

IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee Regulations

Article 1 – Purpose

The IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee (IDEC) is a body with the purpose of reviewing and evaluating drivers to prepare driver rating recommendations for consideration by the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee consistent with the FIA Driver Categorisation Regulations, and to determine any IMSA-specific adjustments to the annual ratings once finalized and published by the FIA.

Article 2 – Missions

The primary missions of the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee are:

1. In advance of the following season, to collect, review and consider available seasonal performance and other data as requested by IMSA, of drivers from IMSA events, in the interest of continuing evaluation throughout the season and to determine the accuracy of current FIA driver ratings and to recommend changes to a driver's FIA rating for the following year.
2. To hear drivers with questions regarding the IDEC's findings and/or IMSA's recommendations.
3. To hear drivers with questions regarding the FIA Driver Categorisation system.
4. To support and defend the findings and final determinations of the FIA Driver Categorisation, and/or those of the IDEC.

Article 3 – Composition

The IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee is comprised of the following members (select members may meet on specific IMSA series related issues / requests):

- Paul Walter IMSA Director, Racing Operations (IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee Chairperson & IMSA Representative to the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee)
- Simon Hodgson IMSA Vice President, Competition
- Beaux Barfield IMSA Race Director
- Ed Hall IMSA Series Manager, IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship
- Mark Raffauf IMSA Senior Director, Racing Operations
- Geoff Carter IMSA Senior Director, Technical Regulations & Compliance
- Matthew Kurdock IMSA Director, Technical Systems

Article 4 – Operation

The IDEC may automatically act upon any question or request as defined by the Missions. It may also act upon any inquiry and/or request from Drivers as determined to be appropriate by the IDEC.

Article 5 – Meetings

The IDEC meets regularly to review inquiries, requests and data. The IDEC may hold *ad hoc* meetings on specific matters when the situation warrants such an action.

Article 6 – Requests

Any request from a Driver must be submitted in writing via e-mail communication to the IDEC at the following address IDEC@imsa.com and must be accompanied by supporting information and data.

Any request received will be reviewed at the next IDEC meeting.

Any Driver who has in the previous season (2019) not participated in IMSA competition must first have their next season (2020) FIA rating reviewed and approved by the IDEC at the time of their formal application for licensure.

The purpose of IDEC is not intended as a general source of alternative ratings to the FIA. IMSA wherever possible intends to respect the FIA driver ratings as issued.

Article 7 - Decisions

Decisions of the IDEC are submitted to the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee for consideration prior to the next published applicable driver rating period. IMSA will adhere to the timeline for the provisional and final FIA Driver Categorisation lists. Decisions of the IDEC regarding the right to adjust individual driver ratings specifically for IMSA per the FIA regulations are enforced only for the applicable driver rating period and published via Competition Bulletin.
