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Art. 4. — Sporting Powers. — The F.I.A. is the sole International body governing automobile sport.

It is the tribunal which gives final judgment in disputes which may arise between its members.

It only recognizes, in each country, and for all branches of motoring, one authority for the control of sport.

This sporting power is exercised in each country by the National Automobile Club, which represents directly the automobile sport on the F.I.A. and which is entrusted with the duty of enforcing the international regulations established by the F.I.A. However, on the proposition of the National Automobile-Club, the sporting power may be entrusted to a National Competitions Committee, the composition of which should be notified to the F.I.A.

Art. 5. — Delegation or distribution of powers. — A National Automobile Club can only delegate all or part of its sporting power to another Club of its country, with the authorization of the F.I.A.

If several Clubs or Associations of one country come to an agreement concerning the distribution of their respective attributions, they must notify it to the F.I.A.

Art. 15. — International Sports Commission. — In respect of that which concerns matters of Sport, an International Sports Commission (Commission Sportive Internationale) has been formed, of which the duties are:

1° To study and prepare the international sporting code, or the modifications to be made thereof; annually revise annexes thereto, and to present the whole for the approval of the General Assembly.

2° To prepare and draw up papers of appeal; to convocate, if necessary, the International Court of Appeal.

3° To secure, as promptly as possible, the recognition of Records submitted to its jurisdiction, which recognition will take place automatically at the expiration of a period of three months after the despatch (by registered post), to the various Clubs or Associations of the list of the Records
received at the Secretariat of the F.I.A., if no complaint regarding them has been lodged within that period.

Art. 16. — Licences. — No one can take part in a Sports Event, make or beat a Record, as a competitor or driver, if he does not possess a licence of the F.I.A.

The licence of the F.I.A. has to be renewed annually from the 1st January of each year.

Each National Automobile-Club shall issue licences to its countrymen.

The licence can be issued under a pseudonym, but no one may make use of two pseudonyms.

A charge may be made for the issue or the renewal of a licence: it is fixed at a maximum of £2.0.0.

A National Automobile-Club can issue a licence to a foreigner belonging to a country not yet represented in the F.I.A. A list of licences issued under these conditions shall be kept up to date at the Secretariat of the F.I.A.

Each Club or Association must, at the time of its admission into the F.I.A., undertake to recognize, and keep a register of licences thus issued.

Art. 17. — Sanctions. — Suspensions or disqualifications pronounced by the competent authority of one of the Automobile-Clubs of the F.I.A. shall be recognized and applicable by all the members of the F.I.A.

Automobile-Clubs having penalties to notify, must send them immediately to the Secretariat of the F.I.A. which will transmit them to all the other members of the F.I.A., who will immediately communicate them to their affiliated Clubs and to all those administrated by them.

Every person suspended or disqualified shall be so in an absolute manner from the date when the penalty is pronounced and ratified, bearing in mind the right to appeal provided for in the International Sporting Code; and all the engagements, even prior ones, which he may have made, shall be nullified forthwith.
CHAPTER I

General Principles

1. International Control of the Sport of Automobilism. — The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, hereinafter termed the F.I.A., shall be the sole international authority entitled to make and enforce regulations for the encouragement and control of automobile competitions and records, and shall be the final international court of appeal for the settlement of disputes arising therefrom; it being acknowledged that the Fédération Internationale Motocycliste shall exercise the same powers in so far as vehicles with one, two and three wheels are concerned.

2. International Sporting Code. — That the above powers may be exercised in a fair and equitable manner the F.I.A. has drawn up this, its « International Sporting Code », hereinafter called « the Code ».

3. National Control of the Sport of Automobilism. — Each National Club or Federation belonging to the F.I.A., hereinafter termed A.C.N. shall be presumed to acquiesce in and be bound by this Code. Subject to such acquiescence and restraint, one A.C.N. or one Federation per country, hereafter called A.C.N., shall be recognised by the F.I.A. as sole International Sporting power for the enforcement of the present Code and control of motor sport in its own country, dominions, dependencies, protectorates and colonies.

4. Nevertheless, if any one of the latter territories is represented directly on the F.I.A. in accordance with the conditions laid down in Art. 4, of the Statutes of the F.I.A., the control of the sport shall be exercised in that territory by its own A.C.N.

5. Delegation of Sporting Powers. — Each A.C.N. shall have the right to delegate the whole or part of the powers
conferred by this Code to another, or several other Clubs of its country, but only after obtaining the approval of the F.I.A.

6. Withdrawal of Delegation. — An A.C.N. may withdraw the delegation of its powers provided it notifies the F.I.A. of such withdrawal.

7. National Competition Rules. — Each A.C.N. may draw up its own National Competition Rules but such Rules shall be in conformity with this Code and shall be approved by the F.I.A.

Pending their approval by the F.I.A. such National Rules may be provisionally enforced forthwith.

CHAPTER II

Nomenclature & Definitions

8. The following nomenclature, definitions and abbreviations shall be adopted in this Code, in the appendices thereto, in all National Rules and their Appendices, in all « supplementary regulations » and for general use.


10. A.C.N. — A National Automobile Club or other national body recognised by the F.I.A. as sole holder of sporting power in its country.

11. G.S. — The Competitions Committee of an A.C.N.


13. Automobile. — A land vehicle propelled by its own means, running on at least four wheels not aligned, which must always be in contact with the ground; the steering must be assured by at least two of the wheels, and the propulsion by at least two of the wheels.

14. Cylinder volume. — Volume generated in cylinder (or cylinders) by the upward or downward movement of the piston or pistons. This volume is expressed in c. c. and for all calculations relating to cylinder volume, the symbol will be regarded as equivalent to 3,1416.

15. Classification. — Classification of automobiles according to the cylinder volumes of their engines (see Appendix C).

16. Competition. — Any race, test, attempt at record, reliability trial, rally, touring concentration in which an automobile takes part and having a competitive nature.

Competitions are « International » or « National ». Moreover they may be restricted or closed.
17. International Competition. — A Competition is International when it is open to competitors and drivers of different nationalities. The nationality of a competitor, or of a driver, is that of the A.C.N. which has issued him his F.I.A. licence (see no 108 in fine). It is compulsory that an International Competition be entered on the International Sporting Calendar (see App. G).

18. National Competition. — A Competition is national when it is open only to competitors and to drivers of the same nationality, i.e. holders of an F.I.A. licence issued by the A.C.N. of the country where said competition is organised. When a National Calendar exists in the country where a national competition is organised, said competition must be entered on that calendar.

19. Restricted Competition. — A National or International Competition is « restricted » when the competitors or drivers who take part in the competition have to comply with particular conditions not provided in Art. 17 and 18 above, for instance, competitions by invitation come under restricted Competitions.

20. Closed Competitions. — A Competition is called « closed » when it is confined solely to members of a Club who themselves hold licenses (competitor or driver) issued by the A.C.N. of the country concerned. Such a competition must be authorized by the A.C.N. who may, in exceptional circumstances, grant its agreement to several clubs promoting jointly the competition.

21. Rallies. — There are two kinds of Rallies:

a) Rally (1st category, Sporting Event). — A Reliability Trial over various routes converging on the same rallying point fixed in advance, in which the average speed is limited, and in which the highest speed accomplished during the journey does not form a factor in the competition. However, one or more speed trials may form auxiliary factors in the marking for a 1st category Rally.

A First Category Rally and all the participants therein are subjected to the prescriptions of the present Code.

b) Rally (2nd category, Touring Concentration). — Trials organised with the sole aim of assembling tourists at a point settled beforehand.

To distinguish these from the above, 2nd Category Rallies
must bear as a sub-title, the words « Touring Concentration ».

The itinerary (ies) of a 2nd Category Rally can be compulsory but simply entail checkings at certain offices in certain towns, no average speed being enforced for competitors during the run.

One or several additional trials, except speed trials, can be included in the program of a 2nd Category Rally, but those additional trials can only take place at the point of arrival. These 2nd Category Rallies must not be allotted any prize money.

A 2nd Category Rally is exempt from entry on the international calendar even if the participants therein are of different nationalities, but it cannot be organised in a country without the agreement of the A.C.N. who must approve the regulations. The regulations must be drawn up in the same spirit as that of competitions (see Chapter IV).

If the route(s) of a 2nd category Rally runs through the territory of one A.C.N. only, the participants in said Rally are not obliged to have licences. In the opposite case, the Rally must conform with the prescriptions of n° 81 (International Courses) and the participants therein must possess the necessary licences (see n° 108 to 117).

