

# 2023 Championship Article Amendment

This amendment is issued under the provisions of the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code Article 18(2) in confirmation that the following amendments, notices or points of clarification have been authorised to the text of the applicable Championship Regulations. It is recommended that in addition to retaining a copy of this bulletin all parties modify the text of the regulations according to the following:

# **Championship Amendment**

- 1. Amend Article 2 Interpretations as stated in the schedule below.
- 2. Amend Article 16 Practice Starts as stated in the schedule below.
- 3. Amend Article 19 Starting Positions, Assembly, Formation & Starting Procedures as stated in the schedule below.
- 4. Amend Article 20 Race Suspension and Recommencement as stated in the schedule below.
- 5. Amend Article 26 Inquiries / Protests / Appeals as stated in the schedule below.
- 6. Amend Article 40 Championship Demerit Points as stated in the schedule below.

### 1. 2. Interpretations

"Championship" means the MotorSport NZ approved Toyota Racing Series Championship Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Championship certified by FIA.

**Reason:** Correction of interpretation.

### 2. 16. Practice Starts

**16.1** The only times a Practice Start is permitted is during a dedicated Practice Start session, or when leaving the grid at the start of the formation lap or as permitted under Article 19.3.5(6).

**Reason:** To clarify that a driver is permitted to lose traction at the driving wheels on the formation lap as per Article 19.3.5(6)

### 3. 19. Starting Positions, Assembly, Formation & Starting Procedures

- (...)
- **19.3** Formation ("Warm-up"):

- (...)
- **19.3.5** <u>Green light/flag</u> Cars to proceed on formation lap when the green light/flag is shown, leaving the allocated grid box in starting order sequence. A Practice Start may be conducted and the formation must be kept as tight as possible. Rescue vehicles to follow at rear of field.
- (...)
- (6) During the formation lap, drivers will be permitted to lose traction at the driving wheels prior to the Safety Car Control Line a point nominated by the Race Director. For clarity, drivers are not permitted to stop on the circuit at any time and any reduction in speed must be done safely.

**Reason:** to allow the Race Director to nominate the location where this activity must cease from as the safety car control line may not always be appropriate.

# 4. 20. Race Suspension and Recommencement

- (...)
- **20.6.8** If a vehicle receives outside assistance to either re-join the circuit or to return to pitlane they will not be permitted to re-join the race except in a situation stipulated in 20.3.2(2).

**Reason:** Intention for article already covered in article 20.5.

### 5. 26. Inquiries / Protests / Appeals

- **26.1 Inquiries:** May be lodged within 30 minutes of a race finish by the designated person as nominated by the entrant on the entry form, to the Race Director a Competitor Relations Officer. Should the Race Director determine that an inquiry is 'frivolous or vexatious' they will impose a penalty.
- (...)

### 26.4 Competitor Clearance

- 26.4.1 If Competitors are required for inquiries or hearings they will be advised by summons or notice, as applicable, delivered by a Competitor Relations Officer. Additionally, an announcement may be made on race radio. These notifications will be made within 1 hour following completion of the category's final race for the day/Meeting. No Competitor may leave the Circuit until 1 hour after the finish of their last race on the day.
- (...)

**Reason:** to clarify that inquires must be with the Race Director within 30 minutes.

### 6. 40. Additional Penalty Provisions

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**40.5** These penalty points are deemed to be additional to any time or Pit Lane Drive Through penalty that may have been imposed. These points are cumulative over all Meetings of the Championship. Grid or race exclusion requirements will be imposed once the grid for a race has been determined.

(...)

**Reason:** to clarify that demerit points issued for any penalty that isn't a time or drive through penalty still count towards this article.

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