

WRL | Road Atlanta 9+7h | Feb 10-12, 2023

Welcome and thank you - 2nd round of the 2023 WRL championship Season!

If you have drivers who are not in the drivers meeting they must meet with a steward (Jim Davis) in race control (tower) between 7-7:30am, the notes from this meeting will be on the website later tonight

Those of you who haven't raced with WRL yet this year or are on probation must stay after this meeting for a brief WRL orientation meeting, attendance will be checked.

WRL iPhone app / radio

1. **Non-Contact Series Reminder** - contact is penalized swiftly and heavily and drivers risk losing their ability to participate when contact occurs. All cars must work together to avoid contact and all driver's have a responsibility for the safety of each other and respect for everyone's equipment. Egregious contact, especially caused by an upper class car contacting a lower class car will result in loss of driving privileges for the weekend and immediate probation or suspension. Conversely, drivers of slower cars that fail to hold their line and remain predictable will be held to the same standard. **PLEASE USE HAND SIGNALS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.** Blocking is not acceptable, if you feel a team/car is impeding your race, notify race control and DO NOT take matters into your own hands. Remember, while you have seen some of the drivers on track there is a good chance you haven't seen all of them and as an amateur series there is a mix of experience, pace and objective. Please exercise respect, patience, and drive within the limits of yourself and your car. Those virtues win endurance races.
2. You will not win this race on the first lap. Please drive well within the limits of yourself and your car on the opening laps. Contact, loss of control, etc early in the race will be treated more severely. Be aware of conditions as they will likely be changing over the course of the weekend.
3. **TWO PACE CARS** - Entire field gridded by class behind pace cars. GTU & GTO will be behind the first pace car and GP1-GP3 will start behind the 2nd pace car. DO NOT ACCELERATE UNTIL YOUR GROUP RECEIVES THE GREEN FLAG. We will be throwing a green flag on the GT and GP field independently.
4. Pace car is not active unless the lights are ON. If lights are not on and pace car is moving down pit road this is not necessarily an indication of a FCY.
5. **Please leave ample room for any safety and emergency vehicles.** If a marshal feels that you put his or her safety in jeopardy we will remove the driver from the car and we will not accept appeals or video evidence so please leave more than enough room and reduce pace when around vehicles. That said - do not OVER-react to safety vehicles, please don't OVER slow and create another dangerous situation. This is even more important in wet conditions.
6. Tech Reminder
 - i. All cars must have current tech to race.
 - ii. All cars must have a current dyno to be eligible for a podium.
 - iii. Gear Self Tech – Random checks may be made for drivers exiting cars.
 - iv. **All changeable tunes, power sticks, must be self-reported to tech and security taped.** Failure to self report changeable tunes / lack of security tape may result in penalties up to DQ. This now specifically includes EMPTY power stick ports which must be blocked with tape if not in use.
- b. Pit Assignments

