Proposed Regulations

Section C – Judicial

C.5.1. Protest Against a Fellow Competitor
With the exception of track limit breaches pursuant to NCR Q.12.21.2 and Q.12.22 where no Protest is admissible the right to protest lies solely with the Entrant or Competitor who is a party to a dispute about an act or omission of another Competitor in an event in which they have taken part. At International Events only the Entrant can lodge a protest, unless the Competitor produces written authorisation to act on behalf of the Entrant.

Section Q – Circuit Racing

Q.12.21.2. Drivers must use the track at all times and may not leave the track without a justifiable reason. For the avoidance of doubt:
(a) The white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track.
(b) A driver will be judged to have left the track if any part of the tyre wheel of the car goes completely beyond either the outer edge of any kerb or the white line where there is no kerb.

Q.12.22. Breaches of 12.21.2 may be reported and/or determined only by:
(a) A duly appointed Judge of Fact and/or
(b) Senior officials through the use of suitable equipment under the control of the organisers.
Competitors may not protest each other in respect of breaches of track limits (C.5.1).
Q.12.22.1. Breaches of 12.21.2 may be penalised as follows:
(a) In qualifying if the lap on which the breach occurred is faster than any previous lap then that lap time should be disqualified. Any added times must be noted upon the result sheet of any times disqualified.
(b) During races the following scale of penalties should be applied:

1st breach – no penalty
2nd breach – warning flag, 1 second penalty added to race time
3rd breach – an additional 5 second penalty added to race time
4th breach – a drive through penalty (12.26.(h)) in addition to the preceding time penalties
5th breach – black flag, drive through penalty (12.26.(h)) in addition to the preceding penalties

(c) For any race that includes driver changes track limit breaches are per driver (per stint)
(d) Any race over one hour duration may allow for driver track limit breaches to be reset after each hour. Care should be taken to ensure that all signals (flag and board) must have been displayed to the driver concerned before moving up the penalty scale. Where possible it is recommended that drivers be advised of penalties during the race and all. All penalties applied should be noted upon the result sheet.

Date of Implementation: Immediate

Reason: As part of the Driving Standards Review Track Limit breaches is to be redefined and the scale of penalties simplified in consideration of sporting fairness. To also include for races with driver changes and races over one hour.