

# P1 24h du Mans 2021 – Drivers briefing

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## Officials

### **Race Director**

- Simon Christmann

### **Clerk of the Course**

- Frank Taller

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## The Circuit

Circuit de la Sarthe – Le Mans 2020

Le Mans configuration according to the 24h Le Mans race 2020. Including both chicanes on Hunaudieres (Mulsanne Straight)

Length of track: 13.626 km (8.467 mi)

Direction of track: clockwise

Pole Position: rFactor 2 Standards

## Schedule

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|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Free Practice</b> | 11:00 UTC | 11:45 UTC |
| <b>Briefing</b>      | 11:45 UTC | 12:00 UTC |
| <b>Qualifying</b>    | 12:00 UTC | 12:45 UTC |
| <b>Warm-Up</b>       | 12:45 UTC | 13:00 UTC |
| <b>Race</b>          | 13:00 UTC | 13:00 UTC |

## General

The P1 24h du Mans will be held according to the P1 Special Event regulations 2021. All drivers are obliged to familiarize themselves with these regulations and rules and to observe them.

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### Driving rules and code of behavior

In the P1 24h du Mans 2021 vehicles have divergent capacity. This means all participants have to display a fair, considerate and respectful behaviour.

Please respect other participants and treat each other, as you yourself would like to be treated.

**Drivers with faster class cars heed and respect slower cars !**

**Drivers with slower class cars heed and respect faster cars !**

Leave enough space for overtaking and do not drive in a gap that is not really a gap.

**Slower cars are advised to stay on their racing line.**

**Faster cars are responsible for a safe overtake on slower class cars.**

Lower class cars may give up their racing line for faster cars in a **safe and predictable** manner but are advised to stay on their racing line at all times.

**Sportsmanlike behaviour, consideration and fairness apply to all participants of P1 24h du Mans!**

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## Flag Signals

### Yellow Flag

This flag signals a hazard or obstacle next to or on the circuit. The flag is swayed to the drivers. **Speed has to be reduced**, no overtaking and change of direction is possible.

### Blue Flag

This swayed displayed flag shows the driver, that he will be overtaken or lapped. The flag has different meanings during training / qualifying or race:

#### **During Training / Qualifying**

Blue flag means a faster car is closing in and planning on overtaking the driver. A driver shown blue flags must enable the vehicle behind him to lap at the next safe opportunity.

#### **During a Race**

Same class:

A driver who is to be lapped and blue flags are displayed, must enable the vehicle behind him to lap at the next safe opportunity.

Lower class:

A driver who is to be lapped and blue flags are displayed is advised to stay on his racing line and allow cars of faster classes to pass in a safely manner.

**Stay predictable, do not decelerate or change Driving line in an unnatural manner.**

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## Qualifying

There is no minimum qualification. Drivers or teams that do not complete a lap in the qualification start from the end of their vehicle class, but are entitled to start.

Ingame driver changes are allowed.

Pressing the ESC button outside the pitlane (on track) is not allowed during the qualifying session. Teams that need to use the ESC Button because their car has too much damage are not allowed to return to the track. Teams that rejoin the qualifying session after pressing the ESC button will start from the back of their start group.

The result of the qualifying will be sorted into 2 classes and will serve as the starting grid for the 24h race.

## Formation lap

The formation lap will be single file (up to Arnage corner), manually driven and led by the Polesetters of each class.

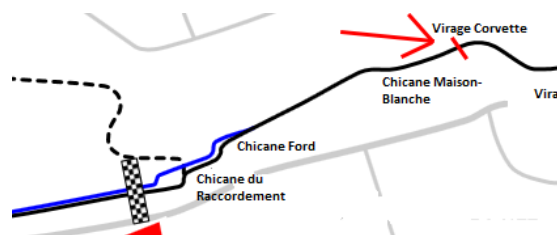
The formation lap will take place in 2 starting groups (LMP2 & GTE).

Drivers are advised to leave a gap to the car in front during the formation lap until advised to close up the formation by race control.

Maximum speed for the single file formation lap will be **200 kph**.

At the exit of Arnage corner the leading cars in each group will be advised to slow down to pit speed.

The single file formation lap will continue until the exit of Corvette corner. (marked in the picture below)



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From this point on the start groups will go into double file formation with pitlimiter enabled. (Drivers are allowed to drive faster than pit speed to close up the formation)

The race will be individually started on the start-finish-straight via the “GREEN, GREEN, GREEN” command from race control.

