

# NATIONAL SPORTING CODE



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## **National Sporting Code**

**The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile** - (Hereinafter referred to as "the FIA") – is The sole International Sporting authority entitled to make and enforce regulations for the encouragement and control of automobile competitions and records and the final international court of appeal for the settlement of disputes arising there from has, so that these powers may be exercised in a fair and equitable manner, drawn up the International Sporting Code in and by which each national club or federation belonging to the FIA shall be presumed to acquiesce and be bound; and Subject to such acquiescence and restraint, the FIA shall recognize one single national club or federation per country (hereinafter called "the ASN") as sole international sporting power for the enforcement of the International Sporting Code and control of motor sport in its own country, the ASN shall have the right to delegate the whole or part of the powers conferred upon it by the International Sporting Code to another or several other clubs of its country and to withdraw such delegation (provided it first obtains the prior approval of the FIA to any such delegation or withdrawal of delegation) and each ASN may draw up its own Competition rules which will compulsorily be sent to the FIA.

**Bahrain Motor Federation** – (hereinafter referred to as "the BMF") – Being recognized by the FIA as sole international sporting power for the enforcement of the International Sporting Code and the control of motor sport in the Kingdom of Bahrain and approved by General Organization of Youth and Sport as the federation of motor sport in the Kingdom, the control of which may be granted to it by the FIA from time to time, and having acquiesced in and agreed to be bound by the International Sporting Code, has drawn up its own national Competition rules to ensure that motorsport Competitions in the Kingdom of Bahrain are fair and safe, being this National Sporting Code as follows:

## **PART I – General Principles**

### **1. Commencement:**

This Code shall come into force the 1st day of September 2007.

### **2. Interpretation:**

- (1)** In this Code (and for the avoidance of doubt, in all Appendices to this Code and all Schedules to such Appendices the English version will be taken as the official one if there is any discrepancy in the translation),

**“this Code”** means this National Sporting Code and includes all Appendices thereto and all Schedules to such Appendices, each as may be amended by Manual Amendment issued by BMF at any time and from time to time pursuant to Article 4 of this Code; and

**“Associate Member”** means a club which is a member of BMF with restrictions on its ability to organize Series, Events or Meetings and whose members shall hold current membership of a Member Club to obtain a Competition License,” and

**“BMF”** means Bahrain Motor Federation which has, in accordance with its Constitution and By-laws, delegated the various powers and discretions to be exercised by it under this Code to its National Sporting Committee (NSC); and

**“Championship”** means a Championship, Cup, Trophy or Challenge, which are the property of BMF by virtue of the delegation from the FIA:

#### **a) Championship.**

A championship may be a series of events or a single event. There are BMF championships and international championships. Only the FIA may authorize an international championship. Only BMF may authorize national championship. BMF championships may only be organized by BMF or with a member club.

#### **b) Cup, Trophy and Challenge.**

A Cup, Trophy, or Challenge may comprise a number of events with the same regulations or a single event. These events may only be organized by a member club.

Approval will centre on the following points in particular:

- (i) Approval of the sporting and technical regulations particularly with regard to safety, and
- (ii) Approval of the calendar, and
- (iii) Any venue that BMF authorize, and

**“Classification”** means grouping of vehicles according to their engine cylinder capacity or by other means of distinction; and

**“Club Event”** means either a competitive Event in which competing vehicles, usually competing singly, and attempt to complete a well-defined course in the fastest time and includes:

- (a) A speed Event;
- (b) A trial;
- (c) A sprint;
- (d) A street sprint;
- (e) A rallycross;
- (f) A rally;
- (g) A Drag Race;
- (h) A motor bike; and
- (i) An autocross;

**“Commercial Rights”** means all property rights and interests existing, created or arising by virtue of and in relation to a Series, Meeting or an Event capable of being granted or otherwise exploited for gain in Kingdom of Bahrain and includes:

(a) Naming rights (including the right for the organizer of the Series, Meeting or Event to give to or use any official name in connection with the Series, Meeting or Event); and,

(b) Advertising rights being the licenses to display, exhibit or advertise any name or names, trade marks or logos on any sign, hoarding, structure, trophy or award; and,

(c) Sponsorship rights being permissions or consents given to claim or assert sponsorship or endorsement of the Series, Meeting or Event to be recognized as a sponsor or endorser of or official supplier to the Series, Meeting or Event or otherwise to claim or assert association with the Series, Meeting or Event; and,

(d) Licensing rights to use the name of the Series, Meeting or Event and any other mark, name or logo used in connection with the Series, Meeting or Event; and

(e) Publicity rights being permissions or consents to publish newspaper and magazine articles (including photographs) relating to the Series, Meeting or Event; and

(f) Film and broadcasting rights being licenses to make cinematograph, cable and television films, images or sound recordings and broadcasts of any activities of the Series, Meeting or Event and to reproduce and distribute such films, recordings and broadcasts; each arising out of and by virtue of that Series, Meeting or Event but for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include any such rights capable of being granted or otherwise exploited for gain outside Kingdom of Bahrain; and

**"Competitor"** means any person, firm or corporation whose entry is accepted for or who competes in any Series, Meeting or Event, whether as an Entrant, Driver, Co driver, crew member or passenger; and,

**"Competition"** means a motorsport competition in which a vehicle takes part, which has a competitive nature or is given a competitive nature by the publication of results and which may comprise a heat or heats or other preliminaries and a final, free practice and qualifying practice sessions or be divided in some similar manner but must be completed by the end of the Meeting; and,

**"Cylinder capacity"** means the volume generated in cylinder (or Cylinders) by the upward or downward movement of the pistons. This volume is expressed in cubic centimeters and for all calculations relating to cylinder capacity the symbol Pi will be regarded as equivalent to 3.1416; and

**"Drag Race"** An acceleration contest between two vehicles racing from a standing start over a straight, precisely measured course in which the first vehicle to cross the finish line (without penalty) achieves the better performance.

**"Driver"** means any person who is entered for and drives in an Event; and,

**"Entrant"** means any person firm or corporation who or which being responsible for a competing vehicle and having the right to make any entry for that competing vehicle into a Series, Meeting or an Event, enters a competing vehicle in that Series, Meeting or Event and who is and remains responsible for all matters relating to such entry and who, if such person is also a Competitor in the competing vehicle so entered, shall mean that Competitor to the intent that any reference in this Code to the Entrant shall be deemed to be a reference also to that Competitor; and,

**"Event"** means either a non-competitive Event or a single Competition with its own results in which a vehicle takes part, which has a competitive nature or is given a competitive nature by the publication of such results and includes (but not by way of limitation):

- (a) A Race (and any practice session therefore);
- (b) A Rally;
- (c) A Club Event;
- (d) A Trial, (Navigational, Sporting or Regularity);
- (e) A Sprint;
- (f) A Street Sprint;
- (g) A Rallycross;
- (h) A Rally sprint;
- (i) A Drag Race;
- (j) A Karting;
- (k) A Record Attempt;
- (l) An Autocross; and

**"FIA"** means the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile; and,

**“Force majeure”** means for the purposes of this Code (but not by way of limitation) any cause of delay beyond the reasonable control of the party liable to perform unless conclusive evidence to the contrary is provided and shall include unavailability of materials or personnel, delays in shipping or transportation, fire, explosion, strike, lock-out, storm, flood, earthquake and subsidence; and,

**“Handicap”** means a method by which an artificial disadvantage (usually time) is imposed on one or more Competitors with the aim of equalizing as much as possible the chance of winning; and,

**“International Series”** means a Series which is open to entrants and Drivers of various nationalities and means an International Series as defined in the International Sporting Code; and,

**“International Event”** means an Event which is open to entrants and Drivers of various nationalities and means an International Event as defined in the International Sporting Code; and,

**“International Meeting”** means a Meeting which is open to entrants and Drivers of various nationalities and means an International Meeting as defined in the International Sporting Code; and,

**“International Permit”** means an organizing permit granted by the FIA under the International Sporting Code; and,

**“International Sporting Code”** means the International Sporting Code drawn up by the FIA and in force from time to time and at any time and which, as the context may require, shall be deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Code; and,

**“License”** means a certificate of registration issued by BMF to any person, firm, Member Club or corporation in accordance with this Code; and,

**“Licensed Driving School”** means a race or rally driving school licensed by BMF in accordance with Article 53 of this Code; and,

**“Manual Amendment”** means an amendment to:

- (a) This Code; or,
- (b) Any Appendix to this Code; or,
- (c) Any Schedule to an Appendix to this Code; made by BMF pursuant to Article 4 of this Code; and,

**“Meeting”** means an organized assembly of Competitors and Officials and including one or more competitive or non-competitive Events taking place within a defined period at the same venue; and,

**“Member Club”** means a club which is a member of BMF; and,

**"National Motorsport Court of Appeal"** means the National Court of Appeal, established by BMF from time to time in accordance with Article 116 of this Code; and,

**"National Event"** means a Meeting or an Event open to Competitors holding National or International Competition Licenses issued by BMF; and,

**"National Sporting Calendar"** means the National Sporting Calendar maintained by BMF pursuant to Article 119 of this Code; and,

**"Official"** means any of the persons designated an Official by BMF in Appendix 1 of this Code pursuant to Article 63 or Article 64 of this Code; and,

**"Official Bulletin"** means any document advising important information to Competitors in a Meeting or Event, which must be signed by either the Clerk of the Course or the Secretary of the Meeting and which:

(a) If issued before the commencement of the Meeting or Event, must be mailed, faxed, emailed or delivered to each Entrant so as to be received by each Entrant prior to the commencement of the Meeting or Event; or,

(b) When issued after the commencement of the Meeting ,Event or Scrutineering, it must be signed by the Stewards and communicated to Competitors by placing it on an official notice board at the Meeting or Event; and,

Which shall thereupon be deemed to be a part of the Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or Event; and,

**"Official Interpretation"** means BMF's interpretation of any provision of an Appendix to this Code or any provision of a Schedule to an Appendix of this Code, which is published by BMF pursuant to Article 6 of this Code; and,

**"Organizing Permit"** means the organizing permit issued by BMF pursuant to Article 8 of this Code, either to itself a Member Club or in restricted circumstances to an Associate Member as the organizer of a Meeting or Event; and,

**"Owner"** means the person, firm or corporation having ownership or effective management control of a competing vehicle in any Series, Meeting or Event; and,

**"Permit"** includes (as the context may require):

(a) An Organizing Permit for a Meeting or Event; and,

(b) A Sanctioning Permit for a Sanctioned Series; issued by BMF in accordance with Article 8 of this Code; and,

**"Race"** means an Event held on a closed circuit between more than two (2) vehicles, running at the same time in proximity on the same course, on one surface, where speed or the distance covered in a given time is the determining factor and "Race Series" means a Series of one or more Race Events; and,

**"Rally"** means an Event which is constituted either by a single itinerary, which must be followed by all cars, or by several itineraries converging on the same rallying-point fixed beforehand, and followed by a common itinerary the route of which may include one or several special stages (that is, tests or competitions organized on roads closed to normal traffic, which as a general rule, together determine the general classification of the Rally) the itineraries which are not used for special stages being called "road sections" provided however that permanent or semi permanent motor racing circuits must not constitute more than ten (10%) per cent of the total distance of the special stages and "Rally Series" means a Series of one or more Rallies; and,

**"Record Attempt"** means an Event in which an attempt is made to set a record in relation to motoring or motorsport use of a vehicle or vehicles; and,

**"Sanctioned Series"** means a Series to the organizer of which BMF issues a Sanctioning Permit and includes a BMF Championship; and,

**"Sanctioning Permit"** means the sanctioning permit issued by BMF pursuant to Article 8 of this Code, to either itself or a Member Club as the organizer of a Sanctioned Series; and,

**"Series"** means a single Event or a series of Events the results of which are aggregated to form a single result and includes (but not by way of limitation):

- (a) An Event or series of Events the winner of which is awarded the title of "Champion" or some other title in the style of "Champion";
- (b) A Championship;
- (c) A Series;
- (d) A Cup;
- (e) A Trophy;
- (f) A Challenge;

**"Stewards"** means the Stewards of the Meeting appointed by BMF for a Meeting or an Event and includes the Stewards of the Meeting when acting in relation to the conduct of a Sanctioned Series of which such Meeting or Event was a round: and,

**"Street Race"** means a Race held on a temporary venue whether consisting wholly or partly of roads or not; and,

**"Street Sprint"** means a Club Event single car sprint held on a road or a track. Cars may be started at intervals, provided no two cars are on the same section of road between marshal points at any one time.

**"Standing Regulations"** means the regulations applicable to all Meeting and Events prescribed by BMF pursuant to Article 7 of this Code; and,

**"Supplementary Regulations"** means the regulations issued by the organizer of a Meeting or Event pursuant to Article 16 of this Code; and,

**“Track”** means a road especially built or adapted to be used for competitions including record attempts. A track is defined as being the outer edges of the sealed surface including the outer edge of the ripple strips where applicable; and,

**“Trial”** means an Event in which Competitors in vehicles attempt to complete a specific course defined by written route instructions, with close adherence to a speed schedule, the placing in which are decided by reference to accumulated penalties; and,

**“Venue”** means any circuit or track for which BMF issues Permits for Meetings or Events in accordance with this Code; and,

**“Working Day”** means any day of the week other than Friday, Saturday.

**(2)** For the avoidance of doubt, the name or proposed name given to any Competition by the organizer thereof, shall not for the purposes of this Code, affect the determination of whether such Competition is an Event, or a Meeting, Race, Rally, Drag, Karting, Record Attempt or Series.

**(3)** In the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between any provision of this Code (on the one hand) and any provision of an Appendix or Schedule to an Appendix of this Code (on the other hand), this Code shall prevail.

