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# DiRT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2018 DRIVER HANDBOOK

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# 1. Introduction

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The Official Driver Handbook ('Driver Handbook' or 'Handbook') of the DiRT World Championships 2018 ('DiRT World Championships' or 'Competition') applies to all Team Owners, Team Managers, Drivers, Parents or Guardians ('Participants' or 'Drivers') who are actively participating in any event related to the DiRT World Championships.

The DiRT World Championships Administration ('Administration' or 'Official' or 'Marshal') consists of the following parties: Codemasters, Gfinity PLC

The DiRT World Championships consists of all online and offline activities that is governed by this Handbook.

This edition of the DiRT World Championships Driver Handbook contains all current guidelines governing the DiRT World Championships that are in effect for 2018. Administration reserve the right to amend any rule in this handbook at any time.

Administration reserves the right to exercise necessary authority, without limitation, to protect the interests of the DiRT video game franchise ("Franchise"), any person or entity who is partnered with Franchise or Administration to provide products or services for the Competition ("Affiliate"), any authorized person or entity to create and/or publish media for any reason at any time during the Competition ("Press"), and any person who is present at an event related to the Competition ("Attendee"). All decisions made by Administration are final unless the option to appeal is clearly stated.

Administration reserves its rights to alter, amend or supplement this Driver Handbook from time to time as it considers desirable to do so.

All communication with Administration is strictly confidential. The publication of such material without explicit consent is strictly prohibited and will result in a penalty.

## 2. Code of Conduct

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All Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Administration, Press, Sponsors, Attendees, and other Participants being represented.

By participating in the DiRT World Championships, Drivers agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

### a. Cheating and Gameplay

No forms of cheating, gameplay, gamesmanship or gaining an unfair advantage in any way will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to;

- i. **Hardware modification**  
*Any modification made to a piece of hardware altering its function in a way the manufacturer did not intend.*
- ii. **Hacking**  
*Hacking is defined as any modification made to the official DiRT 4 game by any person or such other relevant version as is used in the DiRT World Championships.*
- iii. **Exploiting game glitches**  
*Exploiting is defined as intentionally using any in-game bug (defined as any game function that, in the sole determination of Administration, is not functioning as intended) to seek an advantage.*
- iv. **Impersonation (including playing under another Driver's account)**  
*Playing under another Driver's account or soliciting, inducing, encouraging or directing someone else to play under another Driver's account.*
- v. **Collusion**  
*Collusion is defined as any agreement among two (2) or more Drivers and/or other persons to affect any competition or race and/or opposing Drivers,*

or any other behaviour as determined to be cheating, gameplay, gamesmanship or gaining an unfair advantage in any way by Administration. Additionally, Drivers may not intentionally delay or slow gameplay,

including but not limited to stalling, disconnecting network cables, interruption of network connectivity, or any other known or unknown manner of tampering with gameplay.

## b. Race Etiquette

Race etiquette rules will be enforced in all events conducted throughout the DiRT World Championships 2018. Intentional foul play including, but not limited to:

- Ringing;
- Faking;
- Cutting tracks;
- Pitting;
- Obstruction of other vehicles; and
- Ramming

shall fall foul of such rules and result in immediate forfeit of participation in the DiRT World Championships 2018 and eligibility to claim any prize. The violation of race etiquette will be at the sole determination of Administration. All participants in the DiRT World Championships 2018 are not allowed to discuss competition decisions and competition intel in any stream chats and other public places.

## b. Drugs and Alcohol

The use of drugs or alcohol may lead to disruptive behaviour. Drivers believed to be under the influence of drugs at any given time during an event of the DiRT World Championships 2018 will be removed from the event and disqualified from taking part in any DiRT World Championships. For this purpose, "any given time during the event" covers 24 hours prior to a Driver arriving at the event, to 24 hours after the conclusion of such event. No Driver should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs during an event. The excessive drinking of alcohol and taking of any illegal or performance enhancing drugs is strictly forbidden at any time during an event of the DiRT World Championships.