22. Meeting. — An assembly of competitors and Officials including one or more competitions other than an individual attempt at record.

23. Test. — An authorised competition in which each competitor can select his own time for carrying it out within a period fixed by the regulations.

24. Race. — A competition in which speed is the essential factor for classification.

25. Organising Committee. — A body comprising at least 3 persons, approved by the A.C.N. holder of Sporting Control (see n° 3, 4 and 5) invested by the promoters (n° 56) of a sporting competition with all necessary powers for the organisation of a sporting competition and the enforcement of supplementary regulations (n° 28).

26. Organising Permit. — A document authorising the organisation of a sporting competition, issued by the A.C.N. holder of sporting power (n° 3, 4 and 5).

27. Special Regulations. — Compulsory Official document issued by the Promoters of a sporting competition (n° 56) with the object of laying down the details of a competition.

28. Program. — Compulsory Official document prepared
by the Organising Committee of a sporting competition (n° 26) giving all information for acquainting the public with the executive details of the competition.

29. **Course.** — The route to be followed by a competitor in a competition.

30. **Track.** — A permanent or temporary course utilised for competitions or record attempts.

31. **Autodromes.** — Certain permanent tracks, especially those having raised bends, and facilitating high speeds, are called «autodromes».

32. **Mile and Kilometre.** — For all conversions of English to French measurements, and vice versa, the mile shall be taken as 1,60934 kilometre, and the kilometre shall be taken as 0,62137 mile.

33. **Record.** — A best result obtained in particular conditions prescribed by the regulations.

34. **Local Record.** — A record established on a permanent or temporary track approved by the A.C.N., whatever the nationality of the competitor.

35. **National Record.** — A record recognised by an A.C.N. as the best performance made on the territory of that A.C.N., whatever the nationality of the competitor.

36. **International Class Record.** — A record recognised by the F.I.A. as the best performance of its class.

37. **World's Record.** — A record recognised by the F.I.A. as the best performance irrespective of class.

38. **Holder of Record.** — If the record is one established in the course of an individual attempt, the holder is the person to whom permission to make the attempt was granted and who made formal application for such permission.

If the record is one established in the course of a Meeting the holder is the competitor (see n° 44) in whose name entry was made of the vehicle with which the performance was achieved.

39. **Start.** — The start is the moment when the order to start is given to a competitor or to several competitors starting together (see n° 89 to 95 which give starting regulations).

40. **Control line.** — Is a line, at the crossing of which a vehicle is timed.

41. **Starting line.** — Is the first control line, with or without timing (see n° 90).

42. **Arrival line.** — Is the final control line, with or without timing.
43. Handicap. — A method laid down in the «Supplementary Regulations» of a competition with the object of equalising far as possible of the chances of the competitors.

44. Competitor. — Any person or body accepted for any competition whatsoever, and necessarily holding a competitors’s licence issued by the F.I.A.

45. Driver. — Person driving an automobile in any competition whatsoever and necessarily holding a F.I.A. driver’s licence (see no 108).

46. Passenger. — A person, other than the driver, conveyed on an automobile and weighing with personal equipment not less than 60 kgs.

47. Licence. — A licence is a certificate of registration issued to any person or body wishing to participate, in any capacity whatsoever, in competitions or record attempts ruled by the present Code. The holder of a licence is presumed to know the International Sporting Code and must respect its regulations.

48. Competitor’s Register. — The list held by an A.C.N. of those persons to whom this A.C.N. has issued either a competitor’s or a driver’s licence.

49. Licence Numbers. — The numbers allotted annually by an A.C.N. to the competitors or to the drivers entered on its register.

50. Exclusion. — Exclusion forbids the person concerned to take part in any particular competition, or in several sporting competitions of a same Meeting.

51. Suspension. — A person or body shall be said to be suspended when he has for a certain period been forbidden to take part in any competition either within the territory of the A.C.N. which has pronounced the sentence of suspension or in that of any country acknowledging the authority of the F.I.A. (see nos 167 and 179).

52. Disqualification. — A person or body shall be said to be disqualified when he has been definitely forbidden to take part in any competition whatsoever, except as regards cases provided under nos 167 and 179.

CHAPTER III

Competitions. — Generalities

53. General Application of the Code. — All competitions and all attempts at national, international and world’s records promoted in a country represented on the F.I.A. are governed by this Code.
Closed competitions and attempts at local records however, are governed by the National Competition Rules. In those countries where no National Competition Rules are published, the present International Sporting Code shall be enforced.

54. Competition promoted in a country not represented on the F.I.A. — A competition shall not be promoted in a country not represented on the F.I.A. unless a special permit has been granted by the F.I.A. for such a competition.

This permit shall only be issued to Promoters (see n° 55) for which a recognised A.C.N. shall make itself responsible to the F.I.A.

55. Promotion of Competitions. — In every country a Sporting Competition may be organised:

a) by the National Automobile Club holder of the sporting power (see n°s 3, 4 and 5).

b) by an automobile club, or exceptionally by another qualified sporting group on condition that this club or association holds the necessary permit (see n° 61).

56. Official documents. — For all sporting Competitions official documents must be drawn up, among which must always figure the Special Regulations (n° 27) and a Program (n° 28).

If any condition contained in Special Regulations is contrary to the present Code, it shall be null and void.

57. Announcement to be made on all Official Documents. — All Supplementary Regulations, programmes, and entry forms relating to any competition shall bear, in conspicuous manner, the following announcement: «Held under the International Sporting Code and under the National Competitions Rules of .... (name of A.C.N. concerned or of its authorised representative)». In those countries where no National Competitions Rules are published, the announcement shall be reduced to: «Held under the International Sporting Code».

58. Acquaintance with and submission to Rules. — Every person, or group of persons, organising a competition or taking part therein:

1° Shall be deemed to be acquainted with this Code, and with the national competition rules, if they exist;

2° Shall undertake to submit himself without reserve to the consequences resulting therefrom;
3° Shall renounce, under pain of disqualification, his right to have recourse to any arbitrator or tribunal not provided for in this Code.

59. Unauthorised Competitions. — Any proposed competition not organised in conformity with this Code or with the Rules of the appropriate A.C.N. shall be prohibited by that A.C.N.

If such a Competition is included in a meeting for which a permit has been granted, the permit shall be null and void.

60. Postponement or abandonment of a Competition. — A Meeting or a competition forming part of a Meeting shall not be postponed or abandoned unless provision for so doing has been made in the supplementary regulations, or that the stewards have decide to postpone them for reasons of «force majeure» or safety (see n° 138).

In the event of abandonment or adjournment for more than 24 hours entry fees shall be returned.

CHAPTER IV

Sporting Competitions. — Organisation details

61. Organising Permit necessary. — No competition shall be held in any country without an organising permit (n° 26) issued by the competent sporting authority, i.e. by the A.C.N. holding the Sporting Power (n°s 3, 4 and 5).

62. Application for an Organising Permit. — Every application for an organising permit shall be sent to the competent sporting authority (n° 61) at least one month prior to the date of the proposed meeting, with the following information:

1° the names and styles of the persons proposed to form the Organising Committee (n° 25) and the address of that Committee;

2° a Draft of the Special Regulations (n°s 27 and 65) applicable to each competition of the Meeting. In case the competent sporting Authority (n° 61) should have fixed a fee beforehand for the issue of an organising permit, application must be accompanied by the amount of that fee, which will be reimbursed if the permit is not granted.

63. Issue of an Organising Permit. — In every country, the competent sporting authority (n° 61) shall issue, if deemed advisable, the organising permits on special forms,
but an ordinary letter agreeing to the special regulations (n°s 27 and 65) may take the place of the organising permit.

64. Respect of laws and regulations. — A Competition may be held either on the road or on a track, or on both, but no permit shall be granted by the competent sporting authority (n° 61) unless the Organising Committee (n° 25) shall undertake to obtain, if needed be, permission from the competent local authorities.

Note 1. — Competitions carried out on the highway must conform to the Highway Traffic Regulations of the country in which they take place. Penalties for infractions of this Rule will be left to the appreciation of the Stewards.

Note 2. — Competitions organised on an autodrome, shall be subjected to all the rules of the International Sporting Code, but may also be subjected to supplementary regulations ruling racing cars on autodromes and specially established for that purpose.
A.C.N.'s may grant permanent organising permits to owners of an Autodrome, provided the application for such a permit be accompanied by an official certificate of the measurements of the record line (see n°s 237 and 239) and that no alteration to that line has been made without the approval of the A.C.N.

