



# 2011/2012 season

# Sporting Regulations



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- Pre-Season Testing: 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Round 1: November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ( National Racing Festival)
- Round 2: December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ( Speed Weekend)
- Round 3: January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ( Speed Weekend)
- Round 4: February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ( National Racing Festival)
- Private Testing: MID March (TBC)
- Round 5: April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> (GP2 Support Race)
- Round 6: April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> (F1 Support Race)

## Preamble

The WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship is organized and administered by Bahrain International Circuit ("BIC") in accordance with the Regulations of the International Sporting Code with Appendices ("the FIA Code") and these Regulations.

## 1. General Regulations

### 1.1 Competition

The WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship will consist of Free Practice Session, Qualifying Session, and 2 races in each event, and consists of two classes SC 09 and SC 06.

### 1.2 General Rules of Competition

The WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship is conducted in accordance with the following Regulations, to which the Entrants, Teams and Drivers agree to comply with their signature on the Entry Form:

- The FIA Code
- These supplementary Regulations
- Regulations and Supplementary Rules of the Organizers
- Bulletins issued by the Organizers

### 1.3 Officials of the event

Organizer: **Bahrain International Circuit**

Head of Organizing Committee & Championship Manager:

Race Director

Technical Engineer

Chairman of the Stewards

Chief Scrutineer

**Sherif Al Mahdy**

**Jasim Ebrahim**

**Alexander Edwards**

**Fayez Ramzy**

**Michael Kurtis**

## 2. Sporting Regulations

### 2.1 Competitor Eligibility

**CLASS S09:** Each Driver must be in possession of a valid Competition Racing License of minimum international grade C.

**CLASS S06:** Each Driver must be in possession of a valid Competition Racing License of minimum national grade C.

The Organizers may, at their sole discretion, refuse an entry from any Driver whose eligibility cannot be proved in accordance with this Regulation

The Organizers may revoke an Entry for a breach of this Regulation



The Championship Organizers reserve the right to enter a guest car/driver into the WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship event, any such entry will be ineligible for championship points.

## **2.2 Entrants and Teams**

Teams must be in possession of an International Entrants License issued by their ASN if they wish to have the rights of an Entrant. However, it is not a condition of entry that each Team must have an Entrants License.

## **2.3 Paddock Space**

Paddock area is under the control of the organizers.

No team/driver is allowed to keep their/his car in the paddock.

Teams and drivers will be supplied with car passes and will be guided to an assigned parking area.

## **2.4 Entries**

All drivers and entrants must complete the official WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship registration/entry form. It should be clearly understood that by signature of the form all competitors acknowledge their agreement to be bound by the rules and regulations contained in the Championship regulations and those stipulated by WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME championship promoters.

## **2.5 Eligible Vehicles**

Eligible vehicles for the Championship are exclusively Chevrolet vehicles.

All the vehicles will be provided by the organizers to ensure complying with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout all track activity during the events. Vehicles must be clean, of smart appearance, with the livery placed in accordance with these Regulations, and in good order.

Replacement cars are not permitted and a Driver may only use the vehicle that is originally scrutineered for his/her use.

## **2.6 Engines & Tyres**

In the interest of equal opportunity and cost reduction Bahrain international circuit and their nominated official service technicians are the only service partners for all engines entered in the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship. To ensure equality, the Chevrolet engines are the only used engines for the WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.

Only one Make Tyre company is used, for dry weather race Pirelli HDD Slick Tyres 245/645/R18

For wet weather Race Pirelli 245/645/R18



## 2.7 Administration

The following documents must be presented by the Driver at signing-on:

- Competition Racing License
- ASN Authorization (No Objection Letter)

If a Team wishes to have the rights of an Entrant, they must present their International Entrants License at signing-on.

## 2.8 Scrutineering

Throughout any competition, practice, qualifying or event, Drivers must wear an approved helmet together with approved overalls. The wearing of approved gloves, boots, full sleeves underwear, balaclava, socks, shoes and Hans device is mandatory. Any type of nylon for shirts and underwear, or trainer type footwear, is prohibited

For initial scrutineering each Competitor must present the safety equipment (clothing) as per FIA supplementary regulations. (Appendix L, Chapter 3.2 article 10.4).

## 2.9 Event Scrutineering

The Organizers will appoint at least one Eligible Scrutineer responsible for scrutineering the vehicles. Additional scrutineers will be appointed by the local ASN of the country that the round is taking place in.

