

ABU DHABI AUTONOMOUS RACING LEAGUE SIM SPRINT – YAS MARINA FULL GP 2026

Race 1 – Track Limits Enforcement – Sporting Bulletin 2026/05

Subject: Track Limits – Clarification for Formation Lap, Out-Lap & Race Conditions

This bulletin supplements Sporting Bulletin 2026/01 and clarifies the application of track limits enforcement during the formation lap and out-lap, following observations made during Race 1 Qualifying (20 May 2026). It is issued ahead of the Sprint Race and Grand Final and is effective immediately.

1. General Principle – Track Limits in All Conditions

- A car is considered within track limits if all four wheels remain on or within the white boundary lines. Crossing the white line with any part of the car constitutes a track limits infringement.
- In qualifying: a lap time is deleted if a track limits infringement is observed during that timed lap. No further penalty is applied.
- In the Sprint Race and Grand Final: infringements 1–3 result in a verbal warning from Race Control. Every infringement from the 4th onwards where an advantage is gained (improved race line, faster cornering speed, or position gained) attracts a 5-second post-race time penalty per infringement.

2. Out-Lap – Qualifying Sessions

- Track limit infringements on the out-lap in qualifying will not result in deletion of the subsequent flying lap time, provided the infringement does not generate a measurable and direct advantage on the flying lap that immediately follows (e.g. carrying additional speed from a wide exit directly onto the timing section).
- Race Control and the Stewards reserve the right to review any out-lap infringement that they believe provided a performance advantage on the flying lap. In such cases, the flying lap time may be deleted.
- This clarification is effective from Race 1 qualifying onwards and supersedes any ambiguity in the existing Sporting Regulations on this point.

3. Formation Lap – Sprint Race & Grand Final

- Track limits are ACTIVE during the formation lap. Cars must remain within track boundaries throughout the formation lap from pit exit to race start.
- A track limits violation on the formation lap that provides a measurable advantage on the first racing lap (e.g. a wide exit from Turn 16 generating additional entry speed onto the pit straight) will be investigated by the Stewards and may result in a 5-second post-race penalty.

- Isolated, non-advantageous track limits infringements occurring during deceleration zones or safety-related manoeuvres on the formation lap will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may result in a warning rather than a penalty at the Stewards' discretion.
- The formation lap infringement count is not separate from the in-race infringement count. Warnings issued on the formation lap carry over to the race tally.

4. Qualifying Session – Observations from Race 1

- The following incidents were noted during Race 1 Qualifying. No further action is required beyond what is already reflected in the qualifying classification (Sporting Bulletin 2026/04). This section is published for transparency and as a reference for teams ahead of race day.
- **Turn 16 exit – TUM (#33), out-lap:** Wide exit observed at Turn 16 during TUM's out-lap. The exit generated additional entry speed onto the pit straight. This incident was reviewed by the Stewards. As TUM's fastest valid lap time (1:44.892, Lap 3) was set after the out-lap and was clean, no further action is taken. However, the same behaviour in the formation lap tomorrow will be treated in accordance with Section 3 of this bulletin.
- **Turn 5, 9 – PoliMOVE (#5), out-lap:** Track limits violations at Turns 5 and 9 during PoliMOVE's out-lap were noted by Race Control. No impact on lap times. No further action.
- **Turn 15–16 exit – Constructor Racing (#8), Laps 3 & 4:** Track limits at T15 exit resulted in deletion of Lap 3 (1:44.871) and Lap 4. Best lap stands as 1:44.872 from the clean Lap 3 read by the system. Confirmed.
- **Turn 7 – Unimore Racing (#6), Lap 2:** Track limits infringement at Turn 7 during Lap 2 resulted in deletion of that lap time. Best lap of 1:45.987 (Lap 4) confirmed clean.
- **Turns 3–4, 15–16 – Fly Eagle (#66):** Multiple track limits infringements across all laps. Classification time of 1:52.379 retained as the system-recorded best partial time. Confirmed.

5. Teams' Obligations

- All teams are expected to have reviewed and understood track limits requirements as set out in the Sporting Regulations and this bulletin before the Sprint Race on 21 May 2026.
- Questions or requests for clarification must be submitted to Race Control via Slack before 20:00 GST on 20 May 2026.