

# NEZ DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

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## **Drifting Introduction:**

Drifting is entry-level motorsport activities that can be easily develop in all ASNs in order to bring new drivers in motorsport without consideration of the age.

Drifting is a motorsport discipline that can organize on a permanent track (karting, circuit) or on a temporary track (e.g. a car park). The car must go sideways in over-steer and the over-steer must be controlled by the drivers' inputs, and they will be judged on style and clipping zones. Drivers must demonstrate speed and ability to control slide in one or two car battles.

Competitor's apparel and the vehicle requirements for drifting events should be detail in specific articles.

## **Glossary**

- Run: Round, series
- Solo: run by one driver during the Qualifying rounds
- Battle: run between two drivers during the final phases
- Clipping zone: reference marks on the edge of the track which define the course and which the drivers get as close as possible to without running them over. These points can be inside or outside the trajectory in each of the curves.
- One more time: additional battle to decide the dead heats during the final phases.

## **1. GENERAL RULES**

**1.1.**These supplementary regulations, in accordance with the Latvia, Sweden and Estonia ASN National Sports Codex, determine the rules for organising, running and judging the events, as well as the requirements for competitors and rules for the Championship standings. In NEZ drift championship drivers drive under their ASN approved PRO class technical regulations for season 2023 with taking into the consideration also NEZ technical regulations 2023, which are in force from 2023 in all countries.

**1.2.**The organization permit is required for all Drifting Events. Public liability insurance must be provided with the ASN permit. An ASN Steward/Observer could be appointed for drifting event. Each stage is under each country ASN.

**1.3.**The Clerk of the Course must hold a current Clerk of the Course license from his ASN.

**1.4.**At least one marshal must be based at each corner on the track layout defined for the event. In addition to his safety role, each marshal may also be used as a Judge of fact, in order to validate – or not as the case may be – with a specific flag indicating the result of judging factors.

- 1.5.**The 2023 NEZ drift Championship consists of 3 events in which, without undergoing a licensing process for driving qualification, a PRO class drift competitor with PRO year licence for 2023 from any NEZ country, can take part. Drivers from other Europe and World countries, holding his country PRO year drivers license, can take part in the event. Organizer also can separate decide about drivers who drive with Semi Pro class driver licence, accesing driver suitability.
- 1.6.**Each country, organizing this year events, must have one NEZ drift representative, who takes care about NEZ drift stage in his own country: Latvia- Eline Berke, Estonia- Kristjan Salmre, Lars Schoden. These 3 representatives also coordinate all NEZ drift serial for 2023 season - stages, dates, regulations. Championship are controled from Latvia ASN side.
- 1.7.**Each NEZ drift stage may happen together with each country national championship for PRO class, where only one tandem final is organized. Each country after NEZ drift championship must take out points from results for each country oficial championship.
- 1.8.**Each stage will have its own race regulations, issued before race, organizer will announce them not later then month before race.
- 1.9.**In NEZ drift championship event stage winners must be awarded.
- 1.10.** For situations that are not described in these regulations, the final decision is made by:
- Event stewards and organizer, if the decision needs to be made during a Championship event;
  - NEZ drift workgroup, if the decision needs to be made outside of the event.
- 1.11.** Supplementary regulations for events must be published on the event's official information board on the day of the event, and published on the official facebook - NEZ drift group and [www.drifteurope.com](http://www.drifteurope.com)
- 1.12.** Drifting is a racing event with a set start lane, from which the competitor enters the track and accelerates towards the judging zone, which is marked with cones or other trackside objects. The beginning of this zone is described in the drivers meeting. Drifting is a driving technique where the competitor takes a racing line that gives the most speed and puts the car in a manageable controlled slide (the ideal line is described by the judges during the drivers meeting).
- 1.13.** If a competitor, driving with a one-time licence, wants his/her results to count in the NEZ drift season standings, he/she needs to buy the full-year licence in his country before the third event of the season-last event, in order to keep the points received in the first three events. The same rule applies to teams as well.

- 1.14.** Prize giving ceremony must be organized by country, which driver gets the first place in actual season.
- 1.15.** Entry fee of one stage are set up form each country organizer.
- 1.16.** Any rules that are not mentioned in these regulations, as well as violations that cause delays in the event, must be assessed individually during the event with the decision being made by the stewards, chief steward and event organizer.
- 1.17.** During the event, a competitor must not be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other intoxicating substances. Alcohol and doping controls can take place during the events. The doping control procedure (and the list of forbidden substances) is in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency and FIA rules. Alcohol control can be done by the event organizer, using a breathalyser. In case of alcohol levels higher than stated in the norms (currently, 0 promiles), the driver will be excluded from the particular event and drivers drift licence will be cancelled in accordance with section of country National Sports Codex,where stage has taken place.
- 1.18.** During registration to the event, drivers accept that during event there will be filming and photos, and allow to use photos and videos of them and their cars socials media. Drivers also agree that organizer can save driver's data until the end of season 2023.

## **2. ORGANISATION AND JUDGING THE EVENTS**

- 2.1.**The events, in accordance with the each country National Sports Codex, must be organized as outlined in these regulations by the Championship organizer.
- 2.2.**The events must be judged by judges, in accordance with the each country ASN National Sports Codex and the rules outlined in these supplementary regulations (including annexes). Organizer can choose judges who will judge event.
- 2.3.**The judging criteria are 40/30/30, judging criteria can be changed if judges decide different before event based on judging rules or track layout, our based organizer ask.
- 2.4.**Event regulations must contain precise information on the start procedure (positioning the car on the start line, start signal, etc.) and rules that will be followed during it.
- 2.5.**Organizer must provide as equal start conditions as possible for every competitor.
- 2.6.**Any intervention with the judges, delaying of the event and disturbing of the work of stewards will be punished with a fine of 100 EUR. A repeated offense will result in the competitor's exclusion from the event. A competitor can be excluded from the event without warning for unsportsmanlike behaviour, including gesturing towards the stewards or judges.

**2.7.**The attendance of an ambulance with qualified crew and one rescue car is mandatory for drift events. In Finland stage – Organization has to have preparedness to take care of accident, fire or injury of driver, mechanic or marshal or audience.

**2.8.**At least two fire extinguishers with a minimum 4kg capacity (each unit) must be positioned in close proximity to the marshals' posts in the care of trained marshals.

### **3. ABOUT RACE**

**3.1.**The Championship takes place on tracks approved by each country ASN.

**3.2.**Drift events take place in closed tracks (article 2.34.1 of the Sports Codex). The track needs to be closed for regular traffic during the event, and any entrances needs to be closed off (article 5.2 of the Sports Codex).

**3.3.**The track safety plan needs to be approved by the each country ASN.

**3.4.**Track description needs to be included in the event's supplementary regulations. The track layout must be published on the official information board on the day of the event.

**3.5.**If the race cars are split into multiple groups, the organizer needs to mention this in the event regulations.

**3.6.**The runs begin at times listed in the itinerary. Entrant is fully responsible for the competitor and his/her car to arrive at the start on time.

**3.7.**The start list needs to be published on the official information board no less than 15 minutes before the start time of the first competitor.

### **4. COMPETITORS**

**4.1.**Competitors with different country PRO drift year licences (or licence DC1) for the year 2023, can take part in the events. The drivers from countries, which don't have separate PRO licence, must have accept from their ASN that driver is allowed to participate in PRO race. In this case each organizing country can offer one time PRO licence for this driver.

**4.2.**The competitor must not have any health issues that affect his/her ability to drive.

### **5. RACE CARS , DRIVERS EQUIPMENT**

**5.1.**The race cars must be prepared in accordance with the PRO drift technical regulations for 2023 in each country.

- 5.2.** Drift cars must be rear wheel drive, registered according to the ASN guidelines and comply with PRO drift technical regulations for 2023. If a car does not meet these criteria, the decision on whether to allow it to participate (and in which class) is made by the chief steward, after a discussion with the chief scrutineer.
- 5.3.** No more than one driver can take part with a single car. It's allowed to change car only till qualification. After qualification driver must continue the race with race car used in qualification.
- 5.4.** The driver can change competition car, specially asked technical commissar and head judge, only before tandem runs, no car changes when tandem runs started.
- 5.5.** Driver's safety equipment is checked during the technical scrutineering. The scrutineers have rights to check the driver's safety equipment at any point during the event. Hans is mandatory.
- 5.6.** During the event, it is mandatory to use a motorsports racing suit, gloves and shoes with valid FIA homologation. The driver needs to be in a racing suit during the official practice. Factory manufactured automotive racing head and neck restraint systems are mandatory for all drivers.
- 5.7.** The race car needs to be equipped with a racing bucket seat and six point harnesses with valid FIA homologation. The seats can have expired FIA homologation, but for not more than 5 years.
- 5.8.** During the runs, drivers need to be fixed in homologated harnesses and must have put on a FIA homologated helmet with the buckle closed. Violation of this rule will result in an exclusion from that particular run.
- 5.9.** For drivers safety, it is recommended to equip the competitor's race cars with fire extinguishers.
- 5.10.** During official practice, qualification runs and tandem runs, only one person, the driver, can be in the car. A separate decision on exceptions to this rule can be made by the chief steward. Violating this rule will result in exclusion from the event.
- 5.11.** The entrant must make sure the race car undergoes technical scrutineering at the planned time, which is listed in the event regulations. The driver needs to show the driver's safety equipment to the scrutineers. The entrant is fully responsible for the race car and safety equipment compliance with the regulations. If some rules or requirements are not met, the driver can be forbidden from taking part in the event or excluded from the event. Chief steward can also communicate these discrepancies who can then make a decision on whether this was due to unsportsmanlike behaviour of the driver.
- 5.12.** If any issues or defects with the car are found, the competitor must resolve them and go through the scrutineering again while it is still ongoing. If the car passes scrutineering on the second try, it can take part in the qualifying. If the scrutineering is failed on the second attempt, the competitor