65. Main information to be mentioned in Supplementary Regulations:

a) Designation of the Promoter (or Promoters, n° 55);
b) The name, nature and definition of the proposed Competition (s) - (n°s 17 to 21);
c) A statement that the meeting is to be held under the present Code and under National Rules if they exist;
d) Composition of the Organising Committee (n° 25) and address of that Committee;
e) Place and date of the meeting;
f) A full description of the proposed Competition (length and direction of the run, classes and categories of vehicles admitted, fuel, restriction in the number of competitors, if such limitation exist, etc.);
g) All useful information concerning entries (address where they are accepted, dates and hours of opening and closing for entries, amount of fee, if such exist (n°s 70 and 71).
h) All useful information concerning insurance, if needed;  
i) The dates, times and nature of starts, with indication of handicaps, if any;  
j) Reminder of clauses of present Code, especially as regards compulsory licences (nos 44, 45 and 108), signals (App. H) protection against fire (no 125);  
k) Manner in which arrivals will be checked, and in which classification shall be effected;  
l) A detailed list of prizes assigned to each sporting competition;  
m) A reminder of the clauses of the present Code concerning Protests (nos 169, 170, 171);  
n) The names of the Stewards of the Meeting and of the Clerk of the Course.

66. Alterations to Supplementary Regulations. — No alterations shall be made in the Supplementary Regulations after the commencement of the period for receiving entries, unless unanimous agreement is given by all the competitors already entered, or unless by decision of the Stewards of the Meeting for reasons of «force majeure» or for safety (see no 138).

67. Main information to be mentioned on Programs:

a) A statement that the Meeting is to be held under the present Code and under the National rules if such exist.  
b) Place and date of the Meeting.  
c) A short description and the time-table of the proposed competitions.  
d) Names of competitors and drivers with the distinctive Numbers painted on their cars (if assumed names are used, they must figure between inverted commas).  
e) The handicap, if any.  
f) A detailed list of prizes assigned to each competition.  
g) The names of the Stewards of the Meeting and of the Clerk of the Course.

68. Entries. — An Entry is a Contract between a Competitor and the Organising Committee (no 25). It can be signed by both parties or result from an exchange of correspondence. It compels the competitor to take part in the Competition for which he has accepted to run, except in case of duly established «force majeure». It binds the Organising Committee to fulfil, towards the competitor, all the
particular conditions of the entry, with the only reservation that the competitor has made every effort to take part loyally in the competition concerned.

69. Entries to be respected. — Any contention between a Competitor and the Organising Committee regarding an entry shall be judged by the Sporting Authority (n° 25) having approved the Organising Committee, without prejudice to the Right of Appeal in case of a foreign competitor (n° 178-c). If the judgment cannot be pronounced before the date of the competition concerned, any competitor having been entered, or any driver who having accepted to take part in that competition does not run, will be immediately suspended “internationally” (temporary withdrawal of his licence), unless he pays a deposit, the amount of which shall be fixed in each country by the competent Sporting Power. The paying of the deposit does not imply that a Competitor or a driver may substitute a competition for another (see n° 121).

70. Opening of Entries. — Once the Competent Sporting Authority shall have issued a permit for a Meeting, the Promoters may invite and receive entries. Definite entries shall be made in writing on the proper form supplied by the Promoters which shall provide for a statement of the name and address of the entrant and of the drivers nominated, if any, together with the licence numbers of the entrant and drivers.

The Supplementary Regulations may, however, allow the nomination of drivers to be delayed.

If an entry fee is provided in the Special regulations (n° 65-g), any entry not accompanied by this fee shall be null and void.

Competitors and drivers who wish to take part in an International Competition organised abroad can only do so with the approval of their own A.C.N.

71. Closing of Entries. — Dates and times for the closing of entries must be mentioned in Supplementary Regulations (n° 66-g). As regards International Competitions closing of entries must take place at least 7 days prior to the date fixed for the Meeting. For other Competitions, the time limit may be reduced to 3 days, but never less.

72. Entry made by telegram. — Entries may be made by telegram, provided that the telegram is despatched before the time limit fixed for the closing of entries and that it is
confirmed by a letter despatched at the same time accom-
panied, if needs be, of the entry fee.
The time of sending shown on the telegram will be
conclusive evidence.

73. Entry containing a false statement. — Any entry
which contains any false statement shall be considered
null and void and the entrant may be deemed guilty of
misbehaviour and the entrance fee forfeited.

74. Refusal of Entry. — In the event of an entry for an
International Competition being refused by the Organising
Committee, the latter must notify the applicant of such
refusal within 8 days of receipt of the entry and not less
than 5 days before the Competition. This refusal is final
and without appeal. As regards other Competitions, the
National Regulations may provide other conditions in
which the refusal may be made. An Organising Committee
may refuse an entry without having to give the reasons
for this.

75. Provisional Entries. — Supplementary Regulations may
provide that entries shall be accepted under certain well
specified conditions as for instance when the number of
starters is limited, provided a vacancy occurs among the
other competitors entered. Provisional entry must be
signified to the interested party by letter or telegram sent
off at the latest the day following closing of entries, but
the competitor entered provisionally is not subject to the
conditions of no 122.

76. Unauthorised Entries. — The Promoters shall not
enter on the programme or publish as entered the name
of any competitor or driver in respect of whom they have
not received a duly authorised entry form or nomination.
Competitors entered provisionally (no 75) shall be desi-
gnated as such when entries are published.

77. Acceptances. — Should the number of entries received
exceed the maximum number of competitors laid down in
the Supplementary Regulations, those to be accepted shall
be selected either in the order of receipt of their entries
or by ballot or by such other method as may have been
laid down in the Supplementary Regulations and approved
by the A.C.N.

78. Nomination of Reserves. — Should any competitor be
eliminated in accordance with Rule no 77, he may be
accepted as a reserve provided previous agreement has been made with the Organising Committee.

79. Entry of an Automobile. — One and the same automobile shall not be entered more than once in the same competition.

In exceptional circumstances, an A.C.N. may, on its territory, depart from this rule, by authorising two entries of the same car in the same event, so long as it is driven only once by the same driver.

80. Official list of Competitors. — The Organising Committee must send to the A.C.N., and place at the disposal of each competitor, at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting, the official list of persons taking part in the competition.

CHAPTER V

Courses. — Roads and Tracks

81. International Courses. — When the course of a competition traverses the territory of several countries, the organizers of this competition must first obtain through their own A.C.N. the consent of each A.C.N. of the countries traversed.

Whilst passing through any country, the A.C.N. of that country will exercise sporting control of the competition, it being understood that the announcement of the results of the competition will be made by the A.C.N. of the promoters (see n° 55).

82. Road Courses. — The selection of any road for a course shall be approved by the A.C.N. and with the request for such approval there shall be submitted a detailed itinerary giving the exact distances to be covered.

83. Measurement of Distances on the Road. — For competitions other than record attempts distances up to 5 kilometres shall be measured straight along the center line of the road, by a qualified surveyor; distances over 5 kilometres shall be determined by the official road marks, or by means of an official map to a scale of not less than 1: 250,000.

84. International Licence for a Track or an autodrome. — Application must be made by an A.C.N., to the F.I.A., for an International Licence for a permanent or temporary track.
(A specimen of the form of such Licence is given in Appendix A).

The F.I.A. may licence a track for a Meeting or for a series of Meetings, or if the track is a permanent one, until the 31st day of December next ensuing.

The F.I.A., after consulting with the National competent Sporting Authority (no. 3, 4 and 5) may refuse to grant or may withdraw a licence as it may think fit.

85. National Licence for a Track. — An A.C.N. may similarly grant a national licence for a track on the conditions laid down in Rule no. 84, but a track only so licensed may not be used for attempts at international or world’s records.

86. Information to be given on Licences for Tracks. — A track licence granted by the F.I.A. shall state the length of the track and whether it is approved for attempts at international or world records.

A track licence granted by an A.C.N. shall state the length of the track and whether it is approved for attempts at national records.

The licence for the track will also contain the special track rules, which competitors are expected to know and are required to obey.

87. Conditions to be fulfilled for both permanent and temporary Tracks. — The conditions to be fulfilled in the case of both permanent and temporary tracks are as may be laid down from time to time by the F.I.A. (For such conditions see Appendix E).

88. Display of a Track Licence. — A track licence, so long as it is in force, shall be displayed in a prominent position at the track.

CHAPTER VI

Starts & Heats

89. Starts.

a) The Start is the moment when the order to start is given to a competitor or to several competitors starting together. In case of timing, this will commence at the start.