In addition to the initial scrutineering, the vehicles may also be scrutineered during the course of the Event and after the Final as directed by the Eligible Scrutineers.

In the event of any possible contravention of these Regulations, the Organizers may direct two of the Eligible Scrutineers to scrutineer the respective vehicle. After thorough scrutineering of the parts by these Scrutineers a report will be submitted to the Stewards. The results will remain provisional until such time as the Stewards decide upon the matter.

The assembly and dismantling of the vehicle(s) is solely the responsibility of the organizers. Reimbursement of expenses for these measures may not be claimed unless awarded upon determination of a Protest or Appeal.

Any vehicle involved in an accident, or having been modified in any way after initial scrutineering, must be represented to an Eligible Scrutineer for further examination.

At any time during the Championship the Race Director may order that a vehicle be reexamined, even if this involves stopping a vehicle whilst qualifying or racing.

Teams/Drivers must comply with the directives of the Eligible Scrutineers in respect of the scrutineering and re-scrutineering during and/or after the Event.

Cars will be held in Parc Ferme (location will be decided at each event) after each on-track activity and they may not be removed from Parc Ferme until released by the Race Director.



## **2.10 Briefings**

Participation in Official Briefings is mandatory for all Drivers, and Team Managers. The time and venue for any Official Briefing will be notified. Absence or late appearance may be subject to a fine of BD 50 payable immediately to the Organizers.

## **2.11 Performance of Competitions**

The WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship will be executed according to the rules of the FIA, the rules of the Bahrain Motor Federation and these Regulations, unless specified differently in the following or in the Supplementary Regulations for the Event or advised by Bulletin issued by the Organizers. The Organizers reserve the right to adapt individual rules of these Regulations.

The following Regulation is also applicable:

The speed limit in the Pit Lane at any time during the Event is 60 km/h. A fine of BD 15 for each km/h above the speed limit may be levied if the speed limit is exceeded during Free Practice, and Qualifying Sessions. A "Drive through Penalty" may be imposed for infringements during a Race. Signs and/or lines are used to indicate the beginning and end of the area to which the speed limit applies.

Any of the following offences, in addition to any other offence specifically referred to previously or hereafter, shall be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations:

- Any fraudulent act or proceeding in connection with the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.
- Driving in a manner not compatible with general safety in the course of the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.
- Reckless or dangerous driving in the course of the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.
- Careless driving in the course of the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.
- Abusive language or behavior, or assault, within the area under the control of the Organizers.

## **2.12 Wet Practice / Wet Qualifying / Wet Race**

If the Race Director indicates "Wet Session" prior to Free Practice, a Qualifying Session, or "Wet Race" prior to a Qualifying Heat, or Race (1) and Race (2,) tyre change will be needed as wet tyres are required.

## **2.13 Free Practice / Qualifying Sessions / Qualifying Criteria**

### **2.13.1 Free Practice**

Each event shall compromise a minimum of one 25 minutes timed practice session, unless specified differently by the event organizer by means of an official bulletin/timetable revision.

### **2.13.2 Qualifying Sessions**



Qualifying session shall compromise a minimum of one 25 minutes for each event. Unless specified differently by the event organizer by means of an official bulletin/timetable revision.

Each Driver should complete a minimum of one timed lap in qualifying in the vehicle to be raced in order to proceed to the next stage of the event. If verification of the timed lap is not provided, Authorization to start the Race may be denied.

Where through force majeure it is not possible for the Organizers to hold a Qualifying Session, the grid positions for the corresponding Qualifying Group will be determined by ballot.

The best time for each driver from the qualifying session will determine the grid position for race (1) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time will determine the position for race (2)

### **2.13.3 Stopping of a Free Practice Session or Qualifying Session**

Should any Free Practice Session or Qualifying Session be disrupted, the Race Director Shall not be obliged to resume the session or re-run the session to achieve the scheduled time allowed and the decision of the Race Director shall be final.

Should the need arise to stop a Free Practice Session or Qualifying Session, red lights will be switched on at the Start line and red flags will be displayed at the Start line and at all Marshals Posts around the circuit. This is the signal for all drivers to cease circulating at racing speeds and proceed slowly, without overtaking and with maximum caution, to the Pit Lane and being prepared to stop should the track be blocked.

### **2.13.4 Race1 & Race 2**

Each race is 25 minutes session or a distance of 50 kms, in each case this distance is converted into a certain number of laps for the classification rounds and indicated for each event. The number of laps may be specified by the organizers by means of an official bulletin.

