



WOMEN'S WILDCARD RULEBOOK

Version 1.0



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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the official rulebook of the F1 Esports Series 2021 Qualification: Women's Wildcard ("Women's Wildcard" or "Wildcard") and is supplementary to the F1 Esports Series 2021 Qualification Rulebook (available at <https://f1esports.com.rules>). This rulebook governs the operation of the Women's Wildcard and applies to all participants ("Participants" and each a "Participant"). By taking part in the Wildcard, all Participants agree that it is governed by, and that they will abide by, the Terms and Conditions (as defined in paragraph 2.2).

The Women's Wildcard is a female-only qualification route into the Pro Exhibition, where F1® teams will be scouting talent to add to their rosters for this year's Pro Championship, which will start in the autumn. The Women's Wildcard will be open to female competitors only, where drivers will compete to set the fastest lap times on the official F1® 2020 video game, developed by Codemasters, across a one-week window in early May (3-9).

Whilst previous F1® Esports events, such as the Virtual Grands Prix, have had female participants, there has never been a female driver competing in the professional ranks of the F1 Esports Series. This is the first female-only competition the sport has run, which Formula 1® hope will encourage more drivers from the passionate and talented female sim-racing community to engage with the F1 Esports Series at a grassroots level, in the hope of becoming the first ever female driver to be signed by an Official F1 Esports Series Team.

The Women's Wildcard is open to anyone who is eligible to take part in accordance with this rulebook ("Women's Wildcard Rulebook" or "Rulebook") (in particular, you will need a copy of the official F1™ 2020 game developed by Codemasters on PC, PlayStation or Xbox (the "Game") with either an Xbox Live, PlayStation Network or Steam account (as detailed in Section 3.3) and have gone through the online registration process). You are not eligible to participate if you are under 16 years of age at the time of entry.

The Women's Wildcard shall determine one qualifying participant to progress to the next round of the F1 Esports Series 2021, being the "Pro Exhibition", where they will be joined by other participants who have progressed through different 2021 Qualification routes (as detailed in the F1 Esports Series 2021 Qualification rulebook) or, in the case of Pro Series 2020 drivers, who have been invited by Formula 1 (together the "Pro Exhibition Participants").

The Pro Exhibition shall provide the Pro Exhibition Participants with the chance to impress the ten official F1 Esports Teams in the hope of being offered the chance to represent a team in the third and final round of the F1 Esports Series, the "Pro Championship".

Drivers who take part in the Pro Exhibition automatically become eligible to race for a Team in the Pro Championship. Please note, however, that eligibility to race in the Pro Exhibition and Pro Championship is subject to the terms of the rulebooks which govern those stages of competition (which shall be made available at <https://f1esports.com/rules> in due course) and participation in the Pro Exhibition is in no way a guarantee of being offered a chance by a Team to race in the Pro Championship.

Formula One Digital Media Limited ("Formula 1" or "F1") reserves its rights to alter, amend or supplement this Rulebook from time to time and without notice, as it considers desirable to do so.