There are two sorts of starts:

1° The Flying Start;
2° The Standing Start.
b) A competitor shall be deemed to have started at the moment when the order to start is given. In no case whatsoever shall this signal be repeated (see also no 93).

c) For all competitions other than record attempts, the special regulations shall define the nature of the start (nos 91 and 92).

90. Starting Line.

a) In all record attempts and in Competitions with flying start, the starting line is the one on crossing which the timing of vehicle(s) commences.

b) In Competitions with a standing start, the starting line is the line in relation to which the position of each car (and if necessary of each driver) is fixed, prior to the start.

Special regulations (see no 27) shall define the relative positions of all cars (prior to the start) and the method by which these positions are determined.

91. Flying Start. — A Flying Start occurs when the car is moving at the moment when the timing commences.

For a Flying Start, competitors may be led by a starter in a pilot car until the starting signal is given. Thereafter, the event will be considered to have started when the leading car — other than the pilot car — crosses the Starting line.

92. Standing Start. — A Standing Start occurs when the car is stationary at the moment when the order to start is given.

a) For a record attempt with Standing Start, the car must be stationary with that part which operates the timing not more than 40 cms. behind the starting line. The engine of the vehicle shall be running before the start.

b) For all other competitions with standing start, supplementary regulations shall stipulate whether, before the starting signal is given, the engine shall be running or stopped.

c) For automobiles starting singly or in line abreast:

— if the timing is taken by automatic timing machines, the automobile or automobiles shall be placed before the
Start as defined above in record attempts with standing start:

— if timing is made by means of a watch or with timing apparatus without automatic action, the automobile, or automobiles shall be placed before the start with that part of the front wheels touching the ground placed on the starting line.

c) The Supplementary Regulations may stipulate that the drivers be at some appointed distance from their cars before the start.

d) Whether the automobiles are in front of or behind the starting line, the timing shall commence when the signal to start is given but, thereafter, for Starts in Closed Circuit races, when each car completes its first lap, it shall be timed as it crosses the Control Line, situated in front of the timekeeper's station, unless the Supplementary Regulations otherwise stipulate.

93. Starter's Orders. — Drivers and vehicles are under the orders of the Starter from the moment when the flag is raised until the moment when the flag is dropped. The movements of the flag may be accompanied or replaced by any other appropriate signal.

Any driver not coming under starter's orders with his car shall be deemed to be a non-starter.

94. Penalty for false start. — A false start occurs when, before the appropriate signal is given, a driver under Starter's Orders moves forward from the prescribed position.

In case of massed start, any driver who makes a false start shall be penalised by the addition of one minute added to the time taken by him to complete the course of the race. This penalty shall be immediately notified to his replenishment station.

In case of single start without automatic timing, any competitor having made a false start shall be penalised by one second added to the time taken by him to complete the prescribed course.

If laid down in the Supplementary Regulations, the Stewards of the Meeting shall have power to increase the abovementioned penalties, or to add others, but only in the limits previously fixed in these regulations.
95. **Starting Judges.** — One or several Judges may be appointed by the Organising Committee of a race to supervise the starts. Starting Judges shall immediately point out to the Clerk of the Course any false starts which may have occurred.

96. **Heats.** — A competition may be started in Heats the composition of which must be determined by the Organising Committee and published in the Programme. The composition of these Heats may be modified, if required, but only by the Stewards.

97. **Dead-Heat.** — In case of a dead heat, the competitors shall either share the prize allotted to their place in the classification, and the following available prize or prizes, or, if all the competitors agree the Stewards may authorise a re-run by those competitors only, and impose conditions therefore, but in no case whatsoever shall the first Competition be re-run (see n° 175).

**CHAPTER VII**

**Records. — Generalities**

98. **Jurisdiction.** — An A.C.N. shall adjudicate upon all claims to record made within its territory.

The F.I.A. shall adjudicate upon all claims to international or world's record, which claims shall be submitted to it by the appropriate A.C.N.

99. **Automobiles eligible to establish Records.** — An international class record can be established only with a car answering the definition of art. 13, and assigned to one of the Classes A to J of Appendix C (art. 202 and 203).

The records recognised by the F.I.A. cannot be given until further notice to vehicles propelled by air screws or by rockets.

The F.I.A. shall recognise special Records for compression-ignition vehicles, and also for turbine-propelled vehicles.

(See, Appendix C, art. 202).

100. **Records recognised.** — The only records recognised shall be local records (n° 34), national records (n° 35), international class records (n° 36) and world's records (n° 37).

A single record may fall within two or more of these descriptions.
No distinction is made between records on the track and records on the road.

101. Records restricted to their own Class. — An automobile having established or broken a record in its own class may thereby break the world's record, but cannot beat the same record in any superior class.

102. Periods and distances recognised. — Only such periods and distances for national records, for international class records and for world's records shall be recognised as are laid down in Appendix D.

An A.C.N. is permitted to recognise any kind of local record.

No competition against the watch under the name of «Kilometre Speed Trial» or «Mile Speed Trial» or any similar appellation shall be authorised unless all the conditions laid down in these Rules for attempts at record for these distances are fully observed.

103. Records established during a Race. — No record made during a race shall be recognised.

104. Attempts at Records. — Conditions under which Record attempts shall be made are mentioned in detail in Appendix D.

105. Conditions in which claims for International Class or World's Record may be submitted. — An international class record or a world's record cannot be recognised unless the attempt has taken place in a country represented on the F.I.A., or by way of exception, in a country not represented but with the special permit mentioned in n° 54.

In no case can an international class record or a world's record be recognised unless the attempt has taken place on a course approved by the F.I.A.

106. Registration of Records. — Each A.C.N. shall keep a register of all records established or broken within its territory and shall on demand issue certificates of national or local records for which a fee will be payable to the A.C.N.

The F.I.A. will keep a register of international records in each class and a register of world's records and will on demand issue certificates of those records for which a fee will be payable to the F.I.A.

The amount of fees payable to the A.C.N. or to the F.I.A. will be fixed each year by the F.I.A.

107. Publication of Records. — Pending the formal recognition of a claim to a record, the result of an attempt may not be advertised (see n° 128) unless the following words are added, in easily readable characters: «Subject
o confirmation». Disregard of this rule shall automatically entail the non-recognition of a claim to record without prejudice to any further penalty that may be inflicted by the appropriate A.C.N.

CHAPTER VIII

Competitors & Drivers

108. Registration of Competitors and Drivers. — Any person desirous of qualifying as a competitor or as a driver, as defined in Rules n° 42 and 45, shall make formal demand for a licence to the A.C.N. of his country (see n° 47).

If the driver enters the car, he is also the competitor and must hold the two corresponding licences (see n° 109).

109. Grant of Licence. — Certificates of Registration drawn up in accordance with the model certificates of the F.I.A., bearing the name of the A.C.N, and termed either « Licence for a track » « Competitor's Licence » or « Driver's Licence » may be issued by an A.C.N. (n° 112).

(For examples of the forms of these certificates see Appendices A and B).

Three different kinds of international licences of the F.I.A. have been foreseen (see Appendices A and B), i.e.:

— licence for a track;
— competitor's licence;
— driver's licence.

Each A.C.N. is authorised to issue these licences as specified under n° 110.

An A.C.N. may also issue National licences, the model of which may be chosen by that A.C.N. It may use for that purpose the F.I.A. licences by adding an inscription which will restrict the validity to its country only.

110. Right of issuing licences. — Each A.C.N. shall be entitled to grant these licences:

1° To its nationals;
2° To the nationals of other countries represented on the F.I.A., after having received authority from the appropriate A.C.N. so to do.

No person authorised by his own A.C.N. to apply for a licence from some other A.C.N. shall hold a licence from his own A.C.N. valid for the current year. Further no such person may obtain a new licence in his own country except after expiry of the current year.
An A.C.N. may also grant a licence to a foreigner belonging to a country not yet represented on the F.I.A. but only on condition that the F.I.A. is immediately informed of the intention to so grant, in which case the F.I.A. will at once state if there is any reason why such licence should not be granted. An A.C.N. shall advise the F.I.A. of any refusal on its part to comply with a request of this nature.

111. Nationality of a competitor or driver. — In all which relates to the application of the Code, every competitor or driver who has obtained his licence from an A.C.N. takes the nationality of that A.C.N. for the period of validity of that licence.

112. Refusal of Licence. — An A.C.N. may refuse to issue a licence without stating any reason for such refusal.

113. Period during which Licence is valid. — Licences shall expire on the 31st day of December each year.

114. Fee chargeable for Licence. — A fee may be charged by an A.C.N. for the issue of a licence, and that fee shall be fixed each year by the A.C.N. with the approval of the F.I.A.

115. Validity of Licence. — A competitor's or driver's licence issued by an A.C.N. shall be valid in all countries represented on the F.I.A. and shall entitle the holder to enter for or drive in all competitions organised under the control of the A.C.N. which issued the licence, and also in all competitions appearing upon the International Calendar, subject to the reservations mentioned in nos 70 and 74 concerning the approval of the A.C.N.

For restricted competitions, moreover, the holder shall have undertaken to observe special conditions formulated in the special regulations.

116. Production of Licence. — A competitor or a driver at a Meeting shall produce his licence, signed by the holder, on the demand of a duly authorised official of that Meeting.

117. Withdrawal of Licence. — Any person who shall enter for, drive in, officiate at, or in any manner whatsoever take part in a prohibited competition thereby forfeits his right to hold a competitor's or a driver's licence for such time as the appropriate A.C.N. may think fit.

Provided that the prohibited competition has been or is to be held outside the jurisdiction of such A.C.N., the two A.C.N.'s concerned shall agree as to the penalty and should
they fail to so agree the question shall be referred to the F.I.A. whose decision thereon will be final.

118. Assumed Name. — If a licence is requested in an assumed name special application shall be made to the A.C.N. concerned.

In such cases a licence will be issued in the assumed name if approved.

The licencee for so long as is registered under an assumed name shall not take part in any competition under any other name.

An alteration in an assumed name shall necessitate the same procedure being followed as for the original name.

A person registered under an assumed name shall not revert to the use of his own name until after he has obtained a fresh licence in his own name from the A.C.N.

119. Change of Driver. — In a Competition other than an attempt at record, a change of driver shall be permitted only if the Special Regulations make provision to that effect (see no 27). After publication of the programme such change shall require the approval of one of the Stewards of the Meeting.

120. Identification Numbers. — During a competition each vehicle shall carry prominently displayed one or more numbers or marks corresponding to the clauses of the Special Regulations (see no 27).

121. Mutual responsibility of Competitor and Driver. — The entrant (see nos 68 and 69) shall be responsible for all acts or omissions on the part of his driver, mechanic, or passengers, but each of these shall be equally responsible for any infraction of this Code or of the National Rules of an A.C.N.

122. Unauthorised Substitution of one Competition for Another. — Any competitor having entered himself or any driver having undertaken to drive in any international or national competition who does not take part in that competition and takes part in another competition on the same day at some other place shall be suspended (temporary withdrawal of licence) as from the commencement of the latter competition, for such time as the A.C.N. concerned may deem fit.

If the two competitions take place in different countries, the two A.C.N.'s concerned shall agree as to the penalty to be inflicted and should the A.C.N.'s fail to agree the question shall be referred to the F.I.A. whose decision thereon will be final.
CHAPTER IX

Automobiles

123. Classification of Vehicles. — The F.I.A. will publish annually a classification of automobiles which shall be compulsorily applicable to international class records.
(For details of the classification of automobiles, see Appendix C).

Each A.C.N. will be entitled to adopt, for the competitions promoted in its own country, other characteristics than those made applicable to records.

124. Dangerous Construction. — An automobile, the construction of which may be deemed to be dangerous, may be excluded by the Stewards of the Meeting (see n° 138 and 142).

125. Protection against fire. — In all automobiles which take part in competitions, there must be some form of protection between the engine and the driver's seat suitable and sufficient, in case of fire, for preventing the passage of flame.

126. Suspension or Disqualification of Automobiles.
a) Suspension or disqualification of a particular Automobile. — An A.C.N. may suspend or disqualify a particular automobile in consequence of a breach of this Code or of the National Competition Rules by the entrant or the driver, or the manufacturer or his accredited representative.

The suspension if international or the disqualification must be reported by the A.C.N. to the F.I.A. who will notify all other A.C.N.s. These other A.C.N.s must bar the Automobile in question from all competitions governed by them during the period of the sentence.

If the sentence of an A.C.N. is declared against an Automobile belonging to another A.C.N., such sentence is subject to appeal to the F.I.A. whose judgment shall be final.

b) Suspension or disqualification of a make of Automobile. — An A.C.N. may suspend a make of Automobile within its own territory for a breach of this Code or of the National Competition Rules by the manufacturer of the make or by his accredited representative.

If the A.C.N. wishes, this penalty to apply internationally or if it desires to disqualify the make in question, it must apply to the President of the C.S.I. who will nominate
an Arbitration Committee to decide upon the claim for suspension or disqualification.

The Arbitration Committee will consist of two members of the C.S.I. who will name a third member by mutual agreement.

If these two members of the C.S.I. cannot agree as to the third member, such third member will be also nominated by the President of the C.S.I.

The Arbitration Committee will report its findings to the F.I.A.

Should the Arbitration Committee decide against the A.C.N. which requested that the penalty should be international, that A.C.N. may appeal to the International Court of Appeal.

If the Arbitration Committee gives judgment in favour of the penalty being made to apply internationally, its decision will be at once communicated by the F.I.A. to all A.C.N.'s who must bar the make of automobile from all Competitions held under their jurisdiction during the period over which the penalty extends.

The judgment of the Arbitration Committee may be appealed against by the make penalized to the F.I.A. through the A.C.N. of the country to which the make belongs under the conditions laid down in Art. 177 et seq.

If the A.C.N. of the country to which the make belongs is the A.C.N. which has requested that the penalty inflicted by it shall be made international, that A.C.N. cannot refuse to forward the appeal to the F.I.A.

127. Advertisements on Automobiles. — No advertisement or trade sign shall be carried on or distributed from any automobile during any competition except with the special consent of the A.C.N. previously obtained.

128. False Advertisements. — Any competitor or firm advertising the results of a competition or record shall state the exact conditions of the performance referred to, the nature of the competition or record, the category, class, etc., of the vehicle and the position or the result obtained.

Any omission or addition calculated to raise doubts in the public mind may entail the infliction of a penalty on the person responsible for drawing up the advertisement.

Any protest or dispute as to the name to be given to a vehicle containing parts supplied by different makers
will be submitted to a jury appointed by the A.C.N., if these makers are all established in the country of the A.C.N., or by the C.S.I. if they belong to different countries. In the latter case the jury will include a representative of each country concerned and as many members not belonging to the countries concerned as there are representatives of those countries.

CHAPTER X

Officials

129. List of Officials. — The term «official» comprises the following persons, who may have assistants:

- the Stewards of the Meeting;
- the Clerk of the Course;
- the Secretary of the Meeting;
- Timekeepers;
- Scrutineers;
- Assistant scrutineers;
- Replenishment observers;
- Road observers;
- Flag Marshals;
- Finishing Judges;
- Judges of Facts;
- Handicappers;
- Starters.

130. Right of Supervision. — Apart from the officials referred to in Art. 129, each A.C.N. may confer on the members of its Competition Committee the right to supervise personally any of his own nationals in any competition held in any country whatsoever and governed by these rules, as well as the right to uphold if needed, their interests vis-à-vis the organisers of competitions.

131. Necessary Officials. — At a meeting there shall be at least two Stewards of the meeting and a Clerk of the Course; in the case of competitions decided wholly or partly by time, one or more Timekeepers.

132. Nomination of Officials. — One at least of the Stewards of the meeting shall be nominated by the A.C.N. promoting it or granting a permit therefore. The other Officials shall be nominated by the Promoters, subject to the approval of the A.C.N.

133. Qualifications requisite. — The Timekeepers, Scrutineers, Assistant Scrutineers and Handicappers shall, for
an open meeting, be selected from amongst persons holding
the annual appointment of the A.C.N. as such.
They must have no connection with any trade or manu-
facture which might benefit in a direct or indirect way
from the results of the competition.
(For other details concerning qualifications required of
Officials referred to in this Rule see Appendix F).

134. Plurality of Duties. — At a meeting one and the
same person may, if so decided by the Promoters, undertake
several of the duties enumerated in Rule n° 133 provided
he is qualified for each so undertaken.

135. Separation of Duties. — An Official shall not, at any
meeting, perform any other duties than those which are
clearly attached to his appointment or appointments.
He shall not be eligible to compete in any competition at
any meeting at which he is acting as an official.

136. Remuneration of Officials. — The Stewards of the
meeting shall act in an honorary capacity. Other Officials
may be remunerated for their services in accordance with
a scale drawn up by each A.C.N.

