



VPRC #24-03

To: All IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge Participants
From: IMSA Competition
Date: March 7, 2024
Re: IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge Sporting Regulations Updates

The following corrections, additions (where shown in red) or deletions are made to the 2023 IMSA Sporting Regulations & Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge and are effective immediately.

3.7.2. (SSR) To be eligible to participate in the Event, Drivers must submit an application with all required documents (including medical materials) by CoB on the Tuesday two (2) weeks prior to the Event week. After this deadline until close of Sporting Checks (Art. 11.2), a fee must be paid to expedite the credentialing process. No applications (or related documents) are processed for the Event after close of Sporting Checks (Art. 11.2) **except in the extraordinary circumstance of a replacement Driver as approved by IMSA**. In some instances, deadlines may be adapted in consideration of holidays and consecutive Events. Deadlines per Schedule/SR.

10.1.1. Logos of other **(non IMSA)** series and sanctioning bodies are prohibited from the time of load-in through load-out of the Event. Cars, transporters, uniforms and/or firesuits, and/or equipment with logos of other series and sanctioning bodies are prohibited in the Paddock, pits or on-track until such logos are covered or removed.

16.1. Private In-Car-Cameras (ICC) may be permitted only after the express approval of IMSA and any footage gathered from such private ICC shall only be **for internal use for non-commercial** use by Team and Driver. **Each Driver and/or Entrant must execute and maintain current, a media rights and usage license with IMSA or its designated production company prior to participation in their first Event.** Any private ICC installation for any Session must be approved by Paul Walter, Senior Director of Racing Operations (pwalter@imsa.com) except where the installation is in accordance with the Car's homologation. Installations are limited to inside the cockpit on closed Cars and within a limited proximity of the cockpit on open Cars unless otherwise approved. Private ICC installation on Driver helmet prohibited. Footage shall not be transferred, sold, given to any party **not having executed the media rights and usage license with IMSA** or its designated production company. Real time or live streaming or posting of any recorded material is prohibited. Any use of the private ICC footage by sponsors or any other third party **is prohibited shall require the execution of a separate commercial use license with IMSA.**

21.1.1. Modification (drilling of holes, etc.) is prohibited. **Helmet must be of the 'full face' design.**

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24.9.2 (SSR) Each Team is limited to a maximum of three (3) voluntary inspections during each Event. This limitation does not include Safety Inspection or involuntary inspection, such as Impound after Official Qualifying Sessions or Race(s).

27.11.3. Starter displays a waving white flag to indicate the last lap and the last lap is announced by Race Control. ~~Alternatively, the starter may indicate the last lap by displaying one finger.~~ For a late-Race FCY, ~~or where the timing is too close to make an advance call,~~ the white flag may not be displayed, however an announcement of the checkered flag shall be made.

33.3.2.B Certain IMSA Series operate exclusively on the “hot” side of the pit wall, as defined and specified in their respective SSR.

49.1. Due to the unpredictability of the Race pace of the overall leader, Race Control determines with Timing and Scoring when the white flag is announced and displayed, signifying the last lap.

When announced by Race Control as “White Flag Next Time By”, Starter displays a waving white flag to the overall leading Car as it next crosses the finish line, indicating the last lap.

The display of the checkered flag shall take place on the lap after the display of the white flag, and the Race is deemed to have concluded, regardless of the overall Race Time.

In the Event of a Late FCY, where only a single green flag lap is expected, Race Control may also announce “White Flag Next Time By” and the Starter shall display both the green and white flags to the overall leading Car as it crosses the finish line to signify the restart, and the last lap of the Race.

~~Once the duration of the Race expires or when the distance to cover is achieved, the pit exit is closed and the checkered flag is displayed to the Car running first in the overall scoring order as it crosses the finish line on the racetrack. If the Car shown first in the overall scoring order has not crossed the finish line on the racetrack once the duration of the Race expires or when the distance to cover has been achieved, the checkered flag is displayed when the next highest placed Car crosses the finish line on the racetrack.~~

49.1.1.2- In Races of a timed length, the checkered flag is given first to the leading Car as it crosses the finish line at ~~or after~~ the expiration of the specified duration (as determined by IMSA), then to the other finishers as they cross the finish line.

49.1.1.A. At the display of the checkered flag, the pit exit is closed.

49.1.1.B. If the Car shown first in the overall scoring order has not crossed the finish line on the racetrack, the checkered flag will be displayed when the next highest placed Car crosses the finish line on the racetrack.

49.1.1.C. If the leading Car is not running at the ~~time of the final lap expiration of the time limit~~, the checkered flag is displayed to the next highest running Car (not necessarily the winner) in the same manner. If the leading Car is disabled at the ~~time of the final lap expiration of the time limit~~, the Race Director shall determine the time permitted for such Car to complete the final lap prior to the display of the checkered flag.

49.1.2.4- In Races of a given distance, the checkered flag is given first to the leading Car, then to the other finishers as they cross the finish line.



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49.1.3. Should the checkered flag be inadvertently or otherwise displayed before the leading Car completes the scheduled number of laps or before the prescribed time has been completed, the Race is nevertheless deemed ended when the flag is displayed.

~~49.1.4. Should the checkered flag be inadvertently delayed, the results are based on the positions at the moment provided for in the scheduled Race length or distance. If the delayed checkered flag is inadvertently or otherwise displayed to a Car other than the leader, it is considered a delayed finish as though the flag had been given to the leader.~~

49.1.4.5. The checkered flag is displayed for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

49.1.5.6. It is not required to take the checkered flag on the racetrack to be eligible for a finishing position, championship points and/or Point Fund / Prize Money.

49.1.6.7. To be listed as "running" in the results, the Car must cross the finish line on the racetrack when the checkered flag is displayed.

49.1.7.8. Cars are ordered in the results according to the number of whole laps completed during the Race subject to any penalties applied. For Cars completing the same number of laps, the time when the Cars cross the finish line determines the order.

The 2024 IMSA Sporting Regulations and Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge shall be updated with the information herein and reissued as of March 7, 2024.