## c. Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

Any offensive, disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behaviour (including but not limited to insults and physical violence and including any behaviour which in Administration's opinion may bring it, any of its affiliates or the DiRT World Championships 2018 in general into disrepute) connected to the DiRT World Championships will be punished and may lead to disqualification.

## d. Competitive Integrity

Drivers will compete at the best of their ability at all times during the DiRT World Championships 2018.

## e. Betting and Gambling

No betting or gambling by any Driver or anyone connected to any Driver, relating to or in connection with the DiRT World Championships is allowed under any circumstances and no Driver or related person may benefit directly or indirectly from any betting or gambling in connection with the DiRT World Championships 2018.

## f. Bribery and Gifts

Drivers shall not offer or accept any gift or reward to or from anyone for services promised, rendered, or to be rendered in connection with the DiRT World Championships 2018, including services related to defeating or attempting to defeat a competing Driver or services designed to throw or fix any event (or part of an event) of the DiRT World Championships 2018.

## g. General Conduct

Drivers must be respectful of the staff involved in the DiRT World Championships 2018, tournament organisers, sponsors, and/or partners. Drivers must not use obscene gestures, language, or offensive comments during tournament activity, including:

### **1. Hate speech or discriminatory behaviour;**

*Participants may not use language that is deemed by Administration to be obscene, foul, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive, libellous, slanderous, defamatory or otherwise offensive or objectionable; or promote or incite hatred or discriminatory conduct, in or near the Match area, at any time, off or on broadcast. Drivers may not use any facilities, services or equipment provided or made available by Administration or its contractors to post, transmit, disseminate or otherwise make available any such prohibited communications. Drivers may not use this type of language on social media or during any public facing events such as streaming. Language that is deemed to be in violation of these Rules is punishable at the sole discretion of Administration.*

**2. Violent or physical aggression or behaviour;**

*Abuse of Administration, its affiliates, press, attendees, or other participants will not be tolerated. Participants must treat all individuals attending an event with respect.*

**3. Harassment of any kind;**

*Harassment of any kind is strictly prohibited. Harassment is defined as systematic, hostile and repeated acts taking place over a considerable period of time, which are intended to isolate or ostracize a person and/or affect the dignity of the person.*

**4. Discriminatory words, phrases, or gestures;**

*Offending the dignity or integrity of a country, private person or group of people through contemptuous or discriminatory words or actions on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, financial status, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason will not be tolerated.*

**5. Any “sound-alike” or “look-alike” words or phrases that reference these topics;**

**6. Any other type of conduct deemed inappropriate at the discretion of Administration or a DiRT World Championships official; and/or**

**7. Harassment/Trolling**

## 3. On-track Rules

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### a. On-track Behaviour

As the DiRT World Championships 2018 is a serious racing championship, on track behaviour has to be in line with sportsman-like behaviour and appropriate clean racing as set out below:

- i. **Passing** - *The responsibility for the decision to pass another car, and to do it safely, rests with the overtaking Driver. The overtaken Driver should be aware that he/she is being passed and must not impede the pass by “Blocking” (as defined below). A Driver who does not watch his/her mirrors or who appears to be blocking another car seeking a pass may be penalised. The act of passing is initiated when the trailing car’s front wing overlaps with the lead car’s rear wing. The act of passing is complete when the trailing car’s rear wing is ahead of the lead car’s front wing.*
- ii. **Avoidable Contact** – *Drivers who cause contact which could be avoided by taking due care and attention during a race are likely to be penalised.*
- iii. **Punting** - *The term “punting” is defined as nose to tail (or side-of-the-nose to side-of-the-tail) contact, where the leading car is significantly knocked off of the racing line. Once the trailing car has its front wheel next to the driver of the other vehicle, it is considered that the trailing car has a right to be there, and that the leading Driver must leave the trailing Driver enough “racing room.” In most cases, “racing room” is defined as “at least three quarters of one car width.” If adequate racing room is left for the trailing car, and there is incidental contact made between the cars, the contact will be considered “side-to-side.”*
- iv. **Rough Driving** - *Any Driver, deemed by a DiRT World Championships official displaying rough or unsportsmanlike driving may be penalised. The DiRT World Championships official shall determine the course of action. If a Driver is determined, by the DiRT World Championships official to be at fault in a collision that sent the other car significantly off the track, he/she may be severely penalised.*

- v. **Blocking** - *A Driver may choose to defend his/her racing line so long as it is not considered "Blocking". "Blocking" is defined as two consecutive line changes to "defend his/her line," and in doing so, impedes the vehicle that is trying to pass with each of the two consecutive movements. If, in the case of side-to-side contact, one of the two cars leave the racing surface (involuntarily) then it may still be considered "a racing incident."*
- vi. **Right to the Line** – *The Driver in front has the right to choose any line, so long as not to be considered Blocking. The Driver attempting to make a pass shall have the right to the line when their front wheel is next to the Driver of the other vehicle.*
- vii. **Race Pace** - *It is prohibited for any Driver to come to a complete stop on or beside the circuit without good reason or the intention of retiring and leaving the race. It is prohibited for any Driver to wilfully drive their car at 60% or less of their usual race pace, either on or off the track during racing conditions. This is commonly referred to as "Sandbagging".*
- viii. **Driving the Wrong Way** - *Driving the wrong way during any race will result in disqualification from the event. In extreme circumstances, permission to drive in the wrong direction can be sought from Administration but must be undertaken in a safe and controlled manner*
- ix. **Two wheels** – *At least two wheels must remain in between the track boundaries at all times. This does not apply to situations in which it happens occasionally but as soon as this is a Driver's racing line or a Driver gets an advantage with doing it, he/she can be penalised.*

## b. Time Penalties

Time penalties will be given to Drivers who break race etiquette (penalties may be applied by Administration in addition to any automatic penalty awarded from the Drivers playing the Game). These time penalties are set as 5 seconds by default but may vary based on the severity of the incident. As per any clause in this Driver Handbook, the head DiRT World Championships official will have the final call on the time penalty given to the offending Driver.

## c. Driver Drop-outs and Connection Issues

If a Driver drops out of the game during a race or qualifying session (due to connection issues or otherwise), there will be no type of re-start of the session. If a Driver suffers connection issues due to low bandwidth, resulting in unusual ("laggy") car behaviour within the game, then that Driver may be disqualified from the session where they will forfeit any points or lap time associated with that race or qualifying session.

### a. Forfeit

If a Driver chooses to forfeit a race or qualifying session or otherwise fails to complete a race or qualifying session for any reason, they will forfeit that race or qualifying session (as applicable) and forfeit any points or lap time associated with that race or qualifying sessions (as applicable). Drivers may not end a race under any circumstances without prior approval from Administration. Failure to abide by this rule may result in a penalty.

Where a Driver is unable to participate in the next stage, or where reasonably necessary for disciplinary, operational or similar reasons, Administration reserve the right to replace such Drivers with alternative Drivers.

### d. Restarts

If four or more Drivers do not complete a session for whatever reason, the session may be restarted at Administration sole discretion.

Administration reserves the right to restart, cancel, end or otherwise amend a race or qualifying session at any point and without prior notice, at its sole discretion.

### e. Disciplinary Procedure

If any article in this Rulebook is broken a standard formal procedure will take place as punishment. The procedure is as follows:

- Warning 1 (Verbal Warning)
- Warning 2 (Written Warning)
- STRIKE (Disqualification)

For example, warnings shall be issued for (for example) cutting corners and crashing into an opponent. Strikes can be handed out without warning for (for example) purposely crashing into an opponent or purposely breaking race etiquette, but Administration reserves the right to issue a strike in any circumstance it deems appropriate.

## 4. Driver Restrictions

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### a. Driver Names

Driver Names and/or gamertags may not contain; Obscene or suggestive language, Corporation, company, sponsor, product, or services names Administration feels may cause confusion during gameplay. Administration reserves the right to restrict or change Driver names and gamertags for any reason.

