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The Stewards notify all competitors and officials of the following amendment to the 2024 RTLM Sporting Regulations. **Article 14.5 is amended as below to re-introduce provision for Full Course Yellow (FCY) in addition to Slow Zones (SZ) and is renumbered and reworded as follows:**

14.5 Neutralisation of a session

14.5.1 Full Course Yellow (FCY)

14.5.1.1 Placing a session (Free Practice, Qualifying or Race) under FCY:

- The Race Director may declare a Full Course Yellow period if he decides that this is necessary for safety reasons.
- The FCY message will be displayed on the timing monitors and the FCY instruction will be announced to the competitors by Race Control radio after countdown.
- Once the message Full Course Yellow is displayed on the timing monitors, all cars must immediately slow down to 80 kph, in single file; and maintain this speed during the whole FCY procedure and maintain their distance to the car in front and the car behind.
- Overtaking is strictly prohibited under the FCY, except if a car slows down because of an obvious problem.
- All marshal posts will display a waved yellow flag and a board with the indication FCY.
- Any car being driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers at any time whilst the FCY is in use, will be reported to the stewards. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry road or the pit lane exit road.

14.5.1.2 Access to the pit lane under FCY

- The pit lane entry and exit remain open and cars are free to pit.
- Cars going into the pit lane may overtake cars that are on the track once they cross Safety Car Line 1.
- Cars exiting the pit lane may overtake other cars until they reach Safety Car Line 2.
- On the pit lane entry and exit roads, the maximum speed is also limited to 80 kph.

14.5.1.3 End of the FCY period

- Once the problem(s) is/are solved, the Race Director will return the track to green; this is done by posting a message on the timing monitors and by radio.
- At this stage, all marshal posts will replace the yellow flags and FCY boards with waved green flags. Racing and

overtaking will normally resume without restrictions, regardless of the positions of the cars relative to one another and to the Line.

14.5.1.4 FCY and Safety Car

- A FCY period may be followed by a Safety Car intervention if the problem remains unsolved and safety may be at risk.

14.5.2 Slow Zones (SZ)

14.5.2.1 General description of the Slow Zone procedure

The Race Director may at any moment (official practice sessions and race) decide to put in place a procedure of a partial neutralization of the circuit, which means to set up an area on the circuit where the speed is limited to 80 KPH (SLOW ZONE), in order to allow medical or security operations.

The circuit is divided into several numbered zones ((see map issued by Stewards' Bulletin), each beginning of the zone corresponding to a main signaler Post (Post with a track light, signs with « NEXT SLOW » yellow & « SLOW » orange written in black, and signalers equipped with flags.

14.5.2.2 Setting up a Slow Zone

A first zone, at the entrance of a sector (location of the main signaler Post) ahead of the SLOW, zone will show a yellow sign with the message « NEXT SLOW » written in black, flashing yellow light and waving yellow flag.

Cars have to slow down gradually in this zone and run not faster than 80 KPH at the end of this sector.

Overtaking here is strictly forbidden.

Further to a Next SLOW ZONE, the SLOW ZONE starts at the beginning of the following sector, at the level of the main signaler Post with flashing yellow light and double waving yellow flags.

A reflective orange sign with the message SLOW in black and the circled message 80 will be shown at the beginning of the SLOW ZONE.

The maximum speed permitted in the zone is 80 KPH.

The drivers must comply with the marshals' instructions (especially regarding the side of the track to use) and the Race Director's (radio or on-screen message to the Team Managers).

Overtaking is forbidden and the cars must keep a distance of at least 2 car lengths between each other when they are in the SLOW ZONE.

If the pit lane exit happens to be inside a SLOW ZONE, the corresponding sign will be presented at the pit lane exit, with the light of the pit lane exit switched off.

If necessary, the SLOW ZONE procedure may be preceded by a Safety car procedure.

14.5.2.3 End of zone

The end of the SLOW ZONE is situated at the end of a zone (sector), just before the beginning of the following sector and marked by a flashing green light and a waving green flag at the level of a main signaler Post as long as the intervention is in progress.

The speed limit and the prohibition of overtaking comes to an end at the entrance of the zone (sector) where is put in place the main signaler Post with green light and/or green flag.

The SLOW ZONE may at any moment be extended by the Race Director over several sectors if necessary (in this case the restarting sector with green flags will be shifted as much as necessary).

If necessary, the SLOW ZONE procedure may be followed by a Safety car procedure.

14.5.2.4 End of the procedure

The Race Director will give the order of the end of the partial neutralization of the track, the Posts of signalers of the

concerned zone (sectors) will present a green flag during one lap and the NEXT SLOW and SLOW signs will be removed.

The Race Director can at any moment change this procedure for safety reasons. He will keep the Competitors as fully informed as possible, by radio and on-screen messages.

14.5.2.5 Applicable penalties

For exceeding the speed limit by less than 10 kph, minimum penalties:

- During practice sessions: €500 fine (minimum amount), complemented with another sanction at the Stewards' discretion
- During the race: Stop & Go 30 seconds, at the Stewards' discretion

For exceeding the speed limit by 10 kph or more, minimum penalties:

- During practice sessions: €500 fine (minimum amount), complemented with another sanction at the Stewards' discretion
- During the race: Stop & Go 1 minute, at the Stewards' discretion.

Penalty for any other failure to comply with the procedure or dangerous behavior: at the Stewards' discretion, including the driver's disqualification.



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