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Qatar International Rally

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Name of the event: **Qatar International Rally**
Date of the event: **04 / 07 February 2026**

2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations / V3 – FIA MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Art. 3.5 – REGISTRATION *(Reminder)*
In order to score points in the Championships, Competitors must register with the FIA, by using the registration form which can be found at: https://registrations.fia.com/rally
Registration must be made only with the name of the Competitor (as it appears on the international Competitors' licence), at the latest before the closing date for entries of the first rally in which he wishes to score points. However, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

1.1 Preamble

Qatar International Rally will be run in compliance with the FIA International Sporting Code (ISC) including appendices, the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations including appendices, the ASN Rally Regulations (only when related to national cars) the WADA/NADA Codes, and the FIA Anti-Doping Regulations, as amended from time to time. The National Road Traffic Regulations shall apply. Unless provided otherwise by these Supplementary Regulations, the provisions of the above Rules and Regulations shall apply.
Modifications, amendments and/or additions to these Supplementary Regulations shall be made in the form of numbered and dated bulletins.
Additional information, without regulatory power, will be published in the Rally Guide.
All FIA regulations can be found at https://www.fia.com/regulations .
The various documents will be written in English. In case of any discrepancy the English text will be binding.

1.2 Length of Special Stages and Road surface

Leg 1:	Gravel	115,18 km
Leg 2:	Gravel	109,98 km

1.3 Overall SS distance and total distance of the itinerary

Number of Legs:	2
Number of Sections:	5
Number of Special Stages:	14
Total distance of the itinerary:	704,90 km
Overall length of Special Stages:	225,16 km

2. ORGANISATION

2.1 Championships and titles for which the rally counts

- 2026 FIA Middle East Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- 2026 FIA MERC2 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- 2026 FIA MERC3 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- 2026 FIA MERC4 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- 2026 FIA Junior MERC Championship for Drivers
- 2026 FIA Master MERC Championship for Drivers

2.2 Approvals

ASN visa No: **204-01 QMMF 2026** Approved on: **25.11.2025**
FIA visa No: **02MERC/260113** Issued on: **13.01.2026**

2.3 Organiser's name, address and contact details

Qatar Motor & Motorcycle Federation
Lusail Sports Arena
Al Wusail, North Relief Road PO Box 8708
Doha / Qatar
Tel.: +974 443 79 885
Fax: +974 443 79 732
e-mail: info@qmmf.com.qa
website: www.qmmf.com

2.4 Organization Committee

Chairman	Abdulrahman Al Mannai
Members	Abdulrazaq Al-Kuwari
	Amro Al-Hamad

2.5 Stewards of the Meeting

Chairperson	Ziad MASANNAT (JOR)
FIA Steward	Imad LAHOUD (LBN)
ASN Steward	Amro Al-Hamad (QAT)
Secretary to the Stewards	Lydia Labaki

2.6 FIA Delegates & Observer

FIA Sporting Delegate	Kuldar Sikk (EST)
FIA Technical Delegate	Bassem TARAZI (JOR)
FIA Safety Delegate	Saleh ALEM (KSA)
FIA Deputy Safety Delegate	Nicolas KLINGER (FIA)

2.7 Senior Officials

Clerk of the Course	Pedro Almeida
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Rashid Al-Sulaiti
Chief Safety Officer	Zia Rehman
Deputy Chief Safety Officer	Dexter Celemen
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Amr Aboulwafa
Competitors Relations Officers	David Patterson / Ibrahim Al Sheikh
Chief Scrutineer	Stanley da Silva
Service Park Coordinator	Pierre Arries
Road Book Designer	Nuno Santos
Security Officer	Terrel Thein
Stage Supervisors	Nuno Santos / Denis Mrevlje / Antoine Wulveryck
Stage Commanders	Nasir Khan / Muhammad Akram / *tba*
Results Coordinator	Mário Bandeira (Cronobandeira)
Secretary of the Meeting	Angelene Lapuz
Media Relations Officer	Neil Perkins
Local Media Relations Officer	Mansour Chebly

2.8 HQ location and contact details

Lusail International Circuit
Tel.: +974 443 79 885
e-mail: info@qmmf.com.qa

https://maps.app.goo.gl/tymdkiATAG4qaNwL9
25°28'58.0"N 51°27'23.7"E

Rally HQ in operation:	3 & 4 Feb 25 (Tuesday / Wednesday)	09.00 / 20.00h
	5 Feb 25 (Thursday)	07.00 / 21.00h
	6 & 7 Feb 25 (Friday / Saturday)	07.00 / 20.00h

Service park in operation: from 1 February at 08.00h to 9 February at 12.00h

2.9 Official Notice Board

As provided for in the FIA International Sporting Code, Art. 11.9.4, the Official Notice Board will be the Digital Notice Board (DNB), available in the Sportity App (and published also on the Event website at www.qmmf.com). There will be no physical official notice board. All competitors will be informed only by Sportity notifications about the publication of any documents on the Digital Notice Board.
Sportity App is downloadable for iOS devices on Appstore and for Android devices on Google Play.
The event password is **QIR2026**.

3. PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10 December		
	Publishing of the supplementary regulations	Website
	Entries open	

Wednesday, 7 January		
17.00h	1st closure date of entries (see SR Art. 4.4.2)	Rally Office
	Closing date to submit FIA National Car Acceptance Form	

Wednesday, 21 January		
17.00h	Final closure date of entries (see SR Art. 4.4.2)	Rally Office

Monday, 26 January		
17.00h	Closing date for order of extra services in SP	Rally Office

Tuesday, 27 January		
17.00h	Publication date of entry list	DNB
17.00h	Issuing of the road book, maps, Rally Guide 2, kml/kmz file of the itinerary and special stage videos (electronic form)	Website