2. PROMOTER AND TERMS OF ENTRY

- 2.1. The promoter and operator of the F1 Esports Series (including the Women's Wildcard) is Formula 1.
- 2.2. By entering the Wildcard each participant ("Driver" or "Participant") accepts the following terms and conditions (together the "Terms and Conditions"):
 - a) this Women's Wildcard Rulebook, the 2021 Qualification Rulebook, the Pro Exhibition Rulebook and the Pro Series Rulebook (together the "Sporting Rules"), all of which shall be made available at <https://f1esports.com/rules>;
 - b) the Competition and Prize Rules which shall be made available at <https://f1esports.com/rules>;
 - c) the Handbook for Drivers, Teams and other participants which can be found at <https://f1esports.com/rules>;
 - d) Any official instructions or supplementary regulations issued by Formula 1; and
 - e) the terms of use and the privacy policy of the official Formula 1 at <https://f1esports.com> as updated from time to time, which are available at <https://f1esports.com/legal-notice>. Please note that any other website used in relation to the F1 Esports Series will also have terms of use, which will apply to a Driver's use of such site and Formula 1 is able to take no responsibility for such site(s), their terms or use or any related liability.
- 2.3. All Drivers (and, additionally, in the case of any Driver under the Eligible Age (as set out in Section 3), his/her parent or guardian) who participate and in the Pro Exhibition will be required to enter into a written contract as a pre-condition to participating, and such contract will include:
 - a) the Terms and Conditions (to the extent they apply to a particular Driver);
 - b) an acknowledgement that the Pro Exhibition will be filmed and that Formula 1, its group companies and their licensees will be entitled to use and exploit footage of the F1 Esports Series in its discretion;
 - c) agreeing to participate in publicity and media activities relating to the F1 Esports Series; and
 - d) consenting to Formula 1, its group companies and their licensees using the qualifying Driver's name, voice, image, slogan, likeness, photographs, images (still and moving), biography, statistics and performance in the F1 Esports Series and assigning any intellectual property created during the F1 Esports Series (as the case may be).
- 2.4. In respect of the Women's Wildcard, if there is any conflict between the 2021 Qualification Rulebook, the Participant's Handbook and this Women's Wildcard Rulebook, then this Rulebook shall prevail.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All Drivers must meet all requirements in this Section in their entirety to be eligible to participate in the Women's Wildcard. Any Driver who does not meet such requirements shall be deemed ineligible and may be removed from the F1 Esports Series unless and until such time as Formula 1 is satisfied that all eligibility criteria has been met. Drivers agree that Formula 1 can investigate and take such other action as it may reasonably require in determining eligibility.

- 3.2. The Women's Wildcard is open to female residents of all countries where the Game and/or the F1 Esports Series is not prohibited or unlawful (each Driver to satisfy themselves as to whether this condition is met) except:
- persons who are under the age of sixteen (16) years;
 - employees and agents of Formula 1 and/or their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, and each of their respective advertising/promotion agencies;
 - anyone involved in and/or connected to the organisation and running of the F1 Esports Series and/or the Game in any way; and
 - the immediate family members of any of the persons set forth in (b) or (c) above (and for these purposes "immediate family members" shall mean parents, step-parents, children, step-children, siblings or spouses).
- 3.3. A Driver is only eligible to participate in the Women's Wildcard if they have:
- a PS4, PS4 Pro, PS5, Xbox One, Xbox One S, Xbox One X, Xbox Series X/S, suitable Windows PC or any other platform that the Game is publicly available on;
 - PSN Membership, Steam Account or Xbox Live Gold Membership (or such other online membership relevant to their platform and which is required for them to play the Game online);
 - a copy of the Game for the relevant platform (updated to the latest version of the Game publicly available on the relevant platform at the time they participate in the Wildcard); and
 - a broadband internet connection.
- 3.4. Drivers are responsible for their own hardware and internet connection (which is recommended to be a minimum of 3 MB/s download, 0.5MB/s upload). Note that any event in the F1 Esports Series (including the Women's Wildcard) will not be rescheduled due to technical issues suffered by a Driver.
- 3.5. In registering to participate in the F1 Esports Series each Driver confirms that they:
- is eligible to do so and eligible to claim any prize that they may win;
 - fully and unconditionally agrees to and undertakes to comply with this Rulebook (and all other agreements, rules and policies referred to in this Rulebook) and any instruction of Formula 1 (and/or its nominee) in relation to the Game and/or F1 Esports Series; and
 - accept that decisions of Formula 1 regarding all matters relating to the F1 Esports Series and/or Game are final and binding.
- 3.6. If a Driver is aged under eighteen (18) years of age or such higher majority in any relevant jurisdiction in respect of any applicable law or regulation (the 'Eligible Age') at the time of registration, they agree that Section 4 applies and has been complied with.

4. MINORS

- 4.1. If a Driver is under the Eligible Age at the time of registration, they must obtain written parental or guardian consent to enter the F1 Esports Series and claim any prize. F1 may ask any Driver to provide proof of age and/or any relevant consent at any time.
- 4.2. A Driver is not eligible to enter the F1 Esports Series if they are under sixteen (16) years of age at the time of entry.