### b. Sponsorship/branding

Third party sponsorship and/or commercial branding of any kind are strictly prohibited in the DiRT World Championships 2018 unless prior approval has been granted by the DiRT World Championships at their discretion, and Drivers may not display, advertise or imply any commercial association during the DiRT World Championships 2018 without explicit approval.

### c. Attire

Participants must wear appropriate attire at all times, including without limitation closed-toe footwear and t-shirt or other clothing which covers the torso. Administration reserves the right to prohibit the use of attire that is deemed inappropriate.

### d. Equipment Tampering

Drivers may not touch or handle provided equipment after a session has started. Drivers who require assistance with their equipment should ask assistance from a DiRT World Championships official.

Drivers will be provided hardware to use during events. Any technical issues found by the Drivers must be raised immediately with a DiRT World Championships official and before the relevant session begins where possible.

### e. Communication

All attempts to contact a DiRT World Championships official must be done through [custservice@codemasters.com](mailto:custservice@codemasters.com) or, in the case of a LAN event, in person. Administration does not take responsibility if an attempt to communicate is made through any other channel.

## 5. Personal Information

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- By entering the DiRT World Championship 2018, each Driver agrees that any personal information provided by a Driver shall be used by Administration and their respective agents and suppliers to administer the DiRT World Championship 2018, send out prizes and to enable Administration to promote the DiRT World Championship 2018 and future DiRT World Championship events, in any media (including, without limitation, television and online broadcast, publishing channels and on Administration's and its partners' social media pages) and in any other manner to which a Driver has expressly consented to.
- By participating in the DiRT World Championship 2018, Drivers agree and consent to the use and reproduction by or on behalf of Administration of their name, voice, still and moving (including photographic) images and/or comments relating to the DiRT World Championship 2018 without limitation for such promotional, merchandising, marketing and publicity purposes of Administration 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 Administration relating to the DiRT World Championship 2018 (acting reasonably).

## 6. Publicity

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- a. Drivers competing in the DiRT World Championships 2018 may be required to participate in publicity and media activity related to the DiRT World Championships 2018 and agree to do so.
- b. Events in the DiRT World Championships 2018 may be filmed and broadcast and each Driver competing in the DiRT World Championships 2018 acknowledges that Administration shall be entitled to use any such footage in its discretion.
- c. Each Driver competing in the DiRT World Championships 2018 consents to the use by Administration and related companies, and their licensees for an unlimited time, of the relevant Driver's name, voice, image, slogan, likeness, biography, statistics and performance in the DiRT World Championships 2018 and still and moving images of the Driver without additional compensation or prior notice and, in entering the DiRT World Championships 2018.

## 7. Spirit of the Rules

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### a. Disputes

Any dispute that a Driver may have must be made as soon as possible by contacting a DiRT World Championships official at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a dispute being rejected.

### b. Decisions

Administration has a right to decide decisions in accordance with this Driver Handbook, outside the Driver Handbook, or even against the Driver Handbook in special cases to guarantee fair play and to ensure the spirit of the DiRT World Championships 2018 is upheld. Drivers agree to be bound by Administration's final decisions and anyone acting on its behalf.

### c. Finality of Decisions

All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, eligibility, scheduling and staging of the DiRT World Championships, and penalties for misconduct, lie solely with Administration, whose decisions are final. Administration's decisions cannot be appealed and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages or any other legal or equitable remedy.

### d. Rule Changes

Administration reserves the right to modify the rules at any time. This includes changes due to software updates or releases, and any other change deemed necessary by Administration. These Sporting Rules will be applied by Administration in such a manner to ensure the spirit of the DiRT World Championships 2018 is upheld. 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.

### e. Right to Publish

Administration reserves the right to publish any information regarding issued penalties for any reason at any time. Participants referenced in such declaration hereby waive any right to legal action against Franchise, Administration, Affiliates, Press, Attendees, or other Participants.

### f. Costs

Administration accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with a Driver's participation in the DiRT World Championships 2018 that are not expressly stated to be its responsibility in the Rules.

Administration accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with any prizes. Additionally, each prize winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, including taxes imposed on their income.