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**EMSO DIGITAL MOTORSPORT**  
***NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP***  
**REGULATIONS**

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### UAE DIGITAL MOTORSPORT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Emirates Motorsport Organization will organize and sanction the EMSO DIGITAL MOTORSPORT “NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP”, which is the property of the EMSO. All the participating parties (EMSO, Organizers, competitors, officials and facilities) undertake to apply, as well as observe, the rules governing the “Championship”. The digital motorsport competition will be held from 4<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 and comprise of (3) events in total.

### MENA DIGITAL CUP NATIONAL FINAL

The top twelve competitors (**ONLY UAE Nationals, aged 16 years and above**) by accumulated points after the UAE Championship Round 1, Round 2 and Round 3 will be allowed to enter the *MENA Digital Cup National Final* on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Gran Turismo Sport, under license from Polyphony Digital, will provide the platform for the competition.

Should any dispute arise during the Event, the panel of the Stewards of the meeting will be the only authority competent to make a decision (FIA ISC-Art. 11.9).

### CALENDAR

Round 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Round 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Round 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

MENA Digital Cup National Final on 6<sup>th</sup> August

## 1) REGULATIONS

**1.1** The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation.

**1.2** Clarification, interpretation and arbitration of any rules, requirements and regulations shall be decided by the Stewards of the meeting.

**1.3** These Sporting Regulations come into force from the time of their publication on the EMSO Website ([www.emso.ae](http://www.emso.ae)).

## **2) GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**2.1** In general, the competition is designed that each competitor will need to be self-sufficient with his own equipment to compete remotely. Such equipment may include, but is not limited to a Sony PlayStation 4 and 5 gaming console and account, access to Grand Turismo Sport software game, high speed stable internet connection and any type of input control device.

**2.2.** With the event entry application the competitor agrees to this terms and conditions:

1. Entrants under 18 require parental consent.
2. Entrant is resident of the United Arab Emirates.
3. Entrants will be required to enter the Competition using their account for PlayStation™Network. Entrants' country of residence will be deemed to be the country registered to their account for PSN.
4. The Competition is free to enter, and no purchase of any kind is necessary but Entrants must own or have access to a PlayStation®4 or PlayStation®5 and a copy of Gran Turismo™ Sport for PlayStation®4 or PlayStation®5. Entrants must be active PlayStation®Plus members during the Competition Period. By entering the Competition, Entrants accept and will be bound by these terms and conditions, including the Series regulations.
5. Forbidden activities:
  - It is forbidden for a single player to participate in the Series with multiple accounts;
  - It is forbidden to participate using another person's PSN account.
  - Unsportsmanlike conductIf players are found to be engaging in such forbidden activities, they will be dealt with accordingly, including but not limited to being banned from the Series.
6. The EMSO shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury which an Entrant suffers as a direct or indirect result of the Competition.
7. Personal information which Entrants provide when they enter will be held and used only by the EMSO, its suppliers and contractors to administer the Competition.
8. The EMSO may, at its sole discretion, publish each Entrants' name and/or name of the account for PlayStation™Network on the EMSO social media accounts, website, press releases and related promotional material.

## **3) ELIGIBLE CARS**

**3.1** This Race is reserved exclusively for cars made available in Gran Turismo Sports. EMSO will restrict the choice of car that may be used in the competition to ensure a balanced level of performance among drivers.

**3.2** For all events of the EMSO Digital Motorsport National Championship, BMW cars from Group 3 only will be allowed.

**3.3.** Balance of Power will be On.

**3.4** A competitor may only use one car per the entire event.

#### **4) ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS**

**4.1** The competitors must be residents of the UAE, must carry a valid Emirates ID and an EMSO Digital Motorsport competitor's license that is available online at [www.EMSO.ae](http://www.EMSO.ae).  
**UAE National Championship** (R1, R2, R3) – no age or nationality restriction, however prizes can only be redemmed with a valid UAE driver license.

**MENA Digital Cup National final** (6 August) – UAE nationals 16 years and above only.

#### **5) ENTRIES**

**5.1** Entry is Free.

**5.2** Eligible competitors will be accepted on a first come, first served basis when their completed entry is received through the online registration available at [www.EMSO.ae](http://www.EMSO.ae). Each event will be limited at a maximum of 48 entries.

**5.3** A minimum of 12 competitors must have been entered for any single event to be run.

**5.4** Competitor's registration will be opened by EMSO 2 weeks before each round and will close 3 days before the event is scheduled to take place.

