

## 2026 TEAM MANAGERS' SEASON BRIEFING NOTES

### PIT LANE PROCEDURES

- 1) Maximum speed in pit lane: 60 km/h.
- 2) Red /green at pit exit must be respected at all times.
- 3) If the red light is on at pit exit: any car waiting at pit exit must stop before the RFID or 3 meters before the pit exit line.
- 4) Unless instructed otherwise by Race Control, cars will access the working lane 5 minutes before the start of the session; and cars will access the fast lane 3 minutes before the start of the session. The same will apply before opening the pit exit to access the grid before the race.
- 5) From the moment cars are allowed in the working lane before a session, Article 12 of the Sporting Regulations applies.
- 6) Cars can be stopped by scrutineering at any time; drivers must respect the signal of the scrutineers.
- 7) It is forbidden to place timing devices and/or beacons less than 3 meters from the official timing systems.
- 8) Pit lane markings must be removed at the end of the race.
- 9) Armbands are to be clearly visible and as the name indicates to be used on the arms:



### GENERAL SAFETY AND INCIDENT PROCEDURES

- 10) During a Red Flag, Safety Car, Virtual Safety Car or Full Course Yellow procedures, if your car encounters a problem: you must instruct your driver to leave the racing line immediately.
- 11) In case of accident
  - Do not stay on radio: this can lead to unnecessarily deploying medical services or may result in a Red Flag.
  - If the car cannot continue:
    - The driver, when safe to do so, will leave the car as soon as possible.
    - The driver must help the recovery operations.
    - Car must be left in neutral with steering wheel in position.
  - If the car can continue: the driver must stay in the car so that the marshals can hoist the car to a safe place.
  - If the Impact Warning Light also known as "medical light" signal is activated, the driver must be examined by the medical services without delay.
- 12) When going through a gravel /run off area:

- Zig-Zag your car off track and make break tests off track before rejoining to drop the gravel /dirt off the line.
- 13) If the car is called in for technical reasons, the scrutineers will release the car when they are satisfied with the repairs.

## ON TRACK DRIVING STANDARDS

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- 14) Respect across all categories.
- 15) Blue flags (Appendix H ISC Article 2.5.5.e)) are to be respected at all times.
- 16) Discord may be used between competitors to anticipate blue flags in the dedicated Discord channel. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to inform the driver about the traffic.
- 17) Track limits must be respected at all times.
- Track limits violations will be monitored and listed on a timing page.
  - Track limits are counted per driver per session. The race is considered as one session.
  - During FP or race:
    - 4<sup>th</sup> offence in the session: warning flag.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> offence in the session: report to the Stewards for each one.
  - During all sessions, track limit infringements will lead to the deletion of the lap time.
  - In certain circuits abusing track limits in the last turn may entail the loss of the relevant and the next lap.

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

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- 18) Waved Yellow flag(s) mean danger.
- 19) Reduce your speed.
- 20) Forbidden to overtake.
- 21) Double Waved Yellow Flags may also mean that marshals and/or vehicles may be exposed, drivers must be ready to stop.
- 22) The onus of proving that any flag is respected is solely on the driver.

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

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- 23) During free practices or qualifying, when Red Flag is deployed: all cars must slow as soon as safe to do so, to 80 km/h and must come back in pit.
- 24) 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.

## FULL COURSE YELLOW - ELMS Sporting Regulations Article 14.5

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- 25) Once FCY is deployed:
- Yellow flags will be waved around the track and FCY boards will be presented in the marshal posts.
  - Marshal post(s) preceding the location of the intervention(s), will display double waved yellow flags.
  - FCY will be displayed on the onboard marshalling system.
  - All cars to slow down to 80 km/h - overtaking is forbidden - there will be a 3 second tolerance after the zero countdown for cars to be at 80km/h
- 26) Pit entry will close when the Race Director announces "FCY will be deployed at..."
- In Free Practices, it will be allowed to pit under FCY even if the pit entry closed light is turned on.

