

## 2026 F1 PENALTY GUIDELINES – v01

**IMPORTANT NOTE: An asterisk alongside the \*PP (Penalty Points) denotes the guideline MAXIMUM and any number of points from 0 to that number could be imposed.**

Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCs	PP
<b>Sanctions</b>							
Receiving five reprimands, four of which were imposed for a driving infringement	B1.9.5(f)	Ten grid places	0	Ten grid places	0	Ten grid places ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
<b>Personnel Curfew and Covers On Breaches</b>							
Breach of Personnel Curfew	B9.5.2 & B9.5.3					Pit lane start for both Competitor cars ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Breach of "Covers On" Time	B9.5.3 & B3.4.1(a)					Pit lane start for both Competitor cars ( <i>mandatory</i> )	
<b>Receiving Physical Assistance</b>							
Re-joining by use of physical assistance	B5.1.6					Disqualification (discretionary)	0
<b>Use of Tyres</b>							
Use of tyres without appropriate identification	B6.2.5	Grid place penalty	0	Grid place penalty	0	Disqualification	0
Failing to change incorrect tyres within three (3) laps	B6.3.1					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to use two different specifications of dry-weather tyres	B6.3.6					Disqualification ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to use two different specifications of dry-weather tyres ( <i>race suspended and not re-started</i> )	B6.3.6					30 seconds ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to use wet-weather tyres, when required to do so, if the race is started behind SC	B6.3.7					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
<b>Leaving the Track</b>							
Leaving the track and gaining a <b>lasting advantage</b> <i>Clarification: a sporting advantage towards another competitor was gained, either in time or position or <b>maintenance of a position</b></i>	B1.9.6& App. L, Ch. IV, 2 (c)	Potential loss of the lap time and/or up to Reprimand	0	Loss of the lap time and/or up to Three grid places	0	10s Penalty (Baseline) up to Drive Through 5s in case of mitigating circumstances	0



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Leaving the track and re-joining unsafely	B1.8.6 & App. L, Ch. IV, 2 (c)	Potential loss of the lap time and/or up to Reprimand	0	Loss of the lap time and/or up to Three grid places	1	5s Penalty up to Drive-Through	2
Leaving the track without a justifiable reason – Track limits <i>Clarification: a driver cannot set a time outside the white lines</i>	B1.8.6 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2(c)	Potential loss of the lap time and/or up to Reprimand	0	Lap Deleted	0	Lap Deleted / Strike 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence – B/W 4 <sup>th</sup> and each additional – 5s	0
<b>Driving Infringements</b>							
Driving unnecessarily slowly – gain of a sporting advantage <i>Clarification: a performance related matter will be deemed unnecessary.</i>	B1.8.5 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2(e)	Warning / Reprimand	0	Reprimand or Grid Place Penalty (re Min Delta)	0	5s/10s Penalty	0
Driving unnecessarily slowly in a dangerous manner <i>Clarification: causing evasive action or sudden change of direction</i>	B1.8.5 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2(e)	Grid Place penalty	3*	Grid Place penalty	3*	10s Penalty (Baseline), Drive-Through or 10s stop and go (or a grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race) 5s Penalty in mitigating circumstances	3*
Driving erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person.	B1.8.5 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2(e)	Reprimand or Grid Place penalty	0 3*	Reprimand or Grid Place penalty	0 3*	10s Penalty (Baseline), Drive-Through or 10s stop and go (or a grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race) 5s Penalty in mitigating circumstances	3*
Driving with / failing to stop a car with significant & obvious damage	B1.8.7	Reprimand or Grid Place penalty	0 3*	Reprimand or Grid Place penalty	0 3*	10s Penalty (Baseline), Drive-Through or 10s stop and go (or a grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)	3*



