

# TROPHY REGULATIONS AMENDMENT CTFROT-26-A001

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## 2026 Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Trophy (CTFROT) Sporting Regulations Amendment

*This Amendment is issued under the provisions of the MotorSport New Zealand 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 Sporting Regulations of the above-named Trophy. 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:*

### CTFROT Sporting Regulations Amendment:

1. Amend Article 15 as stated in the schedule below.
2. Amend Article 16 as stated in the schedule below.
3. Amend Article 18.5 as stated in the schedule below.
4. Amend Article 21.5 as stated in the schedule below.
5. Amend Article 36.2 as stated in the schedule below.

#### 1. Item One:

##### 15. INCIDENTS DURING THE RACE

Amend:

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Reason: *To correct the title of the Article.*

#### 2. Item Two:

##### 16. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Amend:

##### 16. INVESTIGATIONS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

**16.1** A Request for Investigation (RFI) may be lodged with the Race Director within 30 minutes of the end of a session in which the incident occurred, by the Team Representative as nominated by the entrant on the Team Staff Declaration Form in accordance with Article 26.3 of the Sporting Regulations.

Only the Team Representative of a driver who has been involved in an incident during a session may request RFI of such incident.

An entrant will only be permitted to submit one RFI for each driver at each event of the Trophy. An RFI that is referred by the Race Director to the Stewards will be retained by the entrant.

Upon receipt of an RFI, the Race Director shall conduct investigations into any Incident or possible breach of these Sporting Regulations so as to determine those matters that should be brought before the Stewards; and at the completion of an Investigation may do any of the following:

- a) Determine that an alleged breach of the Sporting Regulations has occurred that warrants referral directly to the Stewards; or
- b) Determine that no further investigation is required and that the matter does not warrant being referred to the Stewards.

**16.2** Protests shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of NZ\$1,000.00.

**16.3** Appeals shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of NZ\$5,000.00.

**16.4** Appeals may not be made against decisions concerning the following:  
(...)

Reason: *To introduce and define a Request for Investigation process.*

### 3. Item Three:

#### 18. DRIVING

Amend:

**18.5** Any driver defending their position on a straight, and before any braking area, may use the full width of the track during their first move, provided no significant portion of the car attempting to pass is alongside theirs. Whilst defending in this way the driver may not leave the track without justifiable reason.

~~For the avoidance of doubt, if any part of the front wing of the car attempting to pass is alongside the rear wheel of the car in front this will be deemed to be a 'significant portion'.~~  
(...)

Reason: *To clarify the application of provisions when a driver is defending their position.*

### 4. Item Four:

#### 21. PIT ENTRY, PIT LANE AND PIT EXIT

Delete:

**21.5** (...)

~~Any car(s) driven to the end of the pit lane prior to the start or re-start of a Practice session, or any car(s) required to stop at the pit exit during a Safety Car period, must form up in a line in the fast lane and leave in the order they got there unless another car is unduly delayed.~~

Reason: *To remove this provision to reduce ambiguity in pit lane procedures.*

## 5. Item Five:

## 36. STARTING PROCEDURE

Amend:

**36.2** Either of the following procedures may be used and will be listed in the Schedule of Events:

- a) Twenty-five minutes before the start of the formation lap, the pit exit will be opened and cars will be permitted to leave the pit lane to cover one reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap, drivers will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped; or
- b) Ten minutes before the start of the formation lap, the pit exit will be opened and cars will be permitted to leave the pit lane to cover one reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap, drivers will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped.

Any car which does not complete one reconnaissance lap and is unable to reach the grid under its own power will not be permitted to start the Race from the grid.

*Reason: To provide organisers with an alternative reconnaissance lap procedure, allowing flexibility to accommodate differing event schedules and operational requirements.*

This Amendment is issued in accordance with Article 1.4 of the CTFROT Sporting Regulations by the following Officials.



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