### **3. Application:**

(1) This Code governs all Competitions, Meetings and Events for automobiles (except International Series, International Meetings and International Events) for which BMF has been recognized by the FIA as the sole sporting power in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

(2) No International Event may be conducted without an International Permit. All applications for an International Permit and all correspondence to and communication with the FIA in connection with an International Event or International Permit must be made by and through BMF at all times. All International Events must be conducted in accordance with the International Sporting Code, any breach of which shall be deemed a breach of this Code and vice versa.

(3) All International Record Attempts shall be conducted in accordance with Appendix D of the International Sporting Code.

(4) It shall be a condition of any Permit, approval consent, dispensation, waiver or exemption granted by BMF that the organizer of the Series, Meeting or Event comply with all statutes, regulations, ordinances, resource consents or by-laws applicable to the organizer or the Series, Meeting or Event together with all and any contractual obligations entered in to by and binding upon the organizer of the Series, Meeting or Event and any breach of any such statute, regulation, ordinance, resource consent, by-law or contractual obligation shall be deemed to be a breach of this Code.

(5) BMF may, in its discretion, grant to the organizer of any Series, Meeting or Event (including itself) such dispensation, waiver or exemption from any of the provisions of this Code as may be necessary or desirable to accommodate any extraordinary features of the Series, Meeting or Event which may not be contemplated by this Code provided such feature is not contrary to any provision of this Code.

(6) The onus of complying with this Code and a Permit issued by BMF shall at all times be upon the organizer of any Series, Meeting or Event or Promoter.

#### **4. Amendment to this Code:**

BMF may amend this Code and any Appendix to this Code and any Schedule to any Appendix of this Code at any time and from time to time. All amendments to this Code shall be published by BMF by issuing a Manual Amendment and shall become effective on the date nominated by BMF which date may at BMF's option in its absolute discretion, be before or after the date of publishing.

#### **5. Ownership of Commercial Rights:**

All Commercial Rights in respect of any Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event shall, as soon as the same may come into existence or become capable of commercial exploitation for gain, vest in and become the property of BMF. Without a written agreement from the BMF, no organization, commercial company or brand may be associated with a BMF championship.

#### **6. Official Interpretation:**

BMF may in its discretion as any particular circumstances may make necessary or desirable, interpret any provision of any Appendix to this Code or any provision of any Schedule to an Appendix of this Code. All such interpretations shall be made in writing and published by BMF and shall have persuasive effect upon the organizer or any Official of a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event.

#### **7. Standing Articles and Regulations:**

Effective September 2008 all supplementary rules and regulations for Karting, circuit racing, rallying, and drag racing shall be based on a standard set of standing regulations to be released in January 2008.

## **PART II – Competitions**

### **8. Permits:**

- (1) BMF shall issue Sanctioning Permits for Series and; All types of Organizing Permits, as detailed in Appendix One Schedule E, either to itself or to Member Clubs (to the exclusion of any other person, firm or company), or
- (2) BMF shall consider and grant or decline all applications for Permits for Series, Meetings and Events solely upon the grounds set out in Article 12 of this Code.
- (3) No person firm or company other than BMF or a Member Club may apply for or be issued with a Permit.
- (4) No Meeting or Event may be held without an Organizing Permit.
- (5) No holder of a BMF Competition License or Officials License may compete or participate in or contribute to the organization of a Meeting or Event for which BMF has not issued an Organizing Permit.
- (6) No Member Club may conduct a Meeting or Event for which BMF has not issued an Organizing Permit.

### **9. Conduct of Series, Meeting and Events:**

- (1) All Meetings and Events are to be conducted in accordance with:
    - (i) This Code; and
    - (ii) The Organizing Permit issued to the organizer of the Meeting or Event; and,
    - (iii) The Standing Regulations and Supplementary Regulations (if any) applicable to the Meeting or Event; and,
    - (iv) (So far as the same may apply to the conduct of the Meeting or Event) the articles of any Sanctioned Series, a round of which is to be held at the Meeting or Event.
  - (2) All Series are to be conducted in accordance with:
    - (i) This Code; and,
    - (ii) (So far as the same may apply to the organization of the Series) the Organizing Permit issued to the organizer of the Meeting or Event at which a round of the Series is to be held; and,
    - (iii) (So far as the same may apply to the organization of the Series) the Standing Regulations and Supplementary Regulations (if any) applicable to the Meeting or Event at which a round of the Series is to be held; and,
    - (iv) the Sanctioning Permit (if any) issued to the organizer of the Series; and,
    - (v) The Series articles.
  - (3) No demonstration or performance whether involving an automobile or not, shall be permitted at any Series, Meeting or Event unless that demonstration or performance has been specifically permitted in writing by BMF prior to the commencement of the Series, Meeting or Event. Where approval is granted this shall be recorded on;
    - (a) The permit issued for the Series, Meeting or Event, or
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(b) An addendum to the permit issued by BMF.

## **10. License to Use Commercial Rights Implied by Permit:**

(1) Every Permit issued by BMF shall in relation to the Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event in respect of which the Permit is issued, imply an exclusive, non assignable license to the organizer thereof under the Commercial Rights to use the same in the Kingdom of Bahrain together with a non-exclusive, non-assignable license to use such trade marks as are owned or controlled by BMF and shall grant to the organizer such further rights and licenses as may be necessary or desirable for the organizer to hold itself and the Series, Meeting or Event out as sanctioned or authorized by BMF, in each case in such form and style and upon and subject to such terms and conditions as BMF may reasonably determine are necessary or desirable to ensure that the conduct of the Series, Meeting or Event is fair and safe.

(2) Permits may be issued by BMF only to itself or to organizers of Series, Meetings or Events, which are Member Clubs. Member Clubs or Associate Members, to whom a Permit has been granted may however, with BMF's prior consent (which consent shall be evidenced by the issue of the Permit), grant a sub-license or sub-licenses under the Commercial Rights to any sponsor or sponsors or commercial promoter or promoters of the Series, Meeting or Event, at all times upon and subject to such terms and conditions as BMF may reasonably determine are necessary or desirable to ensure that the conduct of the Series, Meeting or Event is fair and safe.

## **11. Application For and Types of Permits:**

(1) BMF shall in Appendix One, prescribe from time to time the types of Permits to be issued and to whom and by such deadlines application is to be made and the application and any other fees payable when making application for a Permit (which fees shall, for the avoidance of doubt, be payable whether or not BMF exercising its power under Article 12 subsequently issues the Permit applied for or not).

(2) The type of Permit required for a particular Series, Meeting or Event shall in each case, be determined by BMF.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt, BMF may at any time issue to itself a Permit of any kind.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Article 11 shall not apply to Permits for International Series, International Meetings, or International Events, applications for and all matters in connection with which (including the Commercial Rights), are within the control of the FIA pursuant to the International Sporting Code.

(5) BMF shall in Appendix One, prescribe from time to time the fees payable to BMF by organizers of International Meetings and International Events for BMF making application to the FIA for a Permit for such Meetings or Events, which fees may, in BMF's discretion be refunded in whole or part in the event the FIA declines the application.

(6) Without prejudice to the organizer's obligations to comply with Part VI of this Code, the organizer of any Meeting or Race Event to be held on any new venue (being a venue which has not been used for any Meeting or Event before) must have the venue inspected by such person as may be nominated by BMF before applying for a Permit.

(7) BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, prescribe from time to time the forms upon which applications for Permits are to be made and the supporting material and information to accompany such applications.

(8) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Code shall be read or construed as restricting BMF or any Member Club from organizing a Sanctioned Series comprising Races, Rallies and Club Events (or any combination thereof) and only one (1) Sanctioning Permit shall be required for any such Sanctioned Series.

## **12. Issue of Permit:**

(1) Without prejudice to BMF's right to decline an application pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Article, each application for a Permit shall be considered by BMF taking into account:

(a) The conformity of the proposed Series, Meeting or Event with this Code and with the Standing Articles or Standing Regulations applicable to the Series, Meeting or Event; and,

(b) Such other matters as may be relevant to ensure that the conduct of the Series, Meeting or Event is fair and safe.

(2) Any application for a Permit from a Member Club or Associate Member, which is more than three (3) months in arrears in payment of any levy, fee or penalty of any kind due and owing to BMF, may at BMF's option be declined.

## **13. Postponement or Cancellation of Meeting or an Event:**

Unless prior approval has been given by BMF, no Meeting or Event may be postponed or cancelled unless provision for doing so has been made in the Supplementary Regulations, or unless it is cancelled by the Stewards of the Event for reasons of force majeure or safety.

## **14. Cancellation of a BMF Championship Round:**

Without prejudice to Article 13 of this Code, any organizer proposing to cancel a Meeting or Event at which a round of a BMF championship is to be held must advise BMF not less than 30 days prior to the date of the Meeting or Event and provide all relevant information in relation to its proposal to cancel the Meeting or Event. In canceling the Meeting or Event, the organizer grants to BMF an option to organize a Meeting or Event in replacement thereof.

## **15. Knowledge and Respect of Rules:**

Every person, firm, corporation Member Club or Associate Member associated with a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or an Event, whether as organizer, promoter, Official or Competitor and whether a License holder or not, shall be deemed to be acquainted with and bound by this Code, the articles of the Series, the Standing Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or Event (if any), and shall submit to all penalties which may be lawfully imposed as a result or consequence of any breach thereof.

## **16. Supplementary Regulations:**

The organizers of all International and National status Meetings and Events, and all Street Sprints and Races on temporary venues (regardless of status) must, in accordance with the requirements and procedures set out in the Appendices of this Code applicable to the Meeting or Event, issue and publish their own Supplementary Regulations (being regulations which are supplementary to the Standing Regulations prescribed by BMF).

The Supplementary Regulations must at all times contain the relevant statements and information set out in the Appendices of this Code applicable to the Meeting or Event.

## **17. Amendment to Supplementary Regulations and Sanctioned Series Articles:**

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, the Supplementary Regulations of a Meeting or Event may be amended for reasons of safety or force majeure or to give practical effect to or correct any manifest error in or omission from the Supplementary Regulations as follows:

- (a) Up until the commencement of the Meeting or Event, by BMF; and,
- (b) After the commencement of the Meeting or Event, by the Stewards.

(2) No amendment to the Supplementary Regulations of a Meeting or Event shall be valid unless made by way of Official Bulletin according to the procedures set out in the definition of "Official Bulletin" in Article 2 of this Code.

(3) No organizer of a Sanctioned Series may amend the articles of the Series after the date listed for the opening of entries in the Series unless BMF deems such amendment is in the best interests of the sport.

Following any such amendment, the organizer shall notify in writing all Sanctioned Series entrants of the fact that BMF has approved the amendment.

## **18. Duration of Meetings and Events:**

Every Meeting and Event commences at the beginning of administrative checking or Scrutineering (if any), whichever is the earlier, includes practice, and ends at the later of:

- (a) The conclusion of post-Meeting or post-Event Scrutineering; or,
- (b) Expiry of the time for lodging protests and appeals; or,
- (c) The conclusion of any hearings; or,
- (d) The conclusion of official prize giving.

## **19. Information to be contained in the Programme:**

The following must be contained in the official programme (if any) of a Meeting or an Event:

- (a) A statement that the Meeting or Event will be held under this Code, the Standing Regulations and an Organizing Permit issued by BMF and that it is authorized and sanctioned by BMF;
- (b) The name of the organizing Member Club or Associate Member;
- (c) The venue, date and timetable of the Meeting or Event;
- (d) A brief description of the Meeting or Event;
- (e) The names of the Entrants and the Drivers with the numbers of their competing vehicles together with all details of groups and classes of competing vehicles;
- (f) Handicaps, if any, including details of the method of handicapping;
- (g) The names of the Stewards and any other Officials appointed by BMF;
- (h) The names of the Clerk of the Course and other Senior Officials appointed by the BMF; and
- (i) BMF's trademarks in such style and form as may be stipulated by BMF in the Organizing Permit.

## **20. Entries:**

(1) The submission of an entry form to a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event to the organizer thereof shall be deemed to be an offer by the intending Entrant to the organizer which the organizer may, in its discretion, accept or decline, subject however to the organizer or where specifically provided for the identified electronic address of the organizer, observing and complying with the terms and conditions of its invitation to enter, the Standing Regulations, its Supplementary Regulations (if any), or Series articles, and without prejudice to the organizer's obligations at law and in equity. If the organizer of the Meeting or Event publishes no deadline for the closing of entries or late entries, the Entrant may submit entries in person on the day of the Meeting or Event. If a deadline for the closing of entries or late entries is published by the organizer, entries must be submitted by delivering or posting the official entry form signed by the Entrant and Owner to the published address of the organizer or by transmitting the same by facsimile to the published facsimile number of the organizer, in each case, prior to such deadlines provided that an entry made by facsimile or electronically shall be deemed to have been made at the time and date it is actually received.

(2) Upon acceptance of the entry by the organizing committee, a contract between the Entrant and organizer shall come into existence whereby the Entrant agrees to take part in the Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event for which they have entered and the organizer agrees to fulfill in respect of the Entrant, all the conditions of the entry subject however to force majeure.

(3) No Competitor may organize or participate in any boycott of any kind in relation to any Meeting or Event.

(4) Without prejudice to any of the organizer's available rights or remedies, any Competitor whose entry in any Meeting or Event has been accepted and who or

which then fails to take part in that Meeting or Event, shall be in breach of this Code unless such failure to take part is due to force majeure.

