

Sportscars Winter Series

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ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS

The SportsCars Winter Series are organized by Oreca and Paul Ricard Circuit.

For all the matters which are not specifically stipulated in these regulations, the competitors must refer and abide to the prescriptions of, in the following order:

- the FIA International Sporting Code.
- the Circuit General Prescriptions.
- the Supplementary Regulations of each event.
- the addenda issued by Oreca.

Any special regulation that may be applied during an event must be submitted to the approval of the Organizing Committee of the SportsCars Winter Series.

Any dispute that may arise in relation to the interpretation of these regulations shall be judged by the Stewards appointed for each event. The final text will be the French version, which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation.

The competitors must fill and sign a « Participation Contract », whereby they undertake to accept and to respect all its terms and clauses.

The Organizing Committee of the SportsCars Winter Series holds all powers to organize the events. It is made up of the following members:

M. Hugues De Chaunac
M. Gérard Neveu
M. Alain Marguet
M. Olivier Loisy

These regulations have been registered by the FFSA with the number **XX** at the date **XXX**

No modification may be made to these regulations without the approval of the Organizing Committee of SportsCars Winter Series

All the communication (information, time tables, addenda, etc...) will be made by e-mail. It is therefore required that each competitor provides a valid e-mail address.

ARTICLE 2 - GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Competitors submitting an entry to SportsCars Winter Series are deemed to be in full knowledge of the present regulations. Each competitor undertakes on his own behalf and on behalf of all persons associated with his participation to observe all the provisions of all these regulations, as to both their form and spirit.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that his car (or his cars) complies (or comply) with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout the event, including private testing, free practice sessions, qualifying practices and the races.

The presentation of a car for scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.

ARTICLE 3 - LICENCES

All drivers participating in SportsCars Winter Series must hold a valid Driver's licence national or international, grade A, B or C.

ARTICLE 4 - INSURANCES

An insurance covering third-party liability must be taken by the Organizer. This insurance shall supplement any individual personal insurance that the competitors and any person taking part in an event may have contracted, without interfering with any such insurance policies. The drivers and the competitors taking part in the event are not considered to be third parties with regard to each other.

ARTICLE 5 – CARS ALLOWED

The only cars allowed to compete in SportsCars Winter Series are :

- Oreca's Formula Le Mans type FLM 09
- GT2 and GT3
- Bioracing cars
- GT "Cup cars": Ferrari Challenge, Porsche 997 GT3 Cup, Lamborghini Supertroféo, etc

The Organizing Committee should reject a participation contract if the competitor or the car don't supply with this regulations criteria.

ARTICLE 6 – ENTRIES TO SPORTSCARS WINTER SERIES

The competitors wishing to enter the SportsCars Winter Series have to :

- Enter their car(s) sending the registration file, filled up, before October 26th with the a deposit of **800,00 €** enclosed.
- Pay the total amount of the entry fee of **2800,00 €** ex-taxes (3348,80 € with taxes) 15 days before the meeting.
- In case of Formula Le Mans car hire, a deposit of 15 000,00 € for the insurance excess will be asked.
If the car is damaged, the repairing will be invoiced up to this insurance excess amount.
- Not any refund will be made in case of no participation to a meeting

The entry applications, together with the entry fee payment, paid by bank cheque to the order of Oreca, must be sent before the entry closing time to :

ORECA
SportsCars Winter Series
Parc d'activités de Signes - BP 706
83030 Toulon cedex 9
France

ARTICLE 7 - CALENDAR AND FORMAT OF THE MEETINGS

SportsCars Winter Series is made of 3 meetings

The calendar of the SportsCars Winter Series events is :

november 22nd 2009
december 06th 2009
January 24th 2010

A fourth meeting could be added.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify this calendar, should it be the case, the Competitors will be informed at the minimum 15 days before the event concerned.

All meetings will take place at the Paul Ricard circuit , with a different track tracing solution from event to event.

The events format will be as following :

- 2 x 60' free practices
- 60' qualifying
- 30' sprint race 1
- 30' sprint race 2
- 60' long race

During the long race, a mandatory pit stop will be made in a minimum set time of 80" and within a set laps' window defined between minute 25th and minute 35th (25,001 to 35,999)

The cars with two drivers must change drivers during this mandatory pit stop.

