- 43) At the end of the race, if possible, we would appreciate that the overall leader to leave a gap to the car in front on track to present the chequered flag.
- 44) At the end of the race, after taking the chequered flag: do not overtake other cars.
- 45) The winning car from each category will be required to go underneath the podium.
- 46) All drivers of the cars of the top 3 of each category must immediately go to the podium after the chequered flag and follow instructions from the ELMS organisation.
- 47) Climbing on the debris fence on the pit wall at the end of the race is illegal and dangerous.

### **GENERAL ORGANISATION**

- 48) Certain Stewards decisions will be announced on the timing monitors.
- 49) We strongly advise all drivers to visit the FIA Anti-Doping Campaign 'Race True' website <u>http://www.fia.com/fia-race-true-e-learning</u>.
- 50) Please acquaint yourselves with the Appendix C of the International Sporting Code.
- 51) International Sporting Code and appendixes must be respected during Competitions.
- 52) The race director's office can be visited by the drivers if they feel they need to talk to us. If the timing is not appropriate, please let us know of your intentions and we will sort out a way to spare some time for you.

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