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

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- 27) 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 of the intervention(s) will display double waved yellow flags.
  - SC will be displayed on the onboard marshalling system.
  - Overall leader should slow down around 80 km/h (speed will not be controlled) - overtaking is forbidden.

- 28) Weaving to maintain tyre temperature is forbidden in the area(s) affected by the incident(s).
- 29) Weaving to maintain tyre temperature is forbidden during pass around procedures.
- 30) Maximum distance between two consecutive cars is 5-car length gap.
- 31) Pass around will be announced on the timing monitor 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 start overtaking by the right-hand side the line of cars and the Safety Car.
  - Cars that are not eligible for pass around must stay on the left-hand side (absolutely no weaving during the Prepare for Pass Around or the instruction to Start the Pass Around), behind the Safety Car.
  - Cars doing the Pass Around must join the back of the queue as quick as possible, in a single line, in a safe way. Bearing in mind that the track is still neutralized and that works may still be on going on track or track side.
- 32) All cars on track must respect the pit entry closed light, irrelevant of the number of laps completed behind the Safety Car.
- 33) 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 drivers cross the Line (unless a car is undoubtedly slow).
  - It is the obligation of any driver with an obvious problem to stay totally away from the racing line and not block the cars behind.

## VIRTUAL SAFETY CAR - ELMS Sporting Regulations Article 14.7

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- 34) Once Virtual Safety car is deployed:
  - A countdown will precede the VSC.
  - 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 will display double waved yellow flags.
  - VSC will be displayed on the onboard marshalling system.
  - All cars to slow down to 80 km/h - overtaking is forbidden - there will be a 5 second tolerance after the zero countdown for cars to be at 80km/h.
  - Pit entry remains open.

## PIT ENTRY BEHAVIOUR - ELMS Sporting regulations Articles 12 - 14.2 - 14.3 - 14.5 - 14.6

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- 35) Competitors must always inform Race Control before carrying out an emergency pit stop.
- 36) Regarding the pit entry closed light, in case of failure of the hardware system, Race Control will inform the Competitors immediately via radio and message on the timing monitor
- 37) For the purpose of Articles 14.5.2 (FCY) and 14.6.5 (SC), the pit entry closed light system is considered as a help for the driver.
- 38) During the Safety Car procedures, it is the Competitors’ responsibility to count the laps as detailed in Article 14.6.7
- 39) However, for the purpose of Article 12.1.1 if the light is activated, the light must be respected at any moment.
- 40) Driver change is not allowed during emergency pit stop. For the purpose of driving times, if the pit lane is closed at the moment a driver change would normally be required, the Competitor must wait for the first opportunity to pit and inform Race Control accordingly. This tolerance applies only to the stint concerned and shall not apply to any subsequent driving time requirements.

## STARTING PROCEDURES

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- 41) Unless instructed otherwise in the dedicated Competition briefing, there will be 2 formation laps.
- 42) During the second formation lap, from the position indicated during the dedicated Competition briefing, drivers must assume grid position in a 2x2 formation.
- 43) From that moment onwards, front row drivers of each category should keep the same speed as the Leading Car.
- 44) Unless informed otherwise, the start signal will be turning of the red lights on the start gantry.
- 45) The Leading Car will normally leave the track by pit entry. Front row drivers must then maintain a constant speed as it was imposed by the Leading Car, until the start signal.

- 46) Gaps between cars must be kept as constant as possible.
- 47) A maximum of 5 cars length gap will be tolerated between categories.
- 48) Drivers must drive in two parallel lines, through the grid boxes if painted; no lateral movement is allowed (ISC Art 8.6.1a) & 8.6.1c) before crossing the start line (ELMS SR Art, 11,2,1)
- 49) Once the Start is given, front row drivers may accelerate, and the cars behind may follow their speed.
- 50) No overtaking is allowed before crossing the Star Line.
- 51) In case of a start behind the Safety Car: the Safety Car will leave the grid at the time the race should have started.
- 52) When starting from the pit lane, cars will be allowed to join the formation lap(s) under the conditions defined in Article 11.2.1, to gain tyres/brake temperature.
- 53) It is forbidden to start any engine during the national anthem.

