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# 2026 PRE-SEASON TESTING 2026

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## **Specific Instructions - V2** **(Changes in Blue)**

### **1) Practice starts**

- 1.1 Practice starts may only be carried out on the concrete apron area on the RHS of the fast lane at the pit exit.
- 1.2 For reasons of safety and sporting equity, cars may not stop in the fast lane at any time the pit exit is open without a justifiable reason (a practice start is not considered a justifiable reason).
- 1.3 Additionally, practice starts may be carried out on the track at the end of each test session. Any car on the track when the chequered flag is shown may then complete another lap and, instead of entering the pits, proceed to the grid and carry out a practice start.
- 1.4 All drivers carrying out a practice start must do so by pulling as far forward on the grid as possible. Under no circumstances should a driver make a practice start if another car is still stationary in front of him on the same side of the grid.
- 1.5 If any driver appears to be disregarding any of the above a red flag will be displayed and the possibility to carry out any further starts will be immediately terminated.

### **2) Driving in the Pit Entry Road, Pit Lane and Pit Exit Road**

- 2.1 The provisions of Article B1.6.3 c. ii. shall not apply.

### **3) Recovery**

All recovery operations will be coordinated from Race Control. If a team wants to access their car before it is transported back to the paddock, they must contact Race Control to ask for a shuttle. Any Team wishing to use a shuttle should send personnel to the area in front of the Race Control Building (pit lane side).

### **4) Team Manager Meeting on Wednesday and Friday**

After the first and third test day there will be a Team Manager Meeting via Zoom at 20:30 local time. Any points to be discussed on Thursday will be covered during the scheduled SAC Meeting if required. NB: The Friday online meeting will be confirmed one hour before 20.30, in case no team or FIA have any matter to discuss, the meeting will be cancelled.

### **5) Race Control Communication**

- 5.1 The Intercom system between Teams and Race Control will be operational during all test sessions. Please make sure that at least one team member will be contactable.
- 5.2 Cars are only required to stop at the weigh bridge if the team has been called by Race Control via the Intercom system. If the number has been displayed, but no call from Race Control has been made, the number can be ignored.

**6) Lines at the Pit Entry and Pit Exit**

In accordance with Chapter 4, Article 4 and 6 of Appendix L to the ISC drivers must follow procedures at pit entry and pit exit.

**7) Track Limits**

In accordance with the provisions of Article B1.9.6, the white lines define the track edges.

**8) Fire extinguishers around the circuit**

Indicated by white boards with a red fire extinguisher attached to the debris fences and barriers.

**9) Places to remove cars from the track**

Indicated by fluorescent orange panels/paintings on the barriers.

**10) Removing cars from the grid**

Through the gates in the pit wall adjacent to grid positions 2 and 18.

**11) Changes to the Circuit**

- Pit Lane working lane has been levelled.

**12) ERS Battery Quarantine Area**

**Quarantine Area Map**





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