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Subject :	Update of Appendix H "Rescue Chief for FIA Championships"
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We would like to inform you that following the World Motor Sport Council meeting of 29 June 2022, Appendix H to the International Sporting Code (ISC) has been updated. As from 1.1.2023, ASNs will be required to nominate a Rescue Chief role for each FIA Championship. The latest version has been published on the FIA website, and can be downloaded [HERE](#).

The current ISC Appendix H states:

2.8.2.1 Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer

The overall control of the organisation and administration of the circuit medical services is, with the agreement of the Organising Committee, entirely and exclusively the responsibility of a Chief Medical Officer. In the event of an intervention on the track, he organises and directs the rescue operation.

Amendment applicable from 1.1.2023 onwards:

2.8.2.1 now reads

The overall control of the organisation and administration of the circuit medical and rescue services is, with the agreement of the Organising Committee, entirely and exclusively the responsibility of a Chief Medical Officer. In the event of an intervention on the track, he organises and directs the medical aspects of the rescue operation, with overall scene safety, command and control, firefighting and technical rescue operations being directed by the Rescue Chief.

The goal of the amendment is to ensure that there is an appropriate level of scene safety and command and control immediately available at incidents, and those nominated by their ASN to perform the role of Rescue Chief should be appropriately skilled with preferable demonstratable experience in Fire and Rescue Service and/or motorsports rescue operations. Ultimate responsibility of provision of all medical and rescue services for an FIA event will remain the responsibility of the CMO.

ASNs are to nominate a Rescue Chief by submission of a professional and motorsports CV (can be one document), as is currently the process for appointment of CMO/DCMO. This is to be done no less than six months prior to an event. However, as the 2023 season will be the first time that the ASNs will submit a Rescue Chief to the FIA, we encourage all ASNs to submit their nominations of candidates for the Rescue Chief role as soon as possible for early review. The nomination must be sent to medical@fia.com.

For clarity the duties of a Rescue Chief are:

In all cases:

He/she must ensure that the provision of all (non medical) rescue, firefighting and e-Safety equipment are as required within supplement 3 of ISC Appendix H, namely

- the correct provision of rescue equipment



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- the correct provision of firefighting equipment
- the correct provision of e-Safety equipment

Additionally, he/she must ensure the provision of the correct level of personal protective equipment for all personnel involved.

In the event of any incident on track, he/she must:

- arrive on the first attending vehicle
- establish a safe system of work
- oversee scene safety, firefighting, and technical rescue activities
- liaise with local doctor to ensure effective extrication/technical rescue
- where applicable, liaise with the FIA e-Safety Delegate to ensure safety

He/she must act as signatory on the medical questionnaire to ensure adequate provision of appropriate equipment

Where interventions occur, he/she must provide a written report to the CMO to detail the nature of the incident, the methods and the the equipment used.

For Rally events an ASN must nominate one Rescue Chief who may be operational or not. The Rescue Chief must ensure the availability of rescue chief/teams leaders on each technical intervention vehicles who have the appropriate skill levels (detailed above) to manage incidents safely and effectively.

We remain at your full disposal for any further information you may require.

With the best regards,

FIA Safety & Medical Department