

**BRIEFING NOTES**  
**ROUND 1 - SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS - 4<sup>TH</sup>- 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

<b>EVENT SCHEDULE</b>	
<p align="center"><b>THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023</b></p> <p>14:07 (-8') Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid)  <b>FREE PRACTICE 1:</b> 14:15 - 14:55 (40 minutes)</p> <p>16:17 (-8') Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid)  <b>FREE PRACTICE 2:</b> 16:25 - 17:05 (40 minutes)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SATURDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023</b></p> <p><b>RACE 2 (18 minutes + 1 lap)</b>  Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid): 09:52  Pit Lane Open (<i>just one warm-up lap</i>): 10:00 (3')  Pit Lane Closed: 10:03  5' signal (board): 10:06  Green Flag: 10:11  Standing Start: 10:15(aprox)</p>
<p align="center"><b>FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023</b></p> <p>12:02 (-20') Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid)  <b>QUALIFYING 1:</b> 12:10 - 12:25 (15 minutes)  <i>8 minutes pit stop</i>  <b>QUALIFYING 2:</b> 12:33 - 12:48 (15 minutes)</p> <p><b>RACE 1 (25 minutes + 1 lap)</b>  Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid): 16:07  Pit Lane Open (<i>just one warm-up lap</i>): 16:15 (3')  Pit Lane Closed: 16:18  5' signal (board): 16:21  Green Flag: 16:26  Standing Start: 16:30 (aprox)</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023</b></p> <p><b>RACE 3 (25 minutes + 1 lap)</b>  Cars ready to access to Pit (Pre-Grid): 08:52  Pit Lane Open (<i>just one warm-up lap</i>): 09:00 (3')  Pit Lane Closed: 09:03  5' signal (board): 09:06  Green Flag: 09:11  Standing Start: 09:15(aprox)</p>

<p><b><u>CIRCUIT MAIN DATA:</u></b></p> <p><b>Length:</b> 7.004 m  <b>Start line:</b> @ 0,123 km  <b>Finish line:</b> @ 0,000 km  <b>Distance between lines:</b> 123m.  <b>Intermediate 1:</b> Before T-5  <b>Intermediate 2:</b> Before T-15</p>	<p><b><u>PIT LANE:</u></b></p> <p><b>Pit in (F1):</b> After T-19 RHS  <b>Pit out (F1):</b> After T-1 RHS  <b>Speed Limit:</b> 60 kph  <b>Pit exit Lights:</b> LHS  <b>RD signaling position:</b> RHS  <b>People under 15 are not allowed in Pit-lane</b>  <b>Procedure 1<sup>st</sup> lap:</b> Only Marshals and Firefighters  <b>Penalty Area:</b> RHS, Pit entry in front of garage 1</p>
<p><b><u>TRACK:</u></b></p> <p><b>Grid (main straight F1):</b> 1x1 Staggered  <b>Pole position:</b> RHS  <b>Practice starts area:</b> @PL exit (endurance)  <b>White line @ pit exit:</b> Do not cross exiting Pit Lane  <b>Marshals during start:</b> RHS  <b>Blue flag Marshal:</b> LHS after T1  <b>Openings on track:</b> Orange  <b>Fire extinguishers:</b> @ Marshal posts &amp; "F in white square" signal  <b>Parc Fermé:</b> After Qualifying and Races in Paddock</p>	<p><b><u>SAFETY CAR:</u></b></p> <p><b>SC initial position:</b> Turn 18  <b>SC "stand by":</b> Pit Exit  <b>SC "on track":</b> Pit Exit After T-1  <b>SC Line 1:</b> Before Pit-Entry  <b>SC Line 2:</b> After Turn 1  <b>SC Lights off:</b> Turn 15</p> <p>With Green flag overtaking remains strictly forbidden until crossing the finishing line.  Follow the SC wherever it goes with its orange lights on</p>

## 1) Paddock - Pre-Grid - Pit-Lane

- 1.1 It will be of each team's responsibility to be at the pre-grid at the scheduled time. See Pre-Grid arrival slot time table of "Info Note" document.
- 1.2 At no exception, the cars will be pushed to arrive at the pre-grid. The usage of the engine for that purpose is strictly forbidden.
- 1.3 Each session will start once the light at the end of the pitlane turns green. At that moment, the cars will be allowed to go directly into the track from the pre-grid. See fig5 of "Info Note" document.
- 1.4 All the sessions will be supported from F1 pitlane
- 1.5 Lines or bollards at the Pit Entry and Pit Exit:
  - Vehicles entering or leaving the Pit Lane may not cross this line unless an unavoidable situation.