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<p>Causing a collision</p> <p>Note: Penalty points for causing should be adjusted based on the severity of the incident caused</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Causing a collision <b>with no immediate and obvious sporting consequence</b> <b>(NOTE: a “collision” which very minor contact e.g a touch or “kiss” may result in no penalty)</b></li> <li>- Causing a collision <b>with apparent deliberate or reckless intent</b></li> </ul>	App. L, Ch. IV, 2(d)	<p>Reprimand or Grid Place penalty</p> <p>As above (or even no penalty)</p> <p>Drop of 10 or more grid positions</p>	<p><b>0 to 3*</b></p> <p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Reprimand or Grid Place penalty</p> <p>As above (or even no penalty)</p> <p>Drop of 10 or more grid positions</p>	<p><b>0 to 3*</b></p> <p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p>10s Penalty (Baseline), Drive-Through or 10s stop and go (or a grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)</p> <p>5s Penalty in mitigating circumstances</p> <p>No Penalty/Reprimand/5s/10s Penalty (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)</p> <p>10 Stop and go, or any time penalty exceeding 30 seconds (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race). *For very extreme cases, Disqualification or Suspension from the next race.</p>	<p><b>0 to 3*</b></p> <p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p>
<p>Forcing a driver off the track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forcing a driver off the track <b>recklessly or dangerously or deliberately</b></li> </ul>	App. L Ch. IV, 2(b)	<p>Reprimand or Grid Place penalty</p> <p>Drop of 10 or more grid positions</p>	<p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Reprimand or Grid Place Penalty</p> <p>Drop of 10 or more grid positions</p>	<p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p>10s Penalty (Baseline), Drive-Through or 10s stop and go (or a grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)</p> <p>5s Penalty in mitigating circumstances</p> <p>10 Stop and go, or any time penalty exceeding 30 seconds (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)</p>	<p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p>

Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCs	PP
Impeding another driver  - Impeding another driver <b>dangerously or with apparent intent</b>	B4.1.1 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2(b)	Warning  Five grid places	0  3	Three grid places  Five grid places	0  3		
More than one change of direction to defend a position	App. L Ch. IV, 2(b)					5s Penalty up to Drive-Through	3*
Moving in the braking zone  - Moving in the braking zone <b>“in a manner deemed potentially dangerous”</b>	App. L Ch. IV, 2(e)	Warning  Warning	0  0	Warning  Warning	0  0	B/W Flag (possible for first offence, penalties thereafter)  5s or-up to Drive-Through	0  3*
Crossing a line or missing a bollard at pit entry  - Crossing a line or missing a bollard at pit entry <b>dangerously</b>	App. L Ch. IV, 4(d) ISC 12.2.1 (i)	RD Warning  Three grid places	  2	Reprimand  Three grid places	0  2	5s or 10s Penalty  Drive-Through or 10s stop and go	0  3*
Crossing a line at pit exit  - Crossing a line at pit exit <b>dangerously</b>	App. L Ch. IV, 6(c)	RD Warning  Three grid places	  2	Reprimand  Three grid places	0  2	5s or 10s Penalty  Drive-Through or 10s stop and go	0  3*
Exceeding the maximum time between SC lines without a justifiable reason	ISC 12.2.1(i) (i.e. Event Notes)			Reprimand	0	Reprimand	0
<b>Flag Signals</b>							
<i>App. L, Ch. IV, 1 -- “The instructions detailed in Appendix H to the International Sporting Code are deemed to be part of this code of driving conduct. All drivers must abide by them.”</i>							
Failing to slow for single yellow flags or lights on the track or overtaking another car	B1.8.4(a) & App. H 2.5.5 b)	Five grid places	2	Five grid places	2	10s Penalty or Drive-Through	3*
Failing to slow for double yellow flags or lights on the track or overtaking another car	B1.8.4 (b) or (c) & App. H 2.5.5 (b)	Ten grid places	3*	Ten grid places	3*	10s stop and go	3*
Failing to slow for red flags or lights on the track	App. H 2.5.4.1(b) or Art B4.1.2(a)	Ten grid places	4*	Ten grid places	4*	10s stop and go or Black Flag	4*

Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCs	PP
Failing to respect blue flags or lights on the track	<i>App. H, 2.5.5(e) &amp; App. L, Ch. IV, 2(a)</i>			<i>Refer to Impeding - Art 37.5</i>		5s or 10s Penalty Drive-Through	0
Failing to respect a black flag on the track	<i>App. H, 2.5.4.1 (d)</i>	Rear of Grid	5	Disqualification from Session	5	Disqualification	5
Failing to respect a black and orange flag on the track	<i>App. H 2.5.4.1 (e)</i>	Rear of Grid	5	Disqualification from Session	5	Disqualification	5
<b>Pit Lane Speed limits</b>							
Speeding in the pit lane during reconnaissance laps or after the chequered flag	B1.6.3(a)					Team Fine	0
Speeding in the pit lane during practice	B1.6.3(a)(i)	Team fine	0	Team fine	0		
Speeding in the pit lane in order to gain an advantage	B1.6.3(a)(ii)						
Speeding in the pit lane during a race by less than 6km/h	B1.6.3(a)(iii)					5s Penalty	0
Speeding in the pit lane during a race by between 6-15km/h						Drive-Through	0
Speeding in the pit lane during a race by more than 15km/h						10s stop and go	0
<b>Pit Entry, Pit Lane and Pit Exit</b>							
Entering the pit lane when the pit entry is closed	B1.6.4	No penalty / Warning / Reprimand / Grid place	0	No penalty / Warning / Reprimand / Grid place	0	10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to stop at a red light at the pit exit during practice	B1.6.3(e)	Reprimand or up to Three grid places	0 to 2	Reprimand or up to Three grid places	0 to 2		
Failing to stop at a red light at the pit exit during a race	B1.63(e)					10s stop and go	3*
<b>Start Procedure</b>							
Burnouts or bite point checks during reconnaissance laps in Pit Lane ("All drivers going to the Pit Exit must do so at a constant speed with a constant throttle")	B5.2.2					5s Penalty	0



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All wheels not fitted at the 5-minute signal	B5.5.3(a)					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Team personnel on the grid after the 15 second signal For a car on the grid:  For a car in the pit lane:	B5.5.5(a)(i)					Start from the pit lane <i>(mandatory)</i>  Drive-Through Penalty <i>(Mandatory)</i>	0  0
Failing to start the race from the pit lane if team personnel were on the grid after the 15 second signal	B5.5.5(a)(i)					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to enter the pit lane if out of position at the SC1 line at end of formation lap	B5.6.4					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Failing to start the race from the pit lane if a driver caused the start to be aborted	B.5.8.2					10s stop and go ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Jump start / Incorrect Starting Location	B511.1					5s or 10s Penalty Drive-Through Penalty 10s stop and go <i>(Mandatory depending on excess)</i>	0 0
<b>Safety Car and VSC Procedures and Formation laps behind SC.</b>							
Entering the pit lane during the formation laps	B5.10.5					Start the race from the pit lane ( <i>mandatory</i> )	0
Changing tyres before the race start if the formation lap(s) have been carried out behind the SC	B6.3.7					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failure to re-establish position before SC1 ("Standing Start")	B5.10.6(e)(i)					Start from Pit Lane <i>(mandatory)</i>	
Failing to enter the pit lane if out of position at the SC1 line on the formation lap	B5.10.6(e)(i)					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0



Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCS	PP
Driving unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner which could be deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers or any other person whilst the safety car or VSC is deployed	B5.13.2a. / B5.12.2.a. & App. L, Ch. IV, 2 (e)					5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through or 10sec stop and go	2 3
Failing to keep within maximum allowable gap to the car in front during SC (Penalty points only awarded for incidents with significant safety implications)	B5.13.2(b)					5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through	2* 3*
Exceeding minimum time set by ECU behind safety car	B5.13.2(b)					2 or 3 red sectors: 5s penalty* 4 red sectors: 10s penalty* 5 red sectors: drive-through* 6 red sectors: 10s stop-and-go*	1 2 3 3
Overtaking the SC and place given back	B5.13.2(c)					No Further Action	
Overtaking the SC (See list of exceptions in Section B)	B5.13.2(c)					10s stop and go	3
Overtaking another car behind the SC and place given back	B5.13.2(c)					No Further Action	
Overtaking another car behind the SC (See list of exceptions in Section B) - 1 Car - 2 Car - More than 2 Cars (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	B5.13.2(c)					10s Penalty Drive-Through 10s Stop-and-go	2 2 3
Failing to keep within maximum allowable gap to the SC (Penalty points only awarded for incidents with significant safety implications)	B5.13.2(b)					5s or 10s Penalty Drive-Through	2 3



Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCs	PP
Failing to enter the pit lane behind the SC	B5.13.3					Drive-Through ( <i>mandatory</i> )	3
Overtaking in Pit Entry / Pit Exit when SC using the pit lane (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	B5.13.3					10s Penalty, Drive-Through, or 10s Stop-and-go	3*
Entering the pits during SC unless for the purpose of changing tyres	B5.13.3					Drive-Through	3
Exceeding the VSC speed limit	B5.12.2(b)	2 or 3 red sectors: 3 place grid drop*	1	2 or 3 red sectors: 3 place grid drop*	1	2 or 3 red sectors: 5s penalty*	1
		4 red sectors: 3 place grid drop*	2	4 red sectors: 3 place grid drop*	2	4 red sectors: 10s penalty*	2
		5 red sectors: 5 place grid drop*	3	5 red sectors: 5 place grid drop*	3	5 red sectors: drive-through*	3
		6 red sectors: 5 place grid drop*	3	6 red sectors: 5 place grid drop*	3	6 red sectors: 10s stop-and-go*	3
Exceeding VSC minimum delta time at VSC end	B5.12.2(b)					Any red value: 5s penalty	1
						Red value >3 sec: 10s penalty	2
						Red value >5 sec: drive-through	3
Overtaking another car when the VSC is in operation and place given back	B5.12.2(c)				No Further Action		
Overtaking another car when the VSC is in operation (See list of Exceptions in Section B) - 1 Car - 2 Car - More than 2 Cars (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	B5.12.2(c)					10s Penalty	2
						Drive-Through	2
						10s Stop-and-go	3



Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCs	PP
<b>Stopping and Resuming a Race</b>							
Car being moved from the fast lane before a race is resumed, unless requested by FIA.	B5.14.4(c)					Must enter pits at restart and join back after last car. <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
All wheels not fitted at the 5-minute signal	B5.15.2(b)					10s Stop & Go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Team personnel touching car or equipment connected at 15 second signal	B5.15.2(e)					Start from Pit Lane <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failing to start from pit lane after team personnel touching car or equipment connected at 15 second signal.	B5.15.2(e)					10s Stop & Go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failing to enter the pit lane if out of position at the SC1 line on the lap the SC enters the pits <i>(Standing Re-Start)</i>	B5.15.3(e)(i)					10s Stop & Go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Overtaking behind the SC during a race re-start	B5.15.3					Either Drive-Through or 10s Stop & Go <i>(mandatory)</i>	2 3
<b>Pit Stops</b>							
Unsafe release from a pit stop	B1.6.2(a)	Team fine	0	Team fine	0	5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through	0
Unsafe release from a pit stop where the driver is at fault	B1.6.2(a)	Reprimand	0	Reprimand	0	5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through	1 2
Releasing a car in an unsafe condition during a practice session	B1.6.2 (b)(i)	Team fine	0	Team fine or up to Three grid places	0		
Releasing a car in an unsafe condition during a race	B1.6.2(b)(ii)					10s Stop & Go <i>(mandatory)</i> or Team Fine <i>(if car retires)</i>	0
Driving a car knowing it to be in an unsafe condition following Releasing a car in an unsafe condition	B1.6.2(b)(iii)	Five grid places	3	Five grid places	3	Ten grid places for the next race	3
<b>Penalty Improperly Served</b>							
Failure to comply with in-race penalty procedure Note: Baseline penalty is increment of penalties listed under Art. B1.9.4 a. to B1.9.4 d., but mitigating or aggravating circumstances will be taken into account.	B1.9.5(f)					Stewards' discretion Range from same penalty applied, up to stop and go for ignoring the imposed penalty.	0

Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	TTCS	PP
<b>Technical</b>							
Change of PU Elements in excess of allowance: 1 <sup>st</sup> time: Next Times:	B8.2.8	10 Grid Place <i>(mandatory)</i> 5 Grid Place <i>(mandatory)</i>		10 Grid Place <i>(mandatory)</i> 5 Grid Place <i>(mandatory)</i>			
Failing to stop for weighing, car brought back untouched	B3.2.1(b)	Reprimand	0	Reprimand	0		
Failing to stop for weighing, car not brought back or worked on	B3.2.1(b)	Team fine or grid places	0	Disqualification from qualifying results	0		
Breach of the weighing provisions	B3.2.5	Grid places	0	Disqualification from qualifying results	0	Disqualification from race results	0
Breach of TTCS Parc Fermé	B3.5.7			Pit lane start <i>(mandatory)</i>	0		
Technical Infringement	n/a	Team fine or Grid places	0	Disqualification from qualifying results	0	Disqualification from race results	0
<b>Drivers Equipment</b>							
Breach of ISC Appendix L requirements for safety equipment or apparel 1 <sup>st</sup> offence in 12-month period.	App. L, Ch. III ISC B1.8.2	Fine up to €40,000 for driver, part may be suspended for 12 months	0	Fine up to €40,000 for driver, part may be suspended for 12 months	0	Fine up to €40,000 for driver, part may be suspended for 12 months	0
Breach of ISC Appendix L requirements for safety equipment or apparel 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence in 12-month period.	App. L, Ch. III ISC B1.8.2	Fine up to €50,000 for driver (plus implementation of previously suspended amount).	0	Fine up to €50,000 for driver (plus implementation of previously suspended amount).	0	Fine up to €50,000 for driver (plus implementation of previously suspended amount).	0
Breach of ISC Appendix L requirements for safety equipment or apparel 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence in 12-month period.	App. L, Ch. III ISC B1.8.2	Fine up to €60,000 for driver.	0	Fine up to €60,000 for driver.	0	Fine up to €60,000 for driver.	0
Intentional and deliberate false declaration by Competitor on Self Scrutineering Form	B3.1.1 / B3.1.3	Fine of up to €100,000 for competitor					

Offence	ISC Article	Penalty Guideline Range <sup>1</sup>
<b>International Sporting Code Breaches</b> <b>NB: Stewards retain the discretion to take into account any mitigating and/or aggravating circumstances so as to adapt the relevant penalty to the situation.</b>		
<p>Any words, deeds or writings that have caused moral injury or loss to the FIA, its bodies, its members or its executive officers, and more generally on the interest of motor sport and on the values defended by the FIA.</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(f)</p>	<p>Offence occurring in a controlled environment<sup>2</sup>, fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances<sup>3</sup>. For very serious offences, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.</p>
<p>Any Misconduct. To be understood in particular, but not limited to, the general use of language (written or verbal), gesture and/or sign that is offensive, insulting, coarse, rude or abusive and might reasonably be expected or be perceived to be coarse or rude or to cause offense, humiliation or to be inappropriate, assaulting (elbowing, kicking, punching, hitting, etc.), incitement to do any of the former.</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(l)</p>	<p>Offence occurring in a controlled environment<sup>2</sup>, fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances<sup>3</sup>. For very serious offences, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.</p>
<p>Any Misconduct involving the abuse of officials</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(l)</p>	<p>Sporting Penalty, See Table Below<sup>4</sup></p>
<p>Any public incitement to violence or hatred.</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(n)</p>	<p>Fine up to €20,000. For very serious offenses, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.</p>
<p>The general making and display of political, religious and personal statements or comments notably in violation of the general principle of neutrality promoted by the FIA under its Statutes, unless previously approved in writing by the FIA for International Competitions, or by the relevant ASN for National Competitions within their jurisdiction.</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(o)</p>	<p>Fine up to €20,000. A public apology and repudiation of comments may be also required. For very serious offenses, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.</p>
<p>Failure to comply with the instructions of the FIA regarding the appointment and participation of persons during official ceremonies at any Competition counting towards a FIA Championship.</p>	<p>ISC 12.2.1(p)</p>	<p>Fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances<sup>3</sup> and may be suspended in whole or part for the first offence within a two-year period. Alternative penalties may apply<sup>5</sup></p>

Note 1 Penalties for a first offence in a two-year period, except in cases of misconduct towards officials (Article 12.2.1.l) or breach of ISC Article 12.2.1.n, may be reduced due to mitigations, which may include imposing a fully suspended penalty or, in exceptional circumstances, issuing a formal warning.