(5) Any Driver who has signed the Entrant's entry form (and who thereby shall be deemed to have agreed to drive in the Meeting or Event in which the entry is made), then fails to drive in that Meeting or Event and drives in another Meeting or Event on the same day at another venue, shall be in breach of this Code.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7) of this Article, the organizer of an Event which is a round of a Sanctioned Series must not knowingly, accept an entry from, or allow any Competitor or competing vehicle to compete in the Event, if such Competitor or competing vehicle is not eligible for and entered in the Sanctioned Series.

(7) The restriction set out in paragraph (6) of this Article shall not apply to organizers of Events who have made entry in the Event also open to other Competitors and competing vehicles who or which the organizer does not require to be eligible for and entered in the Sanctioned Series.

## **21. Entry Form:**

BMF shall in the Appendices of this Code, from time to time prescribe standard entry forms to be used by Member Clubs and Associate Members organizing Meetings and Events. Each entry form must be signed by the Entrant and Owner when submitted and by each Driver before the commencement of the Meeting or Event.

Where entry forms are received in electronic form, the required signatories will sign an "Event documentation signature sheet" prior to participation in the event. Where the Entrant, Owner and Driver are the same person, one signature is acceptable.

## **22. Receipt of Entries:**

- (1) The organizer of any Meeting or Event may publish the Supplementary Regulations (if any) as soon as the Permit in respect of the Meeting or Event is issued by BMF and may receive entries up to the specified first closing date in its invitation to enter or Supplementary Regulations. At the absolute discretion of the organizer entries may be received after the first closing date upon payment of additional late entry fee provided that no entries are accepted after the end of Event or Meeting documentation period.

The invitation to enter or the Supplementary Regulations may provide that the date for nomination of drivers may be later than the closing date of entries, provided that such time shall not be later than the end of Event or Meeting documentation period.

(2) If an entry fee is stated in the organizer's invitation to enter or Supplementary Regulations (if any), then any entry lodged which is not accompanied by such fee within three (3) Working Days of the entry being lodged, shall be of no effect. If the organizer wishes to accept certain entries

without fee, this must be stated in the invitation to enter or Supplementary Regulations (if any).

(3) Should an organizer accept the entry of a foreign competitor who has no authorization from his ASN which issued his license, that organizer would be committing an infringement which would entail a fine as the BMF may deem to impose.

### **23. Entry Containing a False Statement:**

It shall be a breach of this Code to submit an entry which contains a false, misleading or deceptive statement and any such entry shall be of no effect and the entry fee is forfeited.

### **24. Refusal of Entry:**

(1) In the case of an entry for a competition being refused by the organizer or organizing committee the latter must notify the applicant of such refusal within 5 days of receipt of the entry and not less than 2 days before the competition stating the grounds for such a refusal.

(b) May be made on the day of the Meeting or Event, must notify the intended Entrant to this effect not later than one (1) hour after receipt of the entry form.

### **25. Conditional Entries:**

(1) The Supplementary Regulations (if any) of any Meeting or Event may provide that entries can be accepted upon certain conditions including (where there is a limitation as to the number of starters) that a vacancy among the other entries must first arise. Conditional acceptance of an entry must be notified to the Entrant by the organizer no later than two (2) days after the closing of entries.

(2) Should the number of entries received exceed the maximum number specified in the organizer's invitation to enter or Supplementary Regulations (if any), those to be accepted shall be selected either according to the order of receipt of their entries or by means of a ballot or by another means determined by BMF (NSC). Those entries declined may nevertheless be accepted as reserves.

### **26. Closing of Entries:**

The date and time for the final receipt of entries must be clearly stated in the organizer's invitation to enter or Supplementary Regulations.

### **27. Publishing of Entries:**

The organizer must not enter on the official programme (if any) or publish as entered the name of any Entrant or Driver in respect of whom the organizer has not received a duly completed entry form.

## **28. Disputes Regarding Entries:**

(1) Once an entry has been accepted, any dispute between the Entrant, Owner or Driver (on the one hand) and the organizer (on the other hand) regarding an entry arising prior to the commencement of the Meeting or Event shall be adjudged by BMF.

(2) In no case may a Driver or competing vehicle who or which has been found to have been incorrectly entered compete in a Meeting or an Event before any protest or appeal has been adjudged or dealt with.

## **29. Results:**

(1) The organizer of a Meeting or Event must publish and distribute a complete set of the results of the Event (whether such results are final or not) as follows:

- (a) In the case of Events which are a round of a BMF Championship:
  - i. To BMF by telephone, email or facsimile no later than the first Working Day following the Event; and,
  - ii. To each Competitor in the Event, by making them available for collection at the Event venue within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the Event.

- (b) In the case of National status Events which are not a round of a BMF Championship, to each Competitor in the Event by making them available for collection at the Event venue within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the Event.

(2) The organizer of a Sanctioned Series must publish and distribute a complete set of points, results in the Series (whether such results are final or not) to BMF and to each Entrant in the Series via the BMF web site or by email or mail within three (3) Working Days of the conclusion of each round of the Series.

## **30. Publication of Results:**

(1) When published, all results are to be timed, dated and signed by the Clerk of the Course, or Assistant Clerk of the Course, the official Final results or classifications are to be approved and signed by the stewards.

(2) Without prejudice and in addition to the Competitor's right to protest set out in Part IX of this Code, any Competitor in the Event who believes there is an arithmetical error in or omission from the results of the Event may within 30 minutes of the publication of the provisional results of an Event, request the Clerk of the Course in writing (on such form as the Clerk of the Course shall provide for the purpose) to check the results of the Event. The Clerk of the Course must check, if necessary amend the results and notify the Competitor as to the outcome of such checking.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, all results of an Event which are published shall be subject to the hearing of any inquiries, complaints, protests or appeals concerning the conduct of the Event and of any technical

inspections of any competing vehicle in the Event, and shall become final when the hearings or inspections have been concluded and the results of such hearings or inspections are published.

(4) Should an organizer, in the Supplementary Regulations or other official document of a Meeting or an Event, announce an intention to publish the results at a certain time and place, such time shall be determined as the publication time. Should the organizer then be unable to publish the results at that time for any reason, the organizer must publish at that time and place a statement as to its revised intention to publish the results.

### **31. Starts:**

(1) Each Event shall start the moment that the starting signal is given. In the case of timed Event, timing must commence (in the case of standing start Events) when the signal to start is given or (in the case of rolling start Events) when the first competing vehicle crosses the start line.

(2) Any Driver who has received the starting signal or triggered the timing device is considered as having started and has no right to restart, except in case of force majeure as determined by the Stewards or the Clerk of the Course.

### **32. Types of Start:**

All Events must start by way of either:

- (a) A standing start; or
- (b) A rolling start.

### **33. Crossing a Control Line:**

The time a competing vehicle crosses a control line shall be taken at the moment when the centre of its front wheels passes over that line or, where the timing apparatus is automatic, at the moment when it is activated.

## **PART III – Entrants and Drivers**

### **34. Entrants:**

All Entrants must be aware of and abide by this Code and the articles governing the Sanctioned Series and the Standing Regulations governing the Meeting or Event in which they are entered and in particular:

- (a) Must, if the Entrant is not also the Driver, possess an Entrants License issued by BMF;
- (b) Must sign the entry form and pay the required entry fee;
- (c) Must agree to be bound by the provisions of this Code;
- (d) Must accept responsibility for the presentation of their competing vehicle to Scrutineering insofar as:
  - (i) The vehicle conforms to the articles governing the Sanctioned Series and the Supplementary Regulations covering the Meeting or Event including any covering the specification of the competing vehicle;
  - (ii) The competing vehicle is in a clean and safe condition;
  - (iii) The competing vehicle's Competition numbers are displayed and positioned in accordance with the Standing Regulations, or appropriate Sanctioned Series articles or Supplementary Regulations (if any);
- (e) Shall have the right of protest and the right of appeal but may agree in writing to their Driver or Drivers lodging a protest or appeal;
- (f) Must, if the Entrant is not also the Driver, prior to the Meeting or Event appoint a person to represent them at the Meeting or Event provided that such appointment must be in writing and be produced on the demand of any Official of the Meeting or Event and provided further that any such appointment shall not remain in effect for a term of more than one (1) year; and
- (g) Shall be responsible at all times for the actions of the Entrant's Driver or Drivers, pit and service crews and for the payment of any fines levied on any of them.

### **35. Drivers:**

All Drivers and co-Drivers must be aware of and abide by the articles governing the Sanctioned Series, the Standing Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations (if any) for the Meeting or Event in which they are entered and in particular must:

- (a) Hold a current, valid Competition License of the grade required by this Code for the Meeting or Event entered which License must be available for inspection by any Official of the Meeting or Event at all times during the Meeting or Event;
- (b) Have presented either in person or on their behalf, their License and proof of membership of a Member Club at Scrutineering or administrative checking prior to the Meeting or Event entered;
- (c) Wear the required protective clothing approved for the Meeting or Event entered;

- (d) Decline to compete in a competing vehicle, which they know to be ineligible for the Meeting or Event entered;
- (e) Not enter more than one Meeting or Event at different venues on the same day unless they hold the permission of BMF;
- (f) At all times obey the instructions of any authorized Official of the Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event and take any disputes with such Officials to (in the case of a Sanctioned Series) the Series Coordinator, or (in the case of a Meeting or Event) the Clerk of Course or, (where one is appointed) the Competitor Relations Officer;
- (g) Be present at any meetings or briefings where this is required by the articles, the Standing Regulations or Supplementary Regulations (if any) or by the Stewards and, unless by prior agreement with the organizer, at any prize-giving or ceremony where their presence is required by such articles or Standing Regulations or Supplementary Regulations;
- (h) Drive only in Meetings and Events at venues licensed by BMF;
- (i) Only compete in Meetings or Events, which have been authorized by BMF by the issue of a Permit;
- (j) Be aware of the contents of this Code and in particular the code of driving conduct which may be applicable to the Meeting or Event by virtue of BMF standing regulations; and
- (k) (Unless the Driver holds an Authorized Minor License issued by BMF) if the Driver is under the age of 18, produce the written consent of one (1) parent or the Driver's legal guardian (such consent being in a form prescribed by BMF from time to time) prior to participation in any Meeting or Event. The minimum age at which a driver may be licensed or eligible to compete is as per Appendix One Sch L.
- (l) Retain and present on demand to Stewards of the Meeting or Event, Event Director / Clerk of the Course any hearing notification of decision forms pertaining to the current license which contain a current penalty of license endorsement.

### **36. Change and Nomination of Driver and Change of Competing Vehicle:**

Unless specifically prohibited by the Supplementary Regulations (if any) or by the articles of any Sanctioned Series, any Entrant may, up to thirty (30) minutes prior to commencement of any Event, with the prior consent of the organizer of the Meeting or Event (and in the case of a Meeting or Event which is a round of such a Series, the prior consent of the organizer of the Series):

- (a) Nominate the Driver or change the Driver nominated by the Entrant, to drive the Entrant's competing vehicle in the Event;
- (b) Change the competing vehicle entered in the Event provided the replacement competing vehicle qualifies for the same group or class in which the original competing vehicle was entered.

### **37. Intoxicants and Drugs:**

(1) BMF shall from time to time in Appendix One Schedule D of this Code, prescribe certain drugs and substances to be banned substances for the purposes of this Article of this Code.

(2) No Driver shall supply or be supplied with intoxicating liquor or any narcotic drug or a drug or substance banned by BMF pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Article by any person during a Meeting or Event, unless a Medical Officer orders it. Any Driver who consumes intoxicating liquor at a Meeting or Event shall be instantly excluded there from by the Stewards and shall be prevented by the Officials from starting or continuing in that Meeting or Event provided however that this restriction shall not apply to rest breaks of more than eight (8) hours.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) of this Article shall prevent or restrict the supply as prizes of liquor to a Driver during a Meeting or Event.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article shall apply to all service and pit crew members who for the duration of a Meeting or Event, are engaged in servicing a Driver or competing vehicle and shall apply to all Officials of a Meeting or Event and their assistants.

(5) No Driver who is receiving or being treated with any drug or medication, whether prescribed or not, which will affect, or is likely to affect his or her driving ability, shall drive, attempt to drive or compete in any competing vehicle in any Meeting or Event.

(6) All Drivers and Officials of a Meeting or Event shall submit to such alcohol or drug testing as may be required and any failure to do so shall be regarded as a breach of this Code.

(7) Any Driver who suffers from a medical condition which may be affected by certain drugs or treatment must wear a Medic-Alert or similar warning bracelet and shall in the official entry form, inform the organizer of the Meeting or Event of his or her particular requirements in the event of an accident.

## **PART IV – Licenses**

### **38. License Types:**

BMF shall issue the following types of License:

- (a) Competition License;
- (b) Driving School License;
- (c) Entrant's License
- (d) Instructor's License;
- (e) Official's License; and
- (f) Venue License (pursuant to Part VI of this Code).

### **39. Competition and Entrant's Licenses:**

(1) BMF shall in Appendix One Schedule L of this Code, prescribe from time to time the types of Competition Licenses (including the types of licenses and visas issued by other ASNs) and Entrant's Licenses required to take part in any Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event together with the qualifications, experience and training required of any person to hold any License, the forms to be used and the fees to be paid in applying for all such Licenses.

(2) No person may take part in any Meeting, Event or Record Attempt without the Competition License required by Appendix One of this Code.

### **40. Official's Licenses:**

BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, prescribe from time to time the types of Official Licenses to be issued by BMF, which type of Official's License is required to organize or officiate at any Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event together with the qualifications, experience and training required of any person to hold any such License together with the duration of all such Licenses.

### **41. Use of Entrant's License:**

The Entrant in all Events must hold an Entrant's License where the Entrant of a competing vehicle is not a Competitor in that vehicle. The application form for an Entrant's License must be signed by an authorized and designated representative of the Entrant in whose name the License is to be issued.