must leave the scrutineering area and will not be allowed to take part in the event. After each racing accident, the chief scrutineer will look the car over and determine whether it can continue the event. If an issue is found during tandem runs, the competitor is given five minutes to fix the car, with these five minute repairs taking place in the service area, not on track. The competitor must inform the stewards of his actions in this scenario. The five minutes are counted by the competitors relations officer, starting from the moment the car arrives at the service park and mechanic touch it based on the point 6.9 of these regulations.

## **6. EVENT ITINERARY**

### **6.1.Documentation check**

**6.1.1.** The documentation check takes place in the secretariat, according to the event itinerary.

**6.1.2.** The competitor or a representative of the team must present a signed registration form, pay the entry fee and provide the following documentation:

- A valid full-year PRO drift licence;
- A valid entrant licence (if the driver is under 18 years of age);
- A valid medical certificate and health insurance of coverage (that includes motorsports)

### **6.2.Technical scrutineering**

**6.2.1.** The competitor needs to arrive to technical scrutineering at the time listed in the event regulations, and needs to present the race car, its documentation and the driver's safety equipment.

**6.2.2.** The competitor or entrant, when registering for an event, takes full responsibility for their car and behaviour on track, as well as for any damages done to others.

**6.3.**It is the responsibility of the Competitors to ensure that their vehicles meet at least the minimum safety requirements, i.e. harness, secured battery, no loose items in the car, tires not worn and with full thread. Factory manufactured automotive racing head and neck restraint systems are mandatory for all drivers.

**6.4.**The entry form includes a 'Declaration', which shall be completed and handed in at Event Documentation and this, together with the presentation of the vehicle for scrutineering, shall be deemed an implicit statement of conformity with the safety schedule.

**6.5.** Competitors shall make their safety equipment and vehicle available for scrutineering at the request of the appointed scrutineers or the Event Organizer. The vehicle shall be presented in the condition in which it will be used in competition, with all equipment fitted.

### **6.6. Drivers meeting**

**6.6.1.** The place and time of the drivers meeting is listed in the event regulations or its annexes, or announced during the event, if the chief steward decides to call a drivers meeting. It is mandatory for either the competitor or the entrant to be present for the drivers meeting. The entrant is fully responsible for his/her competitor to take part in the drivers meetings and receive the information presented there about how the event will be run. Only the drivers, entrants and media can take part in drivers meetings, they are forbidden for anyone else. A competitor who has missed the drivers meeting cannot write a protest about any judges' decisions for the particular event.

### **6.7. Qualification runs**

**6.7.1.** The judged run begins at the moment a race car crosses the start line, and concludes after it crosses the finish line. The finish line must be marked by a two lines of cones on both sides of the track. If the race car is still drifting after crossing the finish line, a fine of 50 EUR can be applied. If the competitor enters the start zone at more than 30 km/h or is drifting, the fine is 50 EUR.

**6.7.2.** There are 2 separately judged qualification runs, which are not done in succession. The start order for tandem runs is decided based on the best qualification run, according to the tandem bracket used in the event.

**6.7.3.** The qualification runs are done in start number order, with the smallest number going first. Once everyone has completed the first run, the second run begins. If a competitor is unable to take part in a qualification run, it is necessary to communicate this with the competitor steward in advance, so that a decision can be made on whether the driver can be moved to the end of the particular qualification run. If the competitor steward is not warned about a driver not attending a qualification run, the competitor will be given a score of 0 (zero) for the particular run. Drivers need to be aware of when they need to go and do their qualifying runs, as they will get a score of zero if they don't take part in a run.

