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RULEBOOK



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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the official rulebook for the 2024 Hong Kong E-Motorsport Sprint Championship (“HKEMC”) held by ARC Motorsport (ARC). This championship comprises online events in which each driver competes remotely by playing Assetto Corsa Competizione (“ACC”) on Steam in a multi-round league championship featuring 5 events, with each event lasting one day. Any changes to the regulation for the respective event will be announced on the ARC Community Discord Announcement Channel. The top 8 drivers of after all 5 rounds all be invited to attend the Round 6 offline event.

This multi round online event shall determine the ultimate winners (and runners up) of the championship. The ultimate winning Driver shall be awarded the 2024 Hong Kong E-Motorsport Sprint Championship Driver Title.

All eligible drivers that are invited to attend the Round 6 Bound Round offline event shall determine the ultimate winners (and runners up) of the offline event. The ultimate winning Driver shall be awarded the 2024 Hong Kong E-Motorsport Sprint Championship Karting Driver title.

2. PERMITTED LANGUAGE

Communicating between Organizers with Drivers could be using English , Cantonese or Chinese. All bulletins and related documents from the Organizer could be in Chinese and English, the english version shall prevail.

3. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

Every driver participating in any event organized by ARC must always show good behavior. Any discriminatory or offending actions, words, posts or contents are forbidden and can lead to permanent exclusion of the events. The use of in-game chat box is banned during all sessions.

4. DECISION BY STAFF

The decisions made by the staff are binding. If a situation is not covered by articles from the Rulebook, the Sporting Code and the Penalty Guidelines, the Staff will have the final decision on it. The staff also reserves the right to the prizes given out during and after the championship. Any statements made by the Staff either physically, digitally or via email, that are specified as rules, also count as rules and have to be accepted by all drivers.

5. PROMOTER AND TERMS OF ENTRY

5.1. The promoter and operator of the ARC Motorsport (including HKEMC) is

organized by ARC Motorsport

5.2. By entering the ARC Motorsport in whatever manner and at whatever stage (including HKEMC) each Driver accepts the following terms and conditions (to the extent that they apply to a particular Participant) (together the “Terms and Conditions”):

- a) this ARC HKEMC 2024 Rulebook, ARC HKEMC 2024 Sporting Code and the ARC 2024 Penalty Guidelines;
- b) the Competition and Prize Rules;
- c) the Sporting Code and Penalty Guidelines for Drivers and other participants who enter the HKEMC can be found in the ARC Community Discord Channel; and

5.3. By participating and/or attending HKEMC, Participants:

- a) agree to the Terms and Conditions (to the extent they apply to a particular Participant);
- b) acknowledge that the ARC HKEMC Sporting Rules shall be applied by the Officials together with ARC Motorsport and their appointed agencies (together the “Administration”) at their sole discretion;
- c) acknowledge that HKEMC will be filmed by ARC Motorsport and its promoters;
- d) agree to participate in publicity and media activities relating to the ARC Motorsport; and
- e) consent to ARC Motorsport, its group companies and their licensees using the Participant’s name, voice, image, slogan, likeness, photographs, images (still and moving), brand, biography, statistics and performance in the ARC Motorsport and assigning any intellectual property created during the ARC Motorsport (as the case may be).

5.4. In respect of the HKEMC, if there is any conflict between the Sporting Code, this HKEMC Rulebook and the Penalty Guidelines, this Rulebook shall prevail.

6. GENERAL STRUSTURE

6.1. Dates and numbers of events and rounds are provisional and may change. Any changes to the above schedule shall be communicated to the drivers as soon as reasonably practicable. Unless specified, all rounds and events will go according to the format announced on ARC Community Discord Announcement Channel.

6.2. HKEMC is a multiple-round championship involving Drivers competing on behalf of themselves by using the Assetto Corsa Competizione Game on Steam to earn championship points. All Drivers are allowed to use one of the following cars for all rounds of the championship.