### **42. License Issue – General:**

(1) BMF may issue Licenses to citizens of Kingdom of Bahrain or to the citizens of another country in accordance with the International Sporting Code.

(2) Licenses may be issued under an assumed name.

(3) Licenses may not be issued under a name which is calculated to deceive.

(4) BMF may issue a License to a foreigner whose country is not represented on the FIA provided that it immediately notifies the FIA of such issue for inclusion in a register of such Licenses maintained by the FIA.

(5) BMF shall allot a unique number to each License issued.

(6) BMF shall maintain a register of Licenses issued to Competitors and Officials.

#### **43. Under-18 Applicants and Junior Drivers:**

In addition and without prejudice to the provisions of Appendix One as to the types of Competition Licenses required to take part in any Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event together with the qualifications, experience and training required of any person to hold any License, BMF may require any applicant for a Competition License who is under the age of 18 years at the date of application, to provide a statutory declaration from one of the applicant's parents or from the applicant's legal guardian consenting to such application, in such form as BMF may prescribe from time to time.

#### **44. Validity of Competition Licenses:**

(1) A Competition License is not valid when a Competitor is under a sentence of suspension, or disqualification in accordance with this Code.

(2) An International Entrants or Competition License issued by BMF shall be valid in all countries represented on the FIA and shall entitle the holder of the License to enter or drive in all Meetings or Events organized in accordance with this Code and, subject to the provisions of Article 47 of this Code, in all Events in the International Sporting Calendar.

#### **45. Nationality of a Competitor:**

Competition License holders may only hold one license issued by an ASN at one time. In the event of a Competitor wishing to change his or her country of residence, BMF may, at its discretion permit such Competitor to cancel his or her BMF License during the currency of such License in order to obtain another license from an ASN provided however that BMF will not issue a new License to any such Competitor until after the end of the next calendar year.

#### **46. Production of Licenses:**

All Entrants, Drivers or Officials at a Meeting or an Event must, if requested by an Official of the Meeting or Event or by an Official of the Sanctioned Series of which the Meeting or Event is a round or by BMF, produce their License. Any Competitor who for any reason is unable to produce his or her license when requested, shall forthwith complete and deliver to the Official or BMF (whoever may have requested production of the license) an application for a replacement license together with the applicable fee for the license grade required, plus a priority fee of 50% (which fee less the 50% priority fee, shall be refunded by BMF upon subsequent production of the Competitor's original license).

#### **47. Using a License in a Foreign Country:**

(1) BMF shall provide such permissions, visas and consents as may be permitted by the FIA to allow holders of Competition and Entrant's Licenses to compete in Series, Meetings and Events outside Kingdom of Bahrain and BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, from time to time prescribe requirements and procedures for the making of application for such permissions, visas and consents.

(2) No holder of a Competition License or Entrant's License may compete in a Series, Meeting or Event outside Kingdom of Bahrain without the prior approval of BMF, application for which must be made to BMF in accordance with the requirements prescribed by BMF in Appendix One of this Code.

(3) Only license holders from a country within the zone can take part in national events in the zone. If any license holder from a country that is not within the zone takes part this will constitute a breach of the zone regulations unless the event is registered with the FIA as a full international competition.

#### **48. Replacement of Competition License:**

Any Competitor losing his or her License may obtain a replacement License at any time by making application to BMF and upon payment of the appropriate fee set out in Appendix One of this Code.

#### **49. Expiry Date of License:**

(1) All Competition Licenses other than International grade Competition Licenses shall expire on 31<sup>st</sup> July of each year, unless the License has lapsed for more than one (1) year, in which case a new License must be applied for.

(2) All International grade Competition Licenses shall expire on the 31st December of each year.

#### **50. Renewal of License:**

(1) All Competition Licenses may be renewed at any time up to one (1) month prior to their expiry date.

(2) A new Competition License shall be issued in the same grade and the same class as it was previously held, provided it was held in that class not more than two (2) years prior to the date of the new application, in which case it will be issued in an un-graded status and as set out in Appendix One of this Code.

#### **51. Withdrawal of License:**

Any person entering for, driving in, officiating at, organizing, or in any other way taking part in any Meeting, Event or Record Attempt in respect of which a Permit has not been issued or a competition is held outside the jurisdiction of BMF in

accordance with this Code may, in addition to any other applicable penalty under this Code, have their License suspended.

## **52. Refusal to Issue or Renew a License:**

BMF may refuse to issue or renew a License to an applicant who does not meet the national or international criteria applicable to the license applied for. The reasons for any such refusal shall be stated.

## **53. Driving School License and Instructor's License:**

(1) BMF shall in Appendix One Schedule LS of this Code, prescribe from time to time the qualifications, experience and training required of any person, firm or corporation to hold a Driving School License and for any person to hold an Instructor's License, the forms to be used and the fees to be paid in applying for such Licenses.

(2) BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, prescribe from time to time the syllabus of courses which the holder of a Driving School License may conduct in order for any person to obtain a Competition license or any Official's License from BMF.

(3) The issue of a Driving School License shall imply a non-exclusive, non-assignable license to the holder thereof for the duration of the License, to use such trade marks as are owned or controlled by BMF and shall grant to the organizer such further rights and licenses as may be necessary or desirable for the holder to hold itself out as licensed and authorized by BMF, in each case in such form and style and upon and subject to such terms and conditions as BMF may stipulate.

## **PART V – Competing Vehicles and Scrutineering**

### **54. Advertising on Competing Vehicles:**

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article and without affecting in any way any requirements in the Supplementary Regulations (if any), or the Sanctioned Series articles as to size, location or dimension of competition numbers, advertising on competing vehicles is free.

(2) No organizer of a Series, Meeting or Event may restrict any Competitor in the Series, Meeting or Event from placing advertising on the Competitor's competing vehicles or protective clothing or helmet unless such restrictions are required by law or by the Schedule to an Appendix of this Code or by the supplementary regulations which governs the eligibility of the competing vehicle to enter the Series, Meeting or Event.

(3) Any obligation intended to be imposed by the organizer of a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event upon the Competitors therein to affix any advertising on the Competitor's competing vehicle; protective clothing or helmet must be stated in the Series' articles or Supplementary Regulations in which case such requirement shall be a condition of entry.

(4) The placement of advertising on any competing vehicle or on any Competitor's protective clothing or helmet and the size, location or dimension of competition numbers shall not form the basis of any protest between Competitors but may make the Competitor subject to discipline by the organizer of the Series, Meeting or Event or by BMF.

### **55. False Advertising:**

Any Entrant or Competitor advertising or publicizing the result of any Series, Meeting, Event or Record Attempt must not, in such advertising or publicity, engage in any misleading or deceptive conduct or make any false or misleading representation and the Entrant shall ensure that any of its sponsors advertising or publicizing the same are aware that they are dealing with the results of a BMF championship, Meeting, Event or Record Attempt and that they are not to engage in any false or misleading conduct or make any false or misleading representation in relation thereto.

### **56. Scrutineering:**

(1) Subject at all times to the International Sporting Code, BMF shall in its standing regulations, prescribe from time to time for competing vehicles in Series, Meetings and Events safety requirements together with procedures and requirements to be adopted and complied with by all organizers, Officials and Competitors therein as to Scrutineering competing vehicles for compliance with all such safety requirements and vehicle classifications, specifications, definitions and regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed or implied in this Code or in any Appendix to this Code or any Schedule to an Appendix to this Code, the onus shall at all times be upon the Entrant of a competing vehicle to prove the conformity of their vehicle with any safety requirement or vehicle classification, specification, definition or regulation.

### **57. Reclassification of a Vehicle:**

Without prejudice to the right of an Entrant to change the competing vehicle to be driven by the Driver nominated by the Entrant pursuant to Article 35 of this Code, should during initial Scrutineering (if any), a competing vehicle prove not to be in conformity with the vehicle classification, specification, definition or regulation governing the Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event in which it is entered, the scrutineers may recommend to the Clerk of the Course that it be reclassified. Any such vehicle may only be re-classified if:

- (a) The irregularity did not occur as a result of an attempt to gain an advantage; and
- (b) The proposed change will give no advantage to the Entrant or Driver of the competing vehicle; and
- (c) The proposed change is into a higher performance or capacity class or group and does not prevent another Competitor from starting; and any such change, which is accepted by the Clerk of the Course, shall be posted on the Official Notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of Scrutineering. Any such re-classification shall be subject to the protest of any other Competitor.

### **58. Parc Fermé:**

(1) The Championship or Sanctioned Series articles shall specify whether a Parc Fermé shall be established at any Meeting or Event forming a round of the Championship or Series for those competing vehicles. The Technical Officers appointed to the Meeting or Event shall advise competitors in such Championship or Series of the location of the Parc Fermé.

(2) When provided for, each Parc Fermé must be of adequate dimensions and adequately closed-off so as to ensure that no unauthorized person may gain access while competing vehicles are in the Parc Fermé. The area between the finish line and the Parc Fermé entrance shall be deemed to be and must be operated as part of the Parc Fermé.

(3) Other than the Drivers and Number two drivers driving their competing vehicles to the Parc Fermé, no Competitor may enter a Parc Fermé without the permission of the Officials appointed by the organizers to be responsible for the Parc Fermé.

(4) No intervention is permitted on the competing vehicles in a Parc Fermé unless provision to this effect is explicitly made in the articles of the Championship or Sanctioned Series or the Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or Event.

(5) Vehicles may only be released from a Parc Fermé;

- (a) At the expiry of the time limit for Protest, by the appointed Event Director or the Clerk of the Course, or
- (b) Prior to the expiry time limit for Protest, by the appointed BMF Technical Officer(s) or the appropriate Series Scrutineer, with the approval of the Meeting or Event Stewards.

## **PART VI – Circuits, Venues and Courses**

### **59. International Venues:**

(1) No International Meeting or Event or International Record Attempt or World Record Attempt may be held without a License in respect of the venue thereof being issued by the FIA.

(2) Any application for a License for either a permanent or temporary venue for an International Event or International Record Attempt or World Record Attempt must be made to the FIA by BMF for and on behalf of the organizer or venue owner or operator, and all and any correspondence and communication in connection with such application which must be made to the FIA, shall be made by and through BMF at all times to the exclusion of the organizer or venue owner or operator.

(3) The FIA will issue a License in respect of a venue (if the venue is to be used for an International Meeting or Event) only if a Venue License has been issued by BMF in respect of the venue in accordance with this Code and if the venue complies with BMF's criteria in force from time to time and any such License will be valid for the period stated in the License and may (in the FIA's discretion):

- (a) Restrict the venue to certain classes or types of competing vehicles;
- (b) Prescribe the maximum number of competing vehicles able to take part at one time;
- (c) Specify the length of the circuit;
- (d) Specify in an addendum to the License, the safety equipment required to be in place for International Events; and
- (e) Be withdrawn by the FIA at any time or refused renewal.

(4) Any License issued by the FIA must be displayed in a prominent position at the venue in order that it is accessible to Competitors.

### **60. Venue License:**

(1) BMF shall prescribe from time to time the requirements of any circuit (either permanent or temporary) or any other venue in respect of which BMF shall require a Venue License to be issued and the forms for and the fees to be paid in applying for a Venue License together with the grades of License to be issued and the types of competing vehicles for which such License may permit Events to be held on the circuit or venue.

(2) The issue of a Venue License shall imply a non-exclusive, non-assignable License to the holder thereof for the duration of the License, to use such trade marks as are owned or controlled by BMF and shall grant to the organizer such further rights and licenses as may be necessary or desirable for the holder to hold itself out and the circuit or venue as licensed and authorized by BMF, in each case in such form and style and upon and subject to such terms and conditions as BMF may stipulate.

## **61. Venue Log Book:**

BMF shall issue to the holder of a Venue License for a permanent circuit or track a Venue Log Book. The Venue Log Book is to be made available at all Meetings or Events to the Event Director (where appointed), Clerk of the Course and Meeting Stewards.

## **62. Obligations of Venue and Circuit Owners or Operators:**

(1) BMF shall prescribe from time to time the requirements and obligations of the holder of a Venue License as to maintenance, upgrading and inspection of the circuit or venue in respect of which a Venue License has been issued and the holder of such License shall comply with and perform all such requirements and obligations.

(2) The holder of a Venue License shall make available to the BMF at any National or International Race Meeting or Event conducted at the venue, the Venue License and the circuit or venue's log book and to the Stewards at all other Meetings or Events all safety information required to be made available by BMF.

(3) The holder of a Venue License shall reinstate or carry out temporary repairs to any safety barrier or device which has been damaged, displaced or destroyed during any Meeting or Event, such repairs to be inspected and approved by the Stewards prior to the continuation of the Meeting or Event.

## **PART VII – Officials**

### **63. Officials of a Meeting or Event:**

The Officials of any Meeting or Event shall be those who BMF shall, in Appendix One of this Code, designate from time to time.

BMF shall, in addition to those Officials set out in Appendix One of this Code, be entitled to appoint an Observer to a Meeting or Event, for the purpose of observing and checking both the organization and operation of the Meeting or Event.

### **64. Officials of a Sanctioned Series:**

The Officials of any Sanctioned Series shall be those who BMF shall, in Appendix One of this Code, designate from time to time together with such other officials as may be nominated in the Series articles by the Series organizer.

### **65. Other Officials:**

As a condition of or a pre-requisite to the issue of a Permit, and if the same shall be necessary or desirable to ensure that the conduct of the Series, Meeting or Event is fair and safe, BMF shall in addition to those Officials set out in Appendix One of this Code, be entitled to require from time to time other Officials of any Series, Meeting or Event to also be licensed.