- i. Pit assignments are posted in the app. Do not move stalls without notifying and receiving permission from race control.
 - ii. If sharing a pit stall, please coordinate with other teams to ensure safe stops.
 - c. **Grid**
 - i. All cars will be gridded by class qualifying results.
 - ii. Grid will be open at 7:00am local time Sat
 - iii. Grid will be closed at 7:40am
 - iv. Cars will line up with the door next to the cone with their grid position.
 - v. Any cars late to the grid will start from the back.
 - vi. Cars will exit the grid single file and will be split by the grid marshal before entering the track. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE SPLITTER AND LEAVE AMPLE ROOM.
 - d. **Transponders**
 - i. Transponders are the responsibility of the competitor.
 - ii. WRL does not sell or rent transponders.
7. **During the Race**
- a. **Event Specific items**
 - i. Double check your cars for leaking fuel, check vent routing and cap tightness. Cars leaking fuel will result in black flags.
 - ii. Fueling begins the moment the jug crosses the plane of the pit wall and finishes the moment the last empty jug crosses back over into the cold pits. Fueling rules are in effect during that period.
 - iii. No more than 5 people over the wall total at any time during a pit stop INCLUDING the driver.
 - iv. All cars that are picked up on track will be deposited in the paddock. If you ran out of fuel you may add one jug MAXIMUM to the car in the paddock and I'll the car must be driven or pushed to pit lane to finish fueling. Full fire gear and fire bottle must be in use during this process. You must signal a pit marshal to observe this process.
 - v. Pit Lane Speed Limit – 35mph - marked with sets of cones on both ends of pit road. STRICT 10 mph in the paddock. RESPECT ONE WAY TRAFFIC FLOW.
 - vi. Black flag stations will be at start and T8
 - vii. Stay all the way RIGHT on pit road until ready to enter your pit box. Do not drive through more than ONE empty stall to enter your own. Stay in the fast lane RIGHT (opposite the pit wall) until you are ready to enter your stall as described above. Penalties will be given for driving significantly slower than 35mph and/or impeding pit road traffic.
 - viii. Bump drafting is not allowed and will be called as contact. Pushing disabled vehicles is not allowed and will be called as contact
 - b. There is no “giving back” an illegal pass. Pass under yellow will be penalized. PUY Rule: No car may be beside another car perpendicular to the first station displaying a yellow flag. From the plane of the first station displaying yellow there is no passing and cars must be single file. Cars must remain in single-file formation AND reduce speed around safety vehicle(s) / incidents until you are perpendicular to the flag station displaying a green flag. The car behind is responsible for ensuring a side-by-side condition does not exist in any yellow zone

as defined above.

c. Lightning / Weather: If we experience weather significant enough to halt the race we will follow this procedure: Track will go full course caution, safety car will pick up the leader or next car on track, and immediately enter pit lane on that lap. Pit exit will close as soon as the pace car crosses the plane of the speed cones at pit out.. Cars in their pit stalls must make it to pit out before the pace car crosses pit-in speed cones or they must hold in the pit box until all cars clear pit lane. Race will be under operational red flag once pace car crosses pit entry cones (MARKED WITH RED FLAG IN PIT-IN SPEED CONE), no work on cars. Cars that finish their stops and travel to pit out before the pace car crosses the plane of the pit-in cones will leave ahead of the safety car once we resume. Red flag conditions will remain for 20 minutes from the last lightning strike. Pace car will exit pit lane and do an out-and-in (7/8 lap).

d. Sunday Parc-ferme: Between 9:40-9:50 AM track will go full course caution. Safety car will pick up the leader or next car on track (if leader pits), and immediately enter the pit lane on that lap. Pit exit will close as soon as the pace car crosses the plane of pit exit speed cones to collect the leader. This will be marked with a red flag placed upright in the pit-exit speed cones. Cars in their pit stalls must make it to pit out before the pace car crosses pit-in speed cones or they must hold in the pit box until all cars clear pit lane. Race will be under operational red flag once pace car crosses pit entry cones, no work on cars. Operational red flag will be marked by a red flag placed upright in the pit entrance cones. Cars that finish their stops and travel to pit out before the pace car crosses the plane of the pit-in cones will leave ahead of the safety car once we resume.

Drivers will be allowed back to cars at approx. 11:40am. Drivers must be in cars and the pit lane clear by 11:55am. NO RACE ENGINES UNTIL 12:00:00 PM ET, wait for WRL staff to give command. Safety car will exit pit lane and will go lights out in T9 of the same lap (out-and-in) to resume racing.

Jim

e. Pit stop rules

- i. **Helmet stickers, wristbands & safety gear will be checked by pit marshals.**
- ii. **Two wheel guns may be used during tire changes in GTO ONLY if that team is NOT using air jacks. See 2023 rules for details.**
- iii. **Penalties will be issued for missing/improperly worn safety** before the race.
- iv. No fuel jug, regardless of brand, may contain more than 6 gallons of fuel.
- v. Fuel jugs must contain a maximum 1" restrictor.
- vi. No more than 5 men over the wall at ANY time during a pit stop (including fueling and after fueling).
- vii. **Engine must be OFF before fueling**
- viii. **Full fire gear and helmet for everyone over the wall during fueling.** All face shields down. Balaclavas and goggles are allowed with an open face helmet. No exposed skin allowed. No sneakers allowed.
- ix. **Persons not involved in fueling should not be leaning over the wall or touching the car from behind the pit wall during fueling. This will result in an immediate fueling infraction.**
- x. **Only ONE fuel bottle in hot pit at a time.** No staging of fuel bottles on hot pits. Vent cans are allowed.

