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1. GENERAL

Each event in the 2018 BFGoodrich CAMS Australian Off Road Championship© (AORC) shall be held under the provisions of the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) and the Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR) of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS), the Sporting Regulations issued for the AORC by CAMS, the technical regulations as published by CAMS, Supplementary and Further Regulations issued by the Organiser of each event, Bulletins issued by the Stewards and any Crew Briefing Notes or instructions issued by the Clerk of the Course at an event.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The following personnel have been appointed to the AORC by CAMS and have the authority to administer various aspects of these regulations:

Sporting Director (SD)	Ben Erceg
Championship Steward (SS)	John Leahy
Technical Delegate (TD)	Daniel Rogers
Competitor Relations Officer (CRO)	Ben Erceg

3. ADVERTISING

- By entering any event in the AORC, each person and corporation agree to refer to it only by its full title, "The 2018 BFGoodrich CAMS Australian Off Road Championship".
- All promotional material must include the full title.
- Each vehicle is required to display the CAMS logo on each side of the vehicle, together with any Championship sponsorship signage which may be required.
- An Event Organiser may also require each Competitor to display signage promoting the event sponsor; in such cases this requirement is to be included in event supplementary regulations, and the Organiser shall provide this signage to each Competitor.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

The AORC shall consist of the following events:

Round	Date	Location	State	Type
1	4 – 6 May	St George	QLD	Long Course
2	9 – 11 June	Finke	NT	Long Course
3	10 – 12 August	Rainbow	VIC	Long Course

5. EVENTS

5.1 Starting Order

- The starting order for the first section shall be determined by a prologue and/or a shootout.

- (b) The starting order for the second and any subsequent sections shall be based on the outright finishing order of the preceding section, as varied by the inclusion of any Crew restarting the event as provided for in Article 5.12 of these regulations.
- (c) The prologue start order shall be determined by the SD, in accordance with Article 5.2, for each class and advised by the Organiser to each Crew no later than 24 hours before the first Crew briefing. The latest acceptable time for lodging a request to change the prologue start order with the Organiser is the scheduled start time for the first Crew briefing.
- (d) Other than as provided for in Article 5.1(c) of these regulations, each Crew shall start the prologue at the time allocated to them by the Organiser.
- (e) For the prologue, each vehicle shall be grouped by class.
- (f) The Crew and vehicle combination completing the prologue course in the least time shall start the first section first, followed by the remainder of the field in increasing order of time taken over the prologue course.
- (g) Where specified in the Supplementary/Further Regulations, a Shootout shall take place. The Shootout shall determine the starting position of each vehicle that qualifies for the shootout.
- (h) The prologue and the Shootout shall be conducted in daylight.

5.2 Seeding

- (a) Seeding position one (1) to three (3) for each class shall be allocated to the 2017 AORC class classifications for each class in the respective classification of positions one (1) to three (3). Should a 2017 AORC Class classified driver not be present at an event then the next classified driver shall be allocated that position.
- (b) The remaining seeding respectively shall be on the basis of the average of each Driver's three previous prologue or shootout results. Where a top ten shoot out activity is used to determine the start order, the results of this activity shall be used in determining seeding.
- (c) A Crew unable to attempt and/or not completing the prologue may, on application to the Organiser and approval by the Stewards, be seeded.
- (d) There shall be no right of appeal against any decision with regard to seeding.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided for in Article 8 of these regulations, the Driver/Co-driver combination which attempts the prologue (or applies for seeding) must start the event in the same respective roles.

5.3 Competition Numbers

- (a) The competition number on each vehicle shall be the National Competition Number allocated to the Driver by CAMS. If a National Competition Number has not been allocated, the Organiser shall allocate a competition number to be used for the event.
- (b) Each competition number must comply with article GR30 of the General Requirements for Off Road Vehicles in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.
- (c) The numbers 1, 2 and 3 are reserved for the exclusive use of the first three outright Drivers in the preceding year's AORC.
- (d) The first three competition numbers in each class (e.g. 01, 02, 03, 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203) are reserved for the exclusive use of the first three Drivers in each class in the preceding year's AORC.
- (e) A Driver who is eligible to use one of these numbers may choose to utilise the reserved number at each AORC event.
- (f) A Driver who chooses to utilise numbers 1, 2 or 3 or the first three competition numbers in each class shall have their existing National Competition Number reserved for the current year free of charge on notification to CAMS.