**5.5** The official entry list of drivers will be confirmed and communicated by the EMSO, not later than 1 day before the start of each event.

**5.6** EMSO reserves the right to hold a time attack qualifying session before each competition round if more than 48 entries are received.

#### **6) COMPETITION**

**6.1** The competition shall follow the below format, however the organizers reserve the right to amend the format by Bulletin prior to the start of the competition should they require, based on the number of entries.

Race length and designated circuits for each race and practice session will be announced 1 day before the event date to restrict outside practice.

The EMSO Digital Motorsport “UAE National Championship” will comprise of a total (3) Rounds.

#### **6.1.1 Practice**

The time allocated for practice will be stipulated in the event timetable. The time will be evenly divided up to ensure that all competitors receive equal amount of practice. The cars and circuits that competitors will be permitted to use for practice will be restricted.

#### **6.1.2 Qualifying**

During the qualifying sessions, the system will be setup so that each competitor is driving on a clear track free of other competitors in order to set a qualifying time. Each driver will be allocated the same amount of time for qualifying, as per the event timetable.

At the end of the session, each competitor will be ranked according to their fastest qualifying times, with the fastest time at the top of the qualification ladder. Should multiple competitors set identical fastest qualifying times, they will be separated by their second fastest time, then third fastest, etc.

#### **6.1.3 Quarter Finals**

If there are 24 or less competitors qualified for the start of the Quarter final race, the Quarter Final may be eliminated at the Organizers discretion and the first race would be the Semi-Final with the grid assignment using the same method outlined in the Quarter Finals.

Depending on the number of entries up to a maximum four quarter final races are allowed.

In case of (4) quarter final groups, the top (6) of the placing drivers from each quarter final will progress through to their respective semi-final.

In case of (3) quarter final groups, the top (8) of the placing drivers from each quarter final will progress through to their respective semi-final.

The drivers finishing in the bottom of each quarter final group are eliminated.

#### **6.1.4 Semi Finals**

Following the quarter finals, each driver that progresses will go through to one or two semi-finals with a max of 12 drivers each. The grids from each semi-final will be

determined by the below table, with the fastest race lap between the winner of each Quarter Final will be used to determine pole for the semi-final, and grid positions alternating from then onwards (In the below example, the race winner of QF 1 set a faster time than the Race winner of QF 2):

| QF Result | Semi-Final (AB) Grid |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 1st QF 1  | Pole                 |
| 1st QF 2  | 2nd                  |
| 2nd QF 1  | 3rd                  |
| 2nd QF 2  | 4th                  |
| 3rd QF 1  | 5th                  |
| 3rd QF 2  | 6th                  |
| 4th QF 1  | 7th                  |
| 4th QF 2  | 8th                  |
| 5th QF 1  | 9th                  |
| 5th QF 2  | 10th                 |
| 6th QF 1  | 11th                 |
| 6th QF 2  | ETC.....             |

A maximum of (6) drivers in each semi-final will progress to the final if two semi-final races are run.

A maximum total of (12) drivers may proceed onto the final.

#### **6.1.5 Final Race**

The grid for the Final race will be determined by the results of the Qualifying session of the Final race.

**6.2** The organizer reserves the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the Event or part thereof. In the event of abandonment, cancellation or postponement, the Entrant / Competitor will have no right of claim against the organizer in respect of any prize or loss of expenses that he may have incurred or may incur as a result.

### **7) STARTING PROCEDURE**

Each race will use a rolling start procedure.

## 8) POINTS SYSTEM & CLASSIFICATION

8.1 Points will be awarded to the TOP 10 competitors of the FINAL race of each event.

8.2 Points will be awarded as per the chart below.

|                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| 25pts           | 18pts           | 15pts           | 12pts           | 10pts           | 8pts            | 6pts            | 4pts            | 2pts            | 1pts             | 0pts             | 0pts             |

8.3 The overall winner for each final race will be the car which completes the Final Race in the shortest time. (Subject to any penalties under Art 12.3)

8.4 After the final race of the “UAE National Championship” a Final Classification for all competitors awarded points will be published and deemed final. From the Final Championship Classification the top (3) competitors with the most accumulative points will be chosen for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

8.5 The official classification will be published after the race. It will be the only valid result subject to any amendments which may be made under these Sporting Regulations.

## 9) PRIZES

9.1 The top (3) competitors as defined in Section 8.4 will be awarded at a podium ceremony. (Ceremony Date and Location TBC)

9.2 The top 3 competitors as defined in Section 8.4 must make every effort to be present to accept the award and or prize in person.

