



IMSA COMPETITION BULLETIN IWSC #22-02

To: All IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Participants

From: IMSA Competition

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Re: IMSA WeatherTech Championship Sporting Regulations Updates

The following corrections, additions (where shown in red) or deletions are made to the 2022 IMSA Sporting Regulations & Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA WeatherTech Championship and are effective immediately.

12.9.1. **(SSR) Night Laps.** Drivers as specified below must complete a minimum of three (3) laps during the scheduled night practice Session when the Race is run partly by night to be eligible to drive in the Race at night. **The entirety of the scheduled night practice session is considered to take place in darkness.** Laps may start and/or finish in the pits but must include, at minimum, two (2) crossings of the Start line on the racetrack that are not required to be consecutive. Drivers prohibited from taking part at night must not drive during any Race period declared dark. The official time of darkness (and daylight, for a 24 Hour Race) is published in the Schedule/SR. Night laps from any session or test (including the ROAR) that are not the Official Night Practice for that respective Race are invalid for this requirement.

12.20.3. (SSR) A Car found out of compliance with the RULES may be penalized by being placed at the back of its class, **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4),** or up to and including Removal from consideration for championship points for its finishing position. Championship points of other finishers are elevated accordingly.

13.2.3. **(SSR) Change Race Starting Driver** (see also Art. 43.5). Requests to change the starting Driver must be made using MERG. MERG is active for submission from the time of the originally scheduled end of the final segment of qualifying until fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posting time of the Official Starting Grid. Changes to the Starting Driver are irreversible after submission. Changes to the Race Starting Driver require the Car to forfeit its assigned grid position and qualifying points, and the Car is moved to the back of the grid in its class (Art 43.4), **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4).** **Penalty** for Starting Driver changes after MERG is closed: Drive-Through.

13.2.4.A. (SSR) (Art 40.1.4) Car must start the Race on the four (4) RFID qualifying tires (or Wet tires) or its ~~assigned grid position and~~ qualifying points are forfeit and the Car **must perform a Drive-Through Penalty moved to the back of the grid in its class (Art. 27.8.2 43.4)** after the start of the Race.

13.2.4.B. (SSR) Requests to change any qualifying tires must be made using MERG. MERG is active for submission from the time of the originally scheduled end of the respective class' qualifying segment until fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posting time of the Official Starting Grid. Submissions made prior to the time of the originally scheduled end of the respective class' qualifying segment are invalid. Changes from the qualifying tires are irreversible after submission (except as per weather). Changes from the four (4) RFID qualifying tires after qualifying require the Car to forfeit its assigned grid position and qualifying points, and the Car is moved to the back of the grid in its class ([Art 43.4](#)), or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)). **Penalty** for changing qualifying tires after MERG is closed: Drive-Through.

13.2.5. (SSR) **Engine Change.** (See also [Art. 40.5](#)) For any Car requiring an engine change after qualifying, the Team Representative must give written notice via MERG no later than two (2) hours prior to the Race start. For Races of six (6) hours or less, such Car(s) must start from the back of the starting grid in its class, or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)). Qualifying points adjusted commensurately per class. **Penalty** for late notification: Drive-Through.

13.2.8. (SSR) **Effective Order of Changes** (See also [Art. 40.6.2](#). Submissions to change the starting Driver or starting tires are processed in the chronological order received. Cars with post-qualifying technical inspection penalties, or penalties as determined by the Race Director are ordered at the back of their class behind all other class Cars irrespective of changes, or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)).

23.6.2. (SSR) After qualifying, such replacement of tub, monocoque and/or Car shall require the Car to go to the back of the starting grid in its class or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)) and qualifying points per class adjusted commensurately.

28.4.2.A.i. (SSR) For LMP2, LMP3 and GTD only, a Team (assigned Car number) may request, at a maximum of two (2) tracks per season, to Test with their Bronze (or for LMP3 their Silver <30) Drivers at an Event site up to and including the Sunday prior to the final day (inclusive), of official on-track activity for that WeatherTech Championship Event (Race or Sanctioned Test) provided such testing does not interfere with the setup days required by the sanctioning agreement;

40.1.4. (SSR) Except as per [Art. 40.1.1.A](#), the Car must start the Race on the four (4) RFID tires used in qualifying or its qualifying points are forfeit and the Car must perform a Drive-Through Penalty ([Art. 27.8.2](#)) after the start of the Race moved to the back of the grid in its class ([Art. 43.4](#)).