RALLY WEEK

Sunday, 1 February		
08:00h	Opening of the Service Park	Lusail Internat. Circuit

Tuesday, 3 February		
09:00 / 20:00h	HQ opening/closing	Rally HQ (Lusail Internat. Circuit see Art. 2.8 for contacts)
From 10.00h	Reconnaissance registration / Administrative checks *(*)*	
	Collection of materials and documents	
	Collection of reconnaissance GPS trackers	
From 13.30h	Reconnaissance of Super Special Stage (SS1/SS8) *(*)*	Lusail
14.00h	Opening of Media Centre	Lusail Internat. Circuit
18.00h	Pre-rally press conference	

Wednesday, 4 February		
From 06.30h	Reconnaissance *(see SR Art. 9 & Appendix 2)*	
09:00 / 20:00h	HQ opening/closing	Lusail Internat. Circuit
From 09.00h	Scrutineering, components sealing & marking *(*)*	
18.00 / 20.00h	Return of reconnaissance cards & GPS trackers	
	Collection of rally safety tracking systems	
Thursday, 5 February		
07.00 / 21.00h	HQ opening/closing	
07.00 / 07.30h	Re-scrutineering for cars which did not pass	Lusail Internat. Circuit
07.30h	Drivers briefing	DNB
08.00h	Publication of the Amended Entry List	
08.15h / 09.15h	Free Practice for drivers with Rally2 cars	Al Khor
09.00h	Publication of Start List for Qualifying Stage	DNB
09.45h	Qualifying Stage for drivers with Rally2 cars	Al Khor
10.45 / 12.15h	Shakedown for drivers not participating in QS	
11.15h	Publication of the QS Provisional Classification	DNB
11.45h	Publication of Start Lists for Ceremonial Start, Section 1 and Section 2	
13.45 / 14.15h	Cars enter holding area	Lusail
14.30h	Ceremonial Start	
15.10h	Rally start	
15.15h	SS1 – Super Special Stage	
15.40h	Finish of section 1 (estimated time for 1st car)	Lusail Internat. Circuit
Friday, 6 February		
07:00 / 20:00h	HQ opening/closing	QMMF Office
07.00h	Start of leg 1 / section 2	Lusail Internat. Circuit
15.40h	Finish of leg 1 (estimated time for 1st car)	
17.00h	Publication of the start list for leg 2	DNB
19:30h	All cars must be returned to Parc Fermé from the 45' flexi service	Lusail Internat. Circuit
	Re-scrutineering, cars to re-start after retirement	
Saturday, 7 February		
07:00 / 20:00h	HQ opening/closing	Lusail Internat. Circuit
07.00h	Start of leg 2	
14.10h	Finish of the rally (estimated time for 1st car)	
14.30h	Final scrutineering	
16.30h	Publication of the provisional classification	DNB
18.00h	Post-rally press conference	Lusail Boulevard
18.30h	Podium ceremony / Prize-giving	
Monday, 9 February		
12:00	Vacation and final closure of service park	Lusail Internat. Circuit

(*) schedule to be published in a bulletin.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Closing date for entries

See programme in chronological order (SR Art. 3) and FIA RRSR Art. 23

- 1st closure date: Wednesday, 7 January at 17.00h.
- Final closure date: Wednesday, 21 January at 17.00h.

See also SR Art. 4.4.2 – Entry package

4.2 Entry procedure

Entries must be submitted in accordance with FIA RRSR Arts. 22 to 24.
See also FIA ISC Arts. 3.8 to 3.16.

An electronic entry application will be accepted on the organisers' website [www.qmmf.com].
The entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the valid competitor's licence.
If one of the drivers will be the competitor, he must hold a valid a competitor's licence and a driver's competition licence.

Mailing address for entry form:
Qatar Motor & Motorcycle Federation
e-mail: qir@qmmf.com.qa

An entry application (also made electronically) will be accepted only if accompanied by the total entry fees. The entry fee must be credited in full to the organiser's bank account (see Art. 4.5)

In compliance with the FIA International Sporting Code, foreign entrants/drivers must be in possession of the approval of their own ASN which must accompany the entry form.

4.3 Number of competitors accepted and classes

4.3.1 The number of competitors shall be limited to 60.

4.3.2 Eligible cars in MERC

CLASSES		GROUPS
RC2	Group **Rally2**	Group Rally2 cars conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 261
	Group **Rally2 Kit** (VR4K)	Cars fitted with R4 Kit conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 260E
	Group **NR4** over 2000cc	Group N cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 254
RGT	**RGT** cars	Group RGT cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 256 Group RGT cars conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 256
RC3	**Rally3** (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1620cc)	Group Rally3 cars homologated from 01/01/2021 and conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 260
RC4	**Rally4** (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1333cc)	Group Rally4 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 260 Group R2 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260
	R3 (atmo / over 1600cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 1067cc and up to 1333cc)	Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260
	R3 (turbo / up to 1620cc / nominal)	Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260D

CLASSES		GROUPS
RC5	**Rally5** (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1333cc)	Group Rally5 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 260
	Rally5-Kit (atmo or turbo up to 1600cc)	Group Rally5-Kit cars homologated from 01/01/2024 and conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Art. 260B
	Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1067cc)	Group R1 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260
RC6	**Rally6** (turbo up to 1620cc and atmo up to 2000cc	Group Rally6 cars homologated from 01/01/2026
SSV		SSV Cross-Country cars conforming to the 2026 Appendix J, Arts. 281, 282, 283 and 286A
NAT		Cars homologated by an ASN, complying with 2026 Appendix J, Art. 253 and approved by the FIA after submission of the national/regional car acceptance form (see FIA RRSR Art. 12.3)

4.4 Entry fees / Entry packages

4.4.1 Entry fees

See also FIA RRSR Art. 29.

With the organiser's optional advertising	QR 4000
Without the organiser's optional advertising	QR 6000

Competitors are required to pay a deposit of 1500 QR which will be refunded at the end of the event upon return of GPS/tracker equipment in good conditions.