**6.7.4.** The top 16 or top 23 or top 32 drivers, based on the best qualification run, will qualify for the tandem runs. If there is an insufficient number of drivers, the chief steward can make a decision to have a top 8, top 4 or, in separate cases, other tandem trees.



**6.7.5.** The higher scoring qualifying run of each driver will be considered for establishing the classification. In the event of a tie within the higher scoring runs, the lower scoring qualifying run will be used to break the tie. In the event of a tie within the lower qualifying scores as well, the driver who scored the most for the Line component of their highest qualification scores will be used. If that also fails to separate the drivers, the scores of their highest qualification score Angle and then Style components (in this order) will be used. In the event of a tie within these scores too, the driver with smaller registration number takes higher place.

**6.8.Runs, starting order, false start, finish**

**6.8.1.** Start, finish and track border lines, as well as the track limits need to be indicated with clearly visible markings. If the event takes place in the dark, lights need to be put at the start and finish zone, around track limits and in the service park.

**6.8.2.** Burnouts to heat up the tires are allowed only in specially marked places. During this process, it is forbidden for anyone to hold the car in place. Doing a standing burnout is strictly forbidden, the car must slowly move forwards when heating the tires. It is not allowed for people (other than the driver in the race car) to be present in the burnout zone during a burnout.

**6.8.3.** If a car breaks down during a run and can no longer move under its own power, the competitor must remain in the car until the run is stopped.

**6.8.4.** Any assistance from the outside during the runs is forbidden.

**6.8.5.** The competitor is forbidden to continue his run if driving the car is a threat to the safety of the driver or event (such as significantly limited visibility through the windshield, etc.). Decision about allowing a competitor to race is made by the chief steward, after consulting with the technical scrutineers.

**6.8.6.** It is forbidden to do practice runs in between qualification or tandem runs, unless this practice time is scheduled in the event itinerary.

**6.8.7.** If a driver has not arrived at the start zone in time for his/her tandem run, the start is given to the driver who has arrived. The driver, who did not arrive in time, will automatically have lost that particular run. The only exception to this rule can happen with the permission of the chief steward or scrutineer, if the driver had a technical problem in the previous heat, and has been given 5 (five) minutes to fix the issue.

**6.8.8.** After crossing the finish line, the competitor must decrease his speed without making any rapid side movements or drifting. Competitor must leave the track as shown in the track map. It is forbidden to drive faster than 20 km/h in the service park. If there is a report of a competitor

driving aggressively or dangerously, he/she will be fined 50 EUR and possibly excluded from the event. This penalty is non-challengeable.

**6.8.9.** The race begins with documentation check and/or technical scrutineering, and ends after the last of the following events concludes:

- Time limit of submitting and reviewing protests;
- End of the final technical scrutineering;
- Conclusion of the awards ceremony.

**6.8.10.** The race can be stopped due to extreme weather or safety concerns, with the decision being made by the chief steward and/or the chairman of stewards.

**6.9.5 Minute Rule.** The driver can call one 5-minute time out only once during event stage.

**6.9.1.** 5-minute time out starts when the car is in the pits or tire change location on the track, and mechanic touch the car.

**6.9.2.** The mechanic is not allowed to touch the car while it isn't in the pits or tire change location, except if help is needed to lift the car from towing truck.

**6.9.3.** A steward of the organization keeps time during the time out and stops when car leaves pits. If the driver wasn't able to leave his pits before 5-minute time out ends, he is disqualified from the event.

**6.9.4.** 5-minute time out can't be taken in parts.

**6.9.5.** If 5-minute time out has started, the driver can't refuse or cancel it.

**6.10.** Starting with TOP8 each competitor has 5 minutes to prepare for the next tandem battle. 5 minutes starts when driver enters his pits or tire change location till the moment, when driver leaves it's pits or tire change location to the start zone without stopping.

**6.11.** A competitor is not allowed to change tyres or wheels during the tandem battle, except for case if tyres or wheels have a technical defect, caused by another competitor during contact, due to which the competitor is not allowed to continue the tandem battle. For example, if the competitor has lost the tyre in the contact caused by another competitor, then this competitor is allowed to change exactly the damaged tyre or wheel. If the competitor has lost the tyre due to inappropriate / too low pressure or the tyre is too worn, then the competitor is not allowed to change tyres and to continue the battle with the damaged tyre. Violation of this rule will result in a 70 EUR fine and can also result in exclusion from the event. Depending on the track, this rule can be changed by the chief steward, by notifying the competitors no later than in the drivers meeting before tandem runs.

