

## 2016 FIA FORMULA 4 SPORTING REGULATIONS

*Applicable to the 2016-2017 FIA Formula 4 NACAM Championship*

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## FOREWORD

The OMDAI-FIA Mexico (ASN) will organise the NACAM Formula 4 Championship (the Championship) which is the property of the ASN and comprises three titles of National Champion, two for drivers and one for teams. The Drivers Titles comprised are Absolute (Overall) National Champion and Rookie National Champion. Drivers eligible for the Rookie National Championship are those drivers that have never competed previously in any type of car, with the exception of Karts.

The Championship consists of the Formula 4 races which are included in the Formula 4 calendar. All the participating parties (ASN, organisers, competitors and circuits) undertake to apply as well as observe the rules governing the Championship.

### 1) REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be in English, which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. Headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of these Sporting Regulations. Changes to these Sporting Regulations must be made in accordance with Article 18 of the International Sporting Code.
- 1.2 These Sporting Regulations come into force from the moment of their publication and replace all previous Sporting Regulations.

### 2) GENERAL UNDERTAKING

- 2.1 All drivers, competitors and officials participating in the Championship undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees, agents and suppliers, to observe all the provisions as supplemented or amended of the International Sporting Code and its appendices (the Code), the FIA General Prescriptions, the Technical Regulations and the present Sporting Regulations, together referred to as "the Regulations".
- 2.2 The Championship and each of its Events are governed by the ASN in accordance with the present Regulations. Event means any event counting towards the Championship and registered on the National Calendar for any year, commencing at the scheduled time for scrutineering and sporting checks and including all practice sessions and the race itself and ending at either the time for the lodging of a protest under the terms of the Code or the time when a technical or sporting certification has been carried out under the terms of the Code, whichever is later.

### 3) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1 It is the competitor's obligation to ensure that all persons concerned by his entry observe all the requirements of the Code, the FIA General Prescriptions, the Technical Regulations and the Sporting Regulations.

If a competitor is unable to be present in person at the Event, he must nominate his representative in writing.

Throughout the entire duration of the Event, a person having charge of an entered car during any part of an Event is responsible jointly and severally with the competitor for ensuring that the requirements are observed.

- 3.2 Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout the Event.
- 3.3 The presentation of a car for scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.
- 3.4 All persons concerned in any way with an entered car or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock, pits, pit lane, or track must wear an appropriate pass at all times.
- 3.5 During any Event competitors (and/or anybody associated with the entry of a car), are not permitted to produce or order to produce any moving pictures of competition cars on the track. Any exception to this must be approved in writing by the ASN.

Failure to comply with the above will be reported to the stewards of the meeting and may result in a fine or the exclusion of the relevant team from the Event.

#### **4) LICENCES AND ELIGIBLE DRIVERS**

**4.1** All drivers must be at least 15 years old (the date of the birthday being binding) and hold an appropriate grade C, NACAM Zone Licence issued by the respective ASN. In order to preserve the level of the Championship, International A & B licences must be prevented to take part in the Championship. Accordingly to this note, the following must be mentioned in this article: "Holders of International Licence A & B are not allowed to participate in the Championship.

A driver must also be in possession of a current medical certificate of aptitude, either included on the competition licence or on an attached document.

**4.2** No driver may participate in the Championship without successfully completing a training/educational programme given by the ASN, which organizes the Championship.

**4.3** No driver may participate in the Championship for more than three complete seasons (more than 80% of the Competitions in any season being considered a complete season)

**4.4** No Championship winning driver, other than any winner of the best Rookie title, may compete in a further Championship.

#### **5) CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**5.1** Events are reserved for Formula 4 cars as defined in the current FIA Technical Regulations (Appendix J – Article 274).

**5.2** Each Event will have the status of a zone competition.

**5.3** The Event shall include all practice sessions and races.

**5.4** There will be two or three races of no more than 30 minutes duration at each Event. The race distance must be specified in the Supplementary Regulations of each event.

**5.5** The maximum number of Events in the Championship is 10, and the minimum is 6.

**5.6** The minimum number of races in the Championship during a season is 14.

**5.7** The final list of Events will be published 3 months before the start of the season.

**5.8** An Event will not count for the Championship if fewer than 12 cars are available for it.

**5.9** Each Event will be run on circuits holding a valid FIA licence grade 4 minimum, delivered by the FIA

#### **6) NATIONAL F4 CHAMPIONSHIP**

**6.1** The Formula 4 Championship driver's title will be awarded to the driver who has scored the highest number of points, taking into consideration all the results obtained during the Events which have actually taken place.

**6.2** The Formula 4 Championship team title will be awarded to the competitor who has scored the highest number of points, nominated by each team before the end of initial scrutineering, being taken into account.

**6.3** Points for both titles will be awarded at each race according to the following scale:

1st	:	25 points
2nd	:	18 points
3rd	:	15 points
4th	:	12 points
5th	:	10 points
6th	:	8 points
7th	:	6 points
8th	:	4 points
9th	:	2 points
10th	:	1 point

No points will be awarded for any other additional points systems

- 6.4 If a race is suspended under Article 39, and cannot be resumed, no points will be awarded if the leader has completed two laps or less at the time of suspension, half points will be awarded if the leader has completed more than two laps but less than 75% of the original race distance and full points will be awarded if the leader has completed 75% or more of the original race distance.

Full points will however be awarded if the maximum race time is reached before 75% of the original race distance was completed by the leader.

No points will be awarded if all laps have been completed under Safety Car.

- 6.5 If required by the ASN to do so the drivers finishing first, second and third in the Championship must be present at the annual ASN Prize Giving ceremony.

## **7) DEAD HEAT**

- 7.1 Prizes awarded for all the positions of competitors who tie will be added together and shared equally.

- 7.2 If two or more drivers or teams finish the season with the same number of points, the higher place in the Championship shall be awarded to:

- a) The holder of the greatest number of first places.
- b) If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places.
- c) If the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places, and so on until a winner emerges.
- d) If this procedure fails to produce a result, the ASN will nominate the winner according to such criteria as it thinks fit.

## **8) PROMOTER**

- 8.1 An application to promote an Event must be made to the ASN. It must be accompanied by written evidence that the promoter has made arrangements to secure the participation of all competitors.

## **9) ORGANISATION OF EVENTS**

- 9.1 The organiser must be a club or body acceptable to the ASN.
- 9.2 Each organiser shall provide the information set out in the Specific or Supplementary Regulations of the event.

## **10) INSURANCE**

- 10.1 The organiser of an Event must ensure that all competitors, their personnel and drivers are covered by third party insurance.
- 10.2 Thirty days before the Event the organiser must send the ASN details of the risks covered by the insurance which must comply with the national laws in force. This insurance certificate, written in the language of the country as well as in English, shall be made available to the competitors.
- 10.3 Third party insurance arranged by the organiser shall be in addition and without prejudice to any personal insurance policy held by a competitor or by any other natural person or legal entity taking part in the Event.
- 10.4 Drivers taking part in the Event are not third parties with respect to one another.
- 10.5 Each competitor shall be responsible for his own medical and third party insurance during the official testing (collective testing/out of event).

## **11) OFFICIALS**

- 11.1** For each season, the following officials must be nominated by the ASN:
- a) A permanent race director.
  - b) A permanent chairman of stewards
  - c) A permanent Technical delegate/Chief Scrutineer
- 11.2** For each event, the following officials may be nominated by the ASN:
- a) A Safety Delegate
  - b) An ASN Delegate
- 11.3** For each event, the following officials must be nominated either by the ASN or the Organizer:
- a) Two stewards of the meeting. In accordance with Article 11.7 of the Code, the stewards of the meeting will officiate as a body under the authority of their Chairman.
  - b) A clerk of the course.
  - c) A secretary of the meeting.
  - d) A chief medical officer.
- 11.4** For each event, the ASN or the Organizer may nominate the followings:
- a) Media Delegate
  - b) Scrutineers
  - c) Others
- 11.5** The clerk of the course shall work in permanent consultation with the race director. The race director shall have overriding authority in the following matters and the clerk of the course may give orders in respect of them only with his express agreement:
- a) The control of practice and the race, adherence to the timetable and, if he deems it necessary, the formulation of any proposal to the stewards to modify the timetable in accordance with the Code or Sporting Regulations.
  - b) The stopping of any car in accordance with the Code and with the Sporting Regulations.
  - c) The interruption of practice.
  - d) The starting procedure.
  - e) The use of the safety car.
  - f) The suspending and resuming of the race.
- 11.6** The race director, the clerk of the course, the chief scrutineer and the stewards of the meeting must be present at the circuit at the latest from the beginning of the Event as defined by the Code.
- 11.7** The race director must be in permanent radio contact with the clerk of the course, the chief scrutineer and the chairman of the stewards at all times when cars are permitted to run on the track. Additionally, the clerk of the course must be at race control and in radio contact with all the marshals' posts.