## 2) Checkered flag

- 2.1 Due to the tight Schedule throughout the whole weekend, **a cool-down lap after the end of each session (except Q1) will not be allowed**
- 2.2 Once the checkered flag is displayed:
  - FP1 and FP2: Cars must immediately slow down and will enter the endurance pit-lane just after T1, pass through the pit and access to paddock through Eau Rouge gate.
  - Q1: Cars must **complete the cool-down lap** and enter the F1 pit-lane (8' pit stop)
  - Q2: Cars must immediately slow down and go to the bottom of Eau Rouge (before T2) leaving the track through Eau Rouge gate.



- Races: Cars must immediately slow down and the top-3 of the race, plus the top-3 of the rookie trophy, if different, they will enter the F1 pitlane through the exit and will drive reverse way toward the podium. The rest of the drivers must enter the endurance pitlane to return to the paddock area.



### **3) Driving Behavior**

- 3.1 Drivers are reminded to pay special attention to flag signaling (Flags and Lights) according to the Code.
- 3.2 Whenever you are involved in an accident, and you are OK please signal to the marshals with a thumb up. If you have any problems getting out of the car or suspect to have any injuries, please wait for the rescue team.
- 3.3 If your car stops on track, you must leave the car as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 3.4 If you have any serious mechanical difficulty, make every effort to stay out of the racing line.
- 3.5 The driver must assure that the gearbox is in neutral, and the steering wheel is placed back on the car to help in rescued works. Always, follow the marshals' instructions.
- 3.6 Competitors are reminded that more than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted; weaving in front of another car neither is permitted
- 3.7 Back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off- line, must leave at least one car width between his own car and the white line at the edge of the track.
- 3.8 During qualifying, please respect the other drivers on track. Deliberate blocking will be reported to the Stewards.
- 3.9 It is forbidden in the Regulations to perform zigzag maneuvers to warm tires, in practice sessions once the driver has completed a first lap.

### **4) Track Limits**

- 4.1 Drivers must use the track at all times and may not leave the track without a justifiable reason.
- 4.2 The white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not.
- 4.3 Should a car leave the track for any reason, the driver may rejoin. However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any lasting advantage.
- 4.4 Drivers will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with it.
- 4.5 During any practice session, all reports received of lap times achieved not staying inside the track limits will result in the stewards invalidating that lap time; and at T19 will result that lap time and the immediately following lap time being invalidated by the stewards.

### **5) Wet Track**

- 5.1 Wet tires are only allowed to use when the Race Director or the Clerk of the Course declare Wet Track conditions.
- 5.2 If Wet Track is declared, the choice between slick or wet tires is free, but using them simultaneously is forbidden.
- 5.3 While the Wet Track situation is in effect, the rear rain light must remain on.

## 6) Practice starts

6.1 Practice starts may be carried out on the right-hand side at the pit exit (endurance).

## 7) Time penalties.

7.1 As soon as the decision is communicated through the timing monitors or Race Direction signaling post or from the moment the responsible person in the Team receives the written form, the driver in question should cover **no more than two complete laps before entering the Pit Lane.**

## 8) Suspension of practice Sessions (Art.30)

8.1 Red Flag:

- When the interruption signal (red flag) is displayed, all vehicles shall immediately reduce speed and slowly return to pit-lane, being forbidden to overtake.

8.2 Neutralization of the practice session "Full Yellow":

- All Marshals Posts along the circuit will wave yellow flags.
- Reduce speed
- Overtaking is forbidden
- All times recorded after being shown the order of "Full Yellow" will not be taken into account.
- End Full Yellow Course: All marshal posts will wave GREEN FLAGS

## 9) Starting procedure. Standing Start (Art.32)

9.1 Cars will line up at the track entrance (Pit-Exit Endurance) gate following the Pre-Grid arrival slot timetable.

9.2 Once the pit lane opens (for 3 minutes) the cars will enter the track for the warm-up lap and must go directly to the grid. **At this event just one warm-up lap will be allowed.**

9.3 Grid position: At the main straight, in front of F1 pitlane. The car must be centered in the grid box and the front tyre behind the yellow line.

9.4 The start procedure countdown will be done by means of boards and lights.

9.5 5' – 3' – 1' – 15'' & Green flag/lights (formation lap)

9.6 The GP light system will be used for the start. The red lights will turn one by one until all 5 lights are off. When the lights are extinguished, the race will start.

9.7 If, after returning to the starting grid at the end of the formation lap, a problem arises, the driver must immediately raise her hands above her head and the marshal responsible for that row must immediately wave a yellow flag.

9.8 After the formation lap, if the start must be delayed, abort lights (orange flashing lights) will be shown at the Starter. Keep your engine on. "Extra Formation Lap" board will be shown, and the green lights will be illuminated two seconds, start slowly the new formation lap. Every time this happens, the race distance will be shortened by 2 minutes.