### **66. Right of Supervision:**

Without prejudice to its power to appoint an Event Director, Technical Officers and Scrutineers pursuant to Article 67 and without prejudice to the operation of Article 65, BMF may in respect of any Meeting or Event at which is to be held or which is a round of any BMF Championship, Trophy or Cup, require a specific number of Stewards to be appointed and may itself appoint such other persons to attend as an observer and further, may appoint such inspectors, observers, delegates or other Officials to supervise and control the track, course, Meeting and Events as it may see fit from time to time.

### **67. Event Director, Scrutineers and Technical Officers:**

At any Meeting or Event, BMF or affiliated club may appoint an Event Director and where appropriate an Assistant Event Director or Assistant Event Directors to supervise the Meeting or Event in conjunction with other Officials of the Meeting or Event and further, may appoint Technical Officers and Scrutineers for the specific purpose of determining vehicle eligibility. Any such appointment shall be made in writing and subject to Article 74 of this Code, shall (if appropriate) specify the topics or areas in which the appointed Officials shall have overriding authority.

## **68. Necessary Officials of Certain Meetings and Events:**

(1) There shall be at least three (3) Stewards appointed to all BMF Championship Rallies, Race Meetings, Drag Races and other related motor sports Events.

(2) At all Meetings and Events, the BMF shall appoint a Clerk of the Course and at all Competitions decided wholly or partly by time, one or more timekeepers.

## **69. Appointment of Officials of Meetings, Events and Sanctioned Series:**

(1) The Stewards and any Event Director or Assistant Event Directors shall be appointed by BMF.

(2) The senior Steward appointed shall be the Chairman of the panel of Stewards and as such, will have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

(3) Subject to the power of BMF to appoint and nominate certain Officials pursuant to Article 65 of this Code, all Officials of a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event other than the Stewards shall, subject to the approval of such nominees by BMF, be appointed and nominated by the Member Club or Associate Member organizing the Series, Meeting or Event.

## **70. Non-arrival of Appointed Stewards:**

(1) If before the commencement of any Meeting or Event, the Stewards (or any replacement Stewards appointed by BMF) or any of them appointed by BMF has not arrived at the venue for any reason, every endeavor must be made by the BMF to reach the Steward to ascertain their availability and likely time of arrival at their venue. If the Steward cannot be reached, every endeavor must be made to contact the BMF operation office to have another Steward appointed who can reach the venue in reasonable time for the Event. If either this is not possible for some reason or it will cause undue delay to the commencement of the Event, paragraph (2) of this Article shall apply and the organizer of the Event must take written notes of events, including notes of all times and personnel involved.

(2) If the appointed Stewards of an Event or any of them is not able to arrive in time and there being insufficient Stewards present to satisfy the requirements of the Permit, and the organizer of the Event is not, in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article able to reach the permit issuing Steward, the organizer must:

(a) Check if a Steward is in attendance at the Meeting or Event, in the capacity of spectator, Competitor, or organizing Official;

(b) If there is a Steward present, and is prepared to act as a Steward of the Meeting, ask them to give up their position as an organizing Official or a Competitor;

(3) If the appointed Steward or the substitute Steward appointed by the permit issuing Steward subsequently arrives at the Meeting or Event venue; they will immediately take up the appointment as Steward of the Meeting.

(4) In the event of any of the circumstances in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article arising in relation to any Event, the Steward appointed by BMF must

render to the BMF, a written report on the cause of the delay in arriving at the venue.

## **71. Demarcation of Duties:**

An Official shall not:

(a) Perform any duties other than those attached to the Official's appointment or appointments as set out in this Code, or the Standing Regulations, or the Supplementary Regulations (if any) or the Sanctioned Series articles except in cases of force majeure;

(b) Compete in any Meeting or Event in which they are acting as an Official, except;

(i) In the case of such Events as may be nominated by BMF for the purpose in Appendix One of this Code where, upon the successful completion of appropriate duties, Officials such as the Secretary, Scrutineers or pit paddock marshals may take part in the Competition provided however that the Steward may not compete in the Event under any circumstances;

(ii) The Clerk of the Course may compete in national events provided an alternative, suitably experienced person is available to control the event during the competition of the Clerk of the Course and a clear handover of responsibilities is made.

## **72. Duties of the Stewards:**

As a general rule the stewards of the meeting will not be in any way responsible for its organization and shall not have any executive duties in connection therewith.

It follows, therefore, that in the carrying out of their duties, they do not incur any responsibility except to the National Sporting Authority under whose regulations they are acting.

As an exception to this, applicable only when a meeting is promoted directly by an ASN, the stewards of such a meeting may combine their duties with those of the organizers.

The stewards of the meeting shall sign and send to the ASN a closing report as soon as practicable after the close of the meeting. This report will include the results of each competition together with particulars of all protests lodged and exclusions they may have made with their recommendations as to any decisions which may have to be taken for a suspension or a disqualification. In a meeting comprising several competitions, there may be different stewards of the meeting for each competition.

## **73. Authority of the Stewards:**

The stewards of the meeting shall have supreme authority for the enforcement of the present Code, of national and Supplementary Regulations and of

programme. They shall settle any claim which might arise during a meeting, subject to the right of appeal provided in the present Code (see Part XI).

- They shall decide what penalty to enforce in the event of a breach of the regulations.
- In exceptional circumstances, they may amend the Supplementary Regulations (see Article 16).
- In the event of heats, they may alter the composition or the number of heats.
- In the event of dead heats, they may authorize a new start.
- They may authorize a change of drivers (see Article 36).
- They may accept or refuse any correction proposed by a judge of fact (see Article 82(4)).
- They may inflict penalties or fines (see Article 85).
- They may pronounce exclusions (see Article 94).
- They may amend the classification.
- They may prohibit from competing any driver or any vehicle which they consider being dangerous or which is reported to them by the clerk of the course as being dangerous.
- 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 organizing committee as being ineligible to take part, or whom they consider as being guilty of improper conduct or unfair practice.
- Furthermore, 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 the event 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, if requested to do so by the Clerk of the Course or the organizer in the interests of competitor and public safety.
- In the event of the absence of one or several of the stewards of the meeting, they may appoint one, or, if necessary, several substitutes, especially when the presence of three stewards is indispensable.
- They may take the decision to stop a race.

– In addition, for those Championships, Cups, Trophies and Challenges in which a race director officiates, matters may be submitted to them by the race director so that they may impose the sanctions listed above.

#### **74. Duties and Authority of Event Director:**

The Event Director (if appointed) shall have overriding authority until the conclusion of the meeting. An Assistant Event Director may also be appointed who shall carry out those duties of the Event Director as may be assigned to him and the Clerk of the Course may give instructions and directions only with the express consent of the Event Director or Assistant Event Director in each case, in accordance with this Code or the Standing Regulations or Supplementary Regulations (if any).

#### **75. Duties and Authority of the Clerk of the Course:**

The Clerk of the Course, who is nominated by the National Sporting Authority from among holders of an FIA Super License, is responsible for the co-ordination of all the officials and track marshals at the Event. Nevertheless, the Clerk of the Course must work closely with, and under the authority of, the Race Director, who is nominated by the FIA to officiate at the Event in the Championship for that year. The Clerk of the Course is responsible for the running of the meeting, the overall organization, safety and judicial decisions.

Clerks may have assistants and at some meetings there may be separate Clerks with responsibility for individual races and for overall administration. The Clerk is based in Race Control which handles communications with marshals' posts, emergency vehicles, Scrutineers, timekeepers, Judges of Fact, the Paddock, Assembly Area, Pits and Start line.

The Clerk of Course must:

1. Control all race activities and other activities where circuit safety and functioning may be involved or impaired in particular:

- Conduct the running of practice sessions and racing in accordance with the program and if necessary convey to the stewards of the meeting any proposal to modify the program or itinerary whether in the interests of the competition or the public safety.
- Stop by means provided for in the regulations any competitor he deems dangerous to the public or to other competitors.
- Stop the practice qualifying or race by the means provided for in the regulations when it is unsafe to continue and ensure the correct restart procedure is followed in conjunction with the RACE DIRECTOR.
- Bring the vehicles in accordance with the established starting order to the start line and if necessary, start them in absence of the starter.

2. Assist the Secretary of the Meeting in carrying out his duties.

3. Ensure adequate briefing of drivers, entrants and team managers of all relevant information by direct briefing or written instructions.

4. Remain in the vicinity of race control throughout the Meeting or ensure that the Deputy Clerk of the Course remains in attendance.
5. Either direct or through the Secretary of the Meeting liaise with the Stewards of the Meeting and ensure that they are properly informed on all relevant matters.
6. Be conversant with all FIA regulations applying to the Meeting – Local, National and International.
7. Liaise with the Chief Medical Officer to ensure that the medical coverage is the best possible at all times during the Meeting.
8. Take full action during emergencies by ensuring control of all officials, emergency personnel and equipment and drivers.
9. It is normally the Clerk of the Course who waves the traditional chequered flag at the end of the race.

#### **76. Duties and Authority of Sanctioned Series Officials:**

(1) The duties and authority of all Officials of a Sanctioned Series shall be limited to and set out in the Series Articles and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article, no official of the Series shall have any authority of any kind in relation to the organization or conduct of any Meeting or Event which is a round of the Series.

(2) The Series Coordinator of a Sanctioned Series shall at a Meeting or Event which is a round of the Series, have the authority, in conjunction with the Series Scrutineer (if any), to determine the eligibility of any Competitor or competing vehicle to enter or compete in any Event which is a round of the Series (provided however, that upon determining any Competitor ineligible, the Series Coordinator shall report the same to the Clerk of the Course and shall have no power or authority to prevent such Competitor from entering or competing in the Event pursuant to Article 20(6) of this Code, such power to be exercised by the Clerk of the Course).

(3) The Series Scrutineer (if any) of a Sanctioned Series shall at a Meeting or Event which is a round of the Series, have the authority:

(a) To inspect any competing vehicle entered or competing in any Event which is a round of the Series; and

(b) To impound and affix seals to and inspect for technical eligibility (including in the Parc Fermé if any) any competing vehicle which is entered in the Series.

#### **77. Duties of the Secretary of the Meeting:**

The Secretary of the Meeting is responsible for the organization and administration of the Meeting and all announcements required in connection therewith. This responsibility extends to all matters affecting activity on the

racing surfaces, all mandatory sporting requirements and other matters agreed on from time to time.

The Secretary of the Meeting must:

1. Ensure that Regulations for the Meeting and proposed schedule for the Meeting are printed and distributed to all competitors likely to enter, and to receive their Entry Forms. On receipt of the Entry Forms, to accept or reject those entries, then to allocate the entries to the appropriate events. After considering the number of entries in each planned event, to see that a Race Schedule is prepared which caters for the events and the number of competitors available and also for the non-racing activities planned for the meeting.

2. Ensure that Further Regulations and/or Instructions (if necessary) are issued, informing all personnel, including competitors, of the final schedule and Regulations for the Meeting and arrange such briefings as are necessary or as are requested by the Clerk of Course.

3. Ensure that adequate personnel and equipment are available for the effective running of the Meeting. Appoint all officials to their position in the organization and to make such changes as are necessary during the event.

4. Detail the Race Operations and Emergency procedures to be adhered to, in conjunction with the Civil Authorities and Services where necessary.

5. Detail the availability of all personnel, equipment, emergency vehicles and back-up facilities in terms of:

- (a) Location
- (b) Method of contact
- (c) Authority in charge of such service

6. Ensure that the Clerk of Course and other senior officials have all information necessary for the effective running of the Meeting.

7. Ensure that all requirements (for insurance and other purposes) for registration of personnel are met, particularly:

- (a) signing-on by entrants and drivers.
- (b) signing-on by officials and other trackside personnel.
- (c) Completion of indemnities for appropriate credentials and the issuing of such credentials where applicable - Organizers Official passes, FOM passes and FOM tabards.
- (d) Completion and signing of medical reports where necessary, and the collation of these with appropriate incident and scrutiny report forms.

8. Throughout the Meeting, attend to any details that may be required for the effective running of the event and to have printed and issued any document which may be necessary following such attention.

9. Attend to the well-being of officials.

10. Record alterations to the program of events and maintain a Master Program.

11. If required, schedule and publish the time and place of any Stewards' Meetings and provide relevant information.

12. Ensure that the Press Officer is aware and adheres to the correct procedure regarding -

- (a) The issue of passes to restricted areas
- (b) The publication of "Official Statements"

13. Ensure that Stewards of the Meeting and visiting VIPs in the race area are looked after.

14. Ensure that personnel are appointed and briefed for the handling of presentations, parades and non-racing activities.

15. Maintain a master file containing at least one copy of each item, regulations, or instruction issued before or during the Meeting.

16. Be conversant with all Regulations pertaining to the Meeting - International, National and local.

17. Arrange the provision of results of all competitions to each competitor, to the Stewards and to other persons in receipt of a final set of all documents. The following set of documents should always be available at his office:

- Complete set of regulations
- Complete set of instructions
- Complete and updated schedule (minute X minute)
- A copy of all official statements & bulletins
- A copy of Race Operations Manual or any other manuals or procedures for the circuit
- A list of all officials, contacts & their duties
- All daily sign-up sheets
- All competitors' entry forms
- A record of and changes to details of entrants or drivers and of availability of drivers or cars for further practice sessions or their events.

### **78. Duties of the Starter:**

The principal duties of the starter are:

- (a) To receive the vehicles proceeding to the starting area under the control of the Clerk of the Course and arrange them in their correct order on their start lines; and
- (b) After ascertaining that the conditions for the start are complied with, start the Event.