## **12) COMPETITORS APPLICATIONS**

**12.1** Applications to compete in the Championship must be submitted to the ASN by using the entry form available from the ASN and accompanied by the entry fee as specified below. Applications at other times will only be considered if a place is available and on payment of a late entry fee to be fixed by the ASN. The ASN will notify the applicant of the result of the application within thirty days of its receipt.

Successful applicants are automatically entered in all Events of the Championship.

**12.2** Applications shall include:

- a) Confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the Regulations and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of everyone associated with its participation in the Championship, to observe them.
- b) The name of the team.
- c) The physical address of the competitor corresponding to his licence.
- d) Copies of the licences for both, driver and competitor as well as copies of the related documents according to Art.4.1.
- e) The names of the drivers. A driver may be nominated subsequent to the application upon payment of a fee fixed by the ASN.
- f) An undertaking by the applicant to participate in every Event with the number of cars and drivers entered.
- g) Confirmation from the applicant that both he and his intended drivers have complied with the requirements of Article 21 of these Sporting Regulations.

**12.3** Only 4 cars per team may enter for the Championship.

In addition to the above requirements in Art.12.2, and in order to facilitate the selection process, the ASN may request additional information such as but not limited to the following:

- a) Financial situation and financial background of the team.
- b) Sporting background and sporting project of the team.
- c) Identity of the team ownership and if applicable, details of any upstream companies.
- d) Physical details of the team's headquarters and equipment.
- e) More detailed information pertaining to the drivers
- f) Organisation chart.

**12.4** The entry fee is 150,000 USD per car per season.

Any entry request shall not be considered without the payment of the corresponding fees.

**12.5** All applications will be studied by the ASN and accepted or rejected at its absolute discretion. The ASN will publish the list of cars and drivers accepted together with their race numbers, having first notified unsuccessful applicants as set out in Article 13.1. Out-of-time applications will be considered separately.

**12.6** At its absolute discretion the ASN may accept an additional entry from a team for a single Event, under such circumstances the entry fee will be set by the ASN. Any such application must be made at least 14 days prior to the start of the Event in question.

**12.7** The ASN may cancel the Championship if less than 12 cars are entered for it by the closing date for entries.

**12.8** Any driver entered in the Championship and who is unable to take part in an Event must inform the Organizing ASN in writing before the end of initial scrutineering of the Event in question.

**13) PASSES**

**13.1** No pass may be issued or used other than with the agreement of the Promoter. A pass may be used only by the person and for the purpose for which it was issued.

**14) INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

**14.1** The stewards or race director may give instructions to competitors by means of special circulars in accordance with the Code. These circulars will be distributed to all competitors who must acknowledge receipt.

**14.2** All classifications and results of practice and the race, as well as all decisions issued by the officials, will be posted on the official notice board.

- 14.3 Any decision or communication concerning a particular competitor should be given to him within twenty five minutes of such decision, and receipt must be acknowledged.
- 14.4 Official instructions and communications to competitors may also be given through the timekeeping screens.

## 15) INCIDENTS

15.1 "Incident" means any occurrence or series of occurrences involving one or more drivers, or any action by any driver, which is reported to the stewards by the race director (or noted by the stewards and subsequently investigated) which:

- a) Necessitated the suspension of a race under Article 39.
- b) Constituted a breach of these Sporting Regulations or the Code.
- c) Caused a false start by one or more cars.
- d) Caused a collision.
- e) Forced a driver off the track.
- f) Illegitimately prevented a legitimate overtaking manoeuvre by a driver.
- g) Illegitimately impeded another driver during overtaking.

Unless it was completely clear that a driver was in breach of any of the above, any incidents involving more than one car will normally be investigated after the race.

15.2 Regarding incidents:

- a) It shall be at the discretion of the stewards to decide, upon a report or a request by the race director, if a driver or drivers involved in an incident shall be penalised.
- b) If an incident is under investigation by the stewards a message informing all teams which driver or drivers are involved will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors.

Provided that such a message is displayed within 25 minutes of the end of the race, or a message is delivered to any team concerned within this time, the driver or drivers concerned may not leave the circuit without the consent of the stewards.

15.3 The stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an Incident:

- a) A drive-through penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane and re-join the race without stopping.
- b) A ten second time penalty. The driver must enter the pit lane, stop at his pit for at least ten seconds and then re-join the race.

If either of the two penalties above are imposed during the last five laps, or after the end of a race, Article 15.4b) below will not apply and 20 seconds will be added to the elapsed race time of the driver concerned in the case of a) above and 30 seconds in the case of b).

- c) A time penalty.
- d) A reprimand.

If any of the four penalties above are imposed they shall not be subject to appeal.

- e) A drop of any number of grid positions at the driver's next race. If such a penalty is imposed for a race where grid positions were determined following split qualifying sessions, and cars are arranged on each side of the grid accordingly, the number of grid places a driver will drop on his side of the grid will be divided by two (rounded up if necessary).
- f) Exclusion from the results.

- g) Suspension from the driver's next Event.
- 15.4 Should the stewards decide to impose either of the penalties under Article 15.3a) or b), the following procedure will be followed:
- a) The stewards will give written notification of the penalty which has been imposed to the competitor concerned and, where possible, will ensure that this information is also displayed on the timing monitors.
  - b) From the time the stewards' decision is notified on the timing monitors the relevant driver may cross the Line on the track no more than twice before entering the pit lane and, in the case of a penalty under Article 15.3b), proceeding to his garage where he shall remain for the period of the time penalty.  
  
However, unless the driver was already in the pit entry for the purpose of serving his penalty, he may not carry out the penalty after the safety car has been deployed. The number of times the driver crosses the Line behind the safety car will be added to the maximum number of times he may cross the Line on the track.  
  
Whilst a car is stationary in the pit lane as a result of incurring a time penalty it may not be worked on. However, if the engine stops it may be started after the time penalty period has elapsed.
  - c) When the time penalty period has elapsed the driver may re-join the race.
  - d) Any breach or failure to comply with Articles 15.4b) or c) may result in the car being excluded.

## 16) PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 16.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of 1,200 USD.  
Published by the ASN.
- 16.2 Appeals shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of 1,500 USD.  
Published by the ASN.
- 16.3 Appeals may not be made against decision concerning the following:
- a) Penalties imposed under Articles 15.3a), b) c) or d), including those imposed during the last five laps or after the end of a race.
  - b) Any drop of grid positions imposed under Article 28.3.
  - c) Any penalty imposed under Article 31.5.
  - d) Any decision taken by the stewards in relation to Article 34.4.
  - e) Any penalty imposed under Articles 36.4 or 40.3.

## 17) SANCTIONS

- 17.1 The stewards may inflict the penalties specifically set out in these Sporting Regulations in addition to or instead of any other penalties available to them under the Code.
- 17.2 Any driver who receives three reprimands in the same Championship season will, upon the imposition of the third, be given a ten grid place penalty for the start of driver's next race. If the third reprimand is imposed following an Incident during the last race of an Event the ten grid place penalty will be applied for the start of the driver's first race at the next Event.  
  
The ten grid place penalty will only be imposed if at least two of the reprimands were imposed for a driving infringement.

## 18) CHANGES OF DRIVER

- 18.1 Any driver already nominated by one team, who then wishes to drive for another team entered in the Championship, must first satisfy the ASN that this is being done with the

consent of the original team. If there is no such consent the ASN will decide, at its absolute discretion, whether such a change may be made.

- 18.2 Before the end of initial scrutineering each competitors must specify which of his drivers will be driving which cars. After this point no changes may be made to the original allocation.

## 19) DRIVING

- 19.1 The driver must drive the car alone and unaided.

- 19.2 The driver is not permitted to participate in any additional practice, qualifying or race within the Event, except when authorised by the stewards.

- 19.3 Drivers must make every reasonable effort to use the track at all times and may not deliberately leave the track without a justifiable reason. For the avoidance of doubt the white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not.

A driver will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with the track.

Should a car leave the track the driver may re-join, however, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage.

A driver may not deliberately leave the track without justifiable reason.

- 19.4 More than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off-line, should leave at least one car width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner.

- 19.5 Any driver defending his position on a straight, and before any braking area, may use the full width of the track during his first move, provided no significant portion of the car attempting to pass is alongside his. Whilst defending in this way the driver may not leave the track without justifiable reason.

For the avoidance of doubt, if any part of the front wing of the car attempting to pass is alongside the rear wheel of the car in front this will be deemed to be a 'significant portion'.

- 19.6 Manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are not permitted.

- 19.7 As soon as a car is caught by another car which is about to lap it during the race the driver must allow the faster driver past at the first available opportunity. If the driver who has been caught does not allow the faster driver past, waved blue flags will be shown to indicate that he must allow the following driver to overtake.

## 20) CAR AND DRIVER'S EQUIPMENT LIVERY

- 20.1 Each car must carry the race number of its driver as published by the ASN. The number panel, if supplied, may not be modified without approval of the ASN and must be placed on the nose of the car and on each rear wing end plate which must be left clear of other identification (unless specifically provided by the ASN).

