

**TO:**  Teams  Manufacturers

**CATEGORY:**  Hypercar  LMGT3

**DECISION N°:** WEC\_2024\_D18\_All\_Pit\_lane\_penalty

**DATE:** 12/02/2024 **FROM:** The WEC Committee

**SUBJECT:** Clarification on Article 7.4.9 – Pit lane penalties

## APPLICABLE REGULATION

**Article 7.4.9**  2024 FIA World Endurance Championship Sporting Regulations  
**Article 11.2.1**

## DECISION

### ARTICLE 7.4.9 – PIT LANE PENALTY CLARIFICATION

*The WEC Committee would like to clarify Article 7.4.9 as follows (taking into account WEC Committee decision #D07):*

#### 7.4.9 Pit lane penalties

Penalties that have to be served in the pit lane can only be done so after they have been displayed on the monitors.

Furthermore, pit lane penalties cannot be served:

- if the Safety Car is **deployed on track**.
- If the Virtual Safety Car is deployed.
- if the track is under FCY.
- If a Red Flag is deployed.

Unless the car was already in the pit entry road when the neutralisation was declared, the number of laps covered by the neutralisation will be added to the number of times the car may cross the Line on track, after the Driver has been notified on the timing monitors.

### ARTICLE 11.2.1 – STARTING PROCEDURE – GENERAL PROCEDURE

*The WEC Committee would like to correct a typo mistake in the Sporting Regulations (taking into account WEC Committee decision #D07)*

#### 11.2.1 General procedure

From the moment indicated during the briefing, Drivers must assume their relative grid positions on track.

Drivers in their cars must keep the formation as tight as possible maintaining the distance from the cars in front until they have crossed the start line after the start signal has been given, following one or more formation laps.

At the end of the (last) formation lap, the Leading Car will pull off before the start line.

The car in Pole Position must maintain its speed until the start signal is given. Unless otherwise specified in the briefing, the start signal will be given by turning off the red lights. All the cars will keep their position until they have passed the start line.

There will be a rolling start, given by means of lights.

Any car not starting from the starting grid, and any car that does not cross the start line on track at the end of the last formation lap, will have to start from the pit lane and cannot join the race until the last car on track crosses Safety Car Line 2.

A car starting from the pit lane may be allowed by the Race Director to join any of the formation lap(s), when the last car on track crosses Safety Car Line 2 under the condition that the car rests on its wheels at the 5 minutes signal and that no change of tyre will be operated before the start of the formation lap(s).

In this case, the car must stay at the back of the queue for the formation lap(s), and, at the latest at the end of the last formation lap, this car must enter the pit lane, drive directly to the end of the pit lane without stopping in its working area and will be allowed to rejoin the track when pit exit will open.

Penalty for the cars starting from the pit lane: 1 minute added to the next pit stop, respecting Article **7.5.4 7.4.9**.

At the time of the start, nobody is allowed in the "Signalling Area" except for officials and fire marshals wearing their passes in full view.

## PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- with immediate application**
- from:

And is applicable:

- until further notice**
- for the mentioned event(s) only