### **79. Duties of the Timekeepers:**

The principal duties of timekeepers shall be:

- At the beginning of the meeting, to report to the clerk of the course, who will give them the necessary instructions;
- To start the competition, whenever instructed to do so by the clerk of the course;
- To use for timing only such apparatus as is approved by the ASN, or, if for the purpose of records it is necessary to take times accurate to within 1/100th of a second, approved by the FIA;
- 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, to the clerk of the course in the case of a meeting, or to the ASN in the case of an attempt at a record or a test;
- To send, on request, their original time sheets either to the stewards of the meeting or to the ASN;
- 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.

### **80. Duties of the Scrutineers:**

Without prejudice to the duties and authority of a Series Scrutineer appointed under the articles of any Sanctioned Series, scrutineers are entrusted with the checking of competing vehicles for safety and for compliance with the various classifications, rules and regulations and the examination of the protective clothing and helmets of Drivers. In particular, scrutineers shall:

- (a) Make these checks before the Meeting or Event when requested to do so by BMF or the organizer and during the Meeting when requested by the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards or the Series Coordinator or Series Scrutineer; and
- (b) Use only checking equipment of a type or types approved by BMF;
- (c) Not communicate any official information except to the Clerk of Course or Stewards, or Series Coordinator or Series Scrutineer;
- (d) Report to the Clerk of the Course or Series Coordinator or Series Scrutineer any vehicle they consider dangerous in construction or unsafe or ineligible to compete; and
- (e) Prepare and have the chief Scrutineer sign their reports and forward them to the Official or BMF, which ever may request such reports.

### **81. Duties of Technical Officers Appointed by BMF:**

BMF may appoint one or more technical officers to attend Meetings and Events and shall appoint technical officers to all Meetings and Events at which a round of any BMF Championship, Challenge, Trophy or Cup is to be held. Such technical officer or officers at a meeting or Event shall ensure that:

- (a) An acceptable standard of Scrutineering is maintained;
- (b) An audit programme of inspections is undertaken for compliance with the relevant eligibility regulations covering the Meeting or Event;
- (c) The results of any inspection are forwarded in writing to the Clerk of the Course as soon as practicable; And may recommend exclusion of any competing vehicle from a round of any BMF Championship on the grounds of eligibility, such recommendation to be reported to the Clerk of the Course either directly or indirectly through the Championship Coordinator. BMF Technical Officers may also affix seals to competing vehicles and components thereof.

## **82. Duties of Judges:**

(1) The organizer of any Meeting or Event may, in the Supplementary Regulations, appoint the following judges:

- (a) Starting Judges appointed to supervise the starts who shall immediately point out to the Clerk of the Course any false starts, which may have occurred.
- (b) Finishing judges, for any Event where the order in which Competitors pass the finishing line must be determined, appointed to make such a decision who may refer to the chief timekeeper prior to giving their decision;
- (c) Judges of fact, in an Event where a decision has to be given as to whether a Competitor has touched or passed a given line or upon any other similar act which has been laid down in the rules or regulations for the Event, who shall be responsible for one or several of these decisions;
- (d) Technical Judges (who must be either the chief Scrutineer of the Meeting or Event, or the technical officer appointed by BMF in accordance with Article 67 of this Code, or the Series Scrutineer) who shall be responsible for inspecting competing vehicles for eligibility for the Meeting or Event and reporting their inspections to the Clerk of the Course and who shall, in the absence of manifest error, be judges of fact as to the weight and measurement of competing vehicles or controlled parts.
- (e) Noise Judges appointed, for any Event where there are noise emission limitations imposed, shall immediately inform the Clerk of the Course any instances where the limits are exceeded.
- (f) Tyre Judges appointed, for any Event where there is tyre limitations imposed, shall immediately inform the Clerk of the Course any instances where the limits are exceeded.

(2) All judges referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article must be nominated in the Supplementary Regulations for a Meeting or an Event or published in an Official Bulletin concerning that Meeting or Event.

(3) The facts to be judged by any judge or judges nominated in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article must be specified in the Supplementary Regulations, Sanctioned Series Articles or Official Bulletin appointing the judges provided however, that no judge may be appointed in respect of facts which are not set out in this Article of this Code.

(4) No protest shall be admitted against the decision of any judge appointed in accordance with this Article 82 provided however if any judge considers that a mistake has been made by themselves or by another judge, they may with the consent of the Stewards, correct such mistake.

(5) At the close of the Meeting or Event each judge shall send to the Clerk of the Course a report as to his or her decisions made during the course of the Meeting or Event.

### **83. Duties of Handicappers:**

The handicappers shall, after entries have closed, prepare the handicaps in accordance with the requirements of the Supplementary Regulations and shall state if a handicap in an Event is to be increased as a result of a performance made in a previous Event.

### **84. Duties of Competitor Relations Officer:**

The organizers of any Meeting or Event may appoint a person or persons, who must be approved by BMF, to be Competitor Relations Officer for the Meeting or Event. The Competitor Relations Officers must have a good knowledge of this Code (including all Appendices thereto and all Schedules to such Appendices), the Standing Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations (if any) and the Series articles, each as may be applicable to the Meeting or Event or the Sanctioned Series a round of which is to be held at the Meeting or Event and must be easily identifiable to the Competitors at the Meeting or Event and where possible, should:

- (a) Have his or her photograph included in the Supplementary Regulations (if any) or in an Addendum if possible; and,
- (b) Wear conspicuous identification; and,
- (c) Be introduced to the Competitors at the Meeting briefing (if any); and,
- (d) May attend the meetings of Stewards, (except when they retire to consider a verdict for a protest hearing, and perform the following principal duties); and
- (e) Keep the Competitors informed of the current situation regarding the running of an Event; and
- (f) Act as a go-between for the Competitors and Officials to assist in solving problems; and
- (g) At the beginning of the Meeting or Event, have the Secretary of the Meeting draft a schedule of the Competitor Relations Officer's timetable and availability which shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and which shall include presence at Scrutineering, at the Secretariat or Headquarters of the event, at the start of each Event, at any designated break-points in the Event, at impounds or at post-Event Scrutineering; and
- (h) During the Meeting or Event, give accurate answers to all questions asked; provide to the Competitors all information or additional clarification in connection with the Standing Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations (if any) and the running of the Meeting Event; and
- (i) Generally avoid forwarding questions to the Event Officials which can be answered satisfactorily by a clear explanation, with the exception of

protests (such as clarifying disputes over times, with the assistance of timekeepers); and  
(j) Refrain from saying anything or taking any action, which might give rise to protests.

## **PART VIII – Penalties**

### **85. Penalties on Competitors, Entrants and Drivers:**

(1) Competitors, Entrants and Drivers in all Meetings and Events including Sanctioned Series who or which are in breach of this Code, or the Sanctioned Series Articles, or the Standing Regulations or the Supplementary Regulations (if any) of the Meeting or Event shall be disciplined and penalized by:

- (a) The Event Director (if any);
- (b) The Clerk of the Course or licensed Assistant Clerk of the Course of the Meeting or Event; or
- (c) The Stewards; or
- (d) BMF in a hearing held for the purpose in accordance with Part X of this Code; or
- (e) The National Court of Appeal; in each case, in accordance with this Code.

(2) Competitors, Entrants and Drivers in a Sanctioned Series, who are in breach of the Series articles may not be disciplined and penalized by the Series Coordinator of the Series.

(3) BMF shall in this code and in either Appendix One of this Code, or in the Standing Regulations prescribe from time to time all penalties to apply to Competitors, Entrants and Drivers in Meetings and Events (to the exclusion of any other penalty or penalties), for breaches of:

- (a) This Code; and,
- (b) Any of the Appendices to this Code; and,
- (c) Any of the Schedules to the Appendices of this Code; and,
- (d) The Standing Regulations of the Meeting or Event; and,
- (e) The Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or Event (if any), and
- (f) The Sanctioned Series Articles (if any).

(4) The penalties for breaches of the articles of any Sanctioned Series shall (to the exclusion of any other penalty or penalties) be set out in the Series articles and any such penalty shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any Meeting or Event penalty.

(5) the decision of the stewards becomes immediately binding notwithstanding an appeal if it concerns questions of safety or of irregularity of entry by a competitor entering an event.

### **86. Penalties on Officials:**

Any Official of:

- (a) A Sanctioned Series; or
- (b) A Meeting or an Event

Who, during the conduct of a Series, Meeting or Event is in breach of:

- (c) This Code; or
- (d) Any of the Appendices to this Code;
- (e) Any of the Schedules to the Appendices of this Code;
- (f) The Series articles; or
- (g) The Standing Regulations of the Meeting or Event; or
- (h) The Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or the Event (if any);

Shall be disciplined and penalized by BMF in accordance with such guidelines, procedures and according to such penalties as BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, prescribe from time to time provided however that no such discipline or penalty shall in any circumstance permit BMF to do other than endorse, downgrade, suspend or cancel any license held by the Official.

### **87. Penalties on Member Clubs and Associate Members:**

(1) Any Member Club or Associate Member organizing:

- (a) A Series; or
- (b) A Meeting or an Event

And any Office Bearer who or which during the conduct of any Meeting or Event is in breach of:

- (c) This Code; or
- (d) Any of the Appendices to this Code;
- (e) Any of the Schedules to the Appendices of this Code;
- (f) The Series articles; or
- (g) The Standing Regulations of the Meeting or Event; or
- (h) The Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting or the Event (if any);

Or who acts or omits to act in any way prejudicial to BMF or automobile sport generally or brings BMF or automobile sport generally into disrepute, shall be disciplined and penalized by BMF in accordance with such guidelines, procedures and according to such penalties as BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, prescribe from time to time.

(2) Any Member Club or Associate Member and any Office Bearer who or which at any time other than during the conduct of a Meeting or Event acts or omits to act in any way prejudicial to BMF or automobile sport generally or brings BMF or automobile sport generally into disrepute, shall be disciplined and penalized by the Judicial Committee of BMF established under and by virtue of Clause 11.3 of the Constitution of BMF.

### **88. Necessity for Hearing Prior to Imposition of Penalty:**

(1) Prior to any penalty (except a time or drive through penalty) being imposed on any Competitor, Entrant, Driver, Member Club, Associate Member, or Official, a proper hearing must be held by the Official, BMF or the National Court of Appeal, whoever or whichever is imposing the penalty.

(2) Any hearing held prior to the imposition of a penalty under the articles of a Sanctioned series by the Series Coordinator or by the Stewards may in the discretion of the Series Coordinator or the Stewards (as the case may be) be held by correspondence. Any other hearing held by the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards may be held by correspondence only with the prior consent of BMF.

(3) Those persons, firms or bodies corporate who or which may appear to be liable to a penalty must be given reasonable notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing and the matter which may give rise to a penalty. Any failure on the part of the person, firm or body corporate so notified to attend the hearing shall not vitiate or invalidate the hearing.

(4) Neither BMF nor any party to or person attending a hearing shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing by legal counsel and must instead appear either on their own behalf or be represented by such person (not being legal counsel) as they may nominate for the purpose.

(5) Save for Appeals before the National Court of Appeal audio or video recording of hearings is not permitted.

### **89. Specific Behavior, Which May Be Penalized:**

In addition and without prejudice to anything contained in this Code or any Series Articles or any Standing Regulations of Supplementary Regulations, it shall be a breach of this Code for any Member Club or any Associate Member organizing a Series, Meeting or Event, or any Competitor, Entrant, Driver or Official in a Series, Meeting or Event:

- (a) To bribe or attempt to bribe, either directly or indirectly, any other Competitor or Official or any other person being employed in any manner in connection with the Series, Meeting or Event and for any such other Competitor or Official to accept, or offer to accept, any bribe;
- (b) To do or attempt to do any act or thing which has or is likely to have the effect of facilitating the entry into any Series, Meeting or Event of:
  - (i) A competing vehicle which the Entrant, by willfully concealing or misrepresenting any information required to be disclosed in the entry form concerning the competing vehicle or the make or model thereof, knows to be ineligible for the Series, Meeting or Event;
  - (ii) Any Competitor who does not hold the appropriate License required for that Series, Meeting or Event;
- (c) To act or proceed in any fraudulent way or act prejudicial to the interests of any Series, Meeting or Event or to the interests of automobile sport in general;
- (d) To drive in a reckless or careless manner in any Series, Meeting or Event or the practice therefore; or
- (e) To misbehave or engage in any unfair practice;

### **90. Non-Payment of Fees or Charges:**

In the event that any person, Member Club, Associate Member, firm, venue, promoter or organization fails to pay any fees or charges due and owing to BMF

after the due date for payment then any License or Permit held by such person, member club, firm or body corporate may, without prejudice to any of BMF's other rights and remedies, be suspended until such time as payment is made.

### **91. Liability to Pay Fines and Costs:**

The liability for payment of all fines and costs imposed upon the Driver, crew or co-Driver of any competing vehicle shall at all times lie with the Entrant of that competing vehicle. All fines and costs shall constitute a debt due and owing by the Entrant to BMF, which shall be recoverable as such.

### **92. Time Limit for Payment of Fines and Costs:**

(1) All fines imposed upon a Competitor or Entrant in a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event shall be paid by the Competitor or Entrant to BMF within 48 hours of the hearing at which the fine was imposed unless the Official or Stewards imposing the fine stipulates a different deadline for payment. Fines imposed by BMF in a hearing held by it in accordance with Part X of this Code shall be paid by such deadline and upon such terms and conditions as shall be stipulated by BMF in its decision.

Fines imposed by the National Court of Appeal shall be paid by such deadline and upon such terms and conditions as shall be stipulated by the National Court of Appeal.