- 20.2 Every competitor must display the name of the driver and his national flag on the bodywork, on the outside of the cockpit or on the driver's helmet. These must be clearly legible.

- 20.3 Each car and each driver's overall must be fitted according to the Annexe 2.

## 21) TRACK TESTING

- 21.1 Other than any official testing sessions organized by the Championship, no team or driver entered in the Championship may take part in a test on a track hosting a Championship Event at least three week period preceding that Event. For this testing (non-official testing), there is a free tyre quota.

## 22) PIT ENTRY, PIT LANE AND PIT EXIT

- 22.1** The section of track between the first safety car line and the beginning of the pit lane will be designated the “pit entry”.
- 22.2** The section of track between the end of the pit lane and the second safety car line will be designated the “pit exit”.
- 22.3** Leaving the pit lane and re-joining the track must be done without endangering or hindering other participants. It is strictly forbidden to cross the white line at the pit exit with any part of a car when leaving the pits.
- Any driver crossing the white line at the pit exit during practice will be given a three grid place penalty or, during the race, a penalty under Article 15.3(a) will apply
- 22.4** The pit lane will be divided into two lanes, the lane closest to the pit wall will be designated the “fast lane” and the lane closest to the garages will be designated the “inner lane”.
- Other than when cars are at the end of the pit lane under Articles 36.2 and 39.5, the inner lane is the only area where any work can be carried out on a car. However, no work may be carried out in the fast lane if it is likely to hinder other cars attempting to leave the pit lane.
- 22.5** Unless a car is pushed from the grid at any time during the start procedure, cars may only be driven from the teams designated garage area to the end of the pit lane.
- Any car(s) driven to the end of the pit lane prior to the start or re-start of a practice session, or any car(s) required to stop at the pit exit during a safety car period, must form up in a line in the fast lane and leave in the order they got there unless another car is unduly delayed.
- 22.6** Any driver that is required to start the race from the pit lane may not drive his car from his teams designated garage area until the five minute signal has been given and must stop in a line in the fast lane. Under these circumstances working in the fast lane will be permitted, but any such work is restricted to:
- Starting the engine and any directly related preparation.
  - The fitting or removal of permitted cooling and heating devices.
  - Changes made for driver comfort.
  - Changing of wheels if there is a change of climatic conditions.
- When cars are permitted to leave the pit lane they must do so in the order that was established under Article 36 unless another car is unduly delayed. At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.
- 22.7** Other than drying, sweeping or any tyre rubber left when cars leave their pit stop position, competitors may not attempt to enhance the grip of the surface in the pit lane unless a problem has been clearly identified and a solution agreed to by the race director.
- 22.8** Competitors must not paint lines on any part of the pit lane.
- 22.9** Other than in Article 22.5 above no equipment may be left in the fast lane. A car may enter or remain in the fast lane only with the driver sitting in the car behind the steering wheel in his normal position even when the car is being pushed.
- 22.10** All pressurised air bottles and associated hoses in the pits must be stowed safely and may only be brought into the pit lane immediately before they are required for work on a car and must be removed as soon as the work is complete.
- 22.11**
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to release his car from his garage or a pit stop position only when it is safe to do so. The competitor must also provide a means of clearly establishing, when being viewed from the front of the car, when that car was released.
  - If a car is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during any practice session, the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate.

- c) If a car is deemed to have been released in an unsafe condition during a race a penalty under Article 16.3(d) will be imposed on the driver concerned.
- d) An additional penalty will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the stewards, continues to drive a car knowing it to have been released in an unsafe condition.

In all of the above cases, a car will be deemed to have been released either when it has been driven out of its designated garage area (when leaving from the garage) or after it has completely cleared its pit stop position following a pit stop.

- 22.12 Starting an engine with an external device will be considered working on the car, consequently this will not be permitted in the fast lane of the pits.
- 22.13 Cars may not enter the fast lane of the pits until the pit exit is opened at the start or re-start of each practice or qualifying session. Furthermore, no car may be moved to a position in the slow lane which is closer to the pit exit than the garage which has been assigned to the relevant Team.
- 22.14 All pit road garage doors must remain open during all practice and qualifying sessions.
- 22.15 Under exceptional circumstances the race director may ask for the pit entry to be closed during the race for safety reasons. At such times drivers may only enter the pit lane in order for essential and entirely evident repairs to be carried out to the car.

### **23) SCRUTINEERING AND SPORTING CHECKS**

- 23.1 The following documents must be submitted to the clerk of the course by each team during initial scrutineering:
  - a) Competitor's and driver's licences and any related documents.
  - b) Parent ASN authorisation for foreign licence holders.
  - c) Medical certificate of aptitude.
- 23.2 Drivers with medical peculiarities (as for example allergies, bleeder, diabetic etc.) are obliged to submit a written information to the chief medical officer before the first practice starts. This information must include name and number of the race car. Participants with injuries or temporary handicaps are obliged to contact the chief medical officer immediately. The chief medical officer will decide if such a driver will be admitted to the event.
- 23.3 During initial scrutineering, and at any time during the event, each competitor must have available all documents required by Article 4.1 above in addition to the car's technical passport.
- 23.4 Unless a waiver is granted by the stewards, competitors who do not keep to time limits will not be allowed to take part in the Event.
- 23.5
  - a) Initial scrutineering of the car will take place in the garage assigned to each competitor when the technical passport for the car must be available.
  - b) In order that scrutineers have the required access, all pit lane garage doors must be left open during all practice and qualifying sessions.
- 23.6 Race numbers and any official advertising must be on the car for inspection during scrutineering.
- 23.7 No car may take part in the Event until it has been approved by the scrutineers.
- 23.8 The scrutineers may:
  - a) Check the eligibility of a car or of a competitor at any time during the Event.
  - b) Require a car to be dismantled by the competitor to make sure that the conditions of eligibility or conformity are fully satisfied.
  - c) Require a competitor to pay the reasonable expenses which exercise of the powers mentioned in this Article may entail.

- d) Require a competitor to supply them with such parts or samples as they may deem necessary.
- 23.9 Any car which, after being passed by the scrutineers, is dismantled or modified in a way which might affect its safety or call into question its eligibility, or which is involved in an accident with similar consequences, must be re-presented for scrutineering approval.
- 23.10 The race director or clerk of the course may require that any car involved in an accident be stopped and checked.
- 23.11 After each race and all qualifying practice sessions at least three classified cars will be selected and must undergo scrutineering.
- 23.12 Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall be responsible for the operation of the parc fermé and who alone are authorised to give instructions to the competitors.
- 23.13 The stewards will publish the findings of the scrutineers each time cars are checked during the Event. These results will not include any specific figure except when a car is found to be in breach of the Technical Regulations.
- 23.14 Competitors agree that the selected channel of data and video can be used by instructors appointed by the ASN at the service of drivers' tutoring.

#### **24) TYRES AND TYRE LIMITATION DURING THE EVENT**

- 24.1 Only the dry-weather tyres which have been provided at the Event by the appointed supplier may be used throughout the Event.

Competitors may transport wet-weather tyres from one Event to another provided they were allocated to them by the appointed supplier at a previous Event of the Championship.

- 24.2 Any modification or treatment including cutting, grooving, and the application of water, solvents or softeners, the use of heat retaining (and/or cooling) devices or pre 2 heating/cooling is prohibited. This applies to both wet-weather and dry-weather tyres.

In order to ensure that tyres have not been treated or modified samples may be taken from the tyre tread for analysis and comparison with a tyre taken directly from the supplier's stock. The sampling procedures will follow those for fuel sampling, see Article 29.7 for details.

- 24.3 According to the number of races per event, each driver may use no more than:

- One and an half sets for an event counting 2 races
- Two sets for an event counting 3 races

- a) Three front and three rear used dry-weather tyres for the two free practice sessions. In this context a tyre will be considered used if it was allocated to the same car at a previous Event, whether or not it was used on the track.

At the first Event of the Championship, or at the first Event for an additional car (see Article 13.6), each driver will be allocated three front and three rear new dry-weather tyres for use in the two free practice sessions.

- b) Three front and three rear new dry-weather tyres for the qualifying practice sessions and the races.

- c) Three front and three rear wet-weather tyres.

At his absolute discretion the chief scrutineer may enforce a method of sealing all wet-weather tyres between Events.

According to the number of races per event, each driver may use no more than:

- One and an half sets of wet-weather tyres for the qualifying practices sessions and the races for an event counting 2 races
- Two sets of wet-weather tyres for the qualifying practices sessions and the races for an event counting 3 races

- 24.4 With the exception of the races, wet-weather tyres may only be used after the track has been declared wet by the race director, following which wet or dry weather tyres may be used for the remainder of the relevant session.
- 24.5 A competitor wishing to replace an already marked unused tyre by another identical unused one must present both tyres to the chief scrutineer.
- In case of a tyre damaged by an on track accident, the technical delegate/chief scrutineer may present a dossier to the Panel of Stewards, who may approve the replacement of the damaged tyre with a free practice tyre.
- 24.6 If an approved bar coding is not used on the outer sidewall of each tyre or, at the request of the competitor on both sidewalls, the scrutineers will paint the race number of the driver as well as a letter characterising the Event.
- 24.7 The use of tyres without appropriate identification may result in a grid position penalty or exclusion from the race.
- 24.8 Tyres may only be inflated with air or nitrogen.
- 24.9 All tyres, when under the control of a team, must remain visible within the team's designated garage area at all times.
- At his absolute discretion, the chief scrutineer will enforce parc fermé conditions on tyres at any time.
- 24.10 The scrutineers appointed for marking will supervise tyre changes in the pits.