ARTICLE 8 – CLASSIFICATIONS

At the end of each race there is classification for the following categories, with the proviso that there is a minimum of five cars entrant :

- Formula Le Mans classification
- GT and GT "Cup cars" classification
- Bioracing classification

ARTICLE 9 - SCRUTINEERING

The timetable and locations for the administrative and technical checks will be communicated to the competitors during the week before the event.

Administrative checks:

During these checks, all entrants and/or driver must provide all the documents required and their licences.

An entrant or driver failing to pass the checks would not be allowed to participate in the event, except act of God.

Technical scrutineering

No car may take part in qualifying practice without having passed the preliminary technical checks.

If a competitor fails to pass the checks on time, he will have to pay a financial fine of 300 €.

Any non-conformity noticed during these checks must be corrected before the competitor is allowed to take part in the practice sessions.

The list of entrants, drivers and cars allowed to practice will be posted one hour before the start of the practice sessions.

After the qualifying practice sessions, the list of entrants, drivers and cars allowed to take part in the race will be completed and posted, as well as the starting grid.

The cars may be checked at any time during an event.

Upon proposal from the Technical Delegate of SportsCars Winter Series, the Race Director or the Stewards will instruct the Scrutineers to make checks at the end of any sessions. The Technical Delegate will indicate the points to be checked and the race numbers of the cars.

The designated cars will be placed in Parc Fermé.

Any infringement to this rule will lead to the exclusion of the competitor.

All the other competitors must consider themselves as in Parc Fermé and they cannot work on the cars until the end of the time allowed to lodge a protest (½ hour after the results have been posted).

The technical checks will be made by the scrutineers appointed by SportsCars Winter Series in the presence of the competitor or his representative.

If the competitor or his representative fails to attend the checks, then no protest will be accepted.

Any car declared illegal may be excluded from the race or from the event concerned by the Stewards.

Everything which is not explicitly permitted by the regulations is forbidden.

ARTICLE 10 – ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

Race numbers will be allocated, they must be affixed at each side of the car in the way to be easily legible

The name of the drivers must be displayed on each side of the car.

The cars taking part in SportsCars Winter Series must affix the stickers from SportsCars Winter Series sponsors, which will be supplied, at the indicated position.

ARTICLE 11 – COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

The entrants and the drivers undertake to authorize the Organizing Committee of SportsCars Winter Series to make use, freely and free of charge for advertising, promotional or commercial purposes, of the names, general information and sporting results, as well as all pictures, voices, images and films linked to their participation to SportsCars Winter Series, and to transfer this right to any third party.

ARTICLE 12 – DRIVERS' EQUIPMENT

The drivers must wear a race suit homologated by the FIA.

The race suits, underwear, shoes, balaclavas and gloves must comply with the regulations (Ch. III - 2 of Appendix L to the FIA International Sporting code)

The crash helmet must be homologated by the FIA and suitable for the HANS ® system.

Wearing of the HANS ® system is mandatory during all events.

ARTICLE 13 - FUEL

The fuels allowed are:

- commercial pump fuel quality 98 ROZ lead free.
- fuel allowed in the French Championship.

Any mix or additive is forbidden, the fuel must be at ambient temperature.

Fuel samples may be taken at any time during an event for checking purposes.

ARTICLE 14 - TYRES

The use of the tyres during the SportsCars Winter Series events is governed by the prescriptions of these current regulations.

- At each meetings it will be allow only 2 sets of new tyres and 2 sets of used tyres (see definition hereunder)
- The Formula Le Mans cars must be fitted up inevitably with Michelin tyres specified for the Formula Le Mans.
- The GT2, GT3 and GT"Cup cars" can use any tyres mark with the proviso that the sizes are ratified for the mentioned car.
- The Bioracing cars must use the tyres mentioned for this serie.

Definitions :

- Slick tyre: non grooved tyre designed for dry conditions.
- Wet tyre: grooved tyre designed for wet conditions.
- New tyre: tyre which has never been used.
- Used tyre: tyre which has been used and which may still be used.
- Set of tyres: set of 4 tyres, 2 front tyres and 2 rear tyres.

