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IMSA COMPETITION BULLETIN IWSC #18-16

To: All IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Participants

From: IMSA Competition

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Re: IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee and FIA Request Deadlines

IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee:

As recently announced, IMSA has formed the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee (IDEC) to handle all IMSA and FIA Driver Rating related business.

Below are the regulations for the IDEC, also available online at:

<https://competitors.imsa.com/112017/2018-imsa-committees>

IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee Regulations

Article 1 – Purpose

The IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee (IDEC) is a body with the purpose of reviewing and evaluating drivers to compare relative performance to their rating, to prepare driver rating recommendations for consideration by the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee, and to determine any IMSA-specific adjustments to the annual ratings once finalized and published by the FIA.

Article 2 – Missions

The primary missions of the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee are:

1. To collect, review and consider available performance and other data of drivers from IMSA events in the interest of continuing evaluation throughout the season and to determine the accuracy of current season FIA driver ratings.
2. To identify drivers with seasonal performance data that support IMSA's recommendation of a change to the driver's FIA rating for the following season.
3. To submit to the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee, IMSA's recommendations related to the ratings of known drivers that may participate in IMSA series.
4. To evaluate the determinations of the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee and determine if any further action on the part of IMSA is warranted.
5. To determine such action, if any, and to implement it.
6. To hear drivers with questions regarding the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee findings and/or IMSA's recommendations.
7. To hear drivers with questions regarding the FIA Driver Categorisation system.
8. To support and defend the final determinations of the FIA Driver Categorisation, and/or the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee, and any findings thereof.



Article 3 – Composition

The IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee is comprised of the following members (select members may meet on specific IMSA series related issues / requests):

- Paul Walter IMSA Director, Racing Operations (Committee Chairperson & IMSA Representative to the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee)
- Simon Hodgson IMSA Vice President, Competition
- Beaux Barfield IMSA Race Director
- Ed Hall IMSA Series Manager, IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship
- Mark Raffauf IMSA Senior Director, Racing Operations
- Geoff Carter IMSA Senior Director, Technical Regulations & Compliance
- Matthew Kurdock IMSA Director, Technical Systems

Article 4 – Operation

The Driver Evaluation Committee may automatically act upon any question or request as defined by this policy. It may also act upon any inquiry and/or request from Drivers.

Article 5 – Meetings

The Driver Evaluation Committee meets regularly to review inquiries, requests and data. The Driver Evaluation Committee may hold *ad hoc* meetings on specific matters when the situation warrants such an action.

Article 6 – Requests

Any request from a Driver must be submitted to the Driver Evaluation Committee in writing via e-mail communication to the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee at the following address IDEC@imsa.com and must be accompanied by supporting information and data.

Any request received will be reviewed at the next IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee meeting.

Article 7 - Decisions

Decisions of the IMSA Driver Evaluation Committee are submitted to the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee for consideration prior to the next published applicable driver rating period. IMSA will adhere to the timeline for the provisional and final FIA Driver Categorisation lists and publish any discrepancies in a Competition Bulletin at that time. Decisions of IMSA regarding the right to adjust individual driver ratings specifically for IMSA per the FIA regulations are enforced for the applicable driver rating period.



FIA Request Deadlines:

In preparation for completing the 2019 FIA Driver Ratings, the FIA Driver Categorisation system will accept annual submissions from drivers desiring to contest their ratings from August 15th until September 15th as listed in the below timeline of the FIA:

Deadlines :

- **15th August => 15th September:** Revision Period for the drivers
- **20th September:** List of the drivers for categorisation change
- **27th September:** Committee feedbacks
- **2nd October:** Dossier
- **3rd October:** Meeting
- **5th October:** Provisional list sent to the Committee
- **8th October:** Publication of provisional list for 2019 and information to the drivers revised
- **8th October => 23th October:** 2nd revision period for the drivers who have been considered
- **27th October:** Publication of the final list after 2nd revision

Drivers requesting a revision to their current rating and/or to apply for a downgrade due to having reached an age milestone as described in the FIA Categorisation Regulations, may do so only during this period of time via the FIA Categorisation online portal.

<https://www.fia.com/fia-driver-categorisation>

Following the close of the online submission period, the FIA Driver Categorisation Committee produces a provisional list of ratings for 2019. For a limited period following the publication of the provisional 2019 list, only drivers who submitted a request for revision and were denied and drivers whose rating was changed without a request are eligible to appeal (the 2nd revision). An appeal is only considered if sufficient new data is provided to substantiate the appeal.

The IDEC will publish any IMSA-specific discrepancies to the FIA list at this time.

Following the provisional period and review of any appeals, the final 2019 FIA Driver Categorisation list is published.

The IDEC will publish any IMSA-specific final discrepancies to the FIA list at this time.