## **25) MINIMUM CAR WEIGHT AND WEIGHING**

- 25.1 The minimum weight of the car must be no less than 545 kg. This figure will take precedence over the Technical Regulations
- 25.2 a) During each qualifying practice session cars will be weighed as follows:
- i) In the pit lane the organiser will provide an appropriate surface, this area will be used for the weighing procedure. After qualifying practice the weight of the cars may also be checked during parc fermé.
  - ii) Cars will be selected at random to undergo the weighing procedure. The chief scrutineer will inform the driver that his car has been selected for weighing.
  - iii) Having been signalled that his car has been selected for weighing, the driver will proceed directly to the weighing area and stop his engine.
  - iv) The car will then be weighed and the result given to the driver.
  - v) If the car is unable to reach the weighing area under its own power, the chief scrutineer will advise the team to take the car to be weighed or the car will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals who will take the car to be weighed.
  - vi) A car or driver may not leave the weighing area without the consent of the chief scrutineer.
  - vii) If a car stops on the circuit and the driver leaves the car, he must contact the scrutineers immediately on his return in order for his weight to be established.
- b) After the race each car crossing the Line may be weighed.
- If a driver wishes to leave his car before it is weighed he must ask the chief scrutineer to weigh him in order that this weight may be added to that of the car. The chief scrutineer will then tell the driver his weight and, once the driver leaves parc fermé, this will be deemed implicit acceptance of the figure.
- c) The relevant car may be excluded should its weight be less than that specified in Article 25.1 of the present Regulations when weighed under a) or b) above, save where the deficiency in weight results from the accidental loss of a component of the car.

- d) No solid, liquid, gas or other substance or matter of whatsoever nature may be added to, placed on, or removed from a car after it has been selected for weighing or has finished the post-race scrutineering or during the weighing procedure. (Except by a scrutineer when acting in his official capacity).
  - e) Only scrutineers and officials may enter the weighing area. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorized by such officials.
- 25.2 In the event of any breach of these provisions for the weighing of cars the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate or exclude him from the race.

## 26) GENERAL CAR REQUIREMENTS

- 26.1 Only chassis, gearboxes and engine installation kits complying entirely with the following homologations may be used during official test days and events.

Chassis Homologation No: MYGALE M14-F4

Gearbox Homologation No: 2015-02-F4-Sadev

Engine installation kit Homologation No: SODEMO FORD ECOBOOST 1.6

Once supplied, the components may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the ASN after consultation with the manufacturer. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.

- 26.2 The use of the following components is mandatory, and in that case will replace the components listed in the basic homologation form according to article 26.1.

Rims: FRONT RIM F.41.14.078.A / REAR RIM F.41.15.026.A Without modification

Exhaust: without catalytic converter. Modified and updated solely by REYNARD (MYGALE AMERICA). CURRENTLY THE MYGALE PARTS NUMBER LISTS F.41.10.094.B (EXHAUST, FORD ENGINE)

Once supplied, the components may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the ASN after consultation with the manufacturer. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.

- 26.3 The use of the rear suspension pickup points as shown in the latest version Mygale user manual is mandatory.

- REAR SUSPENSION (INNER SIDE)
- REAR WISHBONE BRACKETS:
- UPPER SUSPENSION "A" ARM FRONT PICKUP BRACKET POSITION TOP : 2<sup>ND</sup> HOLE FROM BOTTOM
- UPPER SUSPENSION "A" ARM BACK PICKUP BRACKET POSITION : LOWER HOLE (1<sup>ST</sup> FROM THE BOTTOM)
- LOWER SUSPENSION "A" ARM FRONT PICKUP BRACKET POSITION TOP : 2<sup>ND</sup> HOLE FROM BOTTOM (UPPER POSITION)
- LOWER SUSPENSION "A" ARM BACK PICKUP BRACKET POSITION : MIDDLE POSITION (2<sup>ND</sup> FROM THE BOTTOM)
- REAR UPRIGHT REF F.41.14.063.B

- 26.4 An approved Accident Data Recorder (ADR) must be fitted to the car and be in working order at all times during the Event.

- 26.5 No signal of any kind may pass between a moving car and anyone connected with the car's entrant or driver save for lap timing purposes, legible messages on a pit board, body movement by the driver and verbal communication between a driver and his team by radio.

- 26.6** The ASN may require entrants to fit an Electronic Self (Timekeeping Transponder) Identification Module for the purpose of accurate timing, the exact position of which will be advised prior to the Event. These modules will have to be in place and switched on for all practice sessions and the races.
- 26.7** Only one of the following gear ratios may be used during official test days and events. Individual specified optional gear ratios may be freely mixed with the standard gear ratios.

	Standard	
Gear	Ratio	
1 <sup>st</sup>	14	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	28
4 <sup>th</sup>	21	27
5 <sup>th</sup>	20	22
6 <sup>th</sup>	27	26

	Optional	
Gear	Ratio	
4 <sup>th</sup>	22	29
5 <sup>th</sup>	24	28
6 <sup>th</sup>	22	23

- 26.8** Each competitor must install and maintain in working order (image, data recording and logging) an incident camera on the side of the main roll structure (which side of the roll structure will be specified prior to each Event). Details of the system, including installation instructions, will be made available from the FIA.

Nothing may obstruct the camera picture and it is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure the functionality of the camera system at all times.

The required memory card (Micro SD) will be supplied and installed by the OMDAI. The memory card slot will be sealed by the scrutineers before the start of the qualifying practice sessions and races. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the seal remains intact and that the card is not removed until the end of the parc fermé of the relevant session.

Competitors may break the seal on the card slot after the end of parc fermé of each session. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the card and the video data of each session are available at any time during the Event. The cards must be returned to the scrutineers at the end of each Event with the video data of all sessions on them.

Failure to comply with the above requirements will be reported to the stewards.

- 26.9** During the entire Event, no screen, cover or other obstruction which in any way obscures any part of a car will be allowed at any time in the paddock, garages, pit lane or grid, unless it is clear any such covers are needed solely for mechanical reasons, which could, for example, include protecting against fire.

In addition to the above the following are specifically not permitted:

- a) Engine, gearbox or radiator covers whilst engines are being changed or moved around the garage.
- b) Covers over spare wings when they are on a stand in the pit lane not being used.
- c) Parts such as (but not limited to) spare floors, fuel rigs or tool trolleys may not be used as an obstruction.

The following are permitted:

- d) Covers which are placed over damaged cars or components.
- e) A transparent tool tray, no more than 50mm deep, placed on top of the rear wing.
- f) A cover over the car in the team's garage overnight.

g) A cover over the car in the pit lane or grid if it is raining.

**26.10** The noise generated by the car must not exceed 105 dB(A).

Engine noise will be assessed in the following way:

- a) The measuring point will be at a distance of 50 cm from and at an angle of 45° to the exhaust outlet.
- b) The height of the microphone will be between 40-60cm from the ground.
- c) The noise meter will be tuned to "slow".
- d) Measurements will be taken with the filter "A".
- e) The clutch pedal must be actuated in order to prevent the gearbox from rattling.
- f) The engine speed must be set at three-quarters of the maximum rpm.

## **27) SPARE CARS**

**27.1** Spare cars are not permitted. However any part of the car may be changed at any time during the Event.

No driver may use more than one car at the same event. After initial scrutineering the survival cell may only be changed if the technical delegate is satisfied that a change is necessary following accident damage. Any replacement survival cell must be presented to the technical delegate for inspection and may have no components pre-fitted to it. Following the change the car must then be re-presented for scrutineering.

**27.2** The decision whether a car has been repaired or changed will be taken by the stewards of the meeting, based upon a report by the chief scrutineer.

**27.3** Any car which has passed initial scrutineering may not be removed from the confines of the circuit during the remainder of the Event.

## **28) ENGINES**

**28.1** Only engines complying entirely with the following homologation may be used during official test days and events.

Engine Homologation No: 2015-03-F4-FORD

Once supplied, the engine may not be modified in any way whatsoever except where specifically permitted by the Technical Regulations or with the written permission of the ASN after consultation with the supplier. Any such modifications will only be permitted if they are deemed absolutely necessary after a problem has been clearly identified.

**28.2** Each driver may use no more than one engine for the entire Championship including all Events and official tests in which his team competes. Should a driver use a replacement engine he will drop ten places on the starting grid for the next three races he takes part in.