### **2.13.5 Race One Grid**

The grid will be drawn up in the order of the fastest time achieved by each driver during the qualifying session. Should two or more drivers have set identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

### **2.13.6 Race Two Grid**

The grid will be drawn up in the order of the second fastest time achieved by each driver during the qualifying session. Should two or more drivers have set identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

Non-classified finishers from the race (1) will take their place at the back of the grid in the order in which they retired from the race (1) – most number of laps covered having precedence.

## **2.14 Rolling Start**



Race 1 and 2 will both be a rolling start.

The rolling start will take place as follows

The cars, with the car in pole position leading and the remainder of the cars following in order of their grid position, shall be led by the pace car during the formation lap. The pace car will pull off the track into the pit lane at the end of the formation lap and the cars will continue on their own towards the starting line with the pole position car leading at a minimum speed of 60 km/h and a maximum speed of 90km/h and all other cars maintaining their relative formation set by the grid. It is the responsibility of the driver on pole position to maintain a constant and appropriate speed. All cars will start racing when the red light changes to green. The speed of the leading car and the position of all other cars will be monitored and any reports of cars not complying with these requirements will be forwarded to the stewards for the consideration of the imposition of a penalty.

## **2.15 Safety Car**

2.15.1 The Safety Car will be brought into operation to neutralize a race upon the sole decision of the Race Director.

2.15.2 The Safety Car will join and exit the track from the Pit Lane and the Safety Car boards will be shown initially from the Start line.

2.15.3 On the order from the Race Director, the Safety Car will join the track with its revolving lights on, regardless of where the race leader is.

2.15.4 When the order is given to deploy the Safety Car a stationary yellow flag and "SC" board will be displayed at the Start/Finish line, and subsequently at each flag post, as the Safety Car approaches their sector. A second yellow flag may be used at those points where additional hazards are present.

2.15.5 Flashing yellow lights may also be used at the Startline and at other points around the track.

2.15.6 Each time the Safety Car passes a flag point the yellow flag will be waved continuously while the Safety Car and all competing Cars following it remain in the section between this point and the next flag point.

2.15.7 All competing Cars, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by the flag signals, SC boards, or by any other means) will reduce speed and line up behind the Safety Car, no more than 5 car lengths apart, and maintaining the same speed as the Safety Car. Overtaking or overlapping of any other competing Car during a Safety Car intervention is forbidden. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the particular Competitor concerned is signaled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car.

2.15.8 When ordered to do so by the Race Director, the observer in the Safety Car will wave past any Cars between the Safety Car and the race leader. These Cars will continue at a reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of Cars behind the Safety Car.



2.15.9 While the Safety Car is in operation competing Cars may stop at their Pit, but may not rejoin the track while the Safety Car and the line of Cars following it are passing the Pit Exit. A Car rejoining the track will proceed at reduced speed and without overtaking until it reaches the end of the line of Cars behind the Safety Car.

2.15.10 The Safety Car will remain in operation until at least all competing Cars on the track are lined up behind it.

2.15.11 When the Race Director calls in the Safety Car it will extinguish the yellow flashing lights prior to exiting the track. A minimum of 25% of a lap should be completed by the Safety Car with the lights extinguished.

2.15.12 Following the withdrawal of the Safety Car and prior to passing the green flag, the race leader will maintain the pace previously held by the Safety Car.

2.15.13 When the Safety Car pulls off the circuit a green flag will be waved at the Start line and/or the green light shown. Overtaking remains strictly forbidden by each Car until it has passed the green flag at the Start line. All flag posts will withdraw their yellow flag and SC board in race direction rotation and replace them with a stationary green flag for one lap.

2.15.14 The Race Director may impose a penalty upon any Competitor and/or Team who he considers has gained an unfair advantage whether inadvertently or not from a breach of this Sporting Regulation. In the event that one Competitor breaches this Sporting Regulation for the benefit of another Competitor then both may be penalized. Penalties under this Sporting Regulation may include a Drive Through Penalty.

## **2.16 Races and Stopping a Race**

### **2.16.1 Stopping a Race:**

Should the need arise to stop a race, red lights will be switched on at the Start line and red flags will be displayed at the Start line and at all Marshals Posts around the circuit. This is the signal for all drivers to cease circulating at racing speeds and proceed slowly, without overtaking and with maximum caution, to the Grid and being prepared to stop should the track be blocked. Cars may not enter the Pit Lane unless directed to do so by Officials.