Note 2 Controlled Environments include, but are not limited to, media interviews, press conferences, and podiums ceremonies. Non-Controlled Environments include, but are not limited to, radio transmissions between car and team, recordings made while on circuit. Alleged breaches of ISC Articles 12.2.1.f or 12.2.1.l that occur in “non-controlled” environments may be treated as private conversations, except where multiple breaches occur within a short period of time, involve racial or discriminatory language, or include abuse of officials.

Note 3 The fine of €5,000 may be reduced or increased based on the mitigating or aggravating circumstances described in Appendix B of the ISC, specifically Notes 4 and 5. Copied below for reference:

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| <p>4. <b>Mitigating circumstances</b> can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The status of the driver (e.g., unpaid amateur, rookie professional, or high-profile, long-standing professional driver);</li> <li>b. The status or profile of the championship in which the offence occurred;</li> <li>c. Personal circumstances relating to the alleged offender such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. reaction to offensive, aggressive or abusive behaviour by another,</li> <li>ii. in the case of ISC Art 12.2.1.p, a pre-advised medical condition verified by medical practitioner.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. The alleged offender’s previous record of good behaviour.</li> </ul> | <p>5. <b>Aggravating circumstance</b> can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Premeditated actions as determined by the Stewards.</li> <li>b. Multiple offences, especially if occurring within a short period of time.</li> </ul> |
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The fine of €5,000 may be increased based multiples of 2 or 3 when the seriousness of the offence warrants a higher penalty.

Note 4 Table of Sporting Penalties:

Offence	Article	During a Competition (except during a Sprint Session or Race)	PP	During a Sprint Session or Race	PP
** Any Misconduct involving the abuse of an official by a <b>DRIVER</b>	ISC 12.2.1.l	Min. 3 Grid Place Penalty in the next race (escalating if needed)		Min. 5s Penalty (escalating if needed).	
** Any Misconduct involving the abuse of an official by a <b>TEAM MEMBER</b>	ISC 12.2.1.l	Min. 3 Grid Place Penalty for BOTH cars in the next race (escalating if needed)		Min 5s Penalty for the associated driver (escalating if needed).	

Note 5 Alternative penalties (instead of fines) may also be apply, such as requiring the driver to dedicate time to FIA promotional, awareness or educational activities at an event.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- 1) **PENALTY POINTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE IMPOSED BY THE STEWARDS IF THE PENALTY IS A REPRIMAND OR A FINE.**
- 2) \* Denotes the Maximum Number of Penalty Points depending upon the severity of the infringement (**Stewards' Discretion**)
- 3) Points expire after 12 months on the driver's licence.
- 4) When a driver accumulates 12 points his licence will be suspended for the Event following the one during which he reached 12 points (or more).
- 5) After a one race suspension 12 points are taken off the driver's licence.
- 6) The points indicated are intended to be the norm for a particular offence. The Stewards may vary these, taking into account mitigating or aggravating circumstances. However, the authority of the Stewards to increase the points assessed is intended to be used only in exceptional circumstances.
- 7) The penalties indicated represent the normal penalties that have historically been assessed in usual circumstances. It should be noted that the Stewards review each incident within its unique circumstances and reserve the right to assess the full range of penalties under the Code as appropriate.
- 8) In cases where there is a single 5s penalty which a driver is unable to serve due to retirement, the Stewards will not convert that into a grid penalty for a subsequent race. However, if there is more than one penalty, the Stewards may convert the 5s (and other) penalties into a grid penalty.
- 9) Penalties for infringements occurring whilst the pit lane is open prior to the start of the sprint session or race, and/or during reconnaissance laps undertaken prior to the sprint session or race will normally be considered using the guidelines provided for free practice.