137. Duties of the Stewards of the Meeting. — As a gen-
eral rule the Stewards of the Meeting will not be in any way
responsible for its organisation and shall not have any
executive duty in connection therewith.
It follows, therefore, that in the discharge of their duties,
they do not incur any responsibility except to the National
Sporting Authority under whose rules they are acting.
As an exception to this, applicable only when a meeting
is promoted directly by an A.C.N., the Stewards of such a
meeting may combine their duties with those of promoters.
The Stewards of the Meeting shall as soon as practicable
after the close of the meeting sign and send to the A.C.N.
a closing report giving the results of each competition
together with particulars of all protests lodged and exclu-
sions they may have made with their recommendations as
to the action to be taken eventually in such cases, such as
suspension or disqualification.
In a Meeting comprising several competitions, there may
be different Stewards of the Meeting for each competition.

138. Authority of the Stewards of the Meeting. — The
Stewards of the Meeting shall have supreme authority for
the enforcement of the present Code, of national and special
regulations and of programs. They shall settle any claim
which might arise during a meeting, under reserve of

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the right of appeal provided in the present Code (see Chapter XIII).

In particular:

— They shall decide what penalty to enforce in case of breach of regulations (see n° 64, Note 1);
— In exceptional circumstances, they may vary the special regulations (see n° 66);
— In case of heats, they may alter the composition or the number of heats (see n° 96);
— In case of dead heats, they may authorize a new start (see n° 97);
— They may authorize a change of drivers (see n° 119);
— They may accept any correction made by a Judge of facts (see n° 146-g);
— They may inflict a penalty or fines (see n° 151);
— They may pronounce exclusions (see n° 155);
— They may amend the classification (see n° 165);
— They may prohibit from competing any driver or any vehicle which they consider to be dangerous or which is reported to them by the Clerk of the Course or the Scrutineers as being dangerous (see n° 124);
— They may exclude from any one competition or for the duration of the meeting any entrant or driver whom they consider as, or who is reported to them by the Clerk of the Course or by the Organising Committee as ineligible to take part therein, or whom they consider guilty of misbehaviour or unfair practice; further, they may order the removal from the course and its precincts of any entrant or driver who refuses to obey the order of a responsible official;
— They may postpone a competition in case of "force majeure" or for serious safety reasons;
— They may modify the programme as to the position of the starting and finishing lines, or in any other manner, in accordance with a request made to them by the Clerk of the Course or the Promoters in order to ensure greater safety for competitors or the public;
— They may appoint, if necessary, one or several substitutes, in particular, in case of absence of one or several Stewards of the Meeting, when the presence of two Stewards is indispensable.

139. Duties of the Clerk of the Course. — The Clerk of the Course may also be the Secretary of the meeting and may have various assistants.
In case of a Meeting comprising several competitions, there may be a different Clerk of the Course for each competition.

The Clerk of the Course is responsible for conducting the meeting in accordance with the Official Programme.

In particular he shall:

— generally keep order, in conjunction with such military and police authorities as have undertaken the policing of a Meeting and who are more particularly responsible for the public safety;

— satisfy himself that all Officials are at their posts and report the absence of any of them to the Stewards of the Meeting;

— satisfy himself that all Officials are provided with the necessary information to enable them to carry out their duties;

— control competitors and their automobiles and prevent any competitor or driver excluded, suspended or disqualified, from taking part in a competition for which he is not qualified;

— satisfy himself that each automobile, and if so arranged, each competitor, carries the proper indentification numbers in accordance with those in the Programme;

— satisfy himself that the proper driver is on each automobile and marshal the automobiles in such categories and classes as are required;

— pass the automobiles up to the starting line in the right order and if necessary, start them;

— convey to the Stewards of the Meeting any proposal to modify the programme or any proposition that deals with the misbehaviour of, breach of rule by, or protest on the part of a competitor;

— receive these protests and transmit them forthwith to the Stewards, who shall take the necessary action thereon;

— collect the reports of the Timekeepers, Scrutineers, Assistant Scrutineers, Replenishment Observers, Road Observers, together with such other official information as may be necessary for the determination of the results;

— prepare, or ask the Secretary of the Meeting to prepare, as regards the Competition (s) he has seen to, the data for the closing report referred to in no 137 for the Stewards consideration and approval.

140. Duties of Secretary of the Meeting. — The Secretary of the Meeting shall be responsible for the organization of the Meeting, and all notices required in connection therewith.
He shall satisfy himself that the various Officials are acquainted with their duties and furnished with the necessary equipment.

If necessary, he shall second the Clerk of the Course in the preparation of the closing reports for each Competition (see n° 139 in fine).

141. Duties of Timekeepers. — The principal duties of Timekeepers shall be:

— at the commencement of the Meeting, to report to the Clerk of the Course, who will give them if need be the necessary instructions.

— on receipt of the instructions from the Clerk of the Course to start each competition.

— to use for timing only such apparatus as is approved by the A.C.N., or, if for the purpose of records it is necessary to take times to within 1/100th of a second, approved by the F.I.A.

— to declare the time taken by each competitor to complete the course.

— to prepare and sign according to their individual responsibility their reports and to send them, accompanied by all necessary documents, in the case of a meeting, to the Clerk of the Course, and in the case of an attempt at record or a test to the A.C.N.

— to send on request, their original time sheets either to the Stewards of the Meeting or to the A.C.N.

— not to communicate any times or results except to the Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course except when otherwise instructed by the Officials.

142. Duties of Scrutineers. — Scrutineers are entrusted with all checkings relating to mechanical organs of automobiles. They shall:

— make these controls, either before the Meeting if requested by the A.C.N. or the Organising Committee, or during the Meeting if requested by the Clerk of the Course.

— use such checking instruments as may be specified or approved by the A.C.N.

— not communicate any official information except to the A.C.N., the Organising Committee, the Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course, to the exclusion of any other person.

— prepare and sign, according to their individual responsibilities, their reports, and give them to the above mentioned Authority who instructed them to draw them up.
143. Duties of Assistant Scrutineers. — Assistant Scrutineers are entrusted with the checking of the weight of automobiles, dimensions of their bodies and accessories, and also of all documents relating to competitors and drivers (licences, driver's licences, insurance, etc.).

The duties of Assistant Scrutineers may be entrusted to the Scrutineers.

Assistant Scrutineers shall:
— exercise their functions either before the Meeting if requested by the A.C.N. or by the Organising Committee, or during the Meeting if requested by the Clerk of the Course.
— use such checking instruments as may be specified or approved by the A.C.N.
— not communicate any official information except to the A.C.N., the Organising Committee, the Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course, to the exclusion of any other person.
— prepare and sign, according to their individual responsibility, their reports, and give them to the Authority who instructed them to draw them up.

144. Duties of Replenishment Observers. — Replenishment Observers shall control all replenishment of automobiles during a Competition and enforce the prescriptions dealing with this in Supplementary Regulations.

They are under the orders of the Clerk of the Course to whom they must immediately report any infringement committed by a competitor or by a driver. At the end of each Competition, they must give their report to the Clerk of the Course, either verbally, or by writing, in accordance with instructions received.

145. Duties of Road observers and flag Marshals. — The Road Observers shall occupy, along the Course, posts assigned to them by the Steward of the Meeting or the Organising Committee. As soon as a Meeting commences, each Road Observer is under the orders of the Clerk of the Course to whom he shall immediately report by any means at his disposal (telephone, signals, courier, etc.) all incidents or accidents which might occur along the Section of Road entrusted to his care.

Flag Marshals are specially entrusted with flag signalisation (Appendix II). They may also be Road Observers.

At the end of each Competition, all Road Observers must
give to the Clerk of the Course a written report on the incidents or accidents noticed by them.

During Competitions, and except if otherwise instructed by the Clerk of the Course, Road Observers shall as far as possible, inform the Central Bureau of Informations of the order in which competitors have passed their post. This shall be effected lap by lap in case of a closed circuit.

146. Duties of Judges.

a) Starting Judges (see n° 95).

b) Finishing Judges. — In a Competition where a decision has to be given as to the order in which competitors pass a finishing line, a Finishing Judge shall be nominated to give such decision.

c) Judges of Facts. — In a Competition during which a decision has to be given whether or not a competitor has touched or passed a given line, or upon any other fact of the same type which has been laid down in the Supplementary Regulations for the Competition, one or several Judges of Facts shall be nominated to be responsible for one or several of these decisions.

d) Assistant Judges. — Each of the above Judges may have an Assistant Judge appointed to assist him, or in the case of absolute necessity to replace him, but in the case of disagreement the final decision shall be given by the Judge himself.

e) Cinematographic or Photographic Apparatus, etc. — The employment of a camera or other similar apparatus to facilitate the Judge’s decision is allowed for this purpose, but only if the apparatus is under the official control of the promoters of the Competition. Evidence of any other camera or like apparatus will in no case be taken into consideration.