5.4 Timing

- (a) Timing shall be to the hundredth of a second using the 24 hour system.
- (b) Each vehicle shall be timed as their front wheels pass the timing marker of the control, or if an electronic means of timing is utilised, when the electronic timing is activated.

- (c) The results of each event shall be determined by the total elapsed time taken by each vehicle for all sections of the event plus any penalties.
- (d) Where a compassionate time allowance is made by the Clerk of the Course in conjunction with the Stewards, it shall be applied to the times of the section in which the incident occurred and where possible prior to the start of the next section, so that it can be taken into consideration for the start order of that section.

5.5 Finishers

A finisher of an event is defined in Article 8(b)(iii) of these regulations and the Off Road Standing Regulations Article 10 and applies to each vehicle in the event.

5.6 Judges of Fact

Each Control Official shall be a judge of fact with regard to time and direction of entry into each control.

5.7 Protests

Each protest shall be lodged in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of the NCR.

5.8 Postponement, Abandonment and Cancellation

The Organiser may postpone, abandon or cancel the event at any point in accordance with the NCR; or cancel the event should the number of entries received be less than the minimum as specified in the event supplementary regulations.

5.9 Outside Servicing

- (a) Servicing of a vehicle during an event other than in the designated pits is prohibited. This prohibition shall not apply where such servicing;
 - (i) is carried out only by a Crew member of a vehicle which started in the competition (that section), whether it be the vehicle in question or another competing vehicle;
 - (ii) uses no parts or equipment other than those which have been carried from the pits, after the start of the event, in a vehicle which started the event (in either the vehicle in question or another competing vehicle), or which have been carried from the pits by a Crew member of the vehicle in question, on foot, without any assistance outside the pit/paddock area;
 - (iii) uses any article or material which might normally be found in the region, e.g. water, fencing wire, string and the like, (other than as provided for above this does not apply to automotive components or tools); and/or
 - (iv) is rendered by an official recovery crew, with that Crew's agreement, and which takes the form of:
 - (A) towing to the next accessible passage control, or the next recovery point;
 - (B) provision of tools, but NOT parts; and/or
 - (C) provision of water.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5.9(a) of these regulations, the Clerk of the Course, or their nominated deputy, may provide written permission for pit crews to provide assistance at a passage control or recovery point, or for Crews to be carried from the course to the pits and back again; this permission being valid for one instance only.

5.10 Refuelling

- (a) The Organiser is to establish a designated "refuelling area", specifically set aside for the purpose of refuelling during competition. Except as otherwise specifically provided in regulations applicable to the event, refuelling outside of these areas is prohibited.
- (b) It is strongly recommended that each Competitor utilises some form of earth spike to reduce the possibility of static build up while refuelling.
- (c) If a vehicle runs out of fuel on the course the Clerk of the Course, or their nominated deputy, may give written permission for that vehicle to be refuelled on the course, provided always that safety is not compromised in any way.

5.11 Reconnaissance

- (a) The Organiser is to provide each Crew with the opportunity to undertake reconnaissance of the entire course and the prologue course in daylight within 48 hours of the start of the event.
- (b) Each Crew may use either their competition vehicle or suitable road vehicle, with those using non-competition vehicles not being allowed to start until those in competition vehicles have had reasonable opportunity to do so.
- (c) Where a Crew is unable to use their competition vehicle due to registration requirements and where they do not have access to a suitable road vehicle, the Competitor may make application to the Organiser no later than 7 days prior to the event for the Crew to be transported over the competition course during reconnaissance as arranged by the Organiser.
- (d) Only the Driver and Co-driver/Navigator named on the entry form for the event may participate in Reconnaissance.
- (e) Each competition vehicle utilised in reconnaissance must first pass scrutiny. Where this vehicle is not fitted with a windscreen, a helmet and visor complying with Schedule D of the CAMS Manual shall be worn by each occupant.
- (f) Only the Driver and Co-driver/Navigator named on the entry form for the event may occupy a competition vehicle.
- (g) Each non-competition vehicle participating in reconnaissance must display their competition number on the passenger side front windscreen of the vehicle in a position that does not interfere with the Driver's visibility.