**28.3** An engine will be deemed to have been used once the car's timing transponder has shown that it has left the pit lane.

**28.4** After consultation with the relevant engine supplier the ASN will attach seals to each engine prior to it being used for the first time at an Event in order to ensure that no significant moving parts can be rebuilt or replaced.

**28.5** Other than the straightforward replacement of one engine unit with another, a change will also be deemed to have taken place if any of the seals are damaged or removed from the original engine after it has been used for the first time in any practice session.

**28.6** The Technical Delegate/Chief scrutineer may require the replacement of a complete engine, any part of the engine or ECU with parts coming from the supplier's stock or the check of the complete engine on the test bench.

## **29) FUEL, FUEL SAMPLING AND REFUELLING**

**29.1** Only fuel provided at the Event by the appointed supplier may be used throughout the Event.

All competitors will be provided with the fuel specification in advance of each Event. Any alteration to the specification of the fuel provided by the appointed supplier may result in exclusion from the Event.

**29.2** It must be possible to take a 1.0kg sample of fuel from a car at any time during the Event according to the procedure described in Art. 29.3

**29.3** All cars must be fitted with a self-sealing FIA approved connector which can be used by the scrutineers to take a fuel sample from the tank. Competitors must also provide a fuel line approximately 1.5m long, with a tap, which can be used to transfer the samples into the sampling vessels.

**29.4** During all refuelling or fuel handling operations :

- a) The relevant personnel must be wearing clothing which will provide adequate protection against fire.
- b) An assistant, wearing clothing which will provide adequate protection against fire, and who is equipped with a suitable fire extinguisher of appropriate capacity must be present.
- c) During refuelling all other team personnel must keep a safe distance from the car.
- d) All cars, refuelling equipment and containers must be suitably grounded where necessary.
- e) Any powered pumping system used to transfer fuel must be operated by a non-latching switch or be turned off automatically if the operator leaves.

**29.5** No refuelling, or removal of fuel, is permitted :

- a) During any qualifying practice session.
- b) Between qualifying practice sessions if the interval between them is 15 minutes or less.
- c) The race or at any time prior to the completion of post-qualifying or post-race scrutineering.

Refuelling in the pits is only permitted using equipment complying with FIA safety regulations.

**29.6** Refuelling, or removal of fuel, is only allowed via self-sealing dry-break connectors and may only be carried out in the paddock or in the pit lane. The driver may remain inside the car throughout refuelling but the engine must be stopped.

**29.7** Fuel samples will be taken during the Event as follows :

- a) During every Event a reference sample will be taken at random from the stock of the designated fuel supplier. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.

Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :

- One container to the scrutineers for testing.
- One container to the organiser.
- One container to the fuel supplier.

- b) At any time during an Event the chief scrutineer may take a fuel sample from any car. Gas and fuel-tight locking containers will be used for the fuel samples.

Three samples will be placed into labelled containers, they will then be sealed and delivered as follows :

- One container to the scrutineers for testing.

- One container to the organiser.
- One container to the competitor.

### **30) GENERAL SAFETY**

- 30.1** Official instructions will be given to drivers by means of the signals laid out in the Code. Competitors must not use flags or lights similar in any way whatsoever to these.
- 30.2** Drivers are strictly forbidden to drive their car in the opposite direction to the race unless this is absolutely necessary in order to move the car from a dangerous position. A car may only be pushed to remove it from a dangerous position as directed by the marshals.
- 30.3** Any driver intending to leave the track or to go to his pit or the paddock area must signal his intention to do so in good time making sure that he can do this without danger.
- 30.4** During practice, qualifying and the race, drivers may use only the track and must at all times observe the provisions of the Code relating to driving behaviour on circuits.
- 30.5** Other than by driving on the track, competitors are not permitted to attempt to alter the grip of any part of the track surface.
- 30.6** If a car stops on the track it shall be the duty of the marshals to remove it as quickly as possible so that its presence does not constitute a danger or hinder other competitors. If any mechanical assistance received during the race results in the car re-joining the stewards may exclude him from the race (other than under Articles 30.15(d) or 39.3).
- 30.7** A driver who abandons his car must leave it in neutral or with the clutch disengaged and with the steering wheel in place.
- 30.8** Repairs to a car may be carried out only in the paddock, pits and on the grid.
- 30.9** The organiser must make two fire extinguishers of 5kg capacity available at each pit and ensure that they work properly.
- 30.10** Refuelling is not permitted during qualifying or the race.
- 30.11** The replenishment of any liquids is forbidden following the start of the race until after post-race scrutineering. All orifices for oil filling must be designed in such a way that the scrutineers can seal them.
- 30.12** Save as specifically authorised by the Code or these Sporting Regulations, no one except the driver may touch a stopped car unless it is in the paddock, the teams designated garage area, the pit lane or on the starting grid.
- 30.13** At no time may a car be reversed in the pit lane under its own power.
- 30.14** At no time may a car be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 30.15** During the periods commencing five minutes prior to and ending five minutes after every practice session and the periods between the commencement of the formation lap which immediately precedes each race and the time when the last car enters the parc fermé, no one is allowed on the track, the pit entry or the pit exit with the exception of :
- a) Marshals or other authorised personnel in the execution of their duty.
  - b) Drivers when driving or on foot, having first received permission to do so from a marshal.
  - c) Team personnel when either pushing a car or clearing equipment from the grid after all cars able to do so have left the grid on the formation lap.
  - d) Team personnel when assisting marshals to remove a car from the grid after the start of the race.

- e) Team personnel working on a car on the grid during a race suspension in accordance with Article 39.4.
- 30.16** During a race, the engine may only be started with the starter except :
- a) In the pit lane or the teams designated garage area where the use of an external starting device is allowed, or
  - b) Under Article 36.11(b).
- 30.17** Drivers taking part in practice sessions and the races must always wear the clothes and helmet specified in the Code (Appendix L – Chapter III (Appendix 1 of the F4 Sporting Regulations)).
- 30.18** A speed limit of 60km/h will be enforced in the pit lane. Except in the race, any driver who exceeds the limit will be fined €50 for each km/h above the limit.
- However, in accordance with Article 18.1 the stewards may inflict an additional penalty if they suspect a driver was speeding in order to gain any sort of advantage.
- During the race, the stewards or race director may impose either of the penalties under Article 15.3 a) or b) on any driver who exceeds the limit.
- 30.19** If a driver has serious mechanical difficulties during a practice session or the race he must leave the track as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 30.20** The car's rear lights must be illuminated at all times whenever they are running on wet-weather tyres or when otherwise requested by the race director. It shall be at the discretion of the race director to decide if a driver should be stopped because his rear light is not working. Should a car be stopped in this way it may re-join when the fault has been remedied.
- 30.21** Only three team members per participating car (all of whom shall have been issued with and wearing special identification) are allowed in the signalling area during practice and the race.
- People under 14 years of age are not allowed in the pit lane.
- 31.22** Competitors are not permitted to install and/or to use any electric devices or time-recording-instruments on the pit wall within 25 metres of the line. Any equipment installed by a competitor on the pit-wall must not protrude from the pit-wall and over the track.
- 30.23** Animals, except those which may have been expressly authorised by the Organisers for use by security services, are forbidden in the pit area and on the track and in any spectator area.
- 30.24** The race director, the clerk of the course or the chief medical officer can require a driver to have a medical examination at any time during an Event, this medical examination may include an anti-doping test (ISC – Appendix L, Chapter II, Article. 4).
- 30.25** Failure to comply with the general safety requirements of the Code or these Sporting Regulations may result in the exclusion of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

### **31) PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 31.1** Save where these Sporting Regulations require otherwise, pit lane and track discipline and safety measures will be the same for all practice sessions as for the race.
- 31.2** No driver may start in the race without taking part in at least one practice session.
- 31.3** During all practices there will be a green and a red light at the end of the pit lane. Cars may only leave the pit lane when the green light is on. Additionally, a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light will be shown in the pit exit to warn drivers leaving the pit lane if cars are approaching on the track.
- 31.4** The interval between the second free practice session and the qualifying session, in addition to the interval between the qualifying session and the first race, may not be less than three hours.

The interval between races may not be less than three hours.

- 31.5** In the event of a driving infringement during any practice session the stewards may drop the driver such number of grid positions as they consider appropriate. Unless it is completely clear that a driver committed a driving infringement any such incident will normally be investigated after the relevant session.

Where appropriate, regard will also be given to the provisions of Article 17.1.

- 31.6** Any driver taking part in any practice session who, in the opinion of the stewards, stops unnecessarily on the circuit or unnecessarily impedes another driver shall be subject to the penalties referred to in Article 31.5.

- 31.7** Should it become necessary to stop any practice session because the circuit is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the clerk of the course will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts and the abort lights to be shown at the Line.

When the signal is given to stop, all cars shall immediately reduce speed and proceed slowly back to the pit lane, and all cars abandoned on the track will be removed to a safe place.

At the end of each practice session no driver may cross the Line more than once.