4.4.2 Entry package

These fees include:

Third party insurance	
Tracking equipment	
Supplementary regulations	Rally website only
Rally Guide	Rally website only
Road Book	2
Rally car stickers (set)	1
«Service» vehicle stickers	2
«Auxiliary» vehicle plates	2
Personnel passes (including drivers)	8
Competition vehicle shipping allowance*	
GCC competitors	US$ 3000
Overseas competitors	US$ 6000
Flight ticket allowance*	
GCC competitors (2 x US$ 400)	US$ 800
Overseas competitors (2 x US$ 800)	US$ 1600
Hotel accommodation*	
1 twin room with breakfast for 5 nights	
Start Prize*	
Entries received until 07/01/2026	QR 2500
Entries received from 08/01 to 21/01/2026	QR 2000

* Available to crews that pass administrative checks and scrutineering and start the rally.

4.5 Payment details

All entry fees must be paid by bank transfer, to the following bank account:

Qatar Motor & Motorcycle Federation (QMMF)
Bank name: Qatar National Bank
Account Number: 0013-009860-002
IBAN: QA14 QNBA 0000 0000 0013 0098 6000 2
Swift: QNBAQAQA

A copy of the bank transfer must be attached to the application form. Please ensure that the entrant's name and account holder are included as reference on all bank transfers. Any bank charges incurred must be paid by the entrants in addition to the entry fees.

4.6 Refund of entry fees

Entry fees will be refunded in full:

- To candidates whose entry has not been accepted.
- In the case of the rally not taking place.
- In the case of force majeure for the competitor, after investigation by the Stewards.

5. INSURANCE

5.1 The organizer provides a third-party liability insurance with a coverage limit per any one occurrence of 1.000.000 € (one million euro).
The insurance cover will be in effect for competitors running within the itinerary of the rally, from the start of the first competition element until the end of the rally or at the moment of permanent retirement or disqualification.
Cars having retired and re-started shall not be considered to have permanently retired.

5.2 In case of an accident, the competitor or his representative must notify the Clerk of the Course in writing as quickly as possible and within 24 hours. He must explain the circumstances under which the accident occurred, eventual causes and consequences. Likewise, he must mention the names and addresses of any witnesses. He must also mention the names and addresses of any eventual injured people.

5.3 Competitors are reminded that only damage caused to third parties by the organizers and the entered drivers is covered by the insurance policy taken by the organization. Injury to the drivers themselves or damage to participating cars is not covered by this insurance.

5.4 Entrants and competitors are free to take on at their own convenience any individual insurance policy that they deem fit, independently from the abovementioned liability insurance.

5.5 The service vehicles, even those bearing special plates issued by the organizers, may never be considered as official participants in the rally. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the rally and remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

5.6 In addition to the insurance cover provided by the organizer, all competitors are required to provide their own insurance covering all cars used in Qatar to cover civil liability towards 3rd parties for the entire duration of their visit in the case of foreign crews, or permanent cover in the case of Qatari residents.
A copy of such insurance cover must be presented to the organizer, alternatively a declaration of indemnity accepting full financial and legal responsibility must be provided.

5.7 By submitting their entries, the competitors, drivers and car owners waive any claims or rights to pursue action for damages in connection with the event against the organizer.

6. ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

As per FIA RRSR Arts. 27 and 29.

Identification numbers, rally plates and organiser's advertising must be affixed to the car for scrutineering and must be visible for the duration of the rally.

See Appendix 4 of these SRs "Decals and positioning of supplementary advertising".

6.1 Mandatory advertising

Rally plate & Competition numbers: Qatar International Rally / QMMF

The organiser will provide each crew with the number identification (67x17cm), which must be affixed to their car in the stated positions prior to scrutineering. Each panel shall be placed horizontally at the leading edge of each front door, with the number at the front. The top of the plate shall be between 7 cm and 10 cm below the lower limit of the window. It is not allowed to cut the panel.

6.2 Additional organiser's advertising

Additional organiser's advertising: QMMF.

Spaces on the vehicle that must be kept free: See Appendix 4 of these SRs

6.3 Advertising restrictions

Advertising of alcoholic products, tobacco, inappropriate topics or pictures, political subjects, or any advertising that is prohibited by the laws of state of Qatar or which may cause offence are not permitted.

6.4 Driver's and Co-driver's identification

As per FIA RRSR Art.28, except that no flag is allowed beside the driver and/or co-driver first initial(s) and surname.

7. TYRES

7.1 Regulations regarding tyres which may be used during the rally

See FIA RRSR Art. 13 (tyres and wheels).

In addition to complying with the FIA RRSR, the following quantities of tyres are confirmed for use during the rally:

Type of car	Max number of tyres
RC2 / RGT cars	16
RC3 / RC4 / RC5 / Other cars	12

7.2 Tyres for Qualifying Stage

For competitors eligible to take part in Qualifying Stage, tyres will be taken from the overall quantity as per SR Art.7.1, except the spare wheel(s) fitted in the car.

Tyre marking for the tyres that will be used during the Qualifying Stage will be placed between TCQS and START QS.

For Free Practice and Shakedown tyres will not be counted for the overall quantity.

7.3 Tyres for use on reconnaissance

Tyres for use on reconnaissance are free.

8. FUEL - REFUELLING

As per FIA RRSR Arts. 61 and 62.

All type of fuel must be in compliance with Appendix J Art. 266 (RRSR Art. 62.1).

The official refuel zone located at the exit of the service park will be operational during the following periods:

4 Feb 26 (Wednesday)	08:00 / 12:00 & 13:00 / 18:00
5 Feb 26 (Thursday)	08:00 / 12:00 & 13:00 / 18:00
6 Feb 26 (Friday)	07:00 / 13:00 & 14:00 / 18:00
7 Feb 26 (Saturday)	07:00 / 13:00 & 14:00 / 18:00

With reference to FIA RRSR Art. 61.3, the following commercial filling stations were designated by the organiser to be used by the competitors for refuelling along the rally route:

Leg	Section	Road Section		km	GPS coordinates
1	2 / 3	TC1C > TC2	TC4C > TC5	56,20	N25 50.818 E51 21.001
		SS4 > TC4A	SS7 > TC7A	54,56	N25 33.216 E51 26.929 *
2	4 / 5	SS11 > TC11A	SS14 > TC14A	34,04	

* A short deviation is necessary to access the filling station (total route excess: 450 m). The alternative route will be shown in an appendix at the end of the road book.