6.3. Drivers shall choose any car in the list below, as follow:

GT3 Car Brand	GT3 Car Name
Mclaren	720s EvO GT3

6.4. HKEMC has been provisionally structured as a Five-round online championship (each a “Round”) over the course of Five online events, as follows:

Round:	Date:	Track:
1	26th June, 2024	Nurburgring
2	17th July, 2024	Silverstone
3	7th August, 2024	Bathurst
4	28th August, 2024	Spa-Francorchamps
5	25th September, 2024	Barcelona

6.5. Only the top 8 drivers with the highest points will be invited to an all-expenses-paid trip to the Round 6 Bonus Round. The provisional event schedule and format are as follows:

Time:	Event:
0900	Meet up at HKZMB Zhuhai Port Z07 Pickup spot
1000	Arrival to the track
1030-1200	Free Practice & Qualifying
1200-1400	Meal break
1430-1630	Race 1 & Race 2
1630-1645	Prize Giving Ceremony
1800	Arrival to HKZMB Zhuhai Port

6.6. Any changes to the above schedule shall be communicated to Drivers as soon as reasonably practicable.

6.7. To enter mainland China for Round 6 of the championship, drivers must obtain the necessary travel documents and driver insurance. Please note that the organizers will not assist or support participants in obtaining a visa.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

7.1 Following the conclusion of each Round, both the Drivers and Teams shall be awarded points depending upon their finishing position(s) in the respective Race, as follows:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
25	18	15	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

7.2. Following the conclusion of the Race, only the top 12 drivers overall are eligible to score points if they finished at least 50% of the race time.

7.3. Following the completion of all Rounds in the championship, the winner (and runners-up) shall be the Driver with the most Driver Championship Points.

7.4. Following the award of points detailed above, a Driver's aggregate points over all Rounds shall be their "Driver Championship Points".

7.5. In the event that a Driver ties on points with another Driver following the determination of the Driver Championship Points, the Driver whose aggregate number of Race wins (i.e. the number of Race wins from all completed Rounds combined) is greater will be considered higher-placed. If such aggregate number of Race wins is the same then the Driver whose aggregate number of 2nd place finishes (i.e. the number of times the respective Driver finished in 2nd place in all completed Rounds combined) is greater shall be considered higher-placed. If such aggregate number of 2nd place finishes is the same then the aggregate number of 3rd place finishes will be considered, and so on. In cases where two or more Drivers finish with the same aggregate placing after all finishing positions have been considered then the Driver who first achieved the highest race finish shall be considered higher placed. In cases where two or more Drivers do not participate in any Round then they shall be considered tied in last place.

8. PRIZES

8.1. Prizes for the online championship will be announced before the start of Round 1 of the championship in the ARC Community Discord Announcement Channel and or on social media.

8.2. To be eligible for any prizes, including the sign-up gift, drivers must participate in at least two race sessions. A valid race start is defined as when a driver completes one corner after the race time countdown has begun.

8.3. Prizes for drivers that made it to Round 6 of the championship will be announced before the start of Round 6 in the ARC Community Discord Announcement Channel and or on social media (If Available).

8.4. The Organizers will only cover the following items for the Round 6 Bonus Round to the eligible drivers:

- 4 Sessions of Karting
- 1 Meal
- Transportation between the track and the HKZMB Zhuhai Port
- Driver Protective Gear including: Helmet and Race Suit

8.5. Prizes shall be awarded directly to Driver based on the final Driver's Championship Points Standings after all Rounds of the championship. If an awardee is outside of Hong Kong, the organizers will not cover the shipping cost outside of the mentioned areas.

8.6. The organizers will contact all the awardees shortly after finalizing all the championship points standings. If the awardee is outside of Hong Kong, the awardee has the choice to either claim the prize in Hong Kong or cover the required shipping cost needed to the awardee's desired location.

8.7. All awardees must claim their prizes within 180 days after the final championship points standings is announced. Converting the value of the prize to cash is not allowed.

9. ROUND FORMAT

9.1. Each race in the championship shall involve 3 sessions (each a "Session") in which are all performed on the same track, as follows:

a) **Practice Session**

Drivers shall be entitled to take part in a practice session at the respective time and for the respective duration (in both cases as communicated to Teams by Officials in the respective event schedule) (the "Practice Session"). Drivers shall be able to complete as many (or as few laps) as they wish during Practice Sessions. Any Driver on a Team's roster may take part in a Practice Session. Note that a Practice Session may be stopped early by the Race Director depending on the event schedule.

b) **Qualifying Session**

A qualifying session for the Race shall take place on the respective track ("Qualifying"). Qualifying shall involve Drivers completing laps over within the time frame (as detailed below).

Drivers shall be able to complete as many or as few laps as they wish during Qualifying within the allotted time. The objective of Qualifying is for the Drivers to set the fastest single lap time round the track ("Qualifying Time")

within the allotted time. If blue flags are waived, drivers are required to let the faster car behind pass though in a safe manner.