Each Competitor shall provide their own competition numbers to the following specification:

- (i) Size 150mm.
- (ii) Colour "Dayglo" yellow with no background.
- (iii) Typestyles "Helvetica Bold", "Zurich bold" and "Arial Bold" as per Schedule K of the CAMS Manual.

5.12 Starting Position After Failing a Section

- (a) A Crew who fails to finish a section may start a subsequent section provided they are able to satisfy the Chief Scrutineer that the vehicle is in a safe and competition ready condition; and shall, should they make application to the Organiser within the prescribed timeframe specified in the supplementary/further regulations, be allocated a starting position for the applicable section..
- (b) Where a starting position is to be allocated is shall be on the basis of the drivers seeding position plus 20% of the remaining field or ten positions relative to the rest of the field whichever is smaller.
- (c) Such a starting position is to be referred to the Stewards for approval.
- (d) There is no right of protest or appeal against any decision with regard to the allocation of a starting position for a crew who fails to finish a section.

6. REGISTRATION

- (a) Registration for the AORC is required in order to be eligible to score Championship points. The Registration form is available on the CAMS website, <https://www.cams.com.au/motor-sport/sport/cams-australian-off-road-championship>
- (b) The Driver and nominated Co-driver/Navigator shall be eligible to score points in each event conducted after their AORC Registration form has been received. Registration must be received by CAMS prior to the closing date of entry for the first event in which they are to compete.
- (c) Any change to a Registration for an event must be submitted prior to the closing date of entry for that event.
- (d) A non-registered Crew may enter an AORC event, but shall only be eligible for event results and event awards (not Championship points) and shall be disregarded for the compilation of the AORC point score.

7. COMPETITOR / CREW / DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

- (a) For competition licence requirements refer to the General Regulations of CAMS, “Licences” in the CAMS Manual.
- (b) Where the driver of an automobile is less than 18 years old and does not hold a current civil driver’s licence, he must be accompanied at all times while competing by a crew member, in the vehicle, who either holds a current civil driver’s licence or is not less than 18 years old.

8. CREWS

- (a) Except for Pro Buggy, Prolite Buggy, Sportslite and Extreme 2WD vehicles fitted with only one seat, where the Crew consists of only the Driver, two persons shall comprise the Crew of a competing vehicle at any time and shall be nominated on the entry form as “Driver”, “Co-driver” or “Navigator” as appropriate. The participation of more than one Navigator appropriately nominated on the entry form is permitted, in which case Article 14.2(b) remains applicable.
- (b) A Crew change is permitted, subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) A Driver who starts the event may be replaced only by the Co-driver. The original Driver may resume driving the same vehicle later in the event.
 - (ii) A Co-driver may be replaced by either the Driver who started the event in that vehicle, or by a Navigator. The latter who may navigate only.
 - (iii) To be classified as a finisher, and be eligible to be awarded Championship points, a vehicle must be driven by the Driver who starts the event in that vehicle for at least 75% of the total Scheduled Distance for the event. Where this is not possible due to the event format, 50% of the total Scheduled Distance for the event must be completed by the starting driver.
 - (iv) A member of a Crew may not be nominated on the entry form as a Driver in more than one vehicle in an event.
- (c) Where a Co-driver or Navigator, becomes incapacitated through either sickness, injury or other extenuating circumstances prior to or during an event that person may, subject to the permission of the Clerk of the Course, be replaced by a Co-driver or Navigator who has already been entered as such on an entry form as a Crew member for another entry in that event, in which case Article 14.2(b) remains applicable.
- (d) Where the requirements for Drivers, Co-drivers and Navigators vary between State Championship and National Championship in dual status events, these variances must be stated in event supplementary regulations. Where a conflict exists, the AORC requirements shall take precedence.

9. CREW ATTIRE

During competition, each Crew member is required to wear apparel which complies with the standards listed in Table 1.3 (National) of Schedule D – Apparel of the CAMS Manual.