9.3 Winners of the **EMSO UAE National Championship** will receive the following as communicated with our partners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> competitor of the UAE National Championship:
  - Dubai Autodrome, BMW M2 Competition driving experience. *(Driver must hold a valid UAE driver licence)*
  - Dragon Racing, One-on-one Race Driver Coaching session in a JCW Mini Touring Car with a professional driver coach on an Autodrome public track day. *(Driver must hold a valid UAE driver license and be competent at driving a manual*

*transmission. The session will take place during Public Track Day at Dubai Autodrome, on a mutually agreeable date. Participant must have an Internationally recognised driving licence or an FIA accredited race licence. Driver Maximum height: 185cm. Driver maximum weight: 110kgs. Dragon Racing will provide an FIA Race Suit; Intercom equipped Open Face helmet with HANS device and gloves. The driver will need a comfortable pair of driving shoes and loose clothes.)*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> competitor of the UAE National Championship:
  - Dubai Autodrome, BMW M2 Competition driving experience. *(Driver must hold a valid UAE driver licence)*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> competitor of the UAE National Championship:
  - Dubai Autodrome, BMW M2 Competition driving experience. *(Driver must hold a valid UAE driver licence)*

**9.4.** The top 2 competitors of the **MENA Digital Cup National Final** will represent the UAE at the MENA Digital Cup Final which will take place in Amman, Jordan on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. The travel expenses and accommodation will be covered by the ASN.

## **10) OFFICIALS**

**10.1** EMSO reserves the right to nominate the following officials, which will be named in the Supplementary Regulations:

- Race Director
- Stewards
- Technical Delegate

## **11) INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATION TO COMPETITORS**

**11.1** The Stewards or Race Director may give instructions to competitors by means of special circulars. These circulars will be distributed to all competitors, who must acknowledge receipt.

**11.2** All classifications and results of the races, as well as all decisions issued by the officials, will be communicated electronically.

**11.3** Any decision or communication concerning a particular competitor should be communicated to him forthwith in writing within 30 minutes of such decision and receipt must be acknowledged.



**11.4** Competitors are encouraged to record their own POV session. POV recordings may be requested by the stewards at any time.

## **12) INCIDENTS**

**12.1** Incident means any occurrence or series of occurrences involving one or more drivers or any action by any drivers, which is reported to the Stewards by the Race Director or noted by the Stewards and subsequently investigated and include:

- a) When your car gains an advantage due to a collision with another car;
- b) When an opponent loses position in the race due to your collision with another car;
- c) When an opponent is pushed off track due to your collision with another car;
- d) When an opponent is sent into a spin due to your collision with another car;
- e) When the opponent receives mechanical damage due to your collision with another car;
- f) Blocking with more than 2 direction changes on the track;
- g) When closing out another driver parallel to you, not leaving one car width of space ("driving parallel" means at least 1/3 of the car behind lines up next to the car in front);
- h) Forcing yourself into the inside of a car in front at a corner when you were not parallel to it already ("driving parallel" means at least 1/3 of the car behind lines up next to the car in front), forcing the other car to avoid you;
- i) Braking in a location that does not require brakes / Performing brake tests on the track;
- j) When returning to the track after driving off track, returning to the track without waiting for a car behind to pass;
- k) Interfering with an attack lap of another car during qualifying;
- l) When coming out of a ghosted state after clearing a penalty, blocking another car by not driving off of the main racing line on track;
- m) Secretly working to give advantage to a team other than your own;
- n) Not following tire usage rules;
- o) Other unsportsmanlike conduct.
- p) Non-racing incidents, including:
  - Entering a race room that driver is not registered for
  - Other unsportsmanlike

## **12.2 PENALTIES**

**12.1.** There are 2 types of penalties in the Championship:

- a) Automatic Game Penalties

b) Penalties Applied by the Race Stewards

12.2. The Game or Stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an incident

- A. It shall be at the discretion of the Stewards to decide upon a report or a request by the Race Director, if a competitor(s) involved in an incident shall be penalized.
- B. If an incident is under investigation by the Stewards, a message, email and or communication in some form, informing all competitors of whom driver(s) are involved will be displayed or sent.