(2) All costs imposed upon a Competitor or Entrant in a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event shall be paid by the Competitor or Entrant to BMF within 48 hours of the hearing at which the costs were imposed unless the Stewards imposing the costs stipulate a different deadline for payment. Costs imposed by BMF in a hearing held by it in accordance with Part X of this Code shall be paid by such deadline and upon such terms and conditions as shall be stipulated by BMF in its decision. Costs imposed by the National Court of Appeal shall be paid by such deadline and upon such terms and conditions as shall be stipulated by the National Court of Appeal.

(3) Without prejudice to any other available right or remedy of BMF, all fines or costs not paid by the deadline for payment shall incur additional fines or costs up to (2) times the original amount and in addition and without prejudice to its other rights and remedies, BMF may at its option (in its absolute discretion) suspend any License held by the person, Member Club, Associate Member or body corporate liable to pay until:

- (a) The date payment is made; or
- (b) The expiry of a period of time after payment is due, as shall be equal to the number of days that payment was overdue.

### **93. Effect of Endorsement of License:**

(1) Any endorsement of the license of a Competitor will have the term of endorsement stipulated upon the expiry of which, the Competitor may exchange his or her License for a replacement License issued by BMF.

(2) If any further endorsement of the License for the same kind of offence is incurred during the term of the earlier endorsement, the License will be automatically suspended for the balance of the term of the first endorsement.

#### **94. Effect of Exclusion from a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event:**

Any exclusion of an Entrant or Driver from a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event excludes the Entrant or Driver from taking part in the Series, Meetings or Events specified in the exclusion and removes the Entrant or Driver from the classification in any Sanctioned Series or Event specified in the exclusion. Any exclusion from an Event may also specify exclusion from Events prior to the exclusion being imposed (with the resultant deduction of points from any Sanctioned Series of which the Event was a round).

#### **95. Effect of Suspension of a License:**

While in force, any suspension of a License will entail (in the case of an Entrants or Competition License) the loss of any right to take part in any capacity whatever in any Series, Meeting or Event held in the Kingdom of Bahrain or (in the case of an Officials License) the loss or any right to officiate at any Series, Meeting or Event and will result in an immediate withdrawal of License.

If however BMF wishes the suspension to have international effect, it shall notify the Secretariat of the FIA who shall inform all other ASNs in which event the suspension shall then be immediately noted by BMF which shall take the necessary measures to make it effective.

Any License holder whose license may be suspended must at once surrender his or license to BMF who will return the license at the expiry of the period for which the suspension was pronounced. Any delay in surrendering the license on the part of the license holder shall be added to the term of suspension.

#### **96. Effect of Disqualification of License:**

Disqualification of License shall, unless remitted, be a permanent loss of any right to hold any License of the same kind as that disqualified. Any purported entry to any Series, Meeting or Event by any person subject to disqualification of an Entrants or Competition License in accordance with this Article shall be of no effect and shall entitle the organizer to retain any entry fee paid.

#### **97. Effect of Suspension or Disqualification of a Competing Vehicle:**

Any suspension or disqualification of a particular competing vehicle or model or series thereof may be made to apply within Kingdom of Bahrain or internationally and if international, shall be reported by BMF to the FIA who will notify all other ASNs. If BMF imposes the sentence of suspension or disqualification upon a competing vehicle homologated by another ASN, such sentence is subject to appeal to the FIA whose judgment shall be final.

### **98. Notification of Penalties to International Sporting Federations:**

Any suspension and disqualification applicable internationally will be communicated to those ASNs designated by the FIA, which have agreed to apply, on a reciprocal basis, the penalties inflicted by the FIA.

### **99. Statement of Reasons for Suspension or Disqualification:**

In notifying sentences of suspension or disqualification to the Secretary General of the FIA, it shall be necessary for BMF to give its reasons for such a penalty, but the reasons shall in no event be published by the FIA.

### **100. Loss of Points and Awards:**

Without prejudice and in addition to any penalty contained in the articles of a Sanctioned Series, any Competitor excluded, suspended, or disqualified during a Meeting or an Event will lose the right to any of the awards, prizes or points applicable to such Meeting or Event.

### **101. Publication of Penalties:**

The FIA, or BMF shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a notice stating that it has penalized any Competitor, Official, Member Club, Associate Member, competing vehicle, or model of competing vehicle. Persons referred to in such notice shall not, by virtue merely of the publication of such notice, have any cause of action against the FIA, or BMF or against any publisher of the said notice.

### **102. Remission of Sentence:**

BMF may, in its absolute discretion remit the unexpired period of any suspension or may, in its further absolute discretion, remove a disqualification at any time upon such conditions as it may determine.

## **PART IX – Protests**

INFORMATION: For further information on rights of protest and associated time lines see Appendix One Schedule G of this Code.

### **103. Right to Protest:**

A Competitor shall have the following rights of protest:

- (a) Against any alleged:
  - (i) Technical ineligibility of a competing vehicle; or
  - (ii) Ineligibility of another Competitor,

To enter or compete in any Event; and

- (b) Against the composition of a heat, group, class or handicap; and
- (c) Against any alleged:
  - (i) Technical ineligibility of a competing vehicle in; or
  - (ii) Disciplinary infringement of another Competitor, During an Event; and
- (d) Against the results of classification of an Event; and
- (e) Against any alleged:
  - (i) Mistake made in relation to; or
  - (ii) Breach of; or
  - (iii) Irregularity in the application of this Code or the Standing Regulations or the Supplementary Regulations (if any) by any Official of a Meeting or Event or against any:
  - (iv) Decision taken or penalty imposed by; or
  - (v) Action of; or
  - (vi) Inaction of any Official of a Meeting or Event; and
- (f) Against any alleged:
  - (i) Mistake made in relation to; or
  - (ii) Breach of; or
  - (iii) Irregularity in the application of; this Code or the articles of a Sanctioned Series, or against any:
  - (iv) Decision taken or penalty imposed by; or
  - (v) Action of; or
  - (vi) Inaction of any Official of a Sanctioned Series.

### **104. Lodging a Protest into the Conduct of a Sanctioned Series, Meeting or Event:**

(1) Every protest shall be in writing and accompanied by a fee, the level of which shall be prescribed by BMF in Appendix One of this Code from time to time, which fee shall only be returned if the protest is prima facie well-founded or if so directed by BMF.

(2) All protests are where possible, to be lodged using BMF's official protest form in force from time to time and must be addressed to the Stewards of the Meeting provided however that all protests are to be lodged with the Clerk of the

Course for conveying to the Stewards of the Meeting. On occasions where the Clerk of the Course cannot be reached the protest can be conveyed directly to the Stewards.

(3) A protester may withdraw any protest at any time, including during the protest hearing. Where a protest is withdrawn following the initiation of the hearing process by the Stewards, the protest fee shall be forfeited.

(4) No protest may be made against the alleged ineligibility or infringement of more than one Competitor or more than one competing vehicle.

(5) The lodging of a protest does not of itself suspend the application or effect of any penalty imposed which is subject of, or a consequence of, the protest lodged.

### **105. Time Limits for Protests:**

(1) A protest against the entry of a Competitor or Driver or Entrant or vehicle to enter or compete in an Event must be lodged no later than thirty (30) minutes after the official end of initial Scrutineering (if any) or (if none) no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the Event.

(2) Protests against the composition of heats, groups, classes or Handicaps given must be lodged at least thirty (30) minutes before the due time of the Event.

(3) Protests against decisions of any official of a Meeting or an Event must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the decision being notified in writing to the Competitor or in the case of Competitors where the Entrant is not also the Driver, the Entrant's representative.

(4) Protests against any mistake made, or irregularity in the application of, or alleged breach of this Code or the Standing Regulations or the Supplementary Regulations (if any) of the Meeting or Event on the part of any Official or against any technical ineligibility of any competing vehicle or against any disciplinary infringement by any other competitor in an Event which has concluded shall be lodged as follows:

- (a) In the case of Races, Sprints, Karting and Autocrosses, within thirty (30) minutes of the finish of the last vehicle in the Event class or group;
- (b) In the case of Rallies, within thirty (30) minutes of the Protestant's finishing time in the Event;

(5) Protests regarding the findings of Scrutineers or Technical Officers of a Meeting or Event at the final examination of competing vehicles must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of their findings being published. In the case of checks carried out away from the venue by the scrutineers or Technical Officers of a Meeting or Event, such a protest must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the time the Competitor is notified of the results of the check.

(6) Protests against the results or classification of an Event must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes after the publication of the provisional results for the

Event, class or group. Entrants must have previously been advised of the time and place of such publication and of each subsequent publication but only if such subsequent publication pertains to the previous publication.

(7) Protests against the inaction of any Official of a Meeting or Event must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes after the publication of the provisional results of the Event.

(8) Protests against the results of an Event which are required to be posted to Competitors within a specified time after the Event shall be lodged as follows:

- (a) In the case of all Events, within 72 hours of dispatch of the results; or
- (b) If a time is specified by the Stewards on the Official Notice board, within such time.

(9) Protests against the action of any Official of the Series must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the Competitor receiving notification of the action.

(10) Protests against any mistake made, or irregularity in the application of, or alleged breach of this Code or the Articles of a Sanctioned Series on the part of any Official of the Series must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the finish of the last vehicle in the Event class or group in relation to which it is protested the mistake or breach was made, or the irregularity took place.

(11) Protests against the inaction of any Official of a Sanctioned Series must be lodged with the Stewards within thirty (30) minutes after publication of the provisional results of the Event in relation to which it is protested the Official should have acted.

### **106. Action by the Stewards on Receipt of a Protest:**

(1) The Stewards shall consider all protests as urgent and shall take steps as soon as possible after receiving the protest, to convene a hearing.

(2) The Stewards shall notify the Protestant and the party or parties against who the protest is lodged as to the time and place of such hearing and the details of the protest.

(3) If a protest is lodged with or delivered to them personally, the Stewards shall notify the Member Club or Associate Member organizing the Meeting or Event (or if the protest is in relation to a Sanctioned Series, the Member Club or Associate Member organizing the Series) that a protest has been received.

(4) The Stewards shall determine if the protest was received within the time or times specified in Article 105. If it appears to them that the protest was received out of time, they shall so inform the Protestant provided however that if the Stewards consider that it was physically impossible for the protest to be lodged within that time, they may, in their absolute discretion, agree to hear the protest which will then be deemed to be valid.

## **107. Protest Hearings:**

(1) The concerned parties shall be summoned to appear at the hearing convened by the Stewards. Such notification shall where possible, be given in writing and delivered personally to the party concerned or some person appearing to have ostensible authority for the person concerned. Proof of delivery shall, where possible, be obtained by signature of the recipient and the Stewards should ensure that summons has been personally received by all persons concerned before proceeding with the hearing.

(2) The parties concerned may be accompanied by witnesses and the Stewards may, during the hearing, allow further witnesses to be called. In the absence of any of the parties concerned or witnesses at a hearing of the Stewards, judgment may be by default.

(3) The protester at a hearing must state the case for the protest first and the other party or parties will proceed after the Protestant. While Stewards' Hearings are of necessity informal, order must be maintained. Hearsay is admissible, but will be treated with due care by the Stewards. The parties concerned must be asked to retire from the hearing while the Stewards deliberate and come to a decision on the protest.

(4) At the conclusion of the hearing the Stewards may;  
(a) Inflict a Penalty under the authority of Article 85.  
(b) Order that any party to the hearing shall pay fair and reasonable travel costs of the Stewards and of any other party attending the hearing.

(5) If judgment cannot be given immediately after the hearing, then the parties concerned should be advised within one hour of the end of the hearing, of the time and place at which the decision will be given. In the case of a tied vote amongst the Stewards, the Chairman of the Stewards shall have the casting vote.

INFORMATION: Refer to Procedures for the conduct of a hearing flow chart (copy included at the end of Appendix One Sch G).

## **108. Inadmissible Protests:**

The only protests, which are inadmissible, are:

- (a) Protests not lodged in writing, not containing the grounds of protest or not accompanied by the correct fee;
- (b) Protests lodged out of time;
- (c) Protests against the decisions (excluding penalties) of judges of fact;
- (d) Protests signed by more than one Entrant or Driver;
- (e) Protests against more than one Competitor;
- (f) Protests regarding refusal of an entry; and
- (g) Protests against the imposition of drive through penalty.

### **109. Decision of the Stewards:**

The Stewards shall render their decision to the parties concerned after their hearing. This may be conveyed orally but must be followed by a written decision within one (1) hour and (if the hearing is held at the venue of the Meeting or Event) posted on the Official Notice Board. All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision handed down subject to the rights of appeal hereinafter provided. Neither the Stewards nor BMF shall have the right to order that a Competition or Event shall be re-run.

### **110. Treatment of Protest Fee:**

If a protest is withdrawn before the Stewards initiate the hearing process or in cases where a protest is upheld the protest fee will be refunded.

In cases where a protest is withdrawn after the Stewards initiate the hearing process or is judged by the Stewards to be unfounded in whole or in part, the protest fee shall be retained and forwarded to BMF.

If it is proved that the Protestant has acted in bad faith or that the protest is frivolous or vexatious, such finding shall be a breach of this Code which the Stewards may refer the matter to BMF for penalty in accordance with this Code.

### **111. Protests Affecting the Prize-giving:**

No cash prizes may be presented to a Competitor until the time limit for protests and appeals in relation to the conduct of the Meeting or Event has expired and the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards have signed the final results. If a protest or appeal has been lodged and the final decision has not been made, the list of awards and prizes must be published provisionally and bear the wording "Subject to protest or appeal".

### **112. Publication of Judgment:**

BMF shall have the right to publish or cause to be published any judgment and to state the names of all parties concerned. The persons referred to in such notices shall have no right of action against BMF or against any person publishing the said notice.