Starting positions on the grid for the race of that particular Round shall be decided by Qualifying so that all positions are determined by the Qualifying Times in the respective group. In the event that one or more Driver fails to set a Qualifying Time then those Drivers shall be considered last in the Qualifying session with the Driver with the fastest Qualifying Time shall start at the first (1) grid position.

The final result for the qualifying will be determined by the server itself. No changes or protests could be made of the starting order. Drivers are allowed to protest any incident that occurred during Qualifying after the race. All protests will be received after the race and time penalties will be given at the final race result. The stewards have the right to investigate any kind of incident that leads to one (1) or more Drivers being involved during qualifying. An investigation will be announced during and after each round on ARC Community ARC Discord Announcement Channel.

During qualifying, towing (as known as Slipstreaming) is allowed on track whether it is intentional or not. If a Driver gains an advantage by getting a tow from the car or cars in front, all drivers who towed or get towed by will not be penalized.

All drivers who wish to return to the pits should teleport back in a safe manner. A driver could be penalized for affecting another driver's lap if evidence is provided.

Drivers are allowed to rejoin during Qualifying as long as the Driver does not affect the flow of the whole event or other drivers. An investigation will take place if any incident or complaint is raised. Penalties may be imposed after the investigation.

c) **Race**

After Qualifying and subsequent allocation of the Driver starting grid positions, the Drivers shall complete a race on the respective track ("Race"). The objective of the race is for Drivers to finish as high up the final driver standings as possible. Only Drivers who took part in Qualifying are permitted to enter the respective Race.

It is each driver's responsibility to compete in all Qualifying and Race Sessions. Any delay caused by a Driver who is not ready to compete at the scheduled time may result in the Session commencing without the Driver and/or a penalty being awarded to the Driver.

Drivers are not permitted to rejoin during the Race. Premature disconnection will count as mechanical failure, resulting either in a Did Not Finish ("DNF") and a Did Not Start ("DNS") in the final race result

If a driver fails to complete within the timeframe of the Mandatory pit stop(s), penalties may imply by the game or afterwards by the stewards

10. SESSION PROCEDURE

10.1. If a Driver is not present and Ready before the start of the Qualifying Session then that Driver may be reported as a “no show”.

10.2. Penalties for tardiness and/or delaying proceedings may be issued in accordance.

10.3. During Practice Sessions, Drivers shall perform a final check on their equipment once qualifying has started. Any technical issues must be raised within the appropriate time frame for a Session restart to be considered. After 5 minutes of the Qualifying Session has started, a Session restart will not be considered.

10.4. Should a Qualifying or Race Session be restarted then weather for the new Session shall be fixed to the same weather conditions as the Session being restarted (to the best of Administration’s ability within the confines of the Game).

10.5. During any session of an event, the organizers will reserve the decision whether to restart or postpone the event.

11. RACING EQUIPMENT

All Drivers are advised to use a steering wheel to compete in the championship. Any limitations caused by using any equipment and led to a disadvantage will not be considered as a valid reason if an incident is caused.

12. ORGANIZERS, PROMOTERS AND OFFICIAL PARTNERS

ARC Motorsport
Logitech Asia Pacific Ltd
Pegasus Computer
100cc Racing Club
中赛国际赛车会

13. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

13.1 HKEMC consists of only single class racing; all drivers of any skill set are welcome.

13.2 All drivers entering this championship should not have been banned from any esports competition.

13.3 All drivers must register as a driver in the ARC Community Discord server to access all the important information and compete in the championship.

14. SERVER SETTINGS

14.1. Any changes to the Server Settings for all Round of the championship and events will be announced on ARC Discord Channel prior to the start of the event in the respective category.

14.2. The following Server Settings will be provisional and may change. Any changes to the above schedule shall be communicated to the drivers as soon as reasonably practicable. Unless specified, all rounds and events will go according to the format announced on ARC Community Discord Channel in the respective category. Provisional Server Setting as follow:

Server Online:	2030 HKT
Practice Length	30 minutes
Driver Briefing	2050 HKT
Qualifying Start Time:	2100 HKT Est.
Qualifying Length:	20 Minutes
Race Length:	TBD
Mandatory pit stop	0
Livery:	Open
Average Ambient Temperature	TBD
Cloud level	TBD
Rain	TBD
Weather Randomness	2
Time Multitpler:	1
Practice Hour of Day	TBD
Practice Day of Weekend	Friday
Qualifying Hour of Day	TBD
Qualifying Day of Weekend	Saturday
Race Hour of Day	TBD
Race Day of Weekend	Sunday

