

**BULLETIN No. 02**

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The Stewards notify those concerned of the following:

**Superpole Format:**

In accordance with Article 235.4.6 of the GTWCE Sporting Regulations and 13.2 of the Supplementary Regulations, the Stewards inform of the following Superpole session format:

- a) Eligible Cars: the first thirty-two (32) cars in the combined qualifying classification in accordance with Article 235.4.5 and which have been declared to be in conformity with the regulations by the Technical Delegate will qualify for the Superpole.
- b) Drivers: the list of drivers taking part in the Superpole will be published after the qualifying session. The drivers taking part in the Superpole must be named by the Competitors in writing at the time specified in the Official Timetable for the Event. One driver per car may be nominated. Any changes after the specified time must be submitted to the Stewards and will only be accepted in cases of force majeure.
- c) A driver and car which has qualified for the Superpole and which has been designated according to sections a) and b) above, but who does not present themselves at the start of the Superpole session will be classified in the final position of the Superpole. If more than one car does not take part in the Superpole qualifying session, their respective positions in the combined qualifying classification will determine the order between any such cars in the final positions of the Superpole.
- d) One set of new tyres purchased at the Event (S0) will be authorised for the Superpole in accordance with Article 223.1. This set of tyres must be marked specifically for the Superpole and a separate barcode list will be issued for this set. Teams may fit the tyres when they wish. In case of punctures during the Superpole, teams may replace the damaged tyre with another from their allocation, on condition that this is notified to the Scrutineers.

Tyre changes to wet tyres will be authorised should the 'WET TRACK' sign be displayed by the Race Director. Wet tyres are in accordance with article 506.7. Should a car move from wet tyres to dry-weather tyres, only S0 may be used.

- e) Each car must start the session with at least the amount of fuel as specified in the specific document as published by the GT Bureau.
- f) Each car must be balanced in terms of the exact weight of the nominated driver for the Superpole, in accordance with Article 505.7. Any ballast must be re-sealed before the Superpole and again before the start of the Race in accordance with the times given on the Official Timetable.
- g) The Superpole will be divided into four sessions, SP1, SP2, SP3 and SP4, as follows:
  - SP1 : 00:00 – 10:00 : all 32 qualified cars will take part.
  - SP2 : 17:00 – 24:00 : the 16 fastest cars from SP1 will take part
  - SP3 : 31:00 – 38:00 : the 8 fastest cars from SP2 will take part
  - SP4 : 43:00 – 47:00 : the 4 fastest cars from SP3 will take part

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- h) At the start of the Superpole session, all cars taking part in the Superpole must be ready in their working area at 45° with wheels fitted. The Race Director will open the fast lane up to 5 minutes before the start of SP1. Cars which do not leave the pit lane will be eliminated and will be classified according to section c) above as appropriate.
- i) At the end of SP1, the top 16 cars based on their best lap time during the SP1 session will progress to SP2. The remaining 16 cars will be in parc fermé in their garages. Teams may use skates to position the cars in the garages.
- j) At the end of SP2, the top 8 cars based on their best lap time during the SP2 session will progress to SP3. The remaining 8 cars must stop in front of the scrutineering garage in parc fermé. Any cars which had returned to their working area must be pushed back to scrutineering under marshal supervision.
- k) At the end of SP3, the top 4 cars based on their best lap time during the SP3 session will progress to SP4. The remaining 4 cars must stop in front of the scrutineering garage in parc fermé. Any cars which had returned to their working area must be pushed back to scrutineering under marshal supervision.
- l) At the end of SP4, all cars must stop in front of the scrutineering garage at the end of their timed lap.
- m) The following apply during the whole Superpole session, from the start of SP1 to the chequered flag for SP4 :
- Any car which is pushed into its pit garage during that time will have all its times deleted until that point and will not be able to take any further part in the Superpole session.
  - No fuel can be added or removed from the cars
  - No computers can be connected to the cars from the start of SP1 to the end of SP4. This includes connecting data sticks, adding or removing data cards as well as wireless connections of any kind from the Team/pit to the car.
  - No blowers or fans may be used on or near the car.
  - Skates or any other means to lift the car may be used to move cars in the working lane during or between Superpole periods from the start of SP1 to the start of SP4, as well as to put the eliminated cars in parc fermé at the end of SP1, or in red flag conditions during the Superpole.
  - No external batteries may be plugged in.
  - Tyres must not be changed
  - The driver must not be changed
  - Only the following work can take place on the car;
    - o Cleaning windscreens (inside and outside) and mirrors.
    - o In case of a red flag, tyres may be placed in the heating cupboard.
    - o Checking and adjusting tyre pressures.
    - o Engine fluids may be replenished; fluids used for replenishment must conform to the same specification as the original fluid.
    - o Removing dirt, gravel or grass from the radiator.
    - o Adjusting mirrors or other similar adjustments for safety reasons.
    - o Repair of genuine accident damage with the approval of the Technical Delegate.

