



IMSA COMPETITION BULLETIN IPC #22-05

To: All IMSA Prototype Challenge Participants

From: IMSA Competition

Date: January 21

Re: IMSA Prototype Challenge 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 Prototype Challenge and are effective immediately.

13.2.1. **(SSR) MERG.** The MERG system, accessed at merg.imsa.com, is used to manage all entry list and starting grid changes, updates, and other changes. The Team Representative must login to MERG to make updates or changes to the entry list, change starting tires post-qualifying, to submit nominations for the starting Driver when required, change the starting Driver **and other changes as listed in these RULES.**

13.2.3. **(SSR) Change Race Starting Driver** (see also [Art. 43.5](#)). Requests to change the Race 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 the Car is~~ move to the back of the grid in its class ([Art 43.4](#)). **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 is forfeit and the Car moved to the back of the grid ~~in its class~~ ([Art. 43.4](#)).

13.2.4.B. (SSR) Requests to change any marked qualifying tires must be made using MERG. MERG is active for submission from the time of the originally scheduled end of the qualifying session 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 qualifying session 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 the Car is moved to the back of the grid in its class (Art 43.4).~~ Change to one (1) tire must be approved ([Art. 40.1.4.A](#)). Changes to more than one (1) of the four (4) RFID qualifying tires: **Penalty:** Car moved to the back of the grid ([Art 43.4](#)) and Drive-Through. **Additional Penalty** for changing qualifying tires after MERG is closed: **Second** 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, ~~or other~~, 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 ~~the grid 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](#)).

40.1.4. (SSR) Except as per Art. 40.1.1.A and 40.1.1.B, the Car must start the Race on the four (4) RFID tires used in qualifying or its qualifying points are forfeit and the Car 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 go to the back of the starting grid in its class (Art. 43.4)~~. Changes to more than one (1) of the four (4) RFID qualifying tires: **Penalty:** Car moved to the back of the grid (Art 43.4) and Drive-Through. **Additional Penalty** for changing qualifying tires after MERG is closed: Second Drive-Through.

43.6. (SSR) Race Starting Tires. Tires must be either Dry tires per Art. 40.1.4 (four (4) RFID qualifying tires) or Art. 43.6.1, OR Wet tires as track/weather conditions warrant, at Competitor discretion. Fitting Wet tires shall not require the Car to ~~incur the starting tire penalties (Art. 43.6.1) go to the back of the starting grid.~~

43.6.1. (SSR) Requests to change any of the RFID starting tires must be submitted in writing via MERG (Art. 13.2) no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posting time of the Official Starting Grid (Art. 43.7). ~~Penalty for changing more than one (1) tire: Car must start the Race from the back of the starting grid in its class. Penalty for changes to more than one (1) tire after this deadline: Drive-Through.~~ Changes to more than one (1) of the four (4) RFID qualifying tires: **Penalty:** Car moved to the back of the grid (Art 43.4) and Drive-Through. **Additional Penalty** for changing qualifying tires after MERG is closed: Second Drive-Through.

43.6.2. (SSR) Under adverse conditions, the Race Director may require all Cars to start the Race on Wet tires. If so declared, all Cars must take the start on Wet tires. Once a Car has taken one (1) green flag lap, that Car is free to change tires. If a Car starts from the pit lane, it must take one (1) green flag lap on Wet tires, unless the overall leader has already completed one (1) lap of the Race. Such requirement of Wet tires, or not, by the Race Director is Conclusive. Upon such declaration, any Car placed at the back of the starting grid exclusively for failure to meet Art. 40.1.4 above shall be ~~discharged of the starting tire penalties (Art. 43.6.1) restored to its original grid position.~~

The 2022 IMSA Sporting Regulations and Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA Prototype Challenge shall be updated with the information herein and reissued as of January 21, 2022.