9. RECONNAISSANCE OF SPECIAL STAGES

Reconnaissance will be according to FIA RRSR Art. 35. The schedule for the reconnaissance is published in Appendix 2 of these supplementary regulations.

9.1 Procedure for registration

Reconnaissance registration will take place at Rally Office according to the rally program. A reconnaissance registration form must be completed before commencing reconnaissance. The crews must register in person.

Competitors will be issued with three reconnaissance numbers (that must be fixed to the top right corner of the windscreen & rear side windows) and one rear windscreen plate.

Rally cars used in the event may not be used for reconnaissance.

Should a crew's reconnaissance car be replaced for any reason, the secretariat must be informed of the details of the replacement car.

A reconnaissance record card will be supplied which must be carried in the car for the duration of the reconnaissance. This card will be stamped appropriately recording every run on each special stage. Failure to produce this card will result in refusal to participate in the reconnaissance.

Reconnaissance record cards must be returned to the Rally Office according to the program.

9.2 Specific regulations

9.2.1 During reconnaissance, all national traffic regulation must be followed, including but not limited to the speed limits. Please note that the Special Stages will not be closed to public traffic during reconnaissance.

9.2.2 Unless a lower limit is indicated by traffic signs or by written instructions in the road book or in a bulletin, the maximum speed on special stages during reconnaissance is 90 kph.
The speed of reconnaissance cars during reconnaissance (as well as their routing and position) will be monitored by means of GPS tracking devices.
Speeding during reconnaissance will be penalized according to FIA RRSR Art. 34.2.2.

9.2.3 The reconnaissance of the super special stage will be made of two consecutive passages by the full length of the stage (2 x 3,40 = 6,80 km). Each crew will be allocated a specific time to start the reconnaissance, which will be announced by means of a bulletin.

9.3 Collection / return of speed control checking devices

All reconnaissance cars must be equipped with a speed control checking device that will be available at the Rally Office during reconnaissance registration. The equipment must be returned to the Rally Office together with the reconnaissance record cards according to the rally program.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS

10.1 Documents to be presented

To keep the time required for the administrative checks to the necessary minimum, make sure to bring and present the following documents:

- Competitor's license
- Driver's and Co-driver's competition licenses
- Driver's and Co-driver's valid driving licenses
- Driver's and Co-driver's ID cards / passports
- ASN authorization for all foreign competitors and/or drivers
- Car registration papers
- Car insurance cover certificate
- Car owner authorization to participate in the rally (if not one of the crew members)
- Driver declarations and undertakings forms, signed by the Driver and Co-driver

10.2 Timetable

According to the rally programme. A detailed schedule will be issued by means of a bulletin.

Any delay on the presentation at administrative checks will result in the following penalties:

< 15 minutes	€ 100	> 30 minutes	€ 200
16 to 30 minutes	€ 150	> 60 minutes	Start may be denied

10.3 Timecards

The complete set of timecards for the whole rally (including the Free Practice / Qualifying and Shakedown timecards) will be delivered with the rally materials at the administrative checks. It is imperative for each crew to carry in the car at least all timecards for a whole day.

11. SCRUTINEERING, SEALING AND MARKING

11.1 Scrutineering, venue and time

Cars may be presented at scrutineering by a representative of the team.
See programme (SR Art. 3). A detailed schedule will be published by means of a bulletin.
Any delay on the presentation at the time control installed at the entrance of the holding area will result in the following penalties:

< 15 minutes	€ 100	> 30 minutes	€ 200
16 to 30 minutes	€ 150	> 60 minutes	Start may be denied

Cars must be presented at scrutineering with the competition numbers, rally plates and all advertising (compulsory and optional) affixed.

Scrutineering mandatory documents

- Cars' complete certified homologation
- SOS / OK board (DIN A3 format)

For each car of the **FIA Priority Drivers,** one spare gearbox and one set of spare differentials (front and/or center and/or rear) may be used in each rally. These spare components and those fitted to the car will be marked/sealed at initial scrutineering. These cars must have their sump guards removed for sealing of gearboxes and differentials and be kept with the car for the purpose of weighing.

The installation of the tracking system will be checked at scrutineering.
On-board camera positions and mountings (see SRs Art. 12.12) will be checked at scrutineering.

11.2 Mud flaps

Compulsory. See ISC Appendix J, Art. 252.7.7.

11.3 Windows

Allowed. See ISC Appendix J, Art. 253.11.

11.4 Driver's safety equipment

All items of clothing including helmets and FHR (Front Head Restraint) intended to be used, e.g. HANS devices, must be presented for scrutineering. They shall be checked for compliance with Appendix L, Chapter III.

11.5 Noise level

On special stages only, the possibility of bypassing the exhaust silencer is recommended, provided that the exit of the exhaust gases is in conformity with Appendix J and, for cars fitted with a catalytic converter, that the gases themselves pass through this catalytic converter. At any time on the road sections the noise level must be in conformity with Appendix J.

11.6 Installation of safety tracking equipment

For every vehicle, it is mandatory to mount a tracking system, live satellite tracking, data recording and emergency signalling device that will be used to monitor the position, movement and status of all competing cars at all times during the rally. This apparatus will be provided by the organiser and the instructions for its installation will be published in a bulletin.

The installation of the provided tracking system will be checked at scrutineering.
Any misuse of the system(s) during the rally will result in the competitor being reported to the Stewards who may impose penalties which may go as far as exclusion.

12. OTHER PROCEDURES

12.1 Briefing

The briefing will be on a written form and posted on the DNB at the time indicated in the programme.

12.2 Free Practice / Qualifying Stage

A Free Practice / Qualifying Stage to determine the start order for Section 2 will be organised in accordance with FIA RRSR Art. 37 regulations.

