

Guidelines for Penalties and Points – 2025 [14 MAY] [CLEAN]

Offence	SR Article	Free Practice	PP	Qualifying	PP	Race	PP
Sanctions							
Receiving five reprimands, four of which were imposed for a driving infringement	18.2	Ten grid places	0	Ten grid places	0	Ten grid places <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Personnel Curfew and Covers On Breaches							
Breach of Personnel Curfew	23.6 & 23.5					Pit lane start for both Competitor cars <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Breach of “Covers On” Time	23.6 & 38.2a) i)					Pit lane start for both Competitor cars <i>(mandatory)</i>	
Receiving Mechanical Assistance							
Re-joining by use of mechanical assistance	26.4					Disqualification	0
Use of Tyres							
Use of tyres without appropriate identification	30.3(e)	Grid place penalty	0	Grid place penalty	0	Disqualification	0
Failing to change incorrect tyres within three (3) laps	30.5(b)					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failing to use two different specifications of dry-weather tyres (or during the race in Monaco, failing to use three sets of any specification & two different specifications of dry-weather tyres)	30.5(m)					Disqualification <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failing to use two different specifications of dry-weather tyres (<i>race suspended and not re-started</i>) (or during the race in Monaco, failing to use two different specifications of dry-weather tyres and/or failing to use at least three sets of any specification of tyres)	30.5(m)					30 seconds <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
During the race in Monaco, using only one set of tyres of any specification (additional to the above)	30.5(m)					30 seconds <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failing to use wet-weather tyres, when required to do so, if the race is started behind SC	30.5 (n)					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0

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Leaving the Track							
Leaving the track and gaining a lasting advantage <i>Clarification: a sporting advantage towards another competitor was gained, either in time or position or maintenance of a position</i>	33.3 & 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
Leaving the track and re-joining unsafely	33.3 & 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>	33.3 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 rd offence – B/W 4 th and each additional – 5s	0
Driving Infringements							
Driving unnecessarily slowly – gain of a sporting advantage <i>Clarification: a performance related matter will be deemed unnecessary.</i>	33.4 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>	33.4 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. The following (<i>non-exhaustive</i>) list are possible examples of the above:	33.4 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*

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Driving with / failing to stop of a car with significant & obvious damage	26.10	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*
Causing a collision	App. L, Ch. IV, 2(d)	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*
- Causing a collision with no immediate and obvious sporting consequence		As above	0 3*	As above	0 3*	Reprimand/5s/10s Penalty (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)	0 3*
- Causing a collision with apparent deliberate or reckless intent		Drop of 10 or more grid positions	4	Drop of 10 or more grid positions	4	10 Stop and go, or any time penalty exceeding 30 seconds (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)	4
Forcing a driver off the track	App. L Ch. IV, 2(b)	Reprimand or Grid Place penalty	0 2	Reprimand or Grid Place Penalty	0 2	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	2
- Forcing a driver off the track recklessly		Drop of 10 or more grid positions	3	Drop of 10 or more grid positions	3	10 Stop and go, or any time penalty exceeding 30 seconds (or grid place penalty if the driver failed to finish the race)	3

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Impeding another driver	37.5 or App. L, Ch. IV, 2	Warning	0	Three grid places	0		
- Impeding another driver dangerously or with apparent intent		Five grid places	3	Five grid places	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	App. L Ch. IV, 2(e)	Warning	0	Warning	0	B/W Flag (possible for first offence, penalties thereafter)	0
- Moving in the braking zone "in a manner deemed potentially dangerous"		Warning	0	Warning	0	5s or-up to Drive-Through	3*
Crossing a line or missing a bollard at pit entry	App. L Ch. IV, 4(d) ISC 12.2.1 (i)	RD Warning		Reprimand	0	5s or 10s Penalty	1*
- Crossing a line or missing a bollard at pit entry dangerously		Three grid places	2	Three grid places	2	Drive-Through or 10s stop and go	3
Crossing a line at pit exit	App. L Ch. IV, 6(c)	RD Warning		Reprimand	0	5s or 10s Penalty	1*
- Crossing a line at pit exit dangerously		Three grid places	2	Three grid places	2	Drive-Through or 10s stop and go	3
Exceeding the maximum time between SC lines without a justifiable reason	Event Notes & ISC 12.2.1 (i)			Reprimand	0	Reprimand	0
Flag Signals							
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."							
Failing to slow for single yellow flags or lights on the track or overtaking another car	26.1 (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	26.1 (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 37.6.a	Ten grid places	4*	Ten grid places	4*	10s stop and go or Black Flag	4*