14.3. Details for all the server settings will be release at least 5 days before race day

14.4. The Race time will be between 30 - 105 mins

14.5. Pit stops are optional, no pit window, tyre change or refueling are forced any time during the race. Refueling all be set to allowed

15. DRIVING ASSISTS

Traction Control:	Allowed
ABS:	Allowed
Stability Control:	Not allowed
Ideal Line:	Not allowed
Automatic Gearbox:	Not allowed
Auto Engine Start:	ON
Auto Wipers:	ON
Auto Lights:	ON
Auto Pit limiter:	OFF

16. ENTERING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

16.1 All Drivers are required to fill in a registration form before the deadline to enter this championship. This Championship is open to the public and has a \$320HKD entry fee.

16.2 Any driver unable to fulfill the above requirements before 23:59 12th June, 2024 will not be able to enter Round 1 of the championship. Any registration made after the deadline will not be eligible to enter this championship.

17. LIVERY

17.1. Any inappropriate or containing sensitive content on a car's livery can be denied by the organizers and should resubmit shortly within the appropriate time frame.

17.2. All Drivers must submit their desired custom livery on or before 23:59 19th June, 2024. Details will be announced on the ARC Community Discord Channel Drivers who missed the submission time frame are required to use a custom livery created by the organizers.

17.3. All drivers are allowed to change or update their livery during the championship as long as it is submitted 7 days prior race day (not counting race day)

17.4. To submit a custom car livery please send a DM on discord to:
arc_motorsport

18. REFUND

No refunds are allowed during or after the championship. This includes the following conditions:

- a) A driver missed any session of any event
- b) Error made during registration such as typos or wrong car selection
- c) Event cancellaiton
- d) Event or session postponement
- e) Race Ban

The sole exception to this regulation is when a driver is unable to access the test server provided by the organizer due to technical difficulties that cannot be resolved by either party. In such cases, the organizer may issue a refund, subject to a \$20HKD handling fee. This fee is non-refundable, and the driver must accept the charges.

19. OFFICIALS

19.1 A championship or a special event shall be overseen by ARC Motorsport Officials (“Officials”) who shall be responsible for on the day adjudication (including administering any penalty or other warnings, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions) including:

- i) A number of stewards (“Race Stewards” or “Stewards”), one of whom shall be appointed “Head Steward”;
- ii) a “Race Director” who may or may not be a Race Steward; and

The Race Director shall have overriding authority in:

- ai) the control of all Sessions, adherence to the timetable and, if deemed necessary, the modification of the timetable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions;
- a ii) the stopping of any car in accordance with the Terms and Conditions;
- a iii) the delaying, stopping or suspension of any Session in accordance with the Terms and Conditions;
- a iv) the starting procedure;

19.2. The Head Steward shall have overriding authority in administering any penalty or other warning in accordance with the Sporting Code or the wider Terms and Conditions.

20. INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

20.1. Officials may give instructions or issue communications to Drivers by means of special circulars which shall form part of the Terms & Conditions. These circulars shall be made available to Drivers digitally by Officials.

20.2. All classifications and results of Qualifying and Races, as well as formal decisions issued by the Officials, shall be made available to the Drivers digitally by Officials.

20.3. Drivers who participate in the championship agree to adhere to all regulations, terms, and conditions outlined in the official documents, including this rulebook.

21. INCIDENT REVIEW

The steward(s) will not perform any live stewarding. Drivers will have the right to request any incident review. The steward(s) will investigate any incidents under the following conditions:

A) When an Incident Review Request is submitted, the Stewards will accept performing the Incident Review and will notify all drivers of the outcome(s). Drivers shall have from 10:00pm on race day until the next day at 1:00am in which to submit an Incident Review Request (“Incident Review Request Window”).

B) During the Incident Review Request Window, Drivers may submit a request per incident for the Stewards to review cases where a sporting incident considered by the Driver to be in breach of the Sporting Rules has occurred. If the Driver has been given a penalty by the Game, the Driver does not have a right to appeal and must obey any penalty given during or after all sessions.

C) Incident Review Requests must be submitted using the appropriate form. Completed forms must be submitted to the stewards within the Incident Review Request Window immediately following the respective incident for the review to be considered, unless otherwise permitted by Officials due to mitigating circumstances.