Identification - Registration

- At the start of each event, the competitor must fill in the form with the numbers of the bar codes from the tyres that he shall use during the event.
- If a competitor fails to hand back to the technical delegate of SportsCars Winter Series within the prescribed time, he will not be permitted to take part in the session(s) concerned.
- The use of a tyre which is not listed on that form will be a non-conformity infringement.
- All the tyres used during all the sessions must have been registered beforehand (there will be no exemption).
- A set of new tyres which has been registered but not used may be registered again for a next event.
- A competitor must be able to present all his tyres for checks at any time during an event.
- The Manager and the Technical Delegate of SportsCars Winter Series will be the sole persons with the right to decide regarding litigious or particular cases.
- Any infringement to these rules will lead to the exclusion from the event of the competitor at fault.

Wet tyres

There is no limitation to the use of wet tyres. However, wet tyres must be marked and registered with the technical scrutineers of SportsCars Winter Series .

Spare tyres (Joker tyre)

- In case of a tyre being damaged, a competitor may obtain the permission to fit a new tyre, after making the request to the technical delegate of SportsCars Winter Series, who will be the sole person to decide if this request is legitimate or not.
- This possibility may be used only one time.
- After, it will be possible to replace a damaged tyre, but in this case the competitor will be obliged to start from the back of the grid for the race or races in which this new tyre will be used.
- Any failure to abide to this rule will lead to the exclusion of the competitor.
- Should several competitors be obliged to start from the back of the grid, their grid position will be decided according to the fastest times set during the qualifying practice sessions.

Particular cases

The particular cases will be considered by Organizing Committee, who will be sole to decide. His decision will not be subject to an appeal.

ARTICLE 15 – TRUCKS

When making an entry application to SportsCars Winter Series, the competitor must provide a drawing with the dimensions of his truck and paddock structure.

To be allowed into the paddock, the structures and awnings must be in good condition, clean and attractive.

The teams' structures will be placed in accordance with the instructions from the person responsible for the paddock installation.

ARTICLE 16 – ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENTS

An "Information event" note containing all the indications required (timetable, locations, meetings, specificities, etc...) will be sent by e-mail to all the competitors one week before the start of the event.

Free practice : Two sessions 60 minutes duration each.

Checks : Refer to article 9 of these regulations

Drivers' briefing : Attendance of the drivers during the briefing is mandatory. Any absence or late arrival without justification will lead to a fine of 300 €.

The time and location of the briefing will be advised in the "information event" note.

Pre-grid : Cars must be in pre-grid during 20' before the opening time of the track, for the qualifying practice sessions and for the races.

Qualifying session :

- Duration 60'
- The first session will decide the starting grid for the first race with driver 1, the second session will decide the starting grid for the second race with driver 2.
- The qualifying is compulsory, each driver must qualify himself to be allow to participate at the race
- In case of a problem during the qualifying the drivers failing to set a qualifier time will be allow to enter the race at the back of the starting grid after having asked prior authorization to the race director

Races :

General case

- The start will be a « rolling start » procedure.
- Wheel changes and refueling on the starting grid are forbidden, unless decided otherwise by the Race Director.
- Refueling is forbidden during the races.
- Should the safety-car be used, the race' duration will not be changed.
- Any person operating on the pit lane must wear appropriate equipment,

Sprint races :

- The car classified in first position will be the car that crossed the finish line in the lead when the race duration has elapsed.

Long race :

- The mandatory pit stop (see article 7 of these regulations) must be respected.
- Any car failing to observe the mandatory pit stop will be disqualified.
- If a car fails to make the mandatory pit stop within the limits set by the "window", it will be imposed a "Stop and Go" of 2' duration.
- If a car don't respect the minimum time duration of the pit stop, it will be imposed a "Drive Through"
- In case of the race being stopped while the "window" is open, the classification will be established at the end of the lap before the opening of the "window".

Podium :

At the end of the meeting the prize-winner will go to the podium to receive their trophies

ARTICLE 17 - PENALTIES

- All the entrants and drivers must abide to these regulations.
- The Stewards may inflict the penalties specifically stipulated in these regulations, in addition to or instead of any other penalties that they have the right to impose in accordance with the Sporting Code.
- The penalties set out in these regulations may be aggravated in case of recurrence of the infringement.

