

Communication No. 5

Starting Grid Procedure for the TOP Qualifying Group

The value of the last minutes of the starting grid procedure shall be increased in order to adapt their importance to the media attention and the great interest of the fans.

For this purpose, the TOP Qualifying race cars shall be positioned at a distance of one metre and in an angle of 45° to the track edge, on the left side seen in driving direction (see drawing). The distance between the cars should be 2 metres.

The positions of each race car will be measured and marked in advance with the corresponding grid position. The rear left side of the race car shall be positioned at the predetermined distance of one metre from the marker point.

As soon as the spectators have cleared the starting grid (15 minutes before the beginning of the information lap), all the drivers of the team as well as the last mechanic on duty for the preparation to the start shall line up behind the car (see drawing) so that the media representatives have the opportunity to take pictures. From the moment at which only the start driver and one mechanic are allowed at the car (3 minutes before the beginning of the information lap), the other race drivers shall also clear the starting grid.

The starting procedure for all other race cars will be unchanged and follow the provisions as stipulated in the Supplementary Regulations.

The following countdown must be respected.

- 15 – 10 minutes before the information lap: The spectators must leave the grid.
- 10 – 5 minutes before the information lap: The number of mechanics at the car shall be reduced to the mandatory minimum.
- 5 – 3 minutes before the information lap: TV production of the new starting grid including national anthems; only the drivers and one mechanic shall be behind the car.
- 3 – 1 minutes before the information lap: Drivers get into their cars and last preparations of the car for the start.