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Failing to respect blue flags or lights on the track	<i>App. H, 2.5.5(e) & App. L, Ch. IV, 2(a)</i>			<i>Refer to Impeding - Art 37.5</i>		5s or 10s Penalty Drive-Through	1 2
Failing to respect a black flag on the track	<i>App. H, 2.5.4.1 (d)</i>	Rear of Grid	5	Disqualification	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	5	Disqualification	5
Pit Lane Speed limits							
Speeding in the pit lane during reconnaissance laps or after the chequered flag	34.7					Team Fine	0
Speeding in the pit lane during practice	34.7(a)	Team fine	0	Team fine	0		
Speeding in the pit lane in order to gain an advantage	34.7(b)						
Speeding in the pit lane during a race by less than 6km/h	34.7(c)					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
Pit Entry, Pit Lane and Pit Exit							
Entering the pit lane when the pit entry is closed	34.15(b)					10s stop and go (<i>mandatory</i>)	0
Failing to stop at a red light at the pit exit during practice	37.2	Reprimand or up to Three grid places	0-2	Reprimand or up to Three grid places	0-2		
Failing to stop at a red light at the pit exit during a race	53.1					10s stop and go	3*
Start Procedure							
Burnouts or bite point checks during reconnaissance laps in Pit Lane	44.1					5s Penalty	0
All wheels not fitted at the 5-minute signal	43.5 or 44.4					10s stop and go (<i>mandatory</i>)	0

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Team personnel on the grid after the 15 second signal For a car on the grid: For a car in the pit lane:	43.7 or 44.6					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	43.7(a) or 44.6 (a)					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	43.10 or 44.9					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	45.2 or 47.2					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Jump start / Incorrect Starting Location	48.1					5s or 10s Penalty Drive-Through Penalty <i>(Mandatory depending on excess)</i>	0 0
Safety Car and VSC Procedures and Formation laps behind SC.							
Entering the pit lane during the formation laps	49.4					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	30.5n					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
Failure to re-establish position before SC1 ("Standing Start")	49.6(a)					Start from Pit Lane	
Failing to enter the pit lane if out of position at the SC1 line on the formation lap	49.6(a)					10s stop and go <i>(mandatory)</i>	0
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 is deployed	55.5 & App. L, Ch. IV, 2 (e)					5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through or 10sec stop and go	2 3



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Failing to keep within ten cars lengths of the car in front during SC	55.7					5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through	2* 3*
Exceeding minimum time set by ECU behind safety car	55.7					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	55.8					No Further Action	
Overtaking the SC (See list of exceptions in Sporting Regulations)	55.8					10s stop and go	3
Overtaking another car behind the SC and place given back	55.8					No Further Action	
Overtaking another car behind the SC (See list of exceptions in Sporting Regulations) - 1 Car - 2 Car - More than 2 Cars (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	55.8					10s Penalty Drive-Through 10s Stop-and-go	2 2 3
Failing to keep within ten cars lengths of the SC	55.10					5s or 10s Penalty or Drive-Through	2 3
Failing to enter the pit lane behind the SC	55.11					Drive-Through (mandatory)	3
Overtaking in Pit Entry / Pit Exit when SC using the pit lane (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	55.11					10s Penalty, Drive-Through , or 10s Stop-and-go	3*
Entering the pits during SC unless for the purpose of changing tyres	55.12					Drive-Through	3

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Exceeding the VSC speed limit	56.5	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	56.5					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	56.6					No Further Action	
Overtaking another car when the VSC is in operation (See list of Exceptions in Sporting Regulations) - 1 Car - 2 Car - More than 2 Cars (May take into account mitigating circumstances)	56.6					10s Penalty Drive-Through 10s Stop-and-go	2 2 3
Stopping and Resuming a Race							
Car being moved from the fast lane before a race is resumed.	57.5					Must enter pits at restart and join back after last car. (mandatory)	0
All wheels not fitted at the 5-minute signal	58.3					10s Stop & Go (mandatory)	0
Team personnel touching car or equipment connected at 15 second signal	58.5					Start from Pit Lane (mandatory)	0