When the above mentioned apparatus has been officially employed the Judge may delay his decision until he has consulted the evidence thus obtained.

f) Protests. — No protest against the decisions of a Finishing Judge or of a Judge of Facts upon a question which he has been officially appointed to decide shall be admitted.

The decisions of these Judges are final, but they shall not of themselves constitute a statement of award because they will have taken no account of the conditions under which the competitors have completed the course.

g) Mistakes. — If any Judge considers that he has made a mistake he may correct it, subject to the acceptance by the Stewards of the Meeting of this correction.
h) Facts to be Judged. — The Supplementary Regulations for the competition must indicate what are the facts that are to be judged by Judges of Facts. The Judge or Judges on these points must be named in the Official Programme.

i) Reports. — At the close of the Meeting each Judge shall send to the Clerk of the Course a report of his declarations.

147. Duties of Handicappers. — The Handicappers shall, after entries have closed, prepare the handicaps in accordance with the requirements of the Supplementary Regulations. They shall state if any handicap in a competition is to be increased as a result of a performance made in a previous competition.

CHAPTER XI
Penalties

148. Breach of Rules. — Any of the following offences in addition to any offences specifically referred to previously, shall be deemed to be a breach of these Rules:

a) All bribery or attempt, directly or indirectly, to bribe any person having official duties in relation to a Competition or being employed in any manner in connection with a Competition; and the acceptance or offer to accept any bribe by such official or employee.

b) Any action having as its object the entry or participation in a competition of an automobile known to be ineligible therefore.

c) Any fraudulent proceeding or any act prejudicial to the interests of any Competition or to the interests of the sport of automobilism generally.

149. Penalties. — Any breach of this Code or of the Appendices thereto, of the National Rules or their Appendices, or of any Supplementary Regulations, committed by any Promoters, Official, competitor, driver or other person may be penalised.

150. Scale of Penalties. — Penalties may be inflicted as follows in order of increasing severity:

Reprimand (blame);
Fines;
Exclusion;
Suspension;
Disqualification.
Any one of the above penalties can only be inflicted after an enquiry has been held and, in case of one of the 3 last ones, the interested party must be convoked to give him the opportunity of giving his own evidence.

151. Fines. — A fine may be inflicted on any competitor, and also on any driver, assistant or passenger, who does not comply with the requirements of any Regulation or with any instruction of the Officials of the Meeting (see no 129).

The infliction of a fine may be ordered by an A.C.N. or by the Stewards of a Meeting, provided that in the latter case no fine shall exceed a sum fixed each year by the F.I.A.

152. Liability to pay Fine. — An entrant shall be responsible for the payment of any fine inflicted on his drivers, assistants, passengers, etc.

153. Time limit for payment of Fines. — Fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their order being received.

Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

154. Allocation of proceeds from Fines. — The proceeds from all fines levied during the course of a year shall be paid by the A.C.N. into a Prize Fund.

An A.C.N. may entrust the management and disposal of this Fund to its affiliated clubs.

155. Exclusion. — A sentence of exclusion may be pronounced by the Stewards of a Meeting under the conditions provided for in Rule no 138. The person so sentenced shall be thereby excluded from taking part in one or more competitions at a Meeting. In all cases exclusion shall entail the loss of entry fee which shall accrue to the Promoters.

156. Suspension. — A sentence of suspension may be pronounced only by an A.C.N., and shall be reserved for grave offences.

A sentence of suspension, so long as it remains in force, shall entail the loss of any right to take part in any capacity whatsoever in any Competition held within the territory of the A.C.N., which has pronounced such sentence or within the territories of any country in which the authority of the F.I.A. is recognised, according as to whether such suspension is national or international. (See Rule no 158) (except cases provided for in nos 167 and 179).
Suspension shall also render void any previous entry made for any trial which may take place during the term of such suspension and shall also entail the forfeiture of the fee payable for any such entry.


a) National Suspension. — Every entrant or driver that is suspended nationally shall hand back his licence to his A.C.N. which will clearly indicate thereon by means of a heavy stamp the words: «Not valid for... (name of country) ».

At the expiration of the period of national suspension, the licence so surcharged, will be exchanged for a clean licence.

b) International Suspension. — Every entrant or driver that is suspended internationally, shall hand back his licence to his A.C.N. which shall not return it to him until the term of international suspension has expired.

In both the above cases, any delay in handing back the licence shall be added to the term of suspension.

158. Disabilities following Suspension. — A sentence of suspension pronounced by an A.C.N. may have effect only within the territory of that A.C.N.

If, however, the A.C.N. desires the sentence of suspension to be recognised internationally it shall notify its wish without delay to the Secretary of the F.I.A., and the latter will so inform all other A.C.N.'s. The sentence of suspension shall be immediately noted by each A.C.N., and the consequent disabilities made effective.

159. Disqualification. — A sentence of disqualification shall entail the definitive loss for the person disqualified, of any right to take part in any capacity whatsoever in any Competition, except cases provided under n° 167 and 179.

A sentence of disqualification can be pronounced only by an A.C.N., and will be reserved for offences of exceptional gravity. It shall render void any previous entry made by the person disqualified and shall entail the forfeiture of entry fees.

160. Disabilities following Disqualification. — A sentence of disqualification shall always have international effect; it shall be notified to all the A.C.N.'s, and be registered by them as laid down for International suspension (see n° 158).

161. Notification of Penalties to International Sporting Federations. — A suspension, when applicable internatio-
nally, and a disqualification will be communicated to those International Federations designated by the F.I.A. which have agreed to apply, on a reciprocal basis, the penalties inflicted by the F.I.A.

Any suspension or disqualification made known to the F.I.A. by these Federations will be enforced to the same extent by the F.I.A.

162. Statement of reasons for Suspension or Disqualification. — In notifying sentences of suspension or disqualification to the Secretary of the F.I.A., it shall be necessary for an A.C.N. to give its reasons for inflicting such penalty, but the reasons shall in no case be published.

163. Suspension or Disqualification of an Automobile. — A sentence of suspension or disqualification may be pronounced on either a particular automobile or on a make of automobile in the conditions prescribed in Rule n° 126.

164. Loss of Awards. — Any competitor who may be excluded, suspended, or disqualified, in any competition shall thereby forfeit all right to award in that competition.

165. Amendment to the classification and Awards. — In such cases as are provided for in Rule n° 164 the Stewards of the Meeting shall declare the resulting amendment in the placings and awards, and they shall decide whether the next competitor in order shall be advanced.

166. Publication of Penalty. — The F.I.A., or any A.C.N., shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a notice stating that it has penalised any person, automobile, or make of automobile.

Persons referred to in such notice shall have no right of action against the F.I.A., or the A.C.N., or against any person publishing the said notice and may incur disqualification if such an action were taken.

167. Remission of Sentence. — An A.C.N. shall have the right to remit the unexpired period of a sentence of suspension or to remove disqualification on the conditions which it may determine.

CHAPTER XII

Protests

168. Right to Protest. — The right to protest lies only with a competitor; nevertheless, an Official acting in his official capacity may even in the absence of a protest take such official action as the case warrants.
169. Lodging of Protest. — Every protest shall be in writing and accompanied by a fee the amount of which shall be specified by the A.C.N. annually, which fee shall only be returned if the protest were deemed to have been well founded or if so directed by the C.S. of an A.C.N.

170. To whom addressed. — Protests arising out of a Competition shall be addressed to the Stewards of the Meeting. In the absence of the Stewards of the Meeting, such protests may be addressed to the Clerk of the Course.

171. Time Limit for Protest.

a) A protest as to validity of entry, qualification of competitor, driver or vehicle, length of course, must be presented at the latest 2 hours after the conclusion of the time fixed for the official examination of the vehicles.

Should this control occur in another country than that of the organiser, any official from the A.C.N. of this other country is entitled to accept the protest and forward it as soon as possible to the Stewards of the Meeting, with his justified opinion if he considers it necessary.

b) Protests relative to a handicap or make up of heat must be presented at the latest one hour before the start of the competition.

c) A protest against a decision of a Scrutineer or Assistant Scrutineer shall be lodged forthwith after such decision by the competitor interested.

d) Protest against any mistake or irregularity occurring during the course of a competition shall, except in circumstances which the Stewards of the Meeting decide are physically impossible, be lodged within half an hour of the finish of the Competition.

e) Protests concerning the List of Awards must be made within two and a half an hour of the official publication of such List.

f) The Stewards of the Meeting shall consider all protests referred to above as urgent. In the case of equality of opinion amongst the Stewards of the Meeting, the President of those Stewards shall have the casting vote.

