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IMSA COMPETITION BULLETIN IWSC #18-12

To: All IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Participants

From: IMSA Competition

Date: April 18

Re: 2018 WeatherTech Championship Sporting Regulations Updates, GTD Class

The following corrections, additions (where shown in red) or deletions are made to the 2018 IMSA Sporting Regulations & Series Supplementary Regulations for the WeatherTech Championship and are effective immediately.

In addition to the below regulatory changes exclusively for the GTD class, the Tire Allocation for GTD is reduced by one (1) set per Event.

- 13.2.1. (SSR) **TIMS**. The TIMS system accessed at tims.imsacompetitors.com (along with a link to instructions for the TIMS) is used to manage all entry list and starting grid changes, updates, and other changes. The Team Representative must use the TIMS to make updates or changes to the entry list, **change GTD starting tires post-qualifying**, to submit nominations for the starting Driver when required, change the starting Driver.
- 13.2.4. (SSR) **Change GTD Qualifying Tires**. Requests to change more than one (1) of the marked qualifying tires must be made using the TIMS. The TIMS is active for submission from the time of the originally scheduled end of qualifying until thirty (30) minutes prior to the publication of the Official Starting Grid. Changes from the marked tires are irreversible after submission (except as per weather). Changes from the marked tires after TIMS is closed are subject to drive-through penalty.
- 40.1.1. (SSR) Only one (1) set of Dry tires OR one (1) set of Wet tires must be used per Car in the official qualifying Session **as below**. All qualifying laps must be completed on a single Tire Set. **For the GTD class, only the Dry tires must be presented at the specified time and location to be marked by IMSA as qualifying tires**. Unless declared by the Race Director, Competitors must use only the Dry tires.
- 40.1.2. (SSR) If the Race Director declares that racetrack conditions require the use of Wet tires, all Competitors must use only Wet tires. **Should the Race Director declare a Wet Session the provisions of Art. 40.1.4 are void for GTD**. Such requirement of Wet tires, or not, by the Race Director is Conclusive.
- 40.1.3. (SSR) If the Race Director declares that racetrack conditions warrant flexibility in tire type selection, Competitors may select the Dry OR the Wet tires (**GTD marked Dry tires**). Cars with faster qualifying times are gridded ahead of slower Cars in their own class, regardless of tire type used. Such declaration, or not, by the Race Director is Conclusive.
- 40.1.4. (SSR) GTD Car(s) must be presented on the false grid and start the Race on no less than three (3) of the marked Dry qualifying tires (**Art. 40.1.1**) or its assigned grid position is forfeit and the Car moved to the back of the grid in its class (**Art. 43.3**).



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43.6.(SSR) Starting Tires. Tires must be only Dry or only Wet tires as conditions warrant, at Competitor discretion. GTD Dry Tires must be as [Art. 40.1.4](#) (3 of 4 marked qualifying tires), or may be Wet tires as conditions warrant, at competitor discretion. Fitting Wet tires shall not require the GTD Car to go to the back of the starting grid. Notification of a change from the GTD marked starting tires must be submitted in writing via the TIMS ([Art. 13.2](#)) to the Race Director no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start time of the reconnaissance lap(s). If approved, the Car must start the Race from the back of the starting grid in its class. **Penalty** for changes after this deadline: Drive-Through.

43.6.1. (SSR) Under adverse conditions, the Race Director may require all Cars to start the Race on Wet tires. If so declared, all Cars must take the start on Wet tires. Once a Car has taken the start, that Car is free to change tires. If a Car starts from the pit lane, it must cross the start line once on Wet tires, unless the overall leader has already completed one (1) lap of the Race. Such requirement of Wet tires, or not, by the Race Director is Conclusive. **Upon such declaration, any GTD Car placed at the back of the starting grid exclusively for failure to meet [Art. 40.1.4](#) above shall be restored to its original grid position.**

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B2	GTD change marked tires <u>before</u> qualifying / pre-Race deadline.	43.4.1	Back of class start
B3	GTD change marked tires <u>after</u> qualifying / pre-Race deadline.	43.4.1	Drive Through

The 2018 IMSA Sporting Regulations and Series Supplementary Regulations for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship shall be updated with the information herein and reissued as of April 18, 2018.