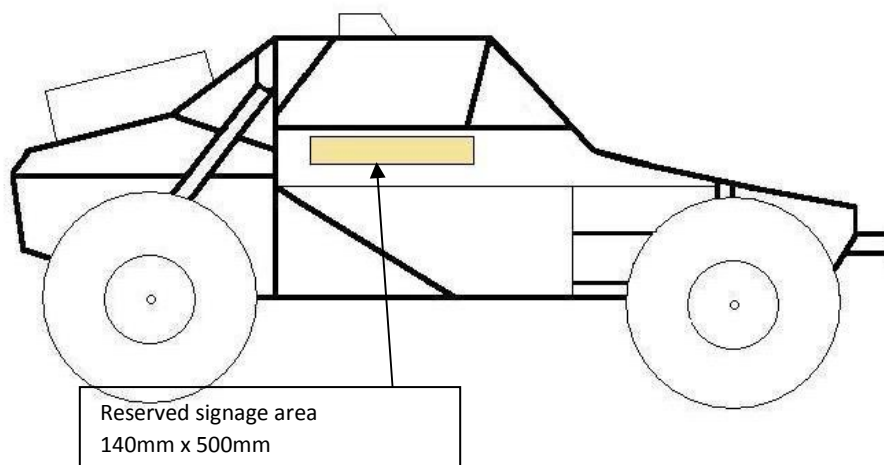
10. CREW BRIEFING

- (a) Each Crew member must attend and sign on at any compulsory Crew briefing at the place and time notified in the Supplementary Regulations for that event and/or advised by a Bulletin issued at the event. Cases of non-attendance, late attendance and early departure are to be referred to the Stewards which may result in a penalty.
- (b) The Organiser shall provide a list showing vehicle number, and the name of each Driver, Co-driver and Navigator. Each competing Crew member shall sign on. The sign-on sheets are to be made available to Crews for a period commencing at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for each Crew briefing, and shall be removed at the scheduled start time.

11. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Each vehicle shall comply with the requirements of the “Off Road” section of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, and be eligible for one of the following classes, as defined in ORSR 4.2(a):
 - (i) Pro Buggy
 - (ii) Prolite Buggy

- (iii) Sportslite
 - (iv) Super 1650 Buggy
 - (v) Performance 2WD
 - (vi) Extreme 2WD
 - (vii) Production 4WD
 - (viii) Extreme 4WD
 - (ix) SXS Turbo
 - (x) SXS Sport
- (b) A space 140mm high x 500mm wide immediately under the Crew's side 'window' opening is reserved for AORC sponsorship signage on each side of the vehicle. An additional space of 140mm high x 500mm wide is reserved for the Organiser on each side of the vehicle. If this signage is not outlined in the Supplementary Regulations, each Competitor may utilise this space for their own purposes.



12. SCRUTINY

- (a) Each vehicle shall be examined by the event scrutineers prior to starting each event. The time and place for such examination shall be advised in the Supplementary Regulations. Further vehicle checks may be conducted throughout the event.
- (b) "Regional" pre-event scrutiny may be provided, subject to the regional scrutineer being approved by the Technical Delegate prior to such scrutiny being conducted. Random checks of vehicles approved at regional scrutiny are to be conducted at each event.
- (c) A competition vehicle may be examined for eligibility at any time during an event up to 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event.
- (d) Immediately upon the completion of the event, the vehicles which fill first, second and third places outright, and first place in each class, shall be impounded by the Organiser for post-event eligibility scrutiny. Other vehicles may also be impounded at the Organiser's or Technical Delegate's discretion.
- (e) Vehicles impounded by virtue of either their outright or class finishing positions shall be held in impound, *parc fermé*, for at least thirty (30) minutes.
- (f) Examination for compliance may be undertaken whilst the vehicle is impounded and each Competitor may be required to provide mechanical assistance to scrutineers undertaking such examinations.
- (g) A safe method of fuel sampling is to be provided after the main fuel tank.

13. PARC FERMÉ

- (a) For regrouping or other reasons, each vehicle may be required to be held in a *parc fermé*. Any vehicle which enters a *parc fermé* with its engine running may be restarted with assistance from officials before its release time.
- (b) When *parc fermé* conditions are imposed prior to the conclusion of an event (e.g. for regrouping) the *parc fermé* is to be located so that it is possible for Crews to go directly to the pits on release from *parc fermé* if required.

14. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AND AWARDS

14.1 Championship

- (a) Outright and Class points for each round shall be awarded independently. If the event is run as one section the following points shall apply:

Single Section Event									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
300	276	258	240	222	204	192	180	168	156
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
144	138	132	126	120	114	108	102	96	90
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
84	78	72	66	60	54	48	42	36	30
31	32	33	34	35					
28	26	24	22	20					

- (b) For multiple-section events, points shall be assigned to each section based on the above table and the length of the section as a percentage of the total distance of the event, or assigned based on a compilation of laps as approved by AORCom.
- (c) For Round 3 of the Championship, outright and class points as determined by Article 14.1(a) and (b) will be multiplied by a factor of 1.5.
- (d) Points available for each round of the Championship shall be published in event regulations and shall not be varied, except in the case of Article 14.4 of these regulations (Shortened Events).
- (e) In addition to the above, twenty five (25) outright and class points shall be allocated to each Crew who commence an event and fifty (50) outright and class points shall be allocated to each Crew who is deemed a finisher of an event.
- (f) To be credited with finishing a section a vehicle must complete all laps forming that section in accordance with Article 8 (b) (iii) of these regulations and the Off Road Standing Regulations Article 10.
- (g) Each round shall count toward determining the Outright Championship and Class Winners.
- (h) The Driver and Co-driver/Navigator with the most outright points at the end of the AORC shall be deemed the Champions and the Driver and Co-driver/Navigator with most Class points for each eligible class shall be deemed the Winners of that Class.
- (i) The following shall be recognised for awards:
 - (i) An outright Champion Driver and Co-driver/Navigator, to be known as the CAMS Australian Off Road Champion Driver and CAMS Australian Off Road Champion Co-driver/Navigator respectively.

- (ii) The winner of each eligible class (listed below) to be known as the CAMS Australian Off Road (*insert relevant class name*) Class Winning Driver and Co-driver/Navigator respectively.

Australian Off Road Championship Classes:		
Pro Buggy	Performance 2WD	SXS Turbo
Prolite Buggy	Extreme 2WD	SXS Sport
Sportslite	Production 4WD	
Super 1650 Buggy	Extreme 4WD	

14.2 Co-drivers / Navigators

- (a) The entry list for each event shall reflect which competition/s each entered Crew is eligible for and the Co-driver/Navigator nominated for AORC points. The entry list shall be submitted to CAMS as soon as possible after the close of entries for approval prior to publication.
- (b) Championship points shall only be allocated to a Co-driver/Navigator that completes the entire event as a Co-driver/Navigator in the vehicle for which they are entered.

14.3 Scheduled Distance

The Scheduled Distance for each section is the distance advised in event regulations, or as otherwise approved by the Stewards and advised in writing to each Competitor prior to the commencement of that section.

14.4 Shortened Events

Where a section is stopped or otherwise shortened after its commencement, points shall be awarded for the affected section/s as follows:

- (a) If the leading vehicle at the time has completed less than 25% of the Scheduled Distance, no points shall be awarded.
- (b) If the leading vehicle has completed 25%, but less than 75%, of the Scheduled Distance, points shall be awarded at 50% of the normal scale applicable.
- (c) If the leading vehicle has completed 75% or more of the Scheduled Distance, full points shall be awarded.

14.5 Non-Registered Crews

The results of each Crew who has not registered for the AORC are to be disregarded when compiling the AORC point score.

14.6 Ties

- (a) **Outright:** In the event of two Drivers or Co-drivers/Navigators scoring equal points at the end of the AORC, the final positions shall be determined by the greater number of higher outright section finishing positions.
- (b) **Class:** In the event of two Drivers or Co-drivers/Navigators scoring equal points at the end of the AORC, the final positions shall be determined by the greater number of higher class section finishing positions.
- (c) If this mechanism does not determine the result, a tie shall be declared.

15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- (a) Following each event, the Organiser is to conduct a presentation ceremony, usually in the vicinity of the finish. In order to ensure that the public and others are able to properly identify and honour the winners, a podium must be prepared.
- (b) A formal presentation function should also be held. A Crew member or a team representative is required to attend if there is likelihood of an award, or at the direct request of the Clerk of the Course.
- (c) The Outright Champion Driver and Co-driver/Navigator must be present at the annual National CAMS Motor Sport Awards Prize Giving Ceremony. Failure to attend the ceremony shall be

deemed an infringement of these regulations unless prior agreement has been given by CAMS and may result in the loss of AORC points and/or awards.