- xi. Fuel bottles not being used in the hot pit will be behind (not on) the pit wall.
- xii. **5 team members max in the pit box including the Fireman with 10 lb. ABC fire bottle standing ready**
- xiii. **Fire bottle holder must be in place before fuel jugs come over the wall and remain in place until after the last fuel jug crosses back over the wall.**
- xiv. Fireman should be approx 10 ft. from fuel port, facing oncoming traffic if possible. Do not get too close.
- xv. **No working on car with gas cap off, no tire pressure or tire temps, no staging jacks, tires or tools. CoolShirt, driver water, radio adjustments are allowed. Cleaning windshields is also allowed.**
- xvi. Use WRL-legal catch pans with absorbent, clean up all spills IMMEDIATELY. Over pour from the catch pan will be disposed of properly.
- xvii. **There is no minimum time on pit road. However, showing up at Black Flag not ready to go on track = penalty.**
- xviii. Fueling in the paddock during the race is NOT allowed.
- f. **Tire Changes - Please refer to rules / driver meeting notes as we do have some specific requirements if your tire strategy requires a stop mid-race.**
 - i.
 - ii. Only one tire tool or one impact wrench is allowed in the hot pit (excluding torque wrench).
 - iii. Only manually-operated floor jacks may be used.
 - iv. Only two wheels may be lifted off the pavement at a time.
 - v. A total of five 5 tires may be in the hot pit at any given time, including tires mounted on the car
 - vi. GTO cars may use air jacks.
- g. **Flags**
 - i. Reduce pace when near EVs or safety crews.
 - 1. This is a zero-tolerance policy.
 - 2. Hot pulls may be discontinued if this becomes an issue.
 - ii. **Meatball Flags are NOT advisory. They are Command Flags and should be heeded as such.**
 - iii. **All work shall be discontinued on all cars during Red Flag conditions including lightning red flags and Sunday Parc Ferme. Failure to stop working will result in a DQ.**
 - iv. No alcohol may be consumed by anyone onsite until the Checkered Flag has been displayed and the track is cold.
- h. **Penalties**
 - i. **The Chief Steward will use lap penalties when possible rather than stop and go or stop and hold.**
 - 1. **This allows for correction if in-car video evidence shows that a penalty was issued in error.**
 - ii. Depending on the infraction, the Chief Steward may require a driver change.
- i. **'Black Boxes'**
 - i. **WRL Staff may, at any time during the event, place a 'black box' telemetry system in any car. WRL Staff will coordinate with teams to ensure that installation or removal of the device can occur during a regularly scheduled pit stop without affecting the team's pit stop time.**

- j. **Protests for Fuel or Horsepower must be placed no later than 1 hour before scheduled race finish. Protest forms can be found in registration or by asking a pit marshal.**
- 8. After the Race
 - a. **Parc-Ferme**
 - i. **After the race, all cars directed to Parc-Ferme by the Pit Marshalls must remain in that area until released by WRL Staff.**
 - ii. Failure to report to Parc-Ferme may result in disqualification.
 - iii. **All podium finishing cars must bring a PRINTED copy of the disclosure sheet for inspection be WRL Staff and other competitors.**
 - iv. **Two class winners will be chosen at random to go to the dyno as well as any protest teams.**
 - b. **Protests**
 - i. A competitor may protest a podium car if he/she finds any undisclosed modification or major rule violation.
 - ii. All protests must be filed before cars are released from Parc-Ferme.
 - iii. **All protests must list a specific suspected rules violation.**
 - iv. **Only Parc-ferme cars (P1-4 in class) may be protested and you can only protest cars racing in your own class.**
 - v. **All protests will be made by filling out a protest form and submitting it to the Chief Steward along with a \$100 fee which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Subsequent protests will double in fee if the protest is not upheld.**
 - vi. **Protest may remain anonymous.**