

**TO:** ☒ Teams ☒ Manufacturers

**CATEGORY:** ☒ Hypercar ☐ LMP2 ☐ LMGTE Am

**DECISION N°:** WEC\_2023\_D0050\_Hypercar\_Personnel\_limitation

**DATE:** 20/06/2023 **FROM:** The WEC Committee

**SUBJECT:** Clarification on the personnel limitation for the Hypercar category

## APPLICABLE REGULATION

**Article 4.5** ☒ 2023 FIA World Endurance Championship Sporting Regulations

## DECISION

### 4.5 Personnel limitation (Hypercar category only)

#### 4.5.1 General principle

Competitors entered in the Hypercar category must not have more than 20 operational staff per car ~~(22 when it is a car homologated with an ERS)~~ with access to the garages, trucks, offices and all areas dedicated to the Competitor's operations from the start of the Competition until the end of the race. ~~This limit is raised to 22 for a car homologated with an ERS, one of the two additional spaces being compulsory reserved for the personnel of the hybrid suppliers designated for the cars of the LMDh group.~~

The day before the Competition begins (i.e.: at the start of administrative checks), each representative of the Competitor must declare the members of the operational personnel.

Subject to receipt of this information, ~~wristbands~~ **armbands** will be available the day before the administrative checks.

Operational staff must wear these ~~bracelets~~ **armbands** at all times during the Competition.

Substitutions due to force majeure (including, but not limited to sickness, accidents or family reasons) are allowed during a race weekend, provided that the substitution is approved by the assistant Technical Delegate and clearly justified.

ACO and FIA officials and delegates will have full authority to investigate whether Competitors comply with the rules listed under Article 4.5.

Article 4.5 does not apply for the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

#### 4.5.2 Operational staff: definition

Anyone involved in the operations of cars and not included in the exemptions (see Article 4.5.3) will be considered as part of the operational staff. As such, their information must be included in the declaration.

Operational staff means:

- Engineering personnel, including Technical Director and Team Manager (race, performance, systems, engine, hybrid systems, strategy, aero, electronic engineers, etc.);
- Mechanics, including composite specialists;
- Telemetry, parts management personnel;

- Design and technical support personnel. For the avoidance of doubt, this encompasses any personnel provided with a seat and a computer in one of the Competitor's technical offices;
- Weather forecasting and monitoring personnel;
- Tyre management personnel. For avoidance of doubt, tyre engineers allocated to the tyre supplier will not be counted as operational staff, limited to one tyre engineer per car.

#### 4.5.3 Operational staff: exemptions

Exemptions to Article 4.5.2 are listed below:

- Hospitality, motor homes and catering personnel;
- Sponsors, marketing, media and public relations personnel;
- Security personnel and truck drivers, to the extent they have no role (e.g.: rim and tyre handling) during the Competition;
- Drivers and their medical staff;
- Executives from the Competitor's parent company or sponsor brand (e.g.: President, Team Principal, Chairman, Managing Director);
  - For avoidance of doubt, those personnel may benefit from comfort installation (such as chair and timing screens). In any case those personnel cannot be involved in the car's operations.
  - The comfort installation access can be revocable by an ACO / FIA official at any moment.
- Design and technical support personnel, to the extent that they are not involved in car operations;
- IT technician and radio technician, limited to a total of maximum two persons per competitor, and under the condition that these persons do not operate any another function detailed in Article 4.5.2:
  - Those maximum two persons may benefit from a seated position and a laptop in one of the technical spaces attributed to the Competitor.
- Industry and supplier personnel, **with the exception of chassis constructors and affiliated companies**, to the extent that they supply parts and/or services to at least two Competitors entered in the Hypercar category with two different homologated models of cars, sponsored by two different car brands.
- None of the personnel concerned by these exemptions may benefit from a seated position with / or without a laptop in one of the technical spaces attributed to the Competitor.

#### 4.5.4 Applicable penalties

Any infringement to the above may be penalised by the Stewards. The Stewards may reduce the number of personnel for the next race(s) and even establish a cap on the number of personnel for the next race(s) in addition to any other penalty available to them in these Regulations or the Code.

### PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- ☒ **with immediate application**  
☐ from:

And is applicable:

- ☒ **until further notice**  
☐ for the mentioned event(s) only