

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. In conjunction with #1 above, 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 IDEC's 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 IDEC, 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 (IMSA Driver Evaluation 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 Raffau IMSA Senior Director, Racing Operations
- Geoff Carter IMSA Senior Director, Technical Regulations & Compliance
- Matthew Kurdock IMSA Director, Technical Systems

Article 4 – Operation

The IDEC may automatically act upon any question or request as defined by the Missions. It may also act upon any inquiry and/or request from Drivers as determined to be appropriate by the IDEC.

Article 5 – Meetings

The IDEC meets regularly to review inquiries, requests and data. The IDEC 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 in writing via e-mail communication to the IDEC 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 IDEC meeting.

Any IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Entrant wishing to submit an entry that includes a FIA Silver rated Driver who has in the previous season (2018) not participated in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship must first make a request to the IDEC to receive approval for participation by submitting driver details to idec@imsa.com no later than the Event entry closing date as listed in the respective Event SR.

The submission of the driver's details as required above must also include the following: The name of the person making the request / the name of the Team / the planned car class / the planned race(s).

The IDEC is focused primarily on the interplay of FIA Silver rated drivers as relates to Gold rated drivers, specifically to the nature of IMSA sanctioned series. The purpose of IDEC is not intended as a general source of alternative ratings to the FIA. IMSA wherever possible intends to respect the FIA driver ratings as issued, particularly in the Platinum and Gold categories.

Article 7 - Decisions

Decisions of the IDEC 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.

Decisions of the IDEC resulting from incremental submissions of Silver driver approval requests are published via periodic Competition Bulletin following notification of the requestor.