Case A: If the race leader at the time of the red flag being displayed has not completed 2 laps, the race will be null and void and will be restarted with the drivers in their original grid positions. Retired Competitors may be replaced by reserves who shall be started from the back of the grid. Gaps on the grid created by retirements must not be closed up prior to the re-start of the race. The length of the restarted race will be the original race distance less 2 laps. No refueling is allowed.

Case B: Final race (1) If the race leader at the time of the red flag being displayed has completed more than 2 laps but less than 75% of the total scheduled number of race laps, the results will be considered as the Final race (1) less two laps

Case C Final Race (2): If the race leader at the time of the red flag being displayed has completed more than 75% of the scheduled number of race laps, it shall not be restarted and the results will be declared. The finishing order shall be based on the order of crossing the Finish Line at one lap less than at the time of first showing the red flag, and only cars which were under their own power at the showing of the red flag will be classified.



## **2.17 PITS AND PIT LANE SAFETY**

**2.17.1.** Pits: Entrants must ensure that the Circuit Management and Organizing Club Safety Regulations are complied with at all times.

**2.17.2.** Pit lane: The outer lane or lanes are to be kept unobstructed to allow safe passage of cars at all times. The onus shall be on all drivers to take all due care and drive at minimum speeds in pit lane.

**2.17.3.** Refuelling may only be carried out in accordance with the Track Regulation, Circuit Management regulations, series regulations and/or Bulletins issued for each Circuit/Meeting.

## **2.18. RACE FINISHES**

After taking the chequered flag drivers are required to: - Progressively and safely slow down, remain behind any competitors ahead of them, return to the pit lane entrance as instructed, comply with any directions given by Marshals or Officials and to keep their helmets on and harnesses done up while on the circuit or in the pit lane.

The penalty for a breach of any article of this Regulation (e.g. continue lapping after the chequered flag) may include a "50 BD penalty per lap" which must be taken in accordance with this Regulation.

## **2.19 Classification**

Classification will be determined according to the FIA Code. First will be the Driver who, on completion of the race and after consideration of all penalties, has covered the prescribed distance in the shortest time.

Provisional race results will only be declared Final after the Race Director/Event Stewards have concluded any Judicial Action and the vehicles have been passed by the Eligibility Scrutineers following inspection in conformity with these Regulations. Only then will the Event Stewards approve the result.

Cars having covered less than 65% of the number of laps, covered by the Winner (rounded down to the whole number laps) will not be classified.

## **2.20 Points**

For each round of the WGA Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship, points will be scored by the competitors listed as classified finishers in their respective class as follows:

Points and Driver Classifications:

### **Class SC 09**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>16</b>



<b>2nd</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>1</b>

### **Class SC 06**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>1</b>

#### **Extra points:**

SC09 class: 2 points will be awarded to the fastest driver in qualifying (Pole Position) while 1 point will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest.

SC06 class: 1 point will be awarded to the fastest driver in qualifying.

A further point will be awarded to the driver who records the fastest race lap in each race from each class.

The Championship will be won by the driver having scored the overall combined number of points from all classified races.

Classified races can include races not finished (DNF) and races not started (DNS) but not exclusion (EX) due to technical, sporting infringements or otherwise.

In the case of a DEAD HEAT the drivers will be classified according to the number of first, second, and third places and so on of all classified events.

If there is still a tie, the driver with the best result in the final round will be declared the winner.

### **2.21 Awards**

All awards are to be provided by Bahrain International Circuit. Trophies will award to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class.

### **2.22 Penalties (including Drive through Penalty)**



## **Penalties for a breach of the Technical Regulations:**

Post Qualifying: Should a vehicle or component be found ineligible after a Qualifying Session, but subsequently be approved before its next on-track activity, this will be reported to the Race Director who, after giving the parties the opportunity to be heard, will order that the vehicle have its qualifying times disallowed unless there are exceptional circumstances why this should not be done. The Race Director may permit it to start from the back of the grid, providing that it does not take the place of any vehicle already qualified.

Any Competitor whose car is deemed to be ineligible under the Technical Regulations will be subject to the penalties laid down in the FIA Code except where amended by these Regulations.

## **Penalties for a breach of the Sporting Regulations:**

A breach of any of the Sporting Regulations may render the Driver and/or the Team and/or the Entrant liable for the following penalties: - Reprimand

- Fine
- Drive Through Penalty
- Time Penalty of not more than one minute
- Exclusion
- Suspension
- Disqualification

One or more of the above may be imposed by the Race Director and/or the Event Stewards as appropriate.