40.1.4.B. (SSR) Changes to more than one (1) qualifying tire must be submitted through MERG ([Art. 13.2](#)) and requires the Car to forfeit qualifying points and the Car must perform a Drive-Through Penalty ([Art. 27.8.2](#)) after the start of the Race go to the back of the starting grid in its class ([Art. 43.4](#)).

40.2.3. (SSR) Only one (1) Driver is permitted to drive the Car during a qualifying segment. The Driver of the Car during the qualifying segment must start that Car in the Race or its assigned grid position and qualifying points are forfeit and the Car moved to the back of the grid in its class ([Art. 43.4](#)), or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)).

40.2.3.A. (SSR) The tires used for qualifying ([Art. 40.1.4](#)) must be used to start the Race or the Car's assigned grid position and qualifying points are forfeit and the Car moved to the back of the grid in its class ([Art. 43.4](#)), or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" ([Art. 40.4](#)).

40.2.3.E. (SSR) GTD PRO - A single segment to award starting position and qualifying points. Any Driver. Combined with GTD unless otherwise specified on the Schedule/SR.

40.2.3.F. (SSR) GTD - A single segment to award both starting position and qualifying points. Must be a Bronze OR Silver Driver. **Penalty:** Cease participation in qualifying, loss of all qualifying times, back of the class qualifying points, and **back of the category** Race start, (GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4).

40.2.9.E. (SSR) Other than the above, if a Car is touched after leaving the Pit Box and before so instructed, or at Impound or released to Paddock, all qualifying times are forfeit and the Car must cease participation in the segment. Car is moved to the back of the grid in its class, **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)** for qualifying points and Race start.

40.3.5. (SSR) In the event that multiple Cars in a class do not participate in qualifying, they are ordered at the back of the grid in their class in Team championship points order, **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)**.

40.5. (SSR) Engine Change. For any Car requiring an engine change after qualifying, the Team Representative must give written notice via MERG (Art. 13.2) no later than two (2) hours prior to the Race start. For Races of six (6) hours or less, such Car(s) must start from the back of the starting grid in its class, **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)**. Qualifying points adjusted commensurately **per class**. **Penalty** for late notification: Drive-Through.

40.6.1. (SSR) Qualifying Points are awarded for the results of the qualifying segment (Art. 40.2.), **per class**, at a corresponding rate of 10% of the amounts per position shown in the table listed in Art. 12.20.

40.6.2.A. (SSR) Cars that have Technical infractions are placed last at the back of the class **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)** in the order/time received, advancing all other Cars in the Qualifying points order. These Cars remain last regardless of changes per Art. 40.6.2.B.

40.6.2.B. (SSR) Above Cars in Art. 40.6.2.A, Cars with an elective, non-forfeit change (engine/chassis change) are placed at the back of the class **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)** in the order/time received, advancing all other Cars in the Qualifying points order.

40.6.2.B.ii. (SSR) Cars that did not participate in Qualifying do not receive Qualifying points and are placed at the back of the class **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)** ahead of Cars in Art. 40.6.2.A, in the order of Team Championship points, subject to further elective changes.

40.6.2.B.iii. (SSR) Cars forfeiting Qualifying points (more than one (1) tire change or Race starting Driver change) are placed at the back of the class **or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by "other means" (Art. 40.4)** in the order/time received concurrent with Art. 40.6.2.B above, and Qualifying points deleted. Other Cars are not advanced in the Qualifying points order.

~~43.2.1. (SSR) Once the Car arrives on the starting grid, the Team may top off the fuel tank only by means of a single approved un-pressurized container not exceeding 25 liters (6.5 gallons) capacity, vented to atmosphere and with a leak proof coupling connecting it to the Car, prior to the Car being pushed back into its echelon grid position. Specific to each Car, personnel over the wall must comply with Art. 21 and Art. 37.3 while the Car is being refueled.~~

43.3.1. (SSR) If the starting grid is determined by "other means" (Art. 40.4), the Cars are ordered by class in the order DPi, LMP2, LMP3, GTD PRO, GTD.



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7.5.2. A special award, the MOTUL Year End Pole Award, is presented at the year-end award ceremonies, with a trophy to the Driver winning the most pole positions for the season in each of the DPi, LMP2 LMP3, **GTD PRO** and GTD classes, and a financial award to the Driver's Team. Tiebreaker per Art. 53.

The 2022 IMSA Sporting Regulations and Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA WeatherTech Championship shall be updated with the information herein and reissued as of December 22, 2021.