## END OF SESSIONS AND END OF RACE PROCEDURES

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- 54) Parc fermé and operations allowed are detailed in the Sporting Regulations: no other work or checks may be carried out.
- 55) At the end of a session, we may ask a team to stop a determined car on track to simulate a medical intervention with extrication. This request will be done via Discord.
- 56) At the end of the race, if possible, we would appreciate that the overall leader leaves a gap to the car in front on track to present the chequered flag.
- 57) At the end of the race, after having taken the chequered flag: do not overtake other cars.
- 58) The winning car from each category will be required to go underneath the podium.
- 59) 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.
- 60) At the end of the race, for cars selected to undergo scrutineering, a mechanic should be at scrutineering to welcome the cars.

## GENERAL ORGANISATION & COMMUNICATIONS MEANS

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- 61) During the races, most of the Stewards' decisions will be referred on the timing monitors.
- 62) The on-board Marshalling display must be operational - in case of failure, Race Control must be informed.
- 63) If you have communication (radio) problems, the Team Manager needs to inform Race Control immediately.
- 64) If changes are made on the cars overnight, inform the scrutineers as soon as possible.
- 65) Visit the FIA Anti-Doping Campaign 'Race True' website - <http://www.fia.com/fia-race-true-e-learning>
- 66) ADC armband is worn by officials appointed by the Stewards. Antidoping regulations should be enforced by competitors. Access cannot be refused to officials.
- 67) Please acquaint yourself with the Appendix A, B and C of the International Sporting Code.
- 68) International Sporting Code and appendixes must be respected during Competitions.
- 69) Pit wall radio will be tested 10 minutes before the session and will remain online 10 minutes after the session.
- 70) Discord will be operational 10 minutes before the session.
- 71) In case of issue (TV, timing, discord, ...): inform Race Control or an ACO pit lane marshal.
- 72) Alkamel monitors are the only monitors to rely on concerning official information.

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# 2026 DRIVER'S SEASON BRIEFING NOTES – V1

## PIT LANE PROCEDURES

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- 1) Maximum speed in pit lane: 60 km/h.
- 2) Pit lane speed must be respected from pit in loop (60km/h marker board) to pit out loop (60km/h marker board)
- 3) Red /green at pit exit must be always respected.
- 4) If the red lights are on at pit exit: any car waiting at pit exit must stop before the RFID or 3 meters before the pit exit line.
- 5) Cars can be stopped by scrutineering at any time; drivers must respect the signal of the scrutineers.

## GENERAL SAFETY AND INCIDENT PROCEDURES

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- 6) Astroturf / kerbs / track verges take longer to dry than the track.
- 7) During a: Red Flag, Virtual Safety Car, Safety Car or Full Course Yellow procedures, you encounter a problem you must leave the racing line immediately.
- 8) 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.
- 9) When going through a gravel / run off area:
  - Zig-zag your car off track before rejoining to drop the gravel/dirt off the line.

## ON TRACK DRIVING STANDARDS

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- 10) Respect across all categories.
- 11) Blue flags (Appendix H ISC Article 2.5.5.e) are to be respected at all times.
- 12) Except during qualifying, It is up to the faster car to find a way to overtake in traffic: slower cars should stick to the racing line.
- 13) During qualifying if you are not on a hot lap, make sure you are using your mirrors, and do your best to stay out of the way.
- 14) Track limits must be respected at all times:
  - Track limits violations will be monitored and listed on a timing page.
  - Track limits are counted by driver by session. The race is considered as one session.
  - During FP or race:
    - 4<sup>th</sup> offence in the session: warning flag
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  - In certain circuits abusing track limits in the last turn may entail the loss of the relevant and the next lap.

## TRACK SIDE PANELS

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- 15) Track side panels will be used on most of the tracks visited.
- 16) Track side panels complement marshal's flags.
- 17) In case of discrepancy between track side panels, marshal flag or on-board marshalling display, the most restrictive flag will apply.

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

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  - Overall leader to slow down around 80km/h - overtaking is forbidden - all the other cars to catch up the leader as quick and as safe as possible.
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