- 4.3. In providing parental or guardian consent in accordance with Section 4.1, such parent or guardian acknowledges that they have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions.
- 4.4. If a Driver is under the Eligible Age at the time of the Pro Championship and such Driver qualifies to participate in the Pro Championship, their parent/guardian must travel with the Driver and physically accompany them to, and at, any event(s) requiring physical attendance.

5. HOW TO ENTER

- 5.1. Other than satisfying the eligibility criteria, no purchase of any item or service is necessary in order to enter the F1 Esports Series and no payment is required from Drivers to enter. Only entries received in accordance with the Terms and Conditions will be accepted.
- 5.2. To enter the Women's Wildcard, each Driver must have an account on the create an online account and submit the online entry form provided at <https://f1esports.com> (the "Website"). There is no charge to register for use of the Website.
- 5.3. During the registration process, each Driver will be asked to provide his/her name, email address, nationality, date of birth and to select a username and password, and input their respective Xbox Live, PSN or Steam gamertag(s). Drivers may be asked to submit additional information. Any personal information which the Drivers submit will be controlled and used in accordance with Section 8 below.
- 5.4. Formula 1 reserves the right to refuse a "driver name" that Formula 1, in its sole opinion, determines is inappropriate, offensive or does not otherwise comply with the Terms and Conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing and without prejudice to any of its other rights, Formula 1 reserves the right to delete the account of a Driver who breaches this requirement without notice. Any such decision to do so by Formula 1 is final.
- 5.5. Entries correctly submitted via the Website will result in an acceptance message on the Website confirming their entry.
- 5.6. To participate, each Driver must sign into the Website and register their relevant device/console (that complies with Section 3.3) so that they are ready to participate.
- 5.7. Formula 1 nor any of their employees, agents or representatives shall be responsible for:
 - a) any actions taken using a Driver's password (and the Driver is responsible for the safety and security of his/her password);
 - b) any entries which are delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, because of equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind; or
 - c) lost, late, incomplete, damaged, stolen, invalid, unintelligible or misdirected entries, which will be disqualified.
- 5.8. Once submitted, entries become the sole property of Formula 1. Formula 1's computer record of the entry will be considered the official entry. In the event of a dispute as to any entry, the authorised account holder of the email address used to register will be deemed to be the entrant to the F1 Esports Series (and will be used to match the registration of the device/console on the Website).

- 5.9. Drivers can register (in accordance with this Section 5) anytime up to the expiration of the Women's Wildcard Event Window (as defined in Section 6.6), however all attempts at the Wildcard must be completed by that time. All attempts completed after the expiration of the Women's Wildcard event window shall be invalid and no score shall be registered in respect of that attempt.
- 5.10. Driver shall only be eligible to participate in the Wildcard from the point they complete the registration process as detailed in this Section 5.
- 5.11. If a Driver registers after the end of the Women's Wildcard Event Window then such registration shall be disregarded for the purposes of the F1 Esports Series.