D) The Stewards shall notify all Drivers of the final outcome(s) of an accepted Incident Review, whereby a penalty may be applied, or no further action taken, as the Stewards deem appropriate.

E) Following the closing of the Incident Review Request Window and after all Incident Reviews have been considered, the Stewards shall issue results to the Drivers which shall include the outcome(s) of any Incident Reviews.

F) Following the final result being posted, Drivers are not able to appeal the decision made by the Stewards or any in-game decisions. If a driver fails to fill in the form completely or fails to provide evidence, there will be no further investigation.

22. DECLARATION OF CONSENT

22.1. Every driver in any event of ARC Motorsport agrees that their names will appear in live streams and press releases handled by all organizers and promoters able make and broadcast photographs and movie recordings (e.g., internet stream), on which are identifiable as well as statements, interviews and similar captured on audio and video. ARC Motorsport is entitled to use these recordings.

22.2. By entering the HKEMC in whatever manner and at whatever stage, each Participant agrees and consents to the use and reproduction by or on behalf of ARC Motorsport of their name, voice, still and moving (including photographic) images, brand, and/or comments relating to the HKEMC without limitation for such promotional, merchandising, marketing and publicity purposes of ARC Motorsport in any and all media worldwide without notice to them and without any fee being paid to them and further agree to take part in such media, marketing and publicity requirements of ARC Motorsport relating to the HKEMC (acting reasonably).

22.3. By entering the HKEMC in whatever manner and at whatever stage, each Participant agrees that any personal information provided by a Participant shall be:

a) used by ARC Motorsport and their respective partners and sponsors to administer the HKEMC, send out prizes and to enable ARC Motorsport to promote the HKEMC in any media (including, without limitation, television and online broadcast, publishing channels and on ARC Motorsport's and its partners' social media pages) and in any other manner to which a Participant has expressly consented to;

c) passed on to any ARC Motorsport partner in a manner to which a Participant has consented to and used for any additional activities that you have consented to, for example, if a Participant has agreed that ARC Motorsport's partners can contact them, then their data will also be used in accordance with such consents; and

d) shared with organizations involved in any ARC Motorsport (including the HKEMC) but only in the manner a Participant has consented to.

22.4. By participating in the sixth bonus round, all participating drivers acknowledge the inherent risks associated with motorsports and assume full responsibility for their health and well-being. ARC Motorsport, along with its partners and sponsors, shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred during any karting sessions.

23. SPIRIT OF THE RULES

23.1. All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, eligibility, scheduling and staging of the ARC Motorsport (including the Championship) lie solely with ARC Motorsports (and anyone acting on its behalf).

23.2. All decisions by ARC Motorsport (and anyone acting on its behalf) in respect of The Sporting Rules (including this Championship Rulebook) shall be final. Administration's decisions cannot be appealed (unless the option to appeal is clearly stated) and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages or any other legal or equitable remedy.

23.3. ARC Motorsport (and anyone acting on its behalf) has a right to decide decisions in accordance with this Championship Rulebook, outside this Championship Rulebook, or even against this Championship Rulebook in special cases to guarantee fair play and to ensure the spirit of ARC Motorsport is upheld. Participants agree to be bound by ARC Motorsports's final decisions (and anyone acting on its behalf).

23.4. ARC Motorsport reserves the right to modify the Sporting Rules at any time. This includes changes due to software updates or releases, and any other change deemed necessary by ARC Motorsport.

23.5. This Championship Rulebook shall be applied by Administration in such a manner to ensure the spirit of the ARC Motorsport is upheld.

24. CANCELLATION

24.1. If cheating, a virus, bug, catastrophic event, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled affects the fairness and / or integrity of the ARC Motorsport, ARC Motorsport reserves the right to cancel, change or suspend the ARC Motorsport. This right is reserved whether the event is due to human or technical error.

24.2. The Administration may change the dates, venue, numbers of events, rounds and/or racing schedule at any time and without prior notice.

24.3. ARC Motorsport reserves the right, at any time, to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the HKEMC, with or without prior notice, for reasons outside its reasonable control (including, without limitation, in the case of anticipated, suspected or actual fraud, cheating, any computer virus, bug, or any catastrophic event). In the event that ARC Motorsports permanently discontinued the ARC Motorsport pursuant to this paragraph, Drivers shall be released from their obligations to ARC Motorsport under the Sporting Rules.