Teams that fail to grid in time are allowed to return to the end of their starting group.

In case the team starting from pits needs to overtake cars of the other starting group, there will be commands by race control.

### Start

The start for both groups will be rolling under pitlimiter.

All cars have to stay in double file formation until the “GREEN, GREEN, GREEN” command is given by race control.

The gap between cars should be closer than 2 car lengths.

Creating a gap, accelerating before the “GREEN, GREEN, GREEN” command and therefore gaining an advantage on the start will be penalized by race control.

**ALL drivers are advised to leave some room through the first corners. It's a 24h race that won't be won in the first few corners.**

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## **Race**

After time lapsed, the first leading car will be flagged down with the checkered flag. All following cars will be flagged down after they cross the finish line.

All teams are obliged to drive a mandatory cooldown lap after their race has concluded.

Teams may celebrate by doing donuts, burnouts etc. after their race has concluded. Stopping and or slowing done excessively on or around the start-finish-line is prohibited. Celebrating teams are responsible to do so without hindering other cars.

Failure to end the Race in a Clean and orderly Fashion (crashing after Finish, stopping immediatly on the Pit straight ...) will result in a DQ. (DNC - Did not Classify).

## **Maximum driving time**

The maximum driving time per driver is 75% of the race.

Driving time will be calculated by driven laps per driver and the overall lapcount of the team.

In case of a server crash or severe rain this rule may be suspended by the race director.

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### Pitstops / Pit lane

Within the pit lane the driver has to keep on the Fast Lane, until he is two vehicle length away from his pit. It is prohibited to block the driver behind or to park apart from the respective place of the pit. A violation is punished by the race commission.

Moving the car against the driving direction with the own motor force is only allowed for a distance of one vehicle length.

After leaving the pit every driver has to get on the fast lane immediately and follows this lane until it is allowed to merge on track again. If other cars are coming up from behind when joining the race track, a driver is advised to drive on the right side. Cars on track are responsible for safe overtakes on cars leaving the pits.

On pit exit, the white pit-exit line may not be crossed.

Cars entering the pitlane are advised to stay on the right side on the straight before the entrance of the pitlane.

**Cars CAN collide in the pitlane. Do not attempt to drive through other cars in the pitlane.**

### Red Flag

Our red flag plugin keeps track of all completed laps of all teams. Everytime the overall leader crosses the start-finish line all driven laps will be documented.

In case of a red flag situation, the standings from 1 lap before the red flag will be restored for the restart.

Once the race server is back online race control will advise everyone about the steps to take to get back into the race



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### **FCY (Full Course Yellow) / Code 60**

In case of a bigger crash, a blocked track or any other bigger caution on track, a Code 60 phase may be called at the discretion of the race control.

FCY / Code 60 situations will start with a Countdown by race control. ("FCY in 10... / Code 60 in 10...")

Overtaking (excluding lapping of slower class cars) is forbidden as soon as the countdown starts.

Drivers are obliged to slow down in a predictable manner until the countdown reaches its end.

At the end of the countdown, all drivers must be at pit limit speed with the pit limiter engaged.

Pits will remain open at all times for pit stops. Penalties may not be served during a FCY / Code 60.

In case any team needs to do their penalty during a FCY / Code 60 due to the lap limit given when receiving the penalty, the respective team will receive the same penalty again after the FCY / Code 60 has concluded.

### **Race Control & Protests**

Race control consists of P1-Gaming e.V. Members as well as members of other partnered communities.

Live race control will be reviewing incidents protested by teams.

Live race control will generally not be reviewing incidents on their own but may do so in their discretion for any dangerous behaviour, unsportsmanlike conduct or other dangerous situations.

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Protests can be submitted during the race and until 7 days after via the online form which is linked in this briefing document as well as the stewards channel.

If you have any questions, feel free to join the stewards channel but please be aware that stewards might not be able to respond to you directly.

### **Protests have to meet the following criteria:**

1. Teamnames and/or numbers of both teams involved in the incident
2. Lap / Time of the incident
3. A short description of what happened in the incident
4. A confirmation that your team was involved in the incident

### **Optional Details:**

1. Sector in which the incident happened
2. Turn in which the incident happened

Race control reserves the right not to process incomplete protests.

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## Attachments

Orange Zones:

