DEFINITIONS

Definitions used in the present Rules and Regulations:

Race or track enclosure:
All enclosed areas, including the Bugatti, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and the Maison Blanche circuits, the CIK, and the 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum which are under the Organiser’s responsibility and from which the track may be viewed.

External areas:
All areas located outside the race enclosure and made available to the public by the Organiser.

Grounds:
The race or track enclosure and external areas (either or both).

ACO:
Automobile Club de l’Ouest Organiser and founder of the 24 Hours of Le Mans and operator of the Circuit des 24 Heures.

Organiser:
Any natural or legal person in charge of the organisation of a sporting or non-sporting event inside the race enclosure. The organiser may be the ACO, the A.S.A.A.C.O 24 HEURES du MANS, the A.S.M 24 HEURES A.C.O and the SSP ACO or any other entity authorised by them, but also any ACO client who rents the race enclosure for any reason whatsoever.

Manager:
Any natural or legal person in charge of operating infrastructure located in the race enclosure and/or external areas.

Public:
Any person entering the track enclosure and/or external areas.

Spectator:
Any person holding a ticket for an event.

Major event:
A large-scale organised gathering within the race enclosure behind closed doors or with paying spectators, which requires administrative authorisation.

Event:
Event that does not involve ticket sales, organised within the track enclosure. For example, a corporate seminar, conference or club track day.

Accreditation:
Individual pass allowing entry to the grounds. Passes remain the property of the ACO and are issued to specific people involved in a major event. Accreditation enables access to one or more defined areas. Entry is restricted to the areas designated on the pass by a two- or three-character code. The pass should be displayed visibly and will be checked at gates and designated area entrances. Passes are strictly personal and may be used only by the person to which they were issued. Counterfeiting is prohibited.

Ticket:
Paper or digital proof of the right to enter the site.

Preamble – Opposability of the Rules and Regulations

The present rules and regulations apply to any person entering the grounds to attend a major event (motorbike, go-kart, automobile, or truck race meetings, etc.), an event (seminar, reception, meetings, track session, etc.), to visit the circuit or to work.

The present rules apply to visitors to the 24 Hours of Le Mans Museum.

The organiser or the manager reserves the right to alter in whole or in part the present rules and regulations, at any time, for legitimate reasons, in particular regarding safety, service improvement or in response to changes in legislation. These rules and regulations shall apply from the moment they are displayed at the main entrances of the race enclosure and/or following their publication on the ACO website.

TITLE I CIRCUIT ENTRY

Article 1

The provisions of the present rules and regulations apply to any person alone or in a group, while walking or driving in a vehicle on the grounds.

Entry to the grounds is restricted. During major events, it is subject to the presentation of a pass (ticket and/or accreditation). Counterfeit passes, whether someone is in possession of it or has handed it over by any means and in any place, will result in a ban and/or removal and may give rise to legal proceedings. The said pass will be confiscated immediately.

On other occasions, justification is required to enter grounds.

Article 2

Entry to the grounds implies compliance with the present rules and regulations, along with any other applicable laws and regulations.

Article 3

Spectators entering the grounds accept to comply with the applicable spectator health and safety protocol. The spectator health and safety protocol is available online at www.lemans.org.

Spectators acknowledge complete understanding of the risks of the Covid-19 pandemic and accept that the ACO and/or the Organiser cannot incur liability except in the event of proven misconduct.

Accreditation holders entering the grounds accept to comply with the applicable spectator health and safety protocol. Accreditation holders acknowledge complete understanding of the risks of the Covid-19 pandemic and accept that the ACO and/or the Organiser cannot incur liability except in the event of proven misconduct.

Article 4

The grounds are open at the times displayed at the main entrances. Presence on the grounds outside of opening times is prohibited. It is forbidden to remain within the race enclosure at night, except during major events taking place overnight or with the express authorisation of the manager. Unauthorised persons will be removed from the grounds.
Outside of major events, entry to the grounds is permitted on deposit of proof of identity. Access to the track and to construction sites is forbidden to the public or anyone not expressly authorised by the organiser.

**Article 5**

Within the grounds, entry to designated areas such as meeting rooms, press rooms, viewing boxes, grandstands, paddocks, track etc. requires specific authorisation.

**Article 6**

Checks will be operated at points of entry to the grounds and to designated areas and compliance is required. These checks involve:

- Showing tickets, and, if requested, proof of identity (photo ID);
- Bag inspection;
- Body searches and magnetometer screening may be performed by security agents (article L613-3 of the French internal security code) with the person’s express consent.
- Passing through a detection device and may require removal of offending items;
- Checks may be carried out at any point on the grounds and persons on site required to show their passes and photo ID.

For security reasons, government or local authorities may alter regulations and screening procedures required for entry to the grounds.

Entry to and circulation within the grounds is subject to compliance with security checks.

**Article 7**

Offences in connection with sports grounds and sporting events, under French law:

- A person who introduces alcoholic beverages as described in article L3321-1 of the French Public Health Code is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of 7500 euros and a 1-year prison sentence (article L332-3 of the French Sports Code);
- A person who enters the site in a drunken state is guilty of an offence. Infringement is liable to a fine of 7500 euros (article L332-4 of the French Sports Code);
- A person who is drunk in a designated sports ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event at that ground or is drunk while entering or trying to enter, by force or fraud, such a ground at any time during the period of a designated sporting event at that ground (article L332-5 of the French Sports Code) is guilty of an offence and liable to incur a fine of 15,000 euros and a 1-year prison sentence;
- A person who incites hatred or violence towards the organiser and its employees or to any other person or group is guilty of an offence and liable to incur a fine of 15,000 euros and a 1-year prison sentence (article L332-6 of the French Sports Code);
- A person who introduces, wears or exhibits insignia, signs or symbols alluding to racist or xenophobic ideology, or attempts to do so, is guilty of an offence and liable to incur a fine of 15,000 euros and a 1-year prison sentence (article L332-7 of the French Sports Code);
- A person who throws or propels an object that may injure a person or property in the grandstands, on the track or anywhere within the race enclosure is guilty of an offence and liable to incur a fine of 15,000 euros and a 3-year prison sentence (article L332-9 of the French Sports Code);
- A person who disrupts the event or endangers the safety of a person or property by entering the sporting arena is guilty of an offence and liable to incur a fine of 15,000 euros and a 1-year prison sentence (article L332-10 of the French Sports Code); Inflammable, volatile and explosive substances and glass containers are prohibited within the race enclosure.

Lighting fires within the external areas is subject to the Organiser’s authorisation.

Barbecues are not permitted in the WORKING PADDOCK. Electric and gas barbecues are tolerated in the SUPPORT PADDOCK and Parc Assistance.

It is forbidden to fly a drone over the site (French decree issued on 17 December 2015).

The organiser reserves the right to forbid any device on the grounds that may pose a security threat.

Objects that infringe these regulations will be confiscated by authorised security personnel and immediately destroyed.

The organiser or the manager reserves the right to pursue legal action that may result in the offender being banned from attending or approaching sporting events.

**Article 8**

Access to the grounds is prohibited for people carrying sharp or blunt instruments and, in general terms, bulky or dangerous objects.

**TITLE II GENERAL BEHAVIOUR**

**Article 9**

In general, members of the public should refrain from causing, by their attitude, behaviour or words, any disruption to the proceedings of events or to the running of operations, and from any actions that may jeopardise the safety of others. Compliance with safety rules is required at all times.

Offenders may be removed from the grounds. In the case of a repeated offence, the organiser or manager may engage legal proceedings with a view to permanent exclusion, notwithstanding the application of the provisions of article L332-11 of the French Sports Code. Fire alarms should be actioned only when strictly necessary. Misuse will be subject to sanctions.
**Article 10**

In particular, it is prohibited to:
- cross lines into restricted areas without authorisation, and except in an emergency, to use emergency exits;
- climb over fences or barriers, which constitutes trespassing;
- organise races or brawls, to slide or climb;
- throw litter, including chewing gum;
- use slingshots, to throw objects, to climb on fences or other structures, or seats;
- do any kind of business, to advertise or distribute propaganda without authorisation, to collect for charity, hand out or sell leaflets, forms, newspapers, insignias, substances or objects of any kind;
- disturb the peace, especially by playing music or playing musical instruments without authorisation;
- use facilities or fittings for anything other than their designated purpose;
- organise any event or show without prior authorisation;
- organise a guided tour without the authorisation of the organiser or manager;
- damage or remove furniture and fittings from the grounds;
- enter the grounds with an animal, except in designated camping areas and except dogs accompanying holders of a disability card as stipulated in article L.241-3 of the French Family and Social Action Code;
- be naked in public on the grounds;
- wear a mask or face-covering that hides the whole face except for medical reasons;
- enter the grounds with a ladder, step ladder, scaffolding or any other means of elevation without express authorisation from the organiser or manager, for professional use only.

**Article 11**

It is also forbidden to pass from one grandstand to another, to jump over handrails or to climb over gates and fences anywhere on the grounds. Entering the track is an offence and liable to a fine of 15,000 euros and a 1-year prison sentence (article L.332-10 of the French Sports Code). Offenders will be arrested.

**Article 12**

It is forbidden to put graffiti, posters, marks or dirt on walls, gates, buildings, trees or any construction;

Any person caught deteriorating or deliberately damaging furniture, fittings, or property (wrenching seats, breaking windows, graffiti, etc.), or threatening safety, in particular, by using explosive, incendiary or pyrotechnic substances, will be arrested.

Offenders are liable to incur a 3,750 to 75,000 euro fine and a prison sentence of up to five years, in accordance with articles 322-1 to 322-4 of the French Penal Code. Offenders are also liable to pay for the damage caused.

Extract of article 322-1 of the Penal Code.

**Article 13**

It is forbidden to:
- damage plantations, to pull up plants, pick flowers or cut branches, and to climb trees;
- to enter bushes or shrubs;
- to remove advertising boards or decorative elements;
- to take any action susceptible to lead to damage to property.

**Article 14**

Exercises or games presenting a risk of damage to people or equipment and any activity likely to impede traffic or disturb the peace are prohibited.

Gambling games are prohibited. Ball games are prohibited.

Inflatable pools are prohibited due to the risk of drowning.

**Article 15**

Spectators must respect seat numbering where applicable and follow staff indications concerning seating and standing areas.

In grandstands that are fitted with seats it is forbidden to stand or sit on stairs, passageways, and landings.

**Article 16**

In the interests of all, members of the public should comply with instructions issued by the organiser or a member of the organisation team.

**Article 17**

During major events, lost children will be taken to the Spectator Medical Centre, or outside of race events, to the reception at the North gate (museum entrance) before being entrusted to the police authorities in Le Mans.

**TITLE III PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN AREAS**

**Article 18**

It is forbidden to smoke in indoor public areas, in accordance with French law (Decree 2016-1117, 11 August 2016). This also applies to garages, the pit lane, Grandstand 34 and the Working Paddock (except designated smoking areas).

This rule applies to e-cigarettes.

It is forbidden to sell or use drugs or illicit substances within the grounds. Offenders will be removed from the site and arrested.

**Article 19**

On-site restaurants, shops, attractions, shows, toilets or sanitary facilities may have limited opening times or be otherwise unavailable; Closures may take place without notice or liability.

**Article 20**

A ticket to visit the circuit during a private event does not include entrance to the paddocks and tracks reserved for the sole use of the hirer for the event. Members of the public should remain within authorised areas only. Offenders will be removed from the grounds.

**TITLE IV VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE TRACK ENCLOSURE**

**Article 21**
Access to the track enclosure is subject to authorisation from the ACO. The access code is strictly personal and confidential. It is forbidden to share the code or publish it, particularly on social media. The ACO reserves the right to ban offenders from entering the site. The access code will be changed.

**Article 22**

It is forbidden to use skateboards or roller skates or roller blades within the grounds. Pocket bikes or other motorised off-road vehicles that may endanger safety are forbidden.

A helmet and gloves are mandatory when riding an authorised motorcycle, in compliance with the highway code.

Children under 12 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

During major events, motorised vehicle access to the grounds is restricted. The organiser or manager of the race enclosure and external areas issue authorisations at their discretion.

Proof of authorisation should be displayed prominently on the motorcycle or on the inside of the windscreen.

Outside of major events, vehicle access is authorised. Entry is via a magnetic badge issued on deposit of photo ID or an access code issued to an event organiser.

**Article 23**

The highway code applies throughout the grounds. Drivers and riders must follow instructions. Offenders will be removed from the site and their passes cancelled.

Pedestrians circulate in all areas and drivers should therefore restrict their speed to ensure they can perform an emergency stop in any circumstances. Maximum speed is 30 kph, except when indicated otherwise.

Drivers should keep to lanes and follow signs indicating the direction of traffic. Extra caution should be observed in the tunnels to the north (3m30) and south (4m40). Lights should be switched on in tunnels.

**Article 24**

Parking in defined areas is subject to authorisation at the organiser’s or manager’s discretion. Proof of authorisation should be displayed prominently on the motorcycle or on the inside of the windscreen.

Vehicles should be parked according to markings or as indicated by staff. Vehicles parked in unauthorised areas will be removed and impounded.

Vehicle release is subject to payment of the €140 fee. It is strictly forbidden to park on the red lane or to block any emergency entrances or exits, or fire hydrants.

**Article 25**

Items should not be left in view in vehicles. The organiser and manager decline responsibility in the event of theft or damage to property.

**Title V Photography and Filming**

**Article 26**

During major events, members of the public may be photographed or filmed for TV, cinema or internet broadcasting. On entering the grounds, ticket or accreditation holders authorise the organiser or manager or an authorised third party to:

- take photographs or record their image or voice or that of their minor child or a child whose legal guardian has agreed to delegate parental authority, by any means and on any material.
- reproduce images or recordings on any material.
- use their image or their minor child’s image in their publications, on the website, in promotional or marketing material and in any other material, digital or printed on the following:
  - Internet, social media, intranet, messaging services etc.
  - Brochures, promotional or marketing material, posters, merchandising, video (DVD, Blue-Ray, etc.)

Authorisation is granted for worldwide application within a 10-year limit.

**Article 27**

Filming and sound recordings by any means whatsoever, cannot be carried out within the grounds without a prior formal written agreement from the organiser or manager or relevant authority.

Likewise, installations and technical equipment may not be photographed, filmed or recorded without authorisation. Amateur recordings for private use are tolerated. The organiser or the manager reserve the right to forbid photographs and recordings of any kind in certain areas and during certain events.

The organiser reserves the right to confiscate any unauthorised images or recordings.

**Article 28**

The track enclosure is fitted with a CCTV system, in compliance with the French Code of Internal Security. Recordings are archived for two weeks. Requests to access recordings should be addressed to:

Le/La responsable du système de vidéo protection
Circuit des 24 Heures CS 72029 Le Mans.
Telephone: +33 (0)2 43 40 25 56

**Title VI Security**

**Article 29**

Members of the public should refrain from doing anything that may jeopardise the safety of others.

Accidents or suspicious behaviour or occurrences should be reported to a representative of the organiser or manager.

**Article 30**
When the safety or security of people or property may be compromised, alarms may be given and measures taken, including gate closure and checks at exits.

**Article 31**

In the event of overcrowding, rioting, strikes or in any situation where the safety or security of people or property may be compromised, the grounds may be evacuated in part or totally and appropriate checks introduced at entrances. Security agents may act in accordance with the circumstances with regard to baggage checks at entrances and exits.

**Article 32**

In the event of an evacuation, members of the public should follow instructions from personnel. The evacuation will be coordinated by staff wearing special armbands marked “evacuation” or tabards marked “accueil et contrôle”. All persons are required to obey instructions given by the personnel in charge of the operation.

**Article 33**

If you find an object, please take it to the nearest information desk or hand it to a security agent. Items will be held for two weeks at the reception located at the main entrance, Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans, Place Luigi Chinetti Le Mans accueil.general@lemans.org telephone +33 (0)2 43 40 25 56. Beyond that period they will be disposed of.

**TITLE VII NON-RESPECT OF SITE REGULATIONS – SANCTIONS**

**Article 34**

Any infringement of these rules and regulations may incur the cancellation of passes (tickets or accreditation) and immediate removal from the track enclosure. Legal proceedings may be instigated. Tickets will not be reimbursed. These measures will be implemented exclusively by the ACO security department.