



Briefing Notes - SPA 400  
15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017

**If in doubt or if you have any questions, please contact our staff at the end of this briefing.**

**DRIVERS nor TEAM MANAGERS can enter RACE CONTROL without contacting one of the 'Competitor Liaison Officers' first.**

After an incident on track (accident, contact,...) the team manager or his deputy are to contact a competitor liaison officer within one hour (60 minutes) and comment the issue. This liaison officer will explain further proceedings.

**On-track Interventions**

We have Pit and Track Marshals for good reason !  
So please do obey their instructions and flag signals !!

**Pit Lane**

Maximum speed : 60km/hour.

Pit Entry : T19 – Pit exit T1.

NO racecars allowed in the « 24 Hours » (old endurance) pit lane. If a car accidentally takes this pit lane, it will NOT be allowed to go back on track at the bottom of Eau Rouge, but will be instructed to go the paddocks.

**Starting procedure**

09.40 Pit lane open.

During this period of time several laps may be accomplished, but without driving by the starting grid.

**REFUELLING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**

10.00 Pit lane closed.

10.35 Sign 20' - Evacuation spectators from the grid.

10.45 Sign 10'

10.50 Sign 5' - Everybody must leave the starting grid, except for officials and one mechanic per car.

10.52 Sign 3'

10.54 Sign 1' - Start your engines and total evacuation of the grid.

10.54.30 Sign 30''

10.55 Green flag – Start of the formation lap.

**STAY IN LINE WITHOUT WARMING YOUR TYRES UNTIL THE STARTING LINE - THERE IS AN OFFICIAL STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRACK**



During the formation lap tyres can be warmed until marshal post T16, then again cars should drive in two lanes, side-by-side to prepare for a rolling start.

11.00 Rolling start when the lights are switched off at the bridge (passerelle).

### **Mandatory stops**

FOUR (4) compulsory stops of minimum THREE (3) minutes each before the last fifteen minutes (15') of the race. Each team is responsible for its own scheduling.

### **Safety Car**

ONE (1) single safety car will take root at T1.

If a safety car must be deployed in the first lap, it will pick up the race leader as from T15.

Procedure in case of Safety Car at each and every Marshal Post :

Stretched Yellow Flag everywhere, except for the post where the incident is occurring (waved yellow flag) and possibly one (1) post ahead.

Sign SC will be shown at all posts

Yellow LED-signs lettering SC.

### **Penalties**

Penalties will be notified in duplicate (one copy for you, one signed copy for race control) by a liaison officer. As from that moment You will have THREE (3) laps to purge your Stop&Go or Drive-Through Penalty.

Stop&Go means you have to stop at BOX 2 and wait for the signal of the flagman to go.

Attention : You may not stop at your box as this would result in a new penalty.

Undergoing a Drive-Through Penalty also implies you cannot stop at your box, as a new penalty would be the immediate consequence.

Penalties pronounced in the last thirty (30) minutes of the race will be converted to time penalties.

### **Default behaviour on track**

Slower cars remain on the racing line, faster cars leave this ideal line to overtake. Use your mirrors.

To defend your position you can change lines once, but do not block systematically !



### **Track Limits**

The track lane is between both (2) white lines.

Two (2) wheels on the curbstones and two (2) wheels on track is allowed.

Two (2) wheels past the curbstones is FORBIDDEN

Four wheels past the curbstones during qualifying = best lap time will be cancelled.

Four wheels past the curbstones during qualifying = one (1) Stop&Go

### **Finish & Podium**

Passed the checkered flag, please slow down progressively, DO NOT OVERTAKE (penalty) and obey the instructions of the marshals.

At the end of the deceleration lap, please drive into the F1 pit lane to join Parc Fermé.

A podium ceremony will take place on the official F1-podium of Spa-Francorchamps.

We wish you a pleasant race. Please always show respect and fair play...