C. Penalty Processing

- 1. When a car is considered for a penalty, 'Under Investigation' will be displayed on screen;
- 2. Once a penalty has been assigned, penalty details will appear on screen;
- 3. Once the car passes over an automatic penalty line on the track, the car will automatically slow down until the penalty has been cleared.
- 4. While the penalty is being cleared, the car will enter a ghost state, and once the penalty has been cleared, the ghost state will be cleared. There is a possibility of collision with other cars when exiting the ghosted state, so avoid driving on the main racing line while
  - A) Up to a 99 second penalty or disqualification can be issued for these actions above.
  - B) Incidents that occur near the end of a race can also lead to additional time being added to the lap after the race or disqualification after judgement.

**12.3** The Stewards may impose any one of the penalties below on any driver involved in an incident:

- A) A slow down penalty of a given time. The driver must enter the slow down zone indicated on the track, slow down for at least the time given and then re-join the race.
- B) A post-race time penalty.
- C) A reprimand.
- D) A fine.
- E) A drop of a certain number of grid positions.

- F) Starting from the pit lane.
- G) Deletion of a driver's lap time or times.

(If any of the penalties referred to in b) c) d) f) g) above are imposed, neither the penalty nor the reason for the penalty shall be subject to appeal).

**12.4** Should the Stewards decide to impose the penalty under Article 12.3), the following procedure shall apply:

- a) The Stewards will give written notification of the time penalty which has been imposed to the competitor concerned and will ensure that this information is also displayed on the timing monitors where possible.
- b) From the time the Stewards' decision is notified on the timing monitors and/or on the Start/Finish Line, the relevant driver and his car may cross the Start/Finish Line on the track no more than twice.
- c) When the time penalty period has elapsed the driver may rejoin the race.

### **13) DRIVING STANDARDS**

**13.1** The driver must drive the car alone and unaided.

**13.2** Drivers must observe the provisions of the EMSO National Sporting Code relating to driving behavior on circuits at all times.

**13.3** Drivers must use the track at all times. For the avoidance of doubt the white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not. A driver will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with the track.

Drivers consistently crossing the white lines defining the edge of the circuit, whether or not they gain an advantage, will be stopped during the free practice sessions, have their lap time(s) cancelled during qualifying and may receive a 'drive-through' penalty during the race.

Should a car leave the track for any reason the driver may rejoin. However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage. At the absolute discretion of the Race Director a driver may be given the opportunity to give back the whole of any advantage he gained by leaving the track.

A driver may not deliberately leave the track without justifiable reason.

**13.4** More than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off-line, should leave at least one car width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner.

**13.5** Maneuvers liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are not permitted.

**13.6** As soon as a car is caught by another car which is about to lap it during the race the driver must allow the faster driver past at the first available opportunity.

## **14) RACE FORMAT**

**14.1.** The Championship will be run in Gran Turismo Sport “Lobby Mode”.

14.2. Track following details will be announced in the Supplementary Regulations and sent to the registered competitors by email 1 day before each Race:

- a. Track Name
- b. Weather/Time Conditions
- c. Number of laps

14.3. Each Race will be run in Qualifying/Race format with the following setup:

- a. Qualifying: XX min
- b. Race: XX min (to be announced in the SR)

14.4. Real Life Simulation

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Boost                                  | Off        |
| Slipstream                             | Real       |
| Visible Damage                         | On         |
| Mechanical Damage                      | Off        |
| Tyre Wear                              | 2x         |
| Fuel Depletion                         | Off        |
| Grip Reduction on Wet Track/Track Edge | Low        |
| B.O.P.                                 | On         |
| Maximum Tyre Rating                    | No Limit   |
| Tuning                                 | Prohibited |
| Shortcut Penalty                       | Strong     |
| Wall Collision Penalty                 | None       |
| Side Contact Penalty                   | On         |
| Counter Steering Assistance            | Prohibited |
| Active Stability Management (ASM)      | Prohibited |

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| Driving Line Assist | Prohibited |
| Traction Control    | No Limit   |
| ABS                 | No Limit   |
| Auto-drive          | Prohibited |

## 15) PROMOTION

**15.1** Drivers must try to take part in any promotional activity requested by the Organizers such as autograph sessions, prize -giving, press conferences, photo shooting and social events.

**15.2** Use of the Organizer's logo by the competitors, Manufacturers and drivers or their agents or representatives is prohibited unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Organizer.

## 16) PROTEST

As a rule, all judgments and or stewards are final and **protests will not be accepted.**

## 17) TECHNICAL ISSUES

Should any technical issues occur with the steering controller, pedals, PS4 and/or screens, internet connection etc., those that arise after the start of a race, qualifying or practice it will be considered a retirement due to mechanical issues.