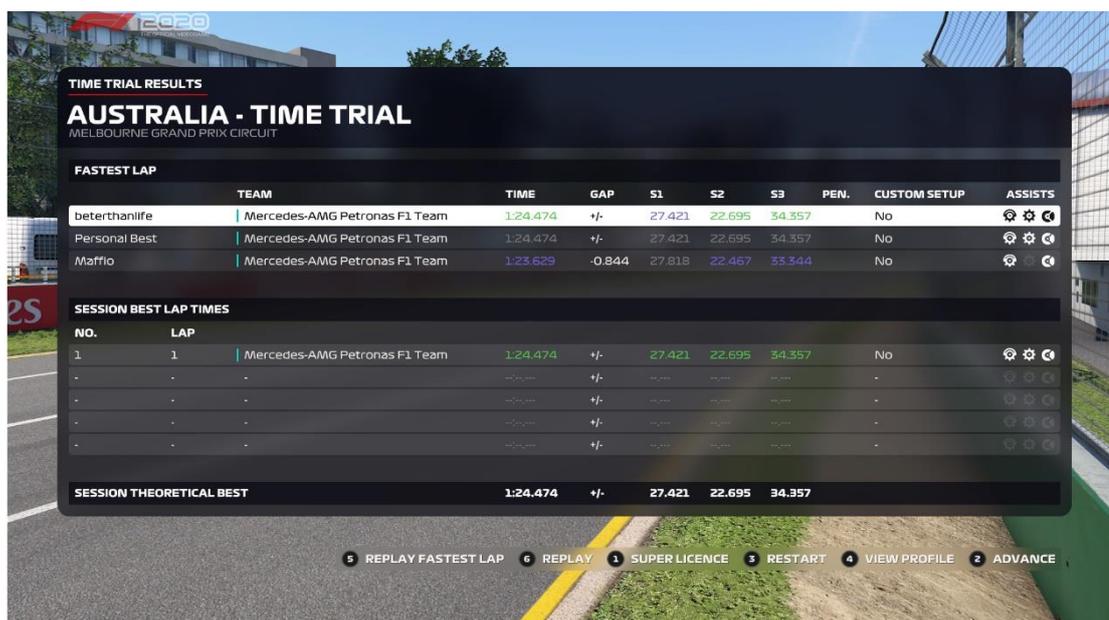
6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The Women's Wildcard is an offline time trial competition involving drivers setting a lap time around a specific track in the Game, with the objective being to record the best single lap time.
- 6.2. The Women's Wildcard is open to all female drivers who satisfy the eligibility criteria detailed in Section 3, except for drivers who have already qualified or been invited to the Pro Exhibition (via 2021 Qualification or otherwise).
- 6.3. Drivers may participate in the Wildcard on any Platform.
- 6.4. To participate in the Wildcard, Participants must start the Game (on their chosen platform). Once the Game has loaded onto the main menu, Participants must navigate to 'Time Trial' which can be found under 'Solo'. In the sub menu, each Participant must select "Modern F1 Cars", then select a car of their choice. Once a car is selected, Participants must navigate to the required track and then configure the game settings as detailed in Section 6.5. Participants must start the "Time Trial" mode to participate in the Wildcard.
- 6.5. Whilst participating in the Wildcard, settings including circuit and conditions need to be set as follows:
- Era = Modern F1 Cars
 - Performance = Equal
 - Assists = None
 - Weather = Clear / Dry
 - Time of Day = Official
 - Track = Silverstone
- 6.6. The Wildcard shall run as follows (the "Event Window") (all times are BST) (note that F1 reserves the right to alter the Wildcard dates at any time and without advance notice):

DATE	TRACK	CAR
00:00 3 May 2021 – 23:59 9 May 2021	Silverstone, Great Britain	<i>Any modern F1 car</i>

- 6.7. Video evidence of a Wildcard attempt (with the items mentioned in Section 6.8 visible throughout) must be submitted, along with photographic evidence (as defined in Section 6.9), for an attempt to be considered valid. This will ensure each Participant shall be competing under the same track conditions and car settings.
- 6.8. Participants must submit video evidence of their fastest lap, which meets the following requirements:

- a) Gamertag and live timing need to be viewable during the entirety of the lap.
 - b) Gamertag must be the same gamertag used to register on the Website.
 - c) Lap time must be viewable at the end of the lap.
 - d) It is not permitted to record the in-game replay of the lap.
- 6.9. Participants must submit a screenshot of their lap time, taken from the end-of-session screen (i.e. when they are notified of their lap time on the playing screen when they finish the event - not the leaderboard screen), similar to the example image below. Participants must ensure to include the full screen in the image, and that the username, session best lap time, and the icons for assists used, are clearly visible.



Example of screenshot taken from the end-of-session screen in the Game.

- 6.10. Video footage together with a screenshot of a Participant's fastest lap should be submitted to support@f1esports.com by no later than 3 days from the end of the Wildcard Event Window.
- 6.11. Times set outside of the Wildcard Event Window will not be accepted.
- 6.12. Any lap time set that appears to benefit from a glitch or exploit will be declared void by Formula 1. It is strongly recommended that Participants retain the video of their lap attempt in case the validity of their entry is challenged, however Formula 1's decision shall be final.
- 6.13. In Formula 1's sole determination, the Participant with the quickest valid lap time shall be invited to the Pro Exhibition (1 Driver in total).
- 6.14. If a Participant ties on Lap Time with another Participant, the Participant who submitted their fastest lap time first will be considered higher-placed.

7. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 7.1. By registering and (if applicable) participating in the F1 Esports Series, Drivers agree and consent to the use and reproduction by or on behalf of Formula 1 of their name, voice, still and moving (including photographic) images and/or comments relating to the F1 Esports Series without limitation for such promotional, merchandising, marketing and publicity purposes of Formula 1 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 Formula 1 relating to the F1 Esports Series (acting reasonably).
- 7.2. Drivers shall not do, or permit anything to be done, which might adversely affect any of Formula 1's commercial rights or the value of the commercial rights and shall not be entitled to exploit any commercial or other agreement (including the endorsement and/or promotion of a competitor's products or services,) other than as agreed with Formula 1.
- 7.3. Stages of the F1 Esports Series will be filmed and broadcast and each Driver acknowledges and agrees that Formula 1 shall be entitled to use any such footage in its discretion.
- 7.4. Drivers agree to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the F1 Esports Series and Formula 1 in all respects and abide by the Terms and Conditions at all times. Drivers should check all applicable rules and the Website prior to any event to ensure they are in compliance with any and all rules at all times.
- 7.5. Drivers acknowledge that all decisions by Formula 1 in respect of the Sporting Rules (including this Qualification Rulebook) shall be final and are not open to dispute or legal challenge.

8. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 8.1. By entering the F1 Esports Series in whatever manner (i.e. through 2021 Qualification, the Women's Wildcard or by invitation from Formula 1), each Driver agrees that any personal information provided by a Driver shall be:
 - a) controlled and processed in accordance with Formula 1's current F1 Esports Series published Privacy Policy (found at <https://f1esports.com/legal-notice>);
 - b) used by Formula 1 and their respective agents and suppliers to administer the F1 Esports Series, send out prizes and to enable Formula 1 to promote the F1 Esports Series in any media (including, without limitation, television and online broadcast, publishing channels and on Formula 1's and its partners' social media pages) and in any other manner to which a Driver has expressly consented to;
 - c) passed on to any Formula 1 partner in a manner to which a Driver has consented to and used for any additional activities that you have consented to, for example, if a Driver has agreed that Formula 1's partners can contact them, then their data will also be used in accordance with such consents; and
 - d) shared with Teams and organisations involved in any F1 Esports Series (including the F1 Esports Series 2021) but only in the manner a Driver has consented to.

9. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

- 9.1. Formula 1 accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with any prizes, or a Driver's participation in the F1 Esports Series, that are not expressly stated to be its responsibility in the Terms and Conditions. Additionally, each prize winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, including taxes imposed on their income.
- 9.2. Formula 1 accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by a Driver as a result of participating in the F1 Esports Series or accepting any prize. F1 further disclaims any liability for any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading any materials in connection with the F1 Esports Series save to the extent that (i) death or personal injury is caused by F1's negligence; (ii) such liability arises from fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or (iii) for any other reason or by any cause which cannot be excluded by law.
- 9.3. Formula 1 shall not be liable for any failure to comply with its obligations relating to the F1 Esports Series where the failure is caused by something outside its reasonable control. Such circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, weather conditions, fire, flood, hurricane, strike, industrial dispute, war, hostilities, political unrest, riots, civil commotion, inevitable accidents, supervening legislation or any other circumstances amounting to force majeure.
- 9.4. Formula 1 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 Formula 1.
- 9.5. This Women's Wildcard Rulebook will be applied by Formula 1 in such a manner to ensure the spirit of the Formula 1 Esports Series is upheld.

10. CANCELLATION

- 10.1. 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 F1 Esports Series, Formula 1 reserve the right to cancel, change or suspend the F1 Esports Series, either in part or in full. This right is reserved whether the event is due to human or technical error.
- 10.2. Formula 1 reserves the right, at any time, to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the F1 Esports Series, 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 Formula 1 permanently discontinues the F1 Esports Series pursuant to this paragraph, Drivers shall be released from their obligations to Formula 1 under the Sporting Rules.



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