DRIVERS & TEAM MANAGERS BRIEFING NOTES – V2
PORTIMAO HEAT, 8th OF OCTOBER – 10th OF OCTOBER 2026

Pole position	RHS
Grid formation between	On the 2nd formation lap after T12
Circuit Map	V1 - 18.06.2025
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Pit Stop Reference Time (Art. 12.4.2)	135 seconds for 2 driver crews 140 seconds for solo drivers
Sporting regulations	V1.2
Latest Committee Decision	#03
Stewards' office:	1st floor of the race control building
Race Director's office:	Ground floor of the race control building

Pit lane procedures

1) Pushing a car in the working area: the area starts at the beginning of the 60 kph speed limit at pit entry and ends at the line perpendicular to the pit exit lights.
2) Rotation to and from the pit lane is as per the transfer map previously issued.
3) Coming from the assembly area to the Pitlane for FP1 and FP2, fastlane will be open.
4) Coming from the assembly area to the Pitlane for Qualifying, cars must leave the assembly area in championship order, or as instructed by the Championship coordinator and marshals.
5) Between Q1 and Q2 fastlane will be closed until the Race Directors choses to open it.
6) During any red flag procedure in FP or Qualifying the fastlane will be closed until the Race Directors choses to open it.
7) After FP1 cars coming from the track can go to the scrutineering when coming into the pitlane, if they assure there is still space for the other cars coming into the Pitlane to pass on the left.

Race control

8) We will use FIA compliant digital lights around the track during sessions and the race to complement the flags. In case of discrepancy between physical flags and digital panels signals, the most restrictive signal must be obeyed.
9) Race Control is located on the first floor of Race Control Building.
10) Should you be called to the Stewards, their office is also located on the first floor of Race Control building.
11) Timekeeping is located on the first floor of Race Control Building.
12) Race director's office is located on the first floor of Race Control Building.

On track driving standards & incident procedures

13) If it rains, painted areas and Astroturf adjacent to the track will always entail less grip than the asphalt, kerbs included. Track verges always take longer to dry than the track surface.
14) Track limits will be monitored at all times especially but not only at T1, T4 and T14.
15) Any track limit reported at T15 will entail with the loss of the current lap as well as the next lap.
16) If a red flag is deployed during the free practice or qualifying sessions, cars must reduce the speed, return to the pitlane, and stop in the working area.
    a. Access to the fast lane will be granted by the race director.

End of session

17) The chequered flag will be presented at the Line, on driver RHS.
18) After Chequered Flag enter the pitlane at the first opportunity and return to the paddock without stopping in the working area.
19) After the sessions, Teams must not evacuate the pit lane before instructed by the race director, and always following the official transfer map.
20) After qualifying and the races, cars selected by scrutineers must follow the transfer map to go to scrutineering.
21) Parc Ferme after the qualifying sessions will be in the paddock under each team awning, unless the car has been chosen to undergo scrutineering. Selected cars must be pushed to scrutineering immediately. All other cars must proceed to their awnings immediately at the end of their category qualifying session. None of the cars are allowed to be lifted.

Race

22) When driving to the grid, drivers must always respect the instructions of the marshals and the LES staff when being positioned on the dummy grid.
23) When going to the grid, if the driver wishes to warm up the tires, they may weave if abiding to the following conditions: that it is safe to do so, that the driver does not obstruct or block any car behind them. Weaving is allowed until the exit of Turn 12 of the 2nd formation lap. From this point onwards, drivers must assume their grid positions and no more weaving will be allowed.

24) Should there be a red flag during the race, the red flag line is deemed to be the start line and the drivers must stop on the left hand side of the circuit in one line.

Safety car

25) The SC will be deployed by the pit exit.
26) At the end of the procedure the SC will turn out the yellow lights between T12 and T13
27) It will exit the track by the pit entry.
28) If at any given moment the SC has to bring the field through any pit lane, for your help we will inform via the timing monitors that the SC will bring all cars through the pit lane and in general all cars must always follow the SC where it goes when the SC roof lights are on.
29) During the SC operation, and once in line behind the SC, cars may weave in order to minimize the loss of tire temperature, except in the areas covered by yellow or double yellow flags due to debris, stopped cars or people working on the track, where all cars must line up. In this/these area/s tire warming is not allowed.

End of the race

30) Cars selected for scrutineering will be communicated via radio and timing monitors.
31) At all times drivers must follow the directions of the marshals. Extreme caution is required.

General Information

32) Track Limit Infringements will be published on AlKamel Timing Feed [Circuit TV Feed Channel 6], and only on this page.
33) Any car being recovered from the track will be delivered to scrutineering or the team awning.
34) The ELMS teams were asked to leave the pit wall structure for the LES teams. Please do not leave papers or debris behind.
35) Please acquaint yourself with the latest version of the International Sporting Code and its appendixes:
    a. International Sporting, published on 09.07.2026
    b. Appendix A, published on 31.03.2021
    c. Appendix C, published on 16.12.2021
    d. Appendix H, published on 23.06.2026
    e. Appendix L, published on 23.06.2026
    f. Appendix M, published on 18.12.2025

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