172. Hearing. — The hearing of the claimant and of all parties concerned in the protest shall take place as soon as possible after lodging the protest. The interested parties shall be summoned to appear at the hearing, and may
be accompanied by witnesses. The Stewards of the Meeting must assure themselves that the summons has been personally received by all persons concerned.

In the absence of any interested party or of his witnesses, judgment may go by default.

If judgment cannot be given immediately after the hearing of the parties, they must be advised of the place and time at which the decision will be given.

173. Inadmissible protests. — Protests against decisions made by the Judges in the exercise of their duties, as laid down under n° 146 will not be admitted.

174. Publication of the awards and distribution of prizes. — The distribution of prizes shall not commence until at least half an hour has elapsed after the publication of the awards.

A prize won by a competitor against whom a protest has been lodged must be withheld until a decision has been reached on the subject of the protest.

Moreover, when a protest has been made, the decision of which may alter the list of awards, such list shall only be published provisionally, and the prizes must be withheld until the publication of the final decision should such be made (see Chapter XIII).

However where a protest may affect only part of the list of awards, such part as is not affected by the protest may be published definitely, and the corresponding prizes distributed.

175. Judgment. — All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision given, subject only to appeal as hereinafter provided but neither the Stewards of the Meeting, nor the A.C.N. shall have the right to order that a Competition be re-run (see n° 97).

176. Protest without foundation. — If a protest is judged to be without foundation the whole or a part of the fee may be retained. Moreover, if it is proved that the author of the protest has acted in bad faith, the A.C.N. may inflict upon him one of the penalties indicated in this Code.

CHAPTER XIII

Appeals

177. Jurisdiction.

a) Each A.C.N. through its national tribunal, defined in Article 184, constitutes for its own licence-holders a final court of judgment empowered to settle finally any dispute
which may have arisen in its own territory in connection with the sport of automobilism in general, or of a Competition in particular.

Similarly, it constitutes, for competitors licensed by a foreign club, a court of judgment empowered to settle any dispute which may have arisen on its own territory in connection with the sport of automobilism in general, or of a Competition in particular, subject however to the right of appeal before the F.I.A.

b) The F.I.A. through the international appeal tribunal, as defined in n° 185, constitutes for all A.C.N.s and for foreign licence holders referred to in n° 177, a final court of judgment to settle finally any dispute which may have arisen in any country in connection with the sport of automobilism in general, or of a Competition in particular.

178. Right of appeal.

a) Every competitor whatever his nationality shall have the right of appeal against a sentence or other decision pronounced on him by the Stewards of the Meeting before the A.C.N. of the country in which that decision has been given. He must, however, under pain of forfeiture of his right to appeal, notify the Stewards of the Meeting in writing within the hour that follows their decision his intention to make an appeal against that decision.

(For the method in which to appeal, and the time within which such appeals may be made see n°s 180 and 182).

b) In a case where an appeal to an A.C.N. is lodged by one of its own licence holders, the decision of such A.C.N. is final.

c) In cases where a decision on appeal to an A.C.N. concerns a competitor licensed by a foreign club, the appeal may be carried to the F.I.A., but in this case only by the A.C.N. which issued the Licence.

Such A.C.N. alone can decide as to whether an appeal made by one of its licence holders shall be carried to the F.I.A., and it is not compelled to give reasons for refusing to allow such appeal to go on.

179. Appeals against an international suspension or disqualification. — In a case where an appeal brought by an A.C.N. before the F.I.A. concerns an international suspension or disqualification of one of its licence holders by a foreign A.C.N., the introduction of this appeal will suspend the said penalty until a final decision by the F.I.A. has been given.

180. Form of national appeal. — Every notice of appeal
shall be in writing and signed by the appellant or by his authorised agent.

An appeal to an A.C.N. must be accompanied by such fee as shall be specified by that A.C.N. annually. This fee is payable immediately on the appellant giving notice to the Stewards of a Meeting that he intends to appeal against their decision, as specified in no. 178, and is not returnable if the appellant does not carry out this announced intention.

181. Form of international appeal. — An appeal can only be lodged with the F.I.A. by the A.C.N. concerned. All appeals to the F.I.A. must be made in writing and signed by a duly qualified representative of the A.C.N. Every notice of appeal to the F.I.A. must be accompanied by such fee as shall be decided by them annually.

182. Time limit for appeals.

a) The right to lodge an appeal to an A.C.N. expires two days after the date of the notification of the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting on condition that the intention of appealing has been notified to the Stewards of the Meeting within one hour following the decision (see no. 178). This appeal may be lodged by telegram, confirmed by letter of the same date with amount of necessary fee (see no. 180). The A.C.N. must give its decision within a maximum of 30 days in the case of speed events (including hill climbs) and 90 days for all other kinds of competitions.

b) The time limit for forwarding an appeal to the F.I.A. expires one month from the publication of the A.C.N.’s decision. This appeal may be lodged by telegram, confirmed by letter of the same date with amount of necessary fee (see no. 181).

183. Notice of hearing of appeal. — All parties concerned shall be given adequate notice of the hearing of any appeal. They shall be entitled to call witnesses, but their failure to attend the hearing shall not interrupt the course of the proceedings.

184. National court of appeal. — Each A.C.N. shall nominate, or have nominated by its Competitions Committee, a certain number of persons, who may or may not be members of the A.C.N. concerned, who will constitute the national court of appeal.

No members of this court of appeal may sit on a hearing who may have taken part as competitors, drivers, or officials in the competition concerning which a decision is
to be given, or may have already participated in a decision on the affair in question, or who may have been directly or indirectly concerned in the matter under consideration.

185. International court of appeal.

a) Constitution of the Court. — The F. I. A. will appoint every year twelve persons to constitute the international court of appeal. A deputy will also be appointed for each of the members so nominated. Only one member may sit for each country. Members belonging to the nations concerned in the appeals will not sit. At least five members of the court shall be present to render any decision valid.

b) Summoning of the Court. — The International Competitions Committee, duly convoked by its President on receipt of the appeal lodged with the F.I.A. will decide, under Article 15, par. 2, of the statutes of the F.I.A. whether the International Appeal Court shall be convoked and, if so, will take all necessary steps to prepare the dossier.

186. Judgment. — The Court of Appeal, national or international, may decide that the penalty or other decision appealed against may be waived, and, if it should so apply, the penalty mitigated or increased, but it shall not be empowered to order any competition to be re-run.

187. Return of appeal fees. Costs. — In giving a decision on an appeal, the national or international court, as the case may be, shall decide whether any or part of the appeal fee shall be retained, and shall further decide whether either side shall pay part of the costs and in what proportions, or whether all or part of the costs shall be paid by the F.I.A.

188. Publication of Judgment. — The F. I. A., or any A.C.N., shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a judgment on appeal and to state the names of all parties interested.

The persons referred to in such notices shall have no right of action against the F.I.A., or the A.C.N. concerned or against any person publishing the said notice.

CHAPTER XIV
Administration of the Code

189. National Interpretation of Rules. — Each A.C.N., holder of Sporting Power (see nos 5 and 10) shall be
empowered to decide any question raised within its territory and concerning the interpretation of this Code or its national rules, subject to the provisions of Chapter XIII.

190. Executive Authority of an A.C.N. — Each A.C.N. holder or the sporting powers (see nos 5 and 10) shall cause to be constituted a Competitions Committee and shall delegate to this Committee the exercise of those functions and powers conferred on the A.C.N. by this Code.

Nevertheless, an A.C.N., holder of the sporting powers, may reserve to itself the final approval of certain of the decisions of its Competitions Committee, more particularly such as those concerning the drawing up of a national annual calendar of sporting events.

191. Alterations of this Code. — The F.I.A. reserves to itself the right at any time and from time to time to alter this Code and to periodically revise the Appendices thereto.

192. Notices. — Any communications required under this Code to be made by an A.C.N. to the F.I.A., shall be addressed to the headquarters of the F.I.A. or to such other address as may be duly notified from time to time.

193. Date of Operation. — This Code shall come into force and be operative as from February 17th 1954.

194. International Interpretation of the Code. — The present Code has been drawn up in French and in English. It might be published in other languages. In case of contention on its interpretation by the C.S.I. or by the International Court of Appeal, the French text shall be considered as the sole official text.
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