These regulations also apply during any red flag period during qualifying, unless otherwise indicated by the Race Director or Stewards.

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- n) Any car reported for track limits will result in that lap being deleted by the Race Director. Any other infractions will be reported to the Stewards.
- o) The final classification of the Superpole will be drawn up according to the best timed lap set by each qualified driver in the last section (SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4) in which they competed, as follows :
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| Positions 1 – 4   | Cars from SP4 in order of their best-timed lap                       |
| Positions 5 – 8   | Cars eliminated from SP3 in order of their best-timed lap during SP3 |
| Positions 9 – 16  | Cars eliminated from SP2 in order of their best-timed lap during SP2 |
| Positions 17 – 32 | Cars eliminated from SP1 in order of their best-timed lap during SP1 |
- p) Should two or more drivers set identical times in any period SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4 of the Superpole, their respective positions in the combined qualifying classification will determine which will progress to the next period and/or the order between the cars in the final classification of the Superpole.
- q) Should a red flag take place during any period of the Superpole, the following principles will apply:
- All cars must immediately slow to 80 km/h and return to the pit lane and stop at 45° in the working lane.
  - For sessions SP1 – SP3, should less than two minutes remain, the session will not restart.
  - The session may be extended by up to three minutes by the Race Director should he consider it necessary in order for all cars to have the opportunity to set a time.
  - For session SP4, the full session will be restarted in case of red flag, unless all cars have set a representative time.
  - During any red flag stoppage, teams must follow the instructions from Race Control. Tyres may be returned to the heating cupboards, but under no circumstances will allowances be made for any delays to the restart.
- r) Should the Race Director request it, a specific briefing may be organised. Any such briefing will be mandatory for the Team Managers and drivers of all cars taking part in the Superpole.
- s) The four drivers from SP4 in the Superpole must present themselves immediately after the end of the session for the Press Conference, as well as the first driver in all categories represented in the Superpole (eg the fastest car from Pro, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Pro-Am, should they be in the Superpole)

No protest or appeals will be accepted in terms of the regulations or format of the 2026 Superpole session. Teams and Competitors are reminded of the terms of articles 14.1 of these regulations, as well as the provisions in article 12.2 of the International Sporting Code.

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## 237 GRID

The following article completes the article 237.1 in the Sporting Regulations.

### 237.2 Grid if Superpole is cancelled

Should, for any reason, it be impossible to hold the Superpole session, or Superpole is cancelled before times have been set in the SP1 session, the results from the combined qualifying session will be used to set the grid for the cars qualified for the Superpole.

Should the Superpole be cancelled during SP2 or red-flagged and not resumed during SP2, the results from SP1 will be used as the result of the Superpole and to set the grid for the first 32 places

Should the Superpole be cancelled during SP3 or red-flagged and not resumed during SP2, the results from SP2 will be used for the first 16 positions of the Superpole, with the results from SP1 setting the positions for cars eliminated in SP1.

Should the Superpole be cancelled during SP4 or red-flagged and not resumed during SP4, the results from SP3 will be used for the first 8 positions of the Superpole, SP2 will be used for positions 8 – 16, with the results from SP1 setting the positions for cars eliminated in SP1

Any car which qualifies for the Superpole but which does not take part or does not set a time in the Superpole session, will be placed in final position of the Superpole, according to the position of the Qualifying Session.

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