16. IMAGE AND VISION RIGHTS AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

- (a) In entering a round of the AORC, each Competitor agrees to assist in the promotion of the AORC and in particular, the AORC television broadcast and social media production.
- (b) By entering a round of the AORC, each Competitor agrees to relinquish any claim or right to any images or vision recorded for the AORC broadcast or social media production, or any other material related to that broadcast or social media production.
- (c) Any filming or any other means of recording images or vision for commercial purposes at an AORC round by any Competitor, is strictly forbidden unless they have the prior written permission of CAMS.
- (d) The AORC may provide In-Car cameras to be fitted to selected vehicles during an event. Each Competitor must provide access to any AORC appointed technician, to install and service the Camera and associated equipment.
- (e) Each Competitor agrees to provide without restriction or editing, personal in-car camera vision when requested by the AORC production team for use in the AORC television and social media production.
- (f) Organisers and Stewards are to have unrestricted access to in-car video footage for use in a judicial situation. Failure to comply shall result in penalties to be applied.

17. MEDIA CONFERENCE / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- (a) Crews may be asked to make themselves available for filming or promotional activities prior to, during and/or after an event. Requests will be made in advance and in writing; once a suitable time is arranged crews/competitors are required to meet their obligation. Should unforeseen circumstances arise that prohibit them from meeting their obligation, crews/competitors must contact the AORC Media Manager immediately.
- (b) Each Crew may be asked to participate in promotional activities e.g. Media/VIP Passenger rides.
- (c) Competition vehicles and Crews must be made available upon reasonable request for public display and viewing.
- (d) At any time where there is an opportunity for television filming or other promotional activity, (e.g. Scrutiny or public display) each Competitor and Crew shall always be mindful of the image they portray to the public.

18. PRIZE MONIES

- (a) Outright prize money is to be paid on the following basis:
 - (i) First place - a minimum of an amount equal to one entry fee for the event, inclusive of sundry levies and add-ons.
 - (ii) Second place - a minimum of an amount equal to two thirds of the entry fee for the event, inclusive of sundry levies and add-ons.
 - (iii) Third place - a minimum of an amount equal to one third of the entry fee for the event, inclusive of sundry levies and add-ons.
- (b) The provision of prize money based on class placing is optional.

19. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

The CAMS Infringement Notice Process as described on the CAMS website, <https://www.cams.com.au/get-involved/events/event-forms>, shall normally be utilised to determine whether an alleged breach of the rules is proven and impose a penalty if necessary.

20. PENALTIES

- (a) The following are offences against these regulations and are to result in the imposition of the specified penalties:

- (i) Failure to comply with specified control procedure:
 - (A) Time penalty of 30 minutes.
 - (ii) Shortcutting or other deviation from the course:
 - (A) First breach during the event:
 - (I) Time penalty of 30 minutes.
 - (B) Second breach during the event:
 - (I) Exclusion.
 - (C) Any breach during the prologue:
 - (I) Time penalty of 3 minutes per instance.
 - (iii) Causing damage to property, deemed by the Clerk of the Course to have been deliberate:
 - (A) Exclusion.
Plus any additional penalty which may be imposed by the Stewards.
 - (iv) Refuelling whilst the vehicle engine is not switched off:
 - (A) Exclusion.
 - (v) Refuelling whilst any person is inside the vehicle:
 - (A) Exclusion.
 - (vi) Refuelling whilst the vehicle is not totally inside any designated refuelling area:
 - (A) Exclusion.
 - (vii) Breach of parc fermé regulations:
 - (A) Time penalty of 100 minutes.
 - (viii) False Start / Jumping the Start:
 - (A) Prologue:
 - (I) Time penalty of 1 minute.
 - (B) Event Sections:
 - (I) Time penalty of 5 minutes.
 - (ix) Receiving outside servicing, other than as provided for in Article 5.9 of these regulations
 - (A) Exclusion.
- (b) Any time penalties imposed are to be imposed at the conclusion of the prologue/section in which the infringement was committed as applicable.
 - (c) Penalties may only be imposed by the Stewards.