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Failing to start from pit lane after team personnel touching car or equipment connected at 15 second signal.	58.5					10s Stop & Go (mandatory)	0
Failing to enter the pit lane if out of position at the SC1 line on the lap the SC enters the pits (Standing Re-Start)	58.7(a)					10s Stop & Go (mandatory)	0
Overtaking behind the SC during a race re-start	58.9					Either Drive-Through or 10s Stop & Go (mandatory)	2
Pit Stops							
Unsafe release from a pit stop	34.14(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	34.14(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	34.14(c)	Team fine	0	Team fine or up to Three grid places	0		
Releasing a car in an unsafe condition during a race	34.14(d)					10s Stop & Go (mandatory) 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	34.14(e)	Five grid places	3	Five grid places	3	Ten grid places for the next race	3
Penalty Improperly Served							
Failure to comply with in-race penalty procedure	54.4 (e)					Increment of penalties listed under Art. 54.3a to 54.3d, or Discretion of the Stewards if breach is relating to a penalty under Art. 54.3d.	0

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Technical							
Change of PU Elements in excess of allowance: 1 st time: Next Times:	28.2 / 28.3	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	35.1(b)	Reprimand	0	Reprimand	0		
Failing to stop for weighing, car not brought back or worked on	35.1(b)	Team fine or Grid places	0	Disqualification from qualifying results	0		
Breach of the weighing provisions	35.5	Grid places	0	Disqualification from qualifying results	0	Disqualification from race results	0
Breach of Pre-Sprint Parc Fermé Breach of Pre-Race Parc Fermé	40.9 40.9			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
Drivers Equipment							
Breach of ISC Appendix L requirements for safety equipment or apparel 1 st offence	App. L, Ch. III ISC	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 2nd offence	App. L, Ch. III ISC	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 3rd offence	App. L, Ch. III ISC	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	31.1/31.3	Fine of up to €100,000 for competitor					

Offence	ISC Article	Penalty Guideline Range ¹
International Sporting Code Breaches 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.		
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.	ISC 12.2.1.f	Offence occurring in a controlled environment ² , fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances ³ . For very serious offences, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.
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.	ISC 12.2.1.l	Offence occurring in a controlled environment ² , fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances ³ . For very serious offences, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.
Any Misconduct involving the abuse of officials. See Table Below ⁴ .	ISC 12.2.1.l	Sporting Penalty, See Table Below ⁴
Any public incitement to violence or hatred.	ISC 12.2.1.n	Fine up to €20,000. For very serious offenses, more severe penalties under the ISC may be imposed.
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.	ISC 12.2.1.o	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.
Failure to comply with the instructions of the <i>FIA</i> regarding the appointment and participation of persons during official ceremonies at any Competition counting towards a <i>FIA Championship</i> .	ISC 12.2.1.p	Fine up to €5,000, depending on mitigating or aggravating circumstances ³ and may be suspended in whole or part for the first offence within a two-year period. Alternative penalties may apply ⁵

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 podium 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:

4. Mitigating circumstances can include, but are not limited to:

- a. The status of the driver (e.g., unpaid amateur, rookie professional, or high-profile, long-standing professional driver);
- b. The status or profile of the championship in which the offence occurred;
- c. Personal circumstances relating to the alleged offender such as:
 - i. reaction to offensive, aggressive or abusive behaviour by another,
 - ii. in the case of ISC Art 12.2.1.p, a pre-advised medical condition verified by medical practitioner.
- d. The alleged offender’s previous record of good behaviour.

5. Aggravating circumstance can include, but are not limited to:

- a. Premeditated actions as determined by the Stewards.
- b. Multiple offences, especially if occurring within a short period of time.

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 officials by a DRIVER .	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 officials by a TEAM MEMBER .	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.
- 10) Changes are indicated in **PINK**.