- 31.8** The clerk of the course may interrupt practice as often and for as long as he thinks necessary to clear the track or to allow the recovery of a car. However, only during qualifying practice will the session be extended as a result.

Should one or more sessions be thus interrupted, no protest can be accepted as to the possible effects of the interruption on the qualification of drivers admitted to start.

## **32) FREE PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 32.1** Two free practice sessions of at least 25 minutes and of no more than 30 minutes duration will take place on the first day of the Event.

If the procedure set out in Article 34.2 below is used, free practice sessions may also be split using the same principles.

## **33) QUALIFYING PRACTICE SESSIONS**

- 33.1** At least one qualifying practice sessions of at least 20 minutes and of no more than 30 minutes duration will take place on the first or second day of the Event.

- 33.2** If the number of cars entered for an Event exceeds the number of cars which are permitted to take part in practice (according to the requirements of the circuit licence), the cars may be split into two groups. The groups shall be assigned according to the current Championship's standing positions.

## **34) THE GRID**

- 34.1** At the end of the qualifying practice the fastest time achieved by each driver will be officially published.

- 34.2** The grid for each race during an event will be formed as follows:

- a) Race 1 – Grid's positions will be determined based on the fastest lap registered by the drivers during the official Qualifying Session.
- b) Race 2 – The Grid will be formed respecting the order of the final classification of Race 1. The first 50% of the classified drivers will be placed in inverse order on the Grid, with the most cars being on the second part of the Grid. Retired cars will be placed in the posterior part of the grid in inverse order of their retirement.
- c) Race 3 – Grid positions will be determined based on the second fastest lap registered by the drivers during the official Qualifying Session.

- 34.3** Grids will be published between one and two hours before the start of the relevant formation lap.

Any driver who is unable to start for any reason whatsoever must inform the stewards at the earliest opportunity and in any case, no later than one hour and fifteen minutes before the start of the formation lap.

If one or more cars are withdrawn, the starting grid will be closed up accordingly and the final starting grid confirmed 30 minutes before the start of the formation lap. Should two or more drivers have identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

**34.4** The fastest driver will start the race from pole position on the grid.

If the qualifying sessions were split in accordance with Article 33.2, the fastest driver overall will start from pole position on the grid and the fastest driver from the other group will start from second place on the grid. The remaining cars will be arranged on the grid in rows corresponding to their group and behind the fastest driver from each of their groups.

If one of the two groups has fewer qualified drivers than the other, the gaps on the grid will be closed up accordingly.

Any driver(s) who cannot start the race because their qualifying position places them outside the maximum number of cars permitted by the circuit licence, will only be allowed to start the race if any driver who qualified higher than him is unable to start and withdraws at least one hour and fifteen minutes before the start of the formation lap.

**34.5** Any driver whose best qualifying lap exceeds 110% of the pole position time will not be allowed to take part in the race. Under exceptional circumstances however, which may include setting a suitable lap time in a previous free practice session, the stewards may permit the car to start the race.

Any driver accepted in this manner will be placed at the back of the starting grid after any other penalties have been applied.

Should there be more than one driver accepted in this manner they will be arranged on the grid in the order in which they were classified in free practice.

**34.6** The grid will be in a staggered 1 x 1 formation and the rows on the grid will be separated by 8 metres.

## **35) MEETINGS**

**35.1** A meeting chaired by the race director will take place on the first day of practice at a location to be advised, all drivers entered for the Event and their team managers must be present.

## **36) STARTING PROCEDURE**

**36.1** At least ten minutes before the start of the formation lap the pit exit will be opened and cars will be permitted to leave the pit lane to cover at least one reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap they will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped.

Should they wish to cover more than one reconnaissance lap, this must be done by driving down the pit lane at greatly reduced speed between each of the laps.

Any car which does not complete a reconnaissance lap and reach the grid under its own power will not be permitted to start the race from the grid.

**36.2** Seven minutes before the start of the formation lap, a warning signal will be given indicating that the end of the pit lane will be closed in two minutes.

Five minutes before the start of the formation lap the end of the pit lane will be closed and a second warning signal will be given. Any car which is still in the pit lane can start from the end of the pit lane provided it got there under its own power. If more than one car is affected they must line up in the order in which they qualified. However, any car reaching the end of the pit lane after the five minute signal must start behind any car already at the pit exit.

All such cars may then join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane for the first time after the start.

- 36.3** The approach of the start will be announced by signals shown ten minutes, five minutes, three minutes, one minute and fifteen seconds before the start of the formation lap, each of which will be accompanied by an audible warning.
- When the five minute signal is shown, everybody except drivers, officials and team technical staff must leave the grid.
- 36.4** When the three minute signal is shown all cars on the grid must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed in the pit lane, or on the grid during a race suspension.
- A penalty under Article 15.3(b) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal.
- 36.5** When the one minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15 second signal is given taking all equipment with them. If any driver needs assistance after the 15 second signal he must raise his arm and, when the remainder of the cars able to do so have left the grid, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the pit lane. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car (or cars) concerned to warn drivers behind.
- If any team personnel or team equipment remain on the grid after the 15 second signal has been shown the driver of the car concerned must start the race from the pit lane as specified in Article 37.2. A penalty under Article 16.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the race from the pit lane.
- 36.6** When the green lights are illuminated, the cars will begin the formation lap with the pole position driver leading.
- When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.
- Marshals will be instructed to push any car (or cars) which remain on the grid into the pit lane by the fastest route immediately after cars able to do so have left the grid. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car and must follow the instructions of the marshals.
- 36.7** During the formation lap practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible.
- 36.8** Overtaking during the formation lap is only permitted if a car is delayed and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order. Any driver delayed in this way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before he reaches the first safety car line, must enter the pit lane and start from the end of the pit lane as specified in Article 36.2.
- A penalty under Article 15.3(b) will be imposed on any driver who fails to enter the pit lane if he has not re-established the original starting order before he reaches the first safety car line.
- 36.9** When the cars come back to the grid at the end of the formation lap, they will stop on their respective grid positions, keeping their engines running.
- There will be a standing start, the signal being given by means of lights activated by the permanent starter.
- Once all the cars have come to a halt the five second light will appear followed by the four, three, two and one second lights. At any time after the one second light appears, the race will be started by extinguishing all red lights.
- 36.10** Unless specifically authorised by the race director, during the start of a race the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of officials and fire marshals.
- 36.11** If, after returning to the starting grid at the end of the formation lap a problem arises, the following procedures shall apply :

- a) If a car develops a problem that could endanger the start the driver must immediately raise his hands above his head and the marshal responsible for that row must immediately wave a yellow flag. If the race director decides the start should be delayed the green lights will be illuminated two seconds after the abort lights are switched on, a board saying "EXTRA FORMATION LAP" will be displayed and all cars able to do so must complete a further formation lap whilst the car which developed the problem is moved into the pit lane.

When leaving the grid to complete the extra formation lap all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.

The team may then attempt to rectify the problem and, if successful, the car may then start from the end of the pit lane. Should there be more than one car involved their starting order will be determined by the order in which they reached the end of the pit lane.

Every time this happens the race will be shortened by one lap.

- b) If another problem arises which does not require the start to be delayed (see c) below), drivers will be asked to carry out an extra formation lap as set out in a) above. Any driver who caused the start to be aborted, and is then able to start the extra formation lap must enter the pit lane at the end of the lap and start the race as specified in Article 36.2. A penalty under Article 38.3(d) will be imposed on any driver who fails to start the race from the pit lane.
- c) If any other problem arises, and if the race director decides the start should be delayed, the following procedures shall apply :
- i) If the race has not been started, the abort lights will be switched on, a board saying "DELAYED START" will be displayed, all engines will be stopped and the new formation lap will start five minutes later with the race distance reduced by one lap. The next signal will be the three minute signal.
- Tyre changing on the grid is not permitted during such a delay.
- Every time this happens the race will be shortened by one lap.
- ii) If the race has been started the marshals alongside the grid will wave their yellow flags to inform the drivers that a car is stationary on the grid.
- iii) If, after the start, a car is immobilised on the starting grid, it shall be the duty of the marshals to push it into the pit lane by the fastest route. Any driver being pushed from the grid may not attempt to start the car.
- iv) Once the car is in the pit lane his mechanics may attempt to start it, if successful the driver may re-join the race. The driver and mechanics must follow the instructions of the track marshals at all times during such a procedure.

**36.12** Should Article 36.11 apply, the race will nevertheless count for the Championship no matter how often the procedure is repeated, or how much the race is shortened as a result.

**36.13** Either of the penalties under Articles 15.3a) or b) will be imposed for a false start.

**36.14** Only in the following cases will any variation in the start procedure be allowed :

- a) If it starts to rain after the five minute signal but before the race is started and, in the opinion of the race director teams should be given the opportunity to change tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and the starting procedure will begin again at the ten minute point.
- b) If the start of the race is imminent and, in the opinion of the race director, the volume of water on the track is such that it cannot be negotiated safely even on wet-weather tyres, the abort lights will be shown on the Line and information concerning the likely delay will be displayed on the timing monitors. Once the start time is known at least ten minutes warning will be given.

- c) If the race is started behind the safety car, Article 39.15 will apply.
- 36.15** The stewards may use any video or electronic means to assist them in reaching a decision. The stewards may overrule judges of fact. A breach of the provisions of the Code or these Sporting Regulations relating to the starting procedure, may result in the exclusion of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

### **37) THE RACES**

- 37.1** During a race, drivers leaving the pit lane may only do so when the light at the end of the pit lane is green and on their own responsibility. A marshal with a blue flag and/or a flashing blue light, will also warn the driver if cars are approaching on the track.

### **38) SAFETY CAR**

- 38.1** The safety car will be driven by an ASN approved driver and will carry an approved observer capable of recognising all the competing cars who is in permanent radio contact with race control.
- 38.2** Twenty minutes before the start of the formation lap the safety car will take up position at the front of the grid and remain there until the five minute signal is given. At this point (except under Article 38.15 below) it will cover a whole lap of the circuit and take up position.
- 38.3** The safety car may be brought into operation to neutralise a race upon the order of the clerk of the course.
- It will be used only if competitors or officials are in immediate physical danger but the circumstances are not such as to necessitate suspending the race.
- 38.4** When the order is given to deploy the safety car the message "SAFETY CAR DEPLOYED" will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors and all marshal's posts will display waved yellow flags and "SC" boards for the duration of the intervention.
- 38.5** No car may be driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person at any time whilst the safety car is deployed. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry or the pit lane.
- 38.6** The safety car will join the track with its orange lights illuminated and will do so regardless of where the race leader is.
- 38.7** All competing cars must reduce speed and form up in line behind the safety car no more than ten car lengths apart.
- 38.8** With the exception of the cases listed under a) to h) below, no driver may overtake another car on the track, including the safety car, until he passes the first safety car line for the first time when the safety car is returning to the pits. However, if the safety car is still deployed at the beginning of the last lap, or is deployed during the last lap, Article 38.14 will apply.

The exceptions are :

- a) If a driver is signalled to do so from the safety car.
- b) Under Articles 38.12 or 38.15 below.
- c) When entering the pits a driver may pass another car remaining on the track, including the safety car, after he has reached the first safety car line.
- d) When leaving the pits a driver may overtake, or be overtaken by, another car on the track before he reaches the second safety car line.
- e) When the safety car is returning to the pits it may be overtaken by cars on the track once it has reached the first safety car line.
- f) Whilst in the pit entry, pit lane or pit exit a driver may overtake another car which is also in one of these three areas.
- g) Any car stopping in its designated garage area whilst the safety car is using the pit lane (see Article 38.11 below) may be overtaken.

h) If any car slows with an obvious problem.

**38.9** When ordered to do so by the clerk of the course the observer in the car will use a green light to signal to any cars between it and the race leader that they should pass. These cars will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of cars behind the safety car.

**38.10** The safety car shall be used at least until the leader is behind it and all remaining cars are lined up behind him.

Once behind the safety car, the race leader must keep within ten car lengths of it (except under Article 38.12 below).

**38.11** Under certain circumstances the clerk of the course may ask the safety car to use the pit lane. In these cases, and provided its orange lights remain illuminated, all cars must follow it into the pit lane without overtaking. Any car entering the pit lane under these circumstances may stop at its designated garage area.

**38.12** When the clerk of the course decides it is safe to call in the safety car the message "SAFETY CAR IN THIS LAP" will, where possible, be displayed on the timing monitors and the car's orange lights will be extinguished. This will be the signal to the teams and drivers that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap.

At this point the first car in line behind the safety car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than ten car lengths behind it.

In order to avoid the likelihood of accidents before the safety car returns to the pits, from the point at which the lights on the car are turned out drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration or braking nor any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart.

As the safety car is approaching the pit entry the yellow flags and SC boards will be withdrawn and, other than on the last lap of the race, replaced by waved green flags with green lights at the Line. These will be displayed until the last car crosses the Line.

**38.13** Each lap completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as a race lap.

**38.14** If the safety car is still deployed at the beginning of the last lap, or is deployed during the last lap, it will enter the pit lane at the end of the lap and the cars will take the chequered flag as normal without overtaking.

**38.15** Under certain circumstances the race may be started behind the safety car or resumed in accordance with Article 40.5(a). In either case, at the ten minute signal its orange lights will be illuminated, this being the signal to the drivers that the race will be started (or resumed) behind the safety car.

When the green lights are illuminated the safety car will leave the grid and all drivers must follow in grid order, no more than ten car lengths apart, and must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position. During a race start there will be no formation lap and race will start when the green lights are illuminated.

Overtaking is only permitted if :

a) A car is delayed when leaving the grid and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field, or

b) There is more than one car starting from the pit lane and one of them is unduly delayed.

In either case drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order or the order the cars at the pit exit were in when the race was started.

Any driver delayed in either way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before he reaches the first safety car line, must enter the pit lane and may only join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane.

## **39) SUSPENDING A RACE**

**39.1** If competitors or officials are placed in immediate physical danger by cars running on the track, and the clerk of the course deems circumstances are such that the track cannot be negotiated safely, even behind the safety car, the race will be suspended.

**39.2** Should it become necessary to suspend the race, the clerk of the course will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts and the abort lights to be shown at the Line.

**39.3** When the signal is given overtaking is forbidden, the pit exit will be closed and all cars must proceed slowly to the starting grid. The first car to arrive on the grid should occupy pole position and others should fill the remaining grid positions in the order they arrive.

If the race is suspended during a safety car intervention, and the safety car is directed into the pit lane, cars should stop in a line behind the safety car in the fast lane of the pits.

**39.4** Any cars unable to return to the grid as a result of the track being blocked will be brought back when the track is cleared and will be arranged in the order they occupied before the race was suspended.

In all cases the order will be taken at the last point at which it was possible to determine the position of all cars. All such cars will then be permitted to resume the race.

The safety car will then be driven to the front of the grid.

**39.5** Whilst the race is suspended :

a) Neither the race nor the timekeeping system will stop, however, where the Event timetable can accommodate it, the length of the race suspension will be added to the maximum time for the race in question.

b) Cars may be worked on once they have stopped on the grid or entered the pits but any such work must not impede the resumption of the race.

c) Only team members and officials will be permitted on the grid.

**39.6** Cars may not enter the pit lane when the race is suspended. A penalty under Article 15.3(a) will be imposed on any driver who enters the pit lane or whose car is pushed from the grid to the pit lane after the race has been suspended. Any car which was in the pit entry or pit lane at the time the race was suspended will not incur a penalty. However, if the race has been suspended in the pit lane (see Article 39.2) a penalty will only be imposed on any driver whose car is moved from the fast lane to any other part of the pit lane.

All cars in the pit lane will be permitted to leave the pits once the race has been resumed and, subject to the above, any car intending to resume the race from the pit exit may do so in the order they got there under their own power, unless another car was unduly delayed.

At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals.

#### **40) RESUMING A RACE**

**40.1** The delay will be kept as short as possible and as soon as a resumption time is known teams will be informed via the timing monitors where possible, in all cases at least ten minutes warning will be given.

**40.2** Signals will be shown ten minutes, five minutes, three minutes, one minute and fifteen seconds before the resumption and each of these will be accompanied by an audible warning.

**40.3** When the three minute signal is shown all cars on the grid must have their wheels fitted, after this signal wheels may only be removed in the pit lane, or on the grid during a further race suspension. If the race has been suspended in the pit lane (see Article 39.5) all cars in the fast lane must have their wheels fitted at the three minute signal.

A penalty under Article 15.3(b) will be imposed on any driver whose car did not have all its wheels fully fitted at the three minute signal.

At the two minute point any cars between the safety car and the leader will be waved off to complete a further lap, without overtaking, and join the line of cars behind the safety car.

- 40.4** When the one minute signal is shown, engines should be started and all team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15 second signal is given taking all equipment with them. If any driver needs assistance after the 15 second signal he must raise his arm and, when the remainder of the cars able to do so have left the grid, marshals will be instructed to push the car into the pit lane. In this case, marshals with yellow flags will stand beside any car (or cars) concerned to warn drivers behind.
- 40.5** The race will be resumed behind the safety car when the green lights are illuminated. The safety car will enter the pits after one lap unless :
- The race is being resumed in wet conditions and the race director deems more than one lap necessary, in which case see Article 38.15.
  - All cars are not yet in a line behind the safety car.
  - Team personnel are still clearing the grid.
  - A further incident occurs necessitating another intervention.

When the green lights are illuminated the safety car will leave the grid and all drivers must follow, no more than ten car lengths apart, and must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position. Soon after the last car in line behind the safety car passes the end of the pit lane (including any cars which were waved off under Article 40.3 above) the pit exit light will be turned green, any car in the pit lane may then enter the track and join the line of cars behind the safety car.

