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# FIM Grand Prix World Championship

Decision of the Grand Prix Commission

The Grand Prix Commission, composed of Messrs. Carmelo Ezpeleta (Dorna, Chairman), Paul Duparc (FIM), Herve Poncharal (IRTA) and Takanao Tsubouchi (MSMA), in an electronic meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>. December 2018 made the following decision:

# **Sporting Regulations - Effective Immediately**

# Race Classification and Eligibility to Restart After an Interrupted Race

In order to avoid any misunderstandings by Teams, Riders, Broadcasters and other Media, the Grand Prix Commission has modified the regulations to further clarify existing rules.

## Classification of an Interrupted Race – Additional Rules in Bold Text

If the Race Director decides to interrupt a race at any point from the start of the warm up lap onwards, then red flags will be displayed at the finish line and at all marshals' posts and he will switch on the red lights around the circuit. Riders must immediately slow down and return to the pit lane.

The results will be the results taken at the last point where the leader and all other active riders on the same lap as the leader had completed a full lap without the red flag being displayed.

#### **Exceptions:**

- i.) if the race is interrupted after the chequered flag, the following procedure will apply:
- 1. For all the riders to whom the chequered flag was shown before the interruption, a partial classification will be established at the end of the last lap of the race.
- 2. For all the riders to whom the chequered flag was not shown before the interruption, a partial classification will be established at the end of the penultimate lap of the race.
- 3. The complete classification will be established by combining both partial classifications as per the lap/time procedure.

ii) In an interrupted race, if the leader and all active riders on the same lap have completed a full lap before the red flag is displayed, and at that time there is a rider in pit lane which closes due to the red flag without the rider crossing a timekeeping point, the results will be taken from the last timekeeping point that the race leader and all other active riders on the same lap as the leader have crossed.

If there is a problem with a rider's timekeeping transponder, the results will be taken from the previous finish line results.

At the time the red flag is displayed, riders who are not actively competing in the race will not be classified.

Within 5 minutes after the red flag has been displayed, riders who have not entered the pit lane **crossing the designated pit lane entry timekeeping point** riding on their motorcycle, will not be classified.

An exception may be granted in exceptional circumstances (e.g. post-race celebration in an interrupted race deemed to have been completed).

# **MotoGP Class Race – Interrupted Race Classifications.**

The regulations currently allow for multiple restarts of interrupted MotoGP class races with the possibility of multiple restarted races. In a situation where it was not possible to restart any of these races it has been decided that a result will only be based on the results of a previous race if five or more laps had been completed.

### Restarting a Race That Has Been interrupted - Additional Rules in Bold Text

The grid position will be based on the finishing order of the first race.

Riders who are classified 1 lap down will start the restarted race from Pit Lane. Riders who are classified 2 laps down will not be eligible to restart.

A regularly updated version of the FIM Grand Prix Regulations which contains the detailed text of the regulation changes may be viewed shortly on:

http://www.fim-live.com/en/sport/regulations-and-documents/grand-prix/

About the FIM (www.fim-live.com)

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 111 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.