## **10) Neutralization of the race - SAFETY CAR (Art 34 Sporting Regulations)**

- 10.1 When the order to deploy the Safety Car is given, all signaling posts will wave yellow flags and SC panels, lights panels will be displayed accordingly and the orange traffic lights will be illuminated on the Starting Line.
- 10.2 Under SC conditions, overtaking to competing cars is forbidden.
- 10.3 Cars can overtake the SC if ordered with the green light These vehicles will overtake the Safety Car one by one.
- 10.4 Under certain circumstances, the Race Director/Clerk of the Course may ask the Safety Car to use the Pit Lane. In these cases, and with yellow lights on, all vehicles will follow the Safety Car to the Pit-lane without overtaking. An arrow will be shown at the Marshal post prior to Pit Entry
- 10.5 As the SC is approaching the pit entry the SC Boards and light panels will be withdrawn and, other than on the last lap of the race, as the leader approaches the Line (timing line) the yellow flags will be withdrawn, and the green flag/light panels will be displayed at the Line (timing line).
- 10.6 When called SC IN, overtaking remains strictly forbidden until they cross the finish line with green flag/light panel.
- 10.7 To prevent accidents, before the Safety Car returns to the Pit Lane and from the time when the flashing lights are off, drivers must continue at a steady pace that does not involve accelerating, heavy braking and abrupt and unforeseen direction changes or maneuvers that may pose danger to other drivers or impede the restart of the race.
- 10.8 Each lap completed while the safety car is deployed will be counted as a race lap.

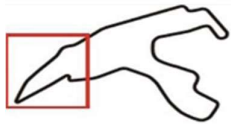
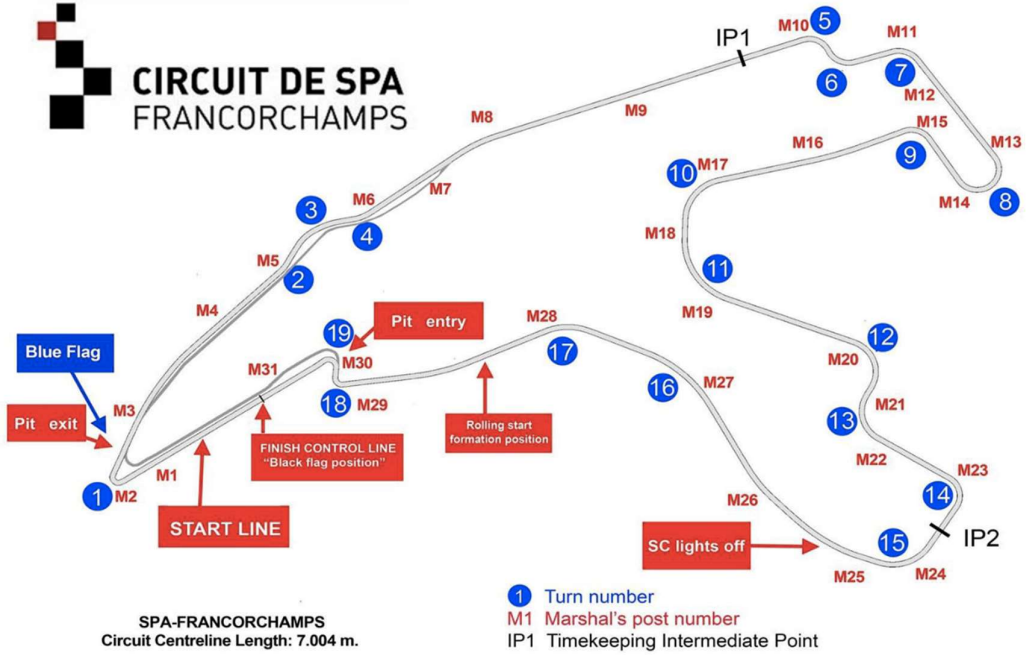
## **11) Race Suspended – RED FLAG (Art35)**

- 11.1 All Marshal Posts will wave RED Flags.
- 11.2 Overtaking is forbidden.
- 11.3 All vehicles will proceed slowly to the Pit Lane
- 11.4 The race will be resumed, if it's possible, and the cars will restart behind the safety car from pit lane.
- 11.5 If the last pass of the leader through the Final Line happened after having exceeded the 70% of the scheduled time (without the additional lap), race won't be resumed.

## **12) 9. Protest & Appeal (Art.43)**

- 12.1 Any protest must be made in accordance with the provisions of the ISC, accompanied by a deposit of 1,000 Euros.
- 12.2 As indicated in the ISC, any appeal must be lodged in the form and terms set out, accompanied by a deposit of 2,500 Euros.

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**PIT LANE INFORMATION  
RACES**