Breaches of driving standards will be firmly dealt with. If the Race Director and/or the Event Stewards wish to view video evidence from the authorized TV company, circuit video and/or data logging evidence in order to assist with their enquiry into a suspected breach of driving standards they may order that the results remain provisional and they may take judicial action at a later date. However, the use of video evidence and/or data logging in all circumstances is at the discretion of the Race Director or the Event Stewards.

## **Drive Through Penalty:**

A Drive Through Penalty will be applied with the following procedures:

- a) The Race Director shall, whenever reasonably possible within 3 racing laps of the infringement, inform the Team/Driver of the penalty by means of a penalty board showing the Car number.
- b) After notification of the penalty the Driver may cover no more than 3 racing laps before taking their Drive Through Penalty. The Driver must enter the Pit Lane, obeying the Pit Lane Speed Limit, and drive through the Pit Lane without stopping at his/her pit and rejoin the race. It is not permitted for the Driver to enter the Pit Lane to take their Drive through Penalty during a Safety Car intervention period which period is deemed to be over when the Car subject to the penalty passes the Green Flag at the Start/Finish line on the track.
- c) Any Driver failing to comply with this Regulation may be black flagged.
- d) If an incident for which a Drive through Penalty is imposed occurs within 6 laps or less remaining to the end of the race, the Race Director will impose a time penalty of not less than 30 seconds and not more than 1 minute on to the total race time of the Driver.



### **2.23 Protest and Appeal**

The FIA Code and the laws and procedures of the Bahrain Motor Federation are applicable to Protests and Appeals. Any Protest or Appeal must be accompanied by the fee set down in the BMF National Sporting Code.

### **2.24 Barring of Legal Proceedings and Limitation of Liabilities**

The decisions of the Bahrain Motor Federation, their jurisdiction, the Event Stewards or the Organizers in their function as jurors are barred from legal action.

No claims for compensation of any nature whatsoever may be derived from any action taken or decisions made by the Bahrain Motor Federation, BIC, the Organizers, or agents representatives of the Bahrain Motor Federation and the Organizers, apart from damages resulting from injury to life, to the body or to death arising from an intentional or negligent breach of duty - also on the part of a legal representative or an agent of the group of people released from liability - and apart from other damages that result from an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty - also on the part of a legal representative or an agent of the group of people released from liability.

### **2.25 Responsibility, Changes to the Regulations, Cancellation of the Event**

Participants (Entrants, Drivers, Teams, owners and keepers) take part in the Event at their own risk.

They shall bear sole civil and criminal responsibility for all damage caused by them or by the vehicle they are using, insofar as the following liability exclusion is not applicable.

The Bahrain Motor Federation and the Organizers shall retain the right to make any necessary changes to these Regulations.

In the event of matters outside the reasonable control of the Organizers and/or for reasons of safety and/or in order to meet government directives, the Organizers shall retain the right to undertake any necessary changes to these Regulations, or also to cancel the Event or any part thereof, if this becomes necessary due to circumstances beyond the Organizers' control, without being under any liability for damages whatsoever, unless intent or gross negligence are involved.

### **2.26 Authoritative Text of Regulations**

Only the English text version approved by the FIA is authoritative.

### **2.27 Recognition of these Regulations**

Each Entrant, Driver and Team confirms the recognition of the present Regulations including Bahrain Motor Federation Rules and the FIA Code with his/her signature on the "Entry Form".

### **2.28 Timing Transmitters**

All Competitors will be required to make sure that the Timing Transmitters are fitted to their cars for



the purposes of accurate timing. It is the responsibility of the organizers to fit these in the vehicle in the approved manner.

## **2.29 Specific Regulations for Drivers**

Drivers may not consume nor be under the influence of (to any degree) alcohol or illegal, banned or controlled substances during the course of the Chevrolet Supercars ME Championship.

If a Driver is involved in a collision or incident, he/she must not leave the circuit (except where medically evacuated) without the consent of the Race Director, failing which, any judicial action against or relating to that competitor may be heard in their absence.

Competitors must remain available at an event until any Protest period relating to their race has elapsed, failing which, any judicial action against or relating to that Competitor may be heard in their absence.

## **3.0 Podium Ceremony**

The Drivers finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in both races and classes must attend the prize giving ceremony on the Podium.