## **PART X – Inquiries by BMF**

### **113. BMF May Hold Hearings:**

Without affecting in any way the right of any Office Bearer, Member Club, Associate Member, Official, Entrant or Competitor as to protest or appeal under this Code, BMF may within 90 days of the conclusion of a Meeting or Event, in accordance with Article 114 of this Code, convene a hearing to inquire into the conduct of the Meeting or Event.

### **114. Decision to Hold Hearing:**

- (a) BMF may direct such hearings be held on the following grounds:
- (i) That it appears from the Steward's report or otherwise that the results of a competition have been improperly or incorrectly made out.
  - (ii) That it appears from the Steward's report or otherwise that the conduct of a promotion or part thereof, or the conduct of any participant therein, or the eligibility of any competing vehicles requires investigation having regard to the interests of generally and the administration thereof by BMF.
  - (iii) That it appears from the Steward's Report or otherwise that any penalty imposed was clearly excessive or clearly inadequate, or that for special reasons such penalty was inappropriate.
  - (iv) That it appears on the application of any entrant or driver than an inquiry into any competition is called for on the basis that there has been either a gross miscarriage of justice or such inquiry is considered fundamental to the interests of motorsport.
  - (v) That it appears any Official, Promoter, Organizer or any other person or Organization has committed any breach of this Code, its Appendices and Schedules, or International Sporting Code.
  - (vi) That it appears any Official, Promoter, Organizer or any person or Organization has been guilty of any act or omission prejudicial to the interest of BMF or any competition or of motorsport generally.
- (b) The decision to hold any such hearing may be made either at a full meeting of the BMF or by its Management Committee.
- (c) No such hearing shall be ordered unless BMF is satisfied that on the information available to it there is a prima facie case to be met.
- (d) Where any member of the BMF brings to the attention of BMF any facts or circumstances on which a decision to hold any such hearing shall be based, that person shall take no further part in BMF deliberations both as to whether a hearing should be held or at the substantive hearing itself other than as in the role of an informant.

### **115. Conduct of Hearing:**

- (a) Having decided to convene a hearing to inquire into the conduct of a Meeting or Event pursuant to Article 114 of this Code, the BMF, shall resolve to hold the hearing before either:
- (i) A meeting of the National Sporting Committee (NSC) or
  - (ii) The Judicial Panel Committee of BMF established under and by virtue of Clause 11.3 of the Constitution of BMF.

- (b) BMF shall not appoint to the hearing any person who is or was in any way interested in or concerned with any matter in respect of which the hearing is held so that they have or may potentially have a conflict of interest.
- (c) BMF shall give all persons, firms and bodies corporate (including all Member Clubs) concerned or interested in the hearing not less than seven (7) days written notice of the hearing provided that the hearing may be held sooner if all such parties consent.
- (d) The notice of hearing must contain sufficient details of the conduct of the Meeting or Event into which it is intended to inquire, so as to fully and fairly inform each person, firm and body corporate concerned or interested in the hearing, as to the purpose of the hearing.
- (e) BMF may give notice to any person to appear before the hearing and the hearing may proceed and a decision be reached notwithstanding the failure of any such person to appear.
- (f) Neither BMF nor any party to or person attending the hearing shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing by legal counsel and must instead appear either on their own behalf or be represented by such person (not being legal counsel) as they may nominate for the purpose.
- (g) Any party to or person attending the hearing may produce any witness and may produce such other evidence which the committee holding the hearing may determine is relevant or helpful.
- (h) If the matter into which the hearing inquires is or becomes of a disciplinary nature, any case made against an accused person, firm or body corporate must be made by a person, other than a member of the committee holding the hearing, who shall proceed first, shall be followed by the accused and the accused shall in any event have the last right of reply.
- (i) The committee holding the hearing and each party to or person attending the hearing shall have the right of cross-examination of any other party to or person attending the hearing.
- (j) If at the conclusion of the hearing the committee holding the hearing determines that there has been a breach under this Code or its Appendices or Schedules, the committee may inflict a Penalty under the authority of Article 85, 86 or 87 and may order that any party to the hearing shall pay the committee's costs, the costs of any other party attending the hearing and administrative costs associated with the hearing provided that in no case shall the committee have the right to order that a Competition or Event shall be re-run.

## **PART XI – Appeals**

### **116. National Motor Sport Court of Appeal:**

(1) BMF shall from time to time establish and keep established a National Motor Sport Court of Appeal which shall be the final Court of Appeal in respect of motor sport in Kingdom of Bahrain in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and which shall act as the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal.

(2) The members of the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall be nominated by the BMF.

(3) The National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall comprise not more than seven (7) nor less than four (4) members one of whom BMF shall appoint as Chairman and one as Deputy Chairman. Each sitting of the National Court of Appeal Court shall as a minimum, comprise either the Chairman or Deputy Chairman (who shall preside over the sitting) together with any two (2) other members.

(4) The National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall appoint and remove its own Secretary.

(5) The members of the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal from time to time shall be:

- (a) (In the case of Chairman and the Deputy Chairman) currently practicing barristers or barristers and solicitors of the High Court of Kingdom of Bahrain; and
- (b) (Other members) persons having considerable experience in motor sport.

(6) Each member of the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall be appointed for a period of five (5) years and thereafter for a further period or periods of five (5) years each unless and until the BMF gives not less than three (3) months notice of its intention not to renew a member's appointment prior to the expiry of any such member's term or renewed term.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (8) of this Article, any vacancy in the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal at any time (including a casual vacancy due to a member resigning, dying or ceasing to qualify as a member) may be filled by the BMF appointing a new member in which event, such member shall be deemed to have been appointed in accordance with paragraph (6) of this Article.

(8) If a member of the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal should cease for any reason to be a member during his or her five year term, the BMF may in its discretion and without prejudice and as an alternative to making an appointment in accordance with paragraph (7) of this Article, fill the casual vacancy thus created for the unexpired portion of that member's five year term.

(9) The National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall regulate its own procedure subject however to any procedural requirements of this Code or the International Sporting Code and with the exception of further appeals to the FIA permitted under the International Sporting Code, the decision of the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal shall be final and conclusive and no part thereof, shall be subject to further appeal or review of any kind.

(10) No person who is in any way interested in or concerned with any matter, in respect of which an appeal is heard so that they have or may potentially have a conflict of interest, shall act in any judicial capacity in relation to such appeal.

(11) If at the conclusion of the hearing the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal determines that there has been a breach under this Code or its Appendices or Schedules, the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal may inflict a Penalty under the authority of Article 85, and may order that any party to the hearing shall pay the Court's costs, the costs of any other party attending the appeal and administrative costs associated with the appeal provided that in no case shall the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal have the right to order that a Competition or Event shall be rerun.

(12) The lodging of an appeal does not of itself suspend the application or effect of any penalty imposed which is the subject of, or a consequence of, the appeal lodged.

### **117. Right of Appeal:**

Any Competitor, Entrant, Driver, person, firm, body corporate, Member Club, Associate Member, or Official upon whom or which a penalty or any other decision has been imposed under this Code by:

- (a) The Stewards (including a penalty or decision imposed by another Official which is upheld by the Stewards in a protest); or
- (b) BMF in a hearing held in accordance with Part X of this Code; or
- (c) The Judicial Committee of BMF;

Shall have a right of appeal to the National Court of Appeal.

### **118. Procedure for Appealing:**

(1) Every Competitor, Entrant, Driver, person, firm, body corporate, Member Club, Associate Member, or Official who or which intends to appeal against any penalty or decision ("the appellant") must deliver a Notice of Intention to Appeal to the Stewards, BMF or the Judicial Committee of BMF, whoever or whichever imposed the penalty or decision against which the appellant intends to appeal ("the lower court").

(2) Subject to any delay caused by force majeure, every Notice of Intention to Appeal must be:

- (a) Delivered or faxed to the chairman of the lower court within one (1) hour of receipt by the appellant of the lower court's written decision or, (in the case of decisions of the lower court which are delivered verbally) the lower court's written confirmation of its verbal decision; and

(b) Accompanied by such fee as may be stipulated by BMF from time to time (which fee BMF shall return if the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal so directs); and A copy of the Notice of Intention to Appeal must be delivered or faxed to the Secretary of the National Court of Appeal within two (2) Working Days of the appellant delivering or faxing the original to the lower court.

(3) Subject to any delay caused by force majeure, every appeal to the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal must;

(a) Be delivered, faxed or mailed to the Secretary of the National Court of Appeal within three (3) Working days of receipt by the Secretary of the copy of the appellant's Notice of Intention to Appeal; and

(b) State with reasonable specificity the decision of the lower court against which the appeal is made together with the brief grounds of appeal.

(4) The National Motor Sport Court of Appeal may from time to time publish guidelines to assist any party called to appear before The Court. Such guidelines shall not conflict with the provisions of Article 88 (4) of this Code.

(5) Save for Appeals before the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal audio or video recording of hearings is not permitted.

INFORMATION: For all matters concerning the National Motor Sport Court of Appeal procedures and process refer form S005 (copy included at the end of Schedule G in this Manual), or contact the Secretary of the Court (contact details are found on the BMF website [www.bmf.com.bh](http://www.bmf.com.bh))

## **PART XII – Calendar**

### **119. General:**

(1) Any Member Club or Associate Member which intends to organize any International Meetings and Events which by virtue of the International Sporting Code may be inscribed on the FIA calendar, must in such form as BMF may prescribe from time to time, notify BMF of its intention to organize such Meeting or Event by no later than the 1st day of May in the year preceding the year of the Meeting or Event. BMF shall in Appendix One of this Code, from time to time prescribe the fee to accompany all such notifications which fee shall be paid by the Member Club at the time of lodging its notification.

(2) BMF shall in Appendix One, Schedule IC, prescribe from time to time the deadline by which Members Clubs shall enter Meetings and Events on the National Sporting Calendar, the procedures to be followed, and any fees to be paid.

(3) BMF shall in Appendix One, prescribe from time to time the grounds upon which dates on the National Sporting Calendar may be disputed by Member Clubs, to whom disputes may be referred, the procedures to be followed, and any fees to be paid.

### **120. Entry on National Sporting Calendar:**

No Member Club or Associate Member may request BMF, or act or threaten to act in any way so as to influence BMF in the exercise of its power to issue or decline to issue a Permit (which power shall be exercised exclusively upon the grounds set out in Article 12 of this Code to the exclusion of any other grounds).

### **121. Penalty Fee for Cancellation or Changes of Dates:**

BMF may, except in the case of force majeure, charge a penalty fee not exceeding 200% of the appropriate Meeting and Event permit and/ or Inscription fee, for the cancellation or change of date of National or higher status Meetings and Events.

### **122. Respect of the International Sporting Calendar:**

Entrants and Drivers may only enter Events outside Kingdom of Bahrain if those Events are entered on the International Sporting Calendar and otherwise comply with BMF's requirements in force from time to time as to the types of competition licenses and visas required.

## **PART XIII – BMF Working Committees & Affiliated Clubs**

### **123. The National Sporting Committee (N.S.C.)**

The FIA stipulates that the ASN shall exercise the Sporting Power directly and throughout its national territory through its "Sporting Commission" which constitutes a special executive body.

The FIA must be kept informed of the composition of that body.

The "Sporting Commission" of the BMF is the National Sporting Committee (N.S.C.)

It is authorized by the BMF to act with the full power of the BMF in all matters connected with motor sport. The BMF Council appoints the Chairman of the N.S.C. who, in consultation with the chairman of the BMF, appoints the other members of the N.S.C. These appointments are valid until the end of the calendar year in which they are made.

These members should be chosen for their particular or general knowledge of the different aspects of the sport so that the N.S.C. is a balanced body covering all aspects of motorsport. The number of the members of the N.S.C. should not be less than 6 or more than 12. In any case, for any meeting 4 members present shall form a quorum. Any member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings without obtaining special leave from the Chairman shall be disqualified as a member of this Committee. The N.S.C. may form sub-committees to deal with particular aspects of motor sport. Chairmen of such sub-committees shall normally be members of the N.S.C. or the BMF board.

### **124. Medical Panel:**

Their roles are as follows:

1. To administrate the medical requirements and procedures of BMF.
2. Including but not limited to medical examinations, supervision of medical services at events, formulation of anti-doping policies / procedures on behalf of and under authority of the BMF.

This panel consists of 5 members (maximum) whom are appointed by the BMF for a term of 2 years. Minimum of three members for any judicial proceedings to be undertaken by the panel. Members must not be involved in management, officiating, or running of events or clubs in any capacity whatsoever.

### **125. Judicial Panel:**

Their roles are as follows:

1. To administrate the judicial procedures of Bahrain Motor federation.

2. To administrate the procedures for Appeals, formulate the National Motor Sport Court of Appeals and inquiry, and issue judgments on appeals on behalf of and under the authority of the BMF.

This panel consists of 5 members (maximum) whom are appointed by the BMF for a term of 2 years. Minimum of three members for any judicial proceedings to be undertaken by the panel. Members must not be involved in management, officiating, or running of events or clubs in any capacity whatsoever.

### **126. The Motorsports Marshals Club (MMC)**

A volunteer organization responsible to train and provide officials in all disciplines of motor sport to ensure that the activities are conducted fairly and safely in accordance with the rules governing the sport.

### **127. The Circuit Racing Club (CRC)**

Responsible to promote and control all national circuit racing activities.

### **128. The Bahrain Drag Racing Club (BDRC)**

Responsible to promote and control all national drag motor sport activities.

### **129. The Bahrain Motor Bike Club (BMC)**

Responsible to promote and control all national motor bike activities.

### **130. The Bahrain Karting Club (BKC)**

Responsible to promote and control all national karting activities.