

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

ROUND 2 - SPIELBERG, AUSTRIA - 2 / 3 JULY 2021

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EVENT NOTES

To amplify the detail given in the Driver's Briefing.

1. FIA TRACK LIGHT PANELS

- 1.1 FIA track light panels have been installed in the positions shown on the circuit map. In accordance with Appendix H to the ISC the light signals have the same meaning as flag signals.

2. YELLOW FLAGS & LIGHT PANELS

- 2.1. **Double Waved:** Any driver passing through a double waved yellow marshalling sector must reduce speed significantly and be prepared to change direction or stop. In order for the Stewards to be satisfied that any such driver has complied with these requirements it must be clear that the driver has not attempted to set a meaningful lap time; for practical purposes this means that the driver should abandon the lap (this does not necessarily mean that they have to pit as the track could well be clear the following lap).
- 2.2. **Single Waved:** Drivers should reduce their speed and be prepared to change direction. It must be clear that a driver has reduced speed and, in order for this to be clear, a driver would be expected to have braked earlier and/or discernibly reduced speed in the relevant marshalling sector.
- 2.3. **Overtaking:** Drivers should not overtake any car in a single or double waved yellow marshalling sector unless it is clear that a car is slowing with a completely obvious problem, e.g. obvious accident damage or a deflated tyre.

3. PRACTICE STARTS

- 3.1. A practice start may only be carried out by cars that are **on track** when the chequered flag is shown at the end of the free practice session. Cars that are in the pit lane when the chequered flag is shown **may not** rejoin the track for a practice start.
- 3.2 Practice starts may be carried out on the grid area only; **no** practice starts may take place in the pit lane, or after the qualifying session.
- 3.3 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then complete another lap slowly and with caution, and proceed to the grid and carry out **one** practice start.
- 3.4 Drivers are to pull as far forward on the grid as possible, and, if necessary, should wait for others to carry out a practice start before getting to a grid position further forward.
- 3.5 Under no circumstances should a driver make a practice start if another car is still stationary ahead of them on the same side of the grid.
- 3.6 No gantry lights will be operated during this practice start time; drivers are to make their start as soon as it is safe to do so when there are no cars ahead of them on the same side of the grid. **Please note that the red lights will remain illuminated on the gantry due to the F1 lights system.**
- 3.7 On completion of their practice start, drivers are to proceed slowly and with caution round the track to leave the track into the support paddock after Turn 8, as detailed in the Driver's Briefing.
- 3.8 It must be understood that this practice start period is a concession from F1 on the timetable; if any driver appears to be disregarding any of the above a **red flag** will be displayed and the possibility to carry out any more practice starts will be terminated.

4. PIT EXIT

- 4.1 Drivers must keep to the right of the solid white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits.

5. PIT ENTRY

- 5.1 For safety reasons drivers must keep to the right of the white line preceding the pit entry which starts approximately 50 metres before Turn 9.
- 5.2 Except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the Stewards), the crossing by any part of the car, in any direction, of the white line immediately prior to the pit entry or of the painted area between the pit entry and the track, by a driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, had committed to entering the pit lane, is prohibited.

6. TRACK LIGHT PANELS DISPLAYING PIT ENTRY STATUS

- 6.1 The light panels on the left side of the track approaching Turn 9 (see attached Pit Lane map) will display a flashing yellow arrow if cars are required to use the pit lane once the Safety Car has been deployed during a race.
- 6.2 These light panels will display a flashing red cross if the pit lane is closed at any point during the race.

7. TRACK LIMITS

- 7.1 **Turn 9 Exit:** A lap time achieved during any practice session or the race by leaving the track and cutting behind the red and white kerb on the exit of Turn 9 will result in that lap time being invalidated by the Stewards.
- 7.2 **Turn 10 Exit:** A lap time achieved during any practice session or the race by leaving the track and cutting behind the red and white kerb on the exit of Turn 10 will result in that lap time **and the immediately following lap time** being invalidated by the Stewards.
- 7.3 **General; Turns 9 and 10:** On the third occasion of a driver failing to negotiate Turn 9 exit and/or turn 10 exit by using the track as described above during the race, they will be shown a black and white flag. Any further incidents will be reported to the Stewards.
- 7.4 In all cases detailed above, the driver must only rejoin the track when it is safe to do so and without gaining a lasting advantage.
- 7.5 The above requirements will not automatically apply to any driver who is judged to have been forced off the track; each such case will be judged individually.

8. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

- 8.1 These are indicated by white boards with a red fire extinguisher image, attached to debris fences and barriers.

9. PLACES TO REMOVE CARS FROM THE TRACK

- 9.1 These are indicated by fluorescent orange panels on the barriers.
- 9.2 Should a car stop on the track during a session, the driver must keep all of their protective clothing (helmet, gloves, etc) on until they have returned to their garage or support paddock.

10. STARTING PROCEDURE

- 10.1. After being released from the Assembly Area to the pit lane, before the Reconnaissance Lap, cars are permitted to queue at the pit exit lights, strictly in grid order. The first car in the queue (pole position car) is to leave a gap so that emergency vehicles may be able to exit the pits.
- 10.2 If cars enter the pit lane after the single Reconnaissance Lap they will become a pit lane starter.
- 10.3 Pole Position is on the **left** side of the grid.

11. CAR NUMBER LIGHT PANELS FOR THE START

- 11.1 These are on the right side of the grid. They will show the **start place number**.

12. END OF RACE

- 12.1 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then complete another lap slowly and with caution. The top three cars are to **proceed to the grid and stop in front of the appropriate P1, P2, P3 board**.
- 12.2 The top three drivers will then proceed to the podium for the podium celebration.
- 12.3 All other cars are to leave the track into the support paddock after Turn 8.

13. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 13.1 The official notice board is in the W Series Simulator Room. There is also a Virtual Notice Board, accessed from the W Series website.

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