- 40.6** Overtaking behind the safety car is only permitted if:
- A car is delayed when leaving the grid and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field, or
  - There is more than one car starting from the pit lane and one of them is unduly delayed.

In either case drivers may only overtake to re-establish the order before the race was suspended or the order the cars at the pit exit were in when the race was resumed.

Any driver delayed in either way, and who is unable to re-establish the original starting order before he reaches the first safety car line, must enter the pit lane and may only re-join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane.

- 40.7** Either of the penalties under Article 15.3a) or b) will be imposed on any driver who, in the opinion of the stewards, unnecessarily overtook another car during the lap.

During this lap Articles 38.12, 38.13, 38.14 and 38.15 will apply.

- 40.8** If the race cannot be resumed the results will be taken at the end of the penultimate lap before the lap during which the signal to suspend the race was given.

## **41) FINISH**

- 41.1** The end-of-race signal will be given at the Line as soon as the leading car has covered the full race distance in accordance with Article 5.4.

- 41.2** Should for any reason the end-of-race signal be given before the leading car completes the scheduled number of laps, the race will be deemed to have finished when the leading car last crossed the Line before the signal was given. Should the end-of-race signal be delayed for any reason, the race will be deemed to have finished when it should have finished.

- 41.3** After receiving the end-of-race signal all cars must proceed on the circuit directly to the parc fermé without any unnecessary delay without overtaking (unless clearly necessary) without receiving any object whatsoever and without any assistance (except that of the marshals, if necessary).

Any classified car which cannot reach the parc fermé under its own power will be placed under the exclusive control of the marshals who will take the car to the parc fermé.

## **42) PARC FERME**

- 42.1 Only those officials charged with supervision may enter the parc fermé. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorised by such officials.
- 42.2 When the parc fermé is in use, parc fermé regulations will apply in the area between the Line and the parc fermé entrance.
- 42.3 The parc fermé shall be sufficiently large and secure that no unauthorised persons can gain access to it.

#### **43) CLASSIFICATION**

- 43.1 The car placed first will be the one having covered the scheduled distance in the shortest time, or, where appropriate, passed the Line in the lead at the end of the 30 minutes (or more if the race is suspended, see Article 39.4). All cars will be classified taking into account the number of complete laps they have covered, and for those which have completed the same number of laps, the order in which they crossed the Line.
- 43.2 Cars having covered less than 90% of the number of laps covered by the winner (rounded down to the nearest whole number of laps), will not be classified.
- 43.3 The official classification will be published after the race. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under the Code and these Sporting Regulations.

#### **44) PODIUM CEREMONY**

- 44.1 The drivers finishing the races in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and a representative of the winning team must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and immediately thereafter make themselves available for the purpose of television interviews and a press conference in the media centre.

#### **45) PRESS CONFERENCES AND PROMOTION**

- 45.1 Upon request, all registered drivers are obliged to attend free of charge all press conferences organised by the ASN. The following obligations must in addition be respected :

Immediately after qualification and/or prize giving the first three classified drivers of the race will be required to make themselves available for a press conference (at a location specified in the supplementary regulations). All of these three drivers are obliged to attend this press conference.

The drivers must wear their closed overalls and designated caps during the press conferences.

- 45.2 Drivers must take part in any promotional activity requested by the promoter such as autograph sessions, prize giving, press conferences, pit road walkabouts and pre-race parades.

The drivers, competitors and manufacturers give the right to the ASN to use their name for any promotional, advertising, publicity and public relations purpose, for the promotion of the Championship.

Use of the Championship logo by the competitors, manufacturers and drivers or their agents or representatives is prohibited other than by prior permission in writing from the ASN.

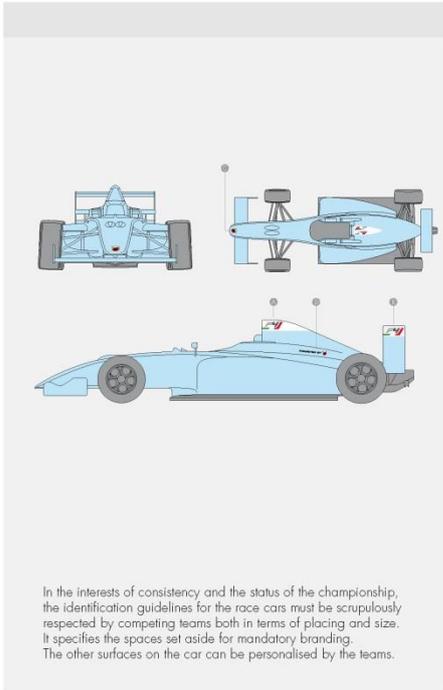
## APPENDIX 1 - DRIVER'S SAFETY KIT

SPORTING REGULATIONS		
Equipment	FIA standard	FIA Regulations
Helmets	FIA standard 8859-2015 FIA standard 8860-2004 FIA standard 8860-2010	Article 1 "Helmets" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L - ISC
Drivers' Clothing	FIA standard 8856-2000	Article 2 "Flame-resistant clothing" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L – ISC
Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)	FIA standard 8858-2002 FIA standard 8858-2010	Article 3 "Flame-resistant clothing" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L - ISC
Safety Belts	FIA standard 8853/98	Article 4 "Safety Belts" Chapter III "Drivers' Equipment" Appendix L – ISC

## APPENDIX 2 – F4 BRAND GUIDELINES

### Race car:

**F4**
3 / BRAND APPLICATION
SPORTING SUPPORTS
RACE CAR BRANDING



In the interests of consistency and the status of the championship, the identification guidelines for the race cars must be scrupulously respected by competing teams both in terms of placing and size. It specifies the spaces set aside for mandatory branding. The other surfaces on the car can be personalised by the teams.

**A** On air intake      Format: 56x12cm



**B** On the rear wing end plates      Format: 25x13cm



**C** On the nose of the car      Format: 9x9cm



**D** On the engine cover      Format: 30x4,5cm

POWERED BY



light backgrounds

POWERED BY



Dark backgrounds

1 Geographical location (personalisable)

2 Engine partner logo

Space for the team's own use

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## Driver's equipment:


3 / BRAND APPLICATION

ON-EVENT SUPPORTS

CLOTHING



In the interests of legibility and embroidery quality, organisers' clothing will be identifiable thanks to a specific F4 'patch'. This principle of branding must be replicated on all clothing worn by championship organisers. The championship's official sponsors will be displayed on the sleeves.

**A** Upper chest, left-hand side  
Format: 120 x 53 mm



**B** Upper chest, right-hand side  
Format: 45 x 45 mm



**C** Upper sleeves, right and left



- 1 Pantone Grey 431 C
- 2 Pantone Grey 429 C
- 3 Geographical location (personalisable)
- 4 Title partner/engine partner logo
- 5 Sponsors logos

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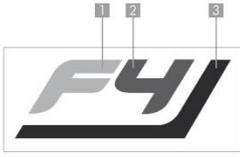
SPORTING SUPPORTS

DRIVER OVERALLS



In the interests of consistency and the status of the championship, the identification guidelines for race overalls must be scrupulously respected by competing teams both in terms of placing and size. The other surfaces on the overalls can be personalised with logos representing partners of the team and driver. In order to ensure that the championship 'patch' is clearly legible against all types of background, it will always be produced on a white background.

**A** Upper chest, left-hand side  
Format: 120 x 53 mm



**B** Upper chest, right-hand side  
Format: 45 x 45 mm

- 1 Pantone Grey 431 C
- 2 Pantone Grey 429 C
- 3 Geographical location (personalisable)
- 4 Title partner/engine partner logo
- 5 Clear space area
- 6 Space for the team's own use

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### APPENDIX 3 – TECHNICAL PROTESTS PROCEDURE

- 1) Technical protests must be lodged according to Article 16.1.
- 2) The expenses incurred due to the protest shall be covered by:
  - a. If the protest is upheld they shall be covered by the protested party.
  - b. If the protest is not upheld it shall be covered by whomever lodged the protest.
- 3) For engine protest, the procedure shall be as follows:
  - a. Engines can only be protested at the end of each event (after Race 3 has finished).
  - b. Once the protest is lodged, the Engine will be sealed by the Chief Scrutineer in the presence of the Team Manager of the protested and protester parties, and placed under the surveillance of the ASN until its inspection.
  - c. The engine will be inspected by a third party, appointed by the ASN.
  - d. The inspection may take place at a later date.
  - e. The following people can be present at the inspection:
    - i. Chief Mechanic and Team Manager of both protested and protester parties.
    - ii. A mechanic from the protested party whom shall assist during the inspection.
    - iii. SODEMO representative.
    - iv. Chief Scrutineer.
  - f. If the protest is upheld, the protested party shall cover the overhaul expenses, pay a 5,000 USD fine, shall be excluded from the results of the event in which the protest was placed, and will be penalized by a 10 position drop in all races at the next event.
  - g. If the protest is not upheld, the protestant party shall cover the overhaul expenses.