



IMSA COMPETITION BULLETIN IWSC #22-06

To: All IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Participants

From: IMSA Competition

Date: January 21

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.

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 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.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). **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:** Forfeit qualifying points, 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](#)) 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 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 forfeit qualifying points and the Car must perform a Drive-Through Penalty ([Art. 27.8.2](#)) after the start of the Race.~~ Changes to more than one (1) of the four (4) RFID qualifying tires: **Penalty:** Forfeit qualifying points, 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](#)), Drive-Through. **Additional Penalty** for changing qualifying tires after MERG is closed: Second Drive-Through.

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](#)), **with GTD PRO Cars ahead of GTD Cars.**

43.5. (SSR) Race Starting Driver. The Driver that qualifies the Car must start the Car in the Race. Requests to change starting Driver must be submitted in writing via MERG ([Art. 13.2](#)) to the Race Director no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posting time of the Official Starting Grid ([Art. 43.7](#)). If approved, the Car must start the Race from the back of the starting grid in its class ([Art 43.4](#)), or category (for GTD PRO/GTD) unless the grid is set by “other means” ([Art. 40.4](#)), and shall forfeit its qualifying points. **Penalty** for changes after this deadline: Drive-Through and loss of qualifying points. **Penalty** for incorrect starting Driver: Stop plus thirty (30) seconds. **Penalty** for incorrectly rated starting Driver: Stop plus five (5) minutes

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 and forfeit qualifying points. **Penalty** for changes to more than one (1) tire after this deadline: Drive-Through and forfeit qualifying points.~~ Changes to more than one (1) of the four (4) RFID qualifying tires: **Penalty:** Forfeit qualifying points, 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](#)), 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 WeatherTech Championship shall be updated with the information herein and reissued as of January 21, 2022.