Administrative and sporting penalties:

Failure to attend the technical/sporting checks	> Not allowed to participate- possible exclusion
Late at the checks	> Fine of 300 € - Recurrence 500 €
Absent from /or late at the briefing	> Fine of 300 € - Recurrence 500 €
Infringement to Parc Fermé regulations:	
After qualifying practice	> Cancellation of all times
After the races	> Exclusion
Technical non compliance:	
During qualifying practice	> Cancellation of all times
During a race	> Exclusion

If a driver is excluded from a race or from an event for sporting or technical reasons, then he shall not ask for any entry fee refund..

Oreca according great attention to the sporting spirit of SportsCars Winter Series, any inappropriate behaviour in the paddock or on the track (verbal threats, unsporting acts, breach of sporting morals or ethics, prejudice to the interests of motor sport or to the image of Oreca) from a driver or from a team' member will lead to the following penalties:

- Exclusion from the current event.
- Refusal of entry for the following event

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ARTICLE 1 – PRELIMINARY NOTICE

In case of any dispute, the French text of these regulations will be the law.

Everything which is not explicitly authorized by these regulations is forbidden.

ARTICLE 2 - CARS

Only the cars mentioned at the article 3 of the sporting regulation, in compliance with the technical homologation in their original category are allowed to take part in the events of the SportsCars Winter Series, as to know :

- Formula Le Mans : technical regulation of FLM 2009
- GT2 cars : ACO, 2009 LMGT2 regulation
- GT3 cars : FIA GT3, 2009 regulation
- Bioracing : BRS 2009 regulation
- GT "Cup cars": according to the series'regulations

The particular and / or litigious cases will be considered by Organizing Committee, of the SportsCars Winter Series who will be sole to decide the validity of the car.

ARTICLE 3 - WEIGHT

The minimum weight is the weight of the car ready to run, without the driver.

The weight may be checked at any time during an event.

ARTICLE 4 - TYRES

The number and type of tyres is indicated article 14 of the sporting regulation. It is compulsory to use the original rims.

Any modification of the tyres structure, drawing, surface, mixture as well as treatment cutting or grooving, are forbidden

The use of any heating device is forbidden

The over-pressure valves are forbidden.

The pressure sensors are forbidden.

Inflating tyres with a gaz or substance other than air or nitrogen is forbidden

ARTICLE 5 – SAFETY FEATURES

Fire extinguisher, master switch, safety belts, towing rings, etc, must be in accordance with the race circuit regulation.

The use of the HANS ® system is compulsory.

ARTICLE 6 – ADDITIONAL EQUIPEMENT

Transponders: one transponder per driver must be used.

Radios: A radio system "driver/pit" may be installed on the condition that the equipment is homologated by and declared to the relevant authorities.

The radio equipment must be safely attached on the left side of the cockpit.

On-board cameras: it will be permitted, once the officials have been informed, to fit an on-board camera, providing that the device is of small dimensions and safely attached. Its position must have been approved by the officials.

ARTICLE 7 – TECHNICAL CHECKS

The technical checks are carried out by the technical scrutineers of SportsCars Winter Series and Federation.

Technical checks may take place at any time, before, during or after the practice sessions and the races.

Each car must pass technical scrutineering before the qualifying sessions in order to be allowed to participate in these sessions.

The presentation of a car to technical scrutineering will be deemed to constitute an implicit declaration of eligibility by the competitor.

Only the entrant or his representative must attend the technical checks. The entrant's mechanics will have the duty to dismantle and to re-fit the components to be checked according to the request and under the control of the officials.

The cars must be presented to the technical checks as described hereunder:

- Car ready to take part to the practice sessions or to the race.
- All the safety elements (fire-extinguisher, towing rings, etc.) in working conditions.
- Decorations and race numbers affixed and in good condition.
- Car in full compliance with the regulations.

Any car failing to comply with these requirements will be refused.

ARTICLE 8 – POST-RACE CHECKS

At the finish of the race the cars will be deemed to be under Parc fermé regulations.

Unless being instructed or authorized otherwise by the Stewards or by the Technical Delegate, it is forbidden to intervene on a car in any way until the expiry of the latest protest time limit set out in chapter XII of the sporting code.

Spontaneously or following a protest, the Stewards may select during the time limits here above defined one or more cars that must undergo technical checks.

Any car declared illegal will be disqualified from the event.