All drivers with an RC2 class car must take part on the Free Practice / Qualifying Stage.

The eligible drivers may complete a maximum of 2 passages of Free Practice within the timeframe specified in the programme (SR Art. 3).

Eligible drivers will start the Qualifying Stage (QS) in the order of the current championship classification with a 2-minute interval between cars. The Stewards shall decide the order of drivers who are not classified in the current championship.

During the Qualifying Stage, only the driver and co-driver entered must be on board the car.

Any driver who does not participate or does not correctly complete the Qualifying Stage will be classified last. If more than one driver does not complete the stage, classification will follow the order of the start list for the QS.

Start positions for Section 2

The 10 fastest drivers of the Qualifying Stage will form a group which will start Section 2 ahead of the other drivers, according to their classification in the QS. This group of drivers will be seeded first in the start list in the reverse order of the classification of the Qualifying stage. All other drivers who have run the Qualifying stage will be seeded in the start list according to their classification.

Service

From the beginning of the timetable for Free Practice until the individual start time of the Qualifying stage, service may only be carried out in the main service park or the in the remote service area designated for this purpose and specified in a later bulletin. The following rules apply:

- One service vehicle (length less than 7 meters) with SERVICE or AUXILIARY sticker and three team members are allowed per entered crew
- A groundsheet must be used under the rally car
- Refuelling is not permitted
- Entry in the area is allowed for designated rally cars and their service vehicles from 08:00h
- Service vehicles must leave the area immediately after the QS scheduled start time of their rally car

12.3 Shakedown

Shakedown is intended for drivers who did not participate in Qualifying Stage. FIA RRSR Art. 36 will apply.

Participation is optional and not subject to previous registration. A maximum of 2 passages within the timeframe specified in the programme (SR Art. 3) is permitted to each driver.

Service or refuelling may only be carried out on the main service park.

12.4 Ceremonial Start

The Ceremonial Start will take place according to the programme (SR Art. 3).

Cars must be driven by one of the drivers or a team representative to the holding area, where they will enter between 13.45h and 14.15h. The penalty for late arrival at the holding area will be QR 100 per each 5 minute or fraction of lateness.

The holding area will be under vigilance. Access to the holding area is limited to team members and media representatives with appropriate identification. No service is allowed inside the holding area.

12.5 Rally start

The official start of the rally will be at TC1 (Lusail SSS).

12.6 Official time used during the rally

Official time throughout the entire rally will be that of GPS.

12.7 Starting intervals

Minimum start interval will be 2 minutes for all cars except for SS1 and SS8 (super special stages), where the start will be given to two cars at the same time (see SR Art. 12.9)

12.8 Electronic start procedure

See Appendix 6 of these supplementary regulations.

12.9 Super special stages procedures and running order

SS1 Lusail 1 and SS8 Lusail 2 will be run under Super Special Stage regulations (FIA RRSR Art. 51) and will consist of 2 laps of approximately 3,40 km each (total length of 2 x 3,40 = 6,80 km).

The organisers reserve the right to "match" competing vehicles for the super special stages on grounds of public interest.

The start will be given to two cars at the same time in parallel positions. The cars will follow the route of the stage, changing lanes in a tunnel/bridge combination and crossing the finish line at the end of each lap in the same lane where they have started.

The maximum time allowed to complete a super special stage is 8 minutes. Any crew who does not start a super special stage or fails to complete it within this maximum time will occur the penalties laid down in FIA RRSR Art. 54.2.

If the running of SS1 or SS8 is interrupted, this will be signalled to the drivers by showing red flags. When given this signal, the driver must immediately reduce speed and follow instructions of any marshals or other officials. Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards. If a super special stage is interrupted or stopped for any reason, FIA RRSR Art. 52 will apply.

12.10 Power Stage

With reference to FIA RRSR / V3 Art. 50.1, SS14 - Al Thakhira 2 will be the Power Stage.

There will be a regroup (10' maximum) before the Power Stage. Crews will start SS14 in the order of their arrival at TC14 with intervals of 2-minute minimum between cars (SR Art. 12.7).

12.11 Compulsory itinerary of the rally

The compulsory itinerary of the rally is defined in the Road Book by the road direction diagrams and, between the road direction diagrams, by the defined roadway. Any deviation will be reported to the Stewards (cf. FIA RRSR Art. 19.2).

To clearly define the limits of the road and to minimize accidental situations of shortcutting, the route of the special stages will be marked by a number of QMMF flags – maroon colour on the right side and white colour on the left side of the route – each one associated to a metallic fence.

The dimensions of the fence and the flag as well as the aspect of the set are shown in Appendix 7.

Any touch on a metallic fence and/or the associated flag as well as a deviation from the route limits defined by the flags will be penalised as follows:

- 1st offence: 5 seconds
- 2nd offence: 10 seconds
- 3rd offence: 30 seconds
- Beyond 3 offences: penalty at the discretion of the Stewards.

The sets flag/metallic fence will be already in place during reconnaissance.

Further sets flag/metallic fence may be placed by the organisers where they believe competitors have deviated from the roadway during reconnaissance or the first running of the stages. All modifications made will be informed to all competitors before the start of the concerned stage (FIA RRSR Art. 19.2).

12.12 Permitted early check-in

Crews are authorised to check in before time without incurring any penalty at the following time controls: **TCQS* / TC1A / TC8A / TC8C** (FIA RRSR Art. 59.2.4) **/ TC14C.**

12.13 On-board cameras

See FIA RRSR Art. 18.1.

If required by the Organiser, a competitor must carry an on-board camera or other recording device. This will be fitted by the supplier of the recording device and must be approved by the scrutineers.

The competitor who wishes to carry an on-board camera in his car must have the prior agreement of the Organiser and supply the following information no later than one week before the start of reconnaissance: competitor's name, car number, competitor's address, use of footage and model name of the device(s) used.

All camera positions and mountings used must be shown and approved during scrutineering before the start of the competition.

12.14 Finish procedures

The competitive element of the rally will conclude at TC14C. From this point, all cars are subject to Parc Fermé rules until the Parc Fermé is opened at the instruction of the Stewards.

Competitors are reminded that attendance at the finish ceremony and prize giving is compulsory for all classified crews and crew members must wear their approved overalls.

In the event a car is not driveable for the above procedure, this must be reported to the clerk of the course and the crew members concerned must still attend the podium finish ceremony.

Immediately after the publication of the Final Classification and opening of the Parc Fermé a convoy will be organized for all classified rally cars from the Service Park to the location of the Prize Giving (Lusail Boulevard)**.** Cars may be driven by the crew or by one team member.

Post-event Press Conference (for invited drivers only) will take place at 18.00h.

Prize Giving Ceremony will start at 18.30h. Cars will pass by the ramp in reverse order of the final classification.

After the conclusion of the ceremony, cars will be released and may be driven back to the service park.

12.15 Special procedures and activities

12.15.1 Availability of participants

Participants who park their vehicles in the Parc Fermé upon passing the finish line, must remain available by phone (mobile) until the final classification has been posted.

12.15.2 Classification

The official final classification will not be distributed after the event. The final classification will be published on the DNB (Sportity APP – Password **QIR2026**).

12.15.3 Organisers' promotional activities

- Tuesday, 3 February – Pre-rally Press Conference (according to the programme)
- Saturday, 7 February – Post-rally Press Conference (according to the programme)

The list of drivers requested to attend each function will be issued by means of a CoC Communication.

13. IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICIALS

Officials will be identified as follows:

SS Commander	Red with white stripe and text "Stage Commander"
SS Safety Officer	Orange tabard with text "Safety Officer"
SS Radio Point Marshal	Yellow with blue radio symbol
SS Safety Marshal	Orange tabard with text «Safety Marshal»
Post Chief	Blue with white stripe and text "Post Chief"
Timekeeper	Orange with white stripe and text "Timekeeping"
Medical Personnel	White with text "Medical"
Scrutineer	Black with white stripe and text "Scrutineer"
CRO	Red with text «CRO»

14. PRIZES

	1st	2nd	3rd
General classification	Two awards	Two awards	Two awards
MERC2 classification	Two awards	-	-
MERC3 classification	Two awards	-	-
MERC 4 classification	Two awards		
MERC Junior classification	Two awards	-	-
Master MERC classification	Two awards		

15. FINAL CHECKS AND PROTESTS

15.1 Final checks

The final checks will take place close to the service park (same place of pre-event scrutineering) after the arrival of the cars at TC14C.

Any teams required to undergo final checks must immediately follow the instruction of the marshals in charge, even if this prevents them from proceeding to one or more time controls (TC).

A representative of the entrant must be present at the final checks, as well as mechanics and proper equipment, would the scrutineers wish to dismantle the car.

The complete original FIA homologation form and other necessary certifications must be available for final checks. For national cars the corresponding original ASN documents must be available.

15.2 Protest deposit fees

The protest deposit fee is: € 1.000.

If a protest requires the dismantling and reassembly of a clearly defined part of the car, any additional deposit will be specified by the Stewards upon a proposal of the Chief Scrutineer.

15.3 Appeal deposit fees

- Sum for international appeal deposit (FIA): € 3.000.
- Sum for national appeal deposit (QMMF): QR 8.000. (only for the national event)

All protests and/or appeals must be lodged in accordance with ISC Arts. 13 & 15 and, where applicable, with the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Appendix 1 – ITINERARY (1)

Free practice / Qualifying Stage / Shakedown						*Thursday, 05.02.2026*
TC	**LOCATION**	**SS dist.**	**Liaison dist.**	**Total dist.**	**Target time**	**1st car due**
FP	Start of Free Practice - Priority Drivers	*5,56*				**8:15**
	Free Practice closes at 09:30					
TCQS	Al Khor					9:55
QS	**Qualifying Stage - Al Khor**	***5,56***				**10:00**
TCQS*	Service Park / Technical Zone **IN**		31,36	36,92	0:45	10:45
SD	Shakedown - Al Khor	*5,56*				**10:45**
	Shakedown closes at 12:30					

** Permitted early check-in*

Sunrise	6:15
Sunset	17:20

Section 1						*Thursday, 05.02.2026*
TC	**LOCATION**	**SS dist.**	**Liaison dist.**	**Total dist.**	**Target time**	**1st car due**
	2025 QIR Start - Lusail					
1	Rally Start		0,0	0,0		**15:10**
SS1	***Lusail 1 (SSS)***	***6,80***				***15:15***
1A*	Parc Fermé **IN**		13,18	19,98	0:25	15:40
	Section 1 totals	**6,80**	**13,18**	**19,98**		

** Permitted early check-in*

Sunrise	6:15
Sunset	17:20

Appendix 1 – ITINERARY (2)

Sections 2 & 3						*Friday, 06.02.2026*	
TC	**LOCATION**	**SS dist.**	**Liaison dist.**	**Total dist.**	**Target time**	**1st car due**	
	START Leg 1 / Section 2						
	Lusail International Circuit						
1B	Parc Fermé **OUT** - Service **IN**		0,0	0,0		**7:00**	
	Service A (Lusail International Circuit)	**6,80**	**13,18**	**19,98**	**0:15**		
1C	Service **OUT**					7:15	
RZ	Refuel	6,80	13,18	19,98			
1	Distance to next refuel	32,65	78,42	111,07			
2	Lejthaya		70,16	70,16	1:12	8:27	
SS2	***Lejthaya 1***	***16,54***				***8:30***	
3	Al Mashrab		6,22	22,76	0:25	8:55	
SS3	***Waab Al Mashrab 1***	***16,11***				***8:58***	
			2,04				
RZ	Remote Refuel	32,65	78,42	111,07			
2	Distance to next refuel	18,14	51,36	69,50			
4	Al Waab		3,77	19,88	0:34	9:32	
SS4	***Al Waab 1***	***18,14***				***9:35***	
4A	Regroup & Technical Zone **IN**		49,63	67,77	1:05	**10:40**	
4B	Regroup **OUT** - Service **IN**				0:15	**10:55**	
	Service B (Lusail Sports Arena)	**50,79**	**129,78**	**180,57**	**0:30**		
4C	Service **OUT**					11:25	
RZ	Refuel	18,14	51,36	69,50			
3	Distance to next refuel	32,65	78,42	111,07			
5	Lejthaya		70,16	70,16	1:12	12:37	
SS5	***Lejthaya 2***	***16,54***				***12:40***	
6	Al Mashrab		6,22	22,76	0:25	13:05	
SS6	***Waab Al Mashrab 2***	***16,11***				***13:08***	
			2,05				
RZ	Remote Refuel	32,65	78,43	111,08			
4	Distance to next refuel	24,94	75,57	100,51			
7	Al Waab		3,77	19,88	0:34	13:42	
SS7	***Al Waab 2***	***18,14***				***13:45***	
8	Lusail		60,67	78,81	1:15	15:00	
SS8	***Lusail 2 (SSS)***	***6,80***				***15:15***	
8A*	Parc Fermé & Technical Zone **IN**		13,18	19,98	0:25	15:40	
8B	Parc Fermé **OUT** - Flexi Service **IN**				(00:10 min.)		
	Flexi Service C (Lusail Sports Arena)	**57,59**	**154,00**	**211,59**	**0:45**		
8C*	Flexi Service **OUT** - Parc Fermé **IN**						
	All cars must be returned to Parc Fermé no later than					**19:30**	
	Friday totals	**108,38**	**283,78**	**392,16**			

** Permitted early check-in*

Sunrise	6:15
Sunset	17:20

Section 2

Section 3

Appendix 1 – ITINERARY (3)

Sections 4 & 5						*Saturday, 07.02.2026*
TC	**LOCATION**	**SS dist.**	**Liaison dist.**	**Total dist.**	**Target time**	**1st car due**
	START Leg 2					
	Lusail Sports Arena					
8D	Parc Fermé **OUT** - Service **IN**		0,0	0,0		**7:00**
	Service D (Lusail Sports Arena)	**0,00**	**0,00**	**0,00**	**0:15**	
8E	Service OUT					**7:15**
RZ	Refuel	24,94	75,57	100,51		
5	Distance to next refuel	22,98	46,11	69,09		
9	Umm Al Qahab		40,67	40,67	0:45	8:00
SS9	***Umm Birka 1***	***22,98***				***8:03***
			5,44			
RZ	Remote Refuel	22,98	46,11	69,09		
6	Distance to next refuel	32,01	45,28	77,29		
10	Ras Laffan		17,15	40,13	0:51	8:54
SS10	***Ras Laffan 1***	***16,73***				***8:57***
11	Grayyat Al Faida		1,60	18,33	0:22	9:19
SS11	***Al Thakhira 1***	***15,28***				***9:22***
11A	Regroup & Technical Zone **IN**		31,97	47,25	0:48	**10:10**
11B	Regroup **OUT** - Service **IN**				0:15	**10:25**
	Service E (Lusail Sports Arena)	**54,99**	**91,39**	**146,38**	**0:30**	
11C	Service **OUT**					10:55
RZ	Refuel	32,01	45,28	77,29		
7	Distance to next refuel	54,99	91,39	146,38		
12	Umm Al Qahab		40,67	40,67	0:45	11:40
SS12	***Umm Birka 2***	***22,98***				***11:43***
			5,44			
RZ	Remote Refuel	22,98	46,11	69,09		
8	Distance to next refuel	32,01	45,28	77,29		
13	Ras Laffan		17,15	40,13	0:51	12:34
SS13	***Ras Laffan 2***	***16,73***				***12:37***
14	Grayyat Al Faida		1,60	18,33	0:22	12:59
	Regroup (10' maximum)					
SS14	***Al Thakhira 2 (Power Stage)***	***15,28***				***13:09***
14A	Regroup & Technical Zone **IN**		31,97	47,25	0:48	**13:57**
14B	Technical Zone **OUT** - Service **IN**				0:03	**14:00**
	Service F (Lusail Sports Arena)	**54,99**	**91,39**	**146,38**	**0:10**	
14C*	Service **OUT** - Parc Fermé **IN**					**14:10**
	Saturday totals	**109,98**	**182,78**	**292,76**		

** Permitted early check-in*

Sunrise	6:14
Sunset	17:21

Section 4

Section 5

TOTALS OF THE RALLY					
	SS	**Liaison**	**Total**		**%**
Section1 - 1 SS	6,80	13,18	19,98		34,0%
Sections 2 & 3 - 7 SS	108,38	283,78	392,16	*Special*	27,6%
Sections 4 & 5 - 6 SS	109,98	182,78	292,76	*Stages*	37,6%
Total - 14 SS	**225,16**	**479,74**	**704,90**		**31,9%**

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Appendix 2 – RECONNAISSANCE SCHEDULE

Reconnaissance will take place according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 3 February	**SSS 1** **SSS 8**	From 13.30h *(schedule to be published by bulletin)*
	Free Practice **Qualifying Stage** **Shakedown**	From 13.30h to 18.00h
Wednesday, 4 February	**SS 2-5** **SS 3-6** **SS 4-7**	From 06.30h to 14.30h
	SS 9-12 **SS10-13** **SS 11-14**	From 10.30h to 18.00h

Appendix 3 – NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF CROs AND THEIR SCHEDULES



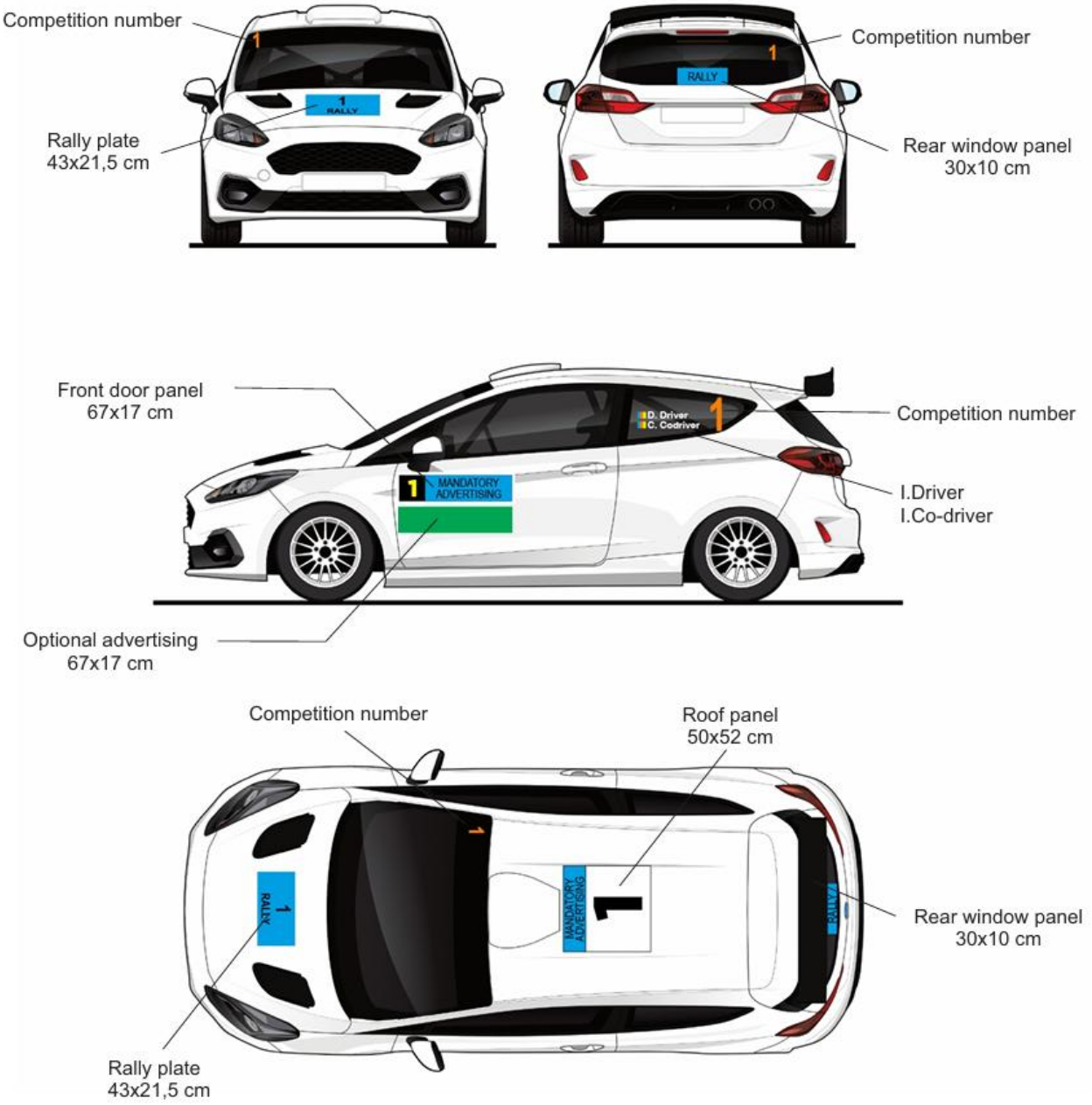
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Appendix 4 – COMPETITON NUMBERS AND ADVERTISING



Mandatory organiser's advertising: **Qatar International Rally / QMMF**	*Blue stickers* *(see FIA RRSR art. 27 to 29)*
Additional organiser's advertising: **QMMF**	*Green stickers:* • *Two 67x17 cm stickers (front door panels)*

Appendix 5 – DRIVERS EQUIPMENT / EXTRACT FROM FIA ISC APPENDIX L

1. Helmets (Appendix L, Chapter III, Art.1)

All drivers and co-drivers must wear crash helmets homologated to one of the following FIA standards:

- 8859-2015 (Technical List N°49),
- 8859-2024 or 8859-2024-ABP (Technical List N°107)
- 8860-2010 (Technical List N°33) or
- 8860-2018 or 8860-2018-ABP (Technical List N°69)

2. Frontal Head Restraint (FHR, Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 3)

All drivers and co-drivers must use FIA approved FHR systems homologated to FIA standard 8858. Approved FHRs, anchorages and tethers are listed in Technical List N° 29.
See also helmet compatibility chart in Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 3.3.

3. Flame-resistant clothing (Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 2)

All drivers and co-drivers must wear overalls as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 (Technical List N° 74).
Please pay special attention to the prescriptions of Art. 2 concerning embroidery and printing on flame-resistant clothing (manufacturer certificates etc.) as well as concerning the correct wearing of the clothing elements!
See also FIA RRSR, Art. 53.1.

4. Biometric Devices (Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 2.1)

Drivers may wear a device to collect biometric data during racing.

- If the biometric device is integrated into a protective garment homologated to FIA Standard 8856, the garment shall be homologated to FIA Standards 8856 and 8868-2018.
- If the biometric device is a stand-alone device, then the device must be homologated to FIA Standard 8868-2018 only. This device must be worn in addition to the garment homologated to FIA Standard 8856.

5. Wearing of jewellery (Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 5)

The wearing of jewellery in the form of body piercing or metal neck chains is prohibited during the competition and may therefore be checked before the start.

RELATED LINKS:

FIA International Sporting Code and appendices: https://www.fia.com/regulation/category/123
FIA Technical Lists: https://www.fia.com/regulation/category/761

Appendix 6 – ELECTRONIC START PROCEDURE



Start Clock with Time of day



Countdown of 30 seconds



Countdown of 30 seconds



Prepare to Start – Yellow Zone - Last 5 seconds to go



GO Signal: Count Down reaches 0 and light turns Green

GO Signal will remain during the allowed 20 seconds

Appendix 7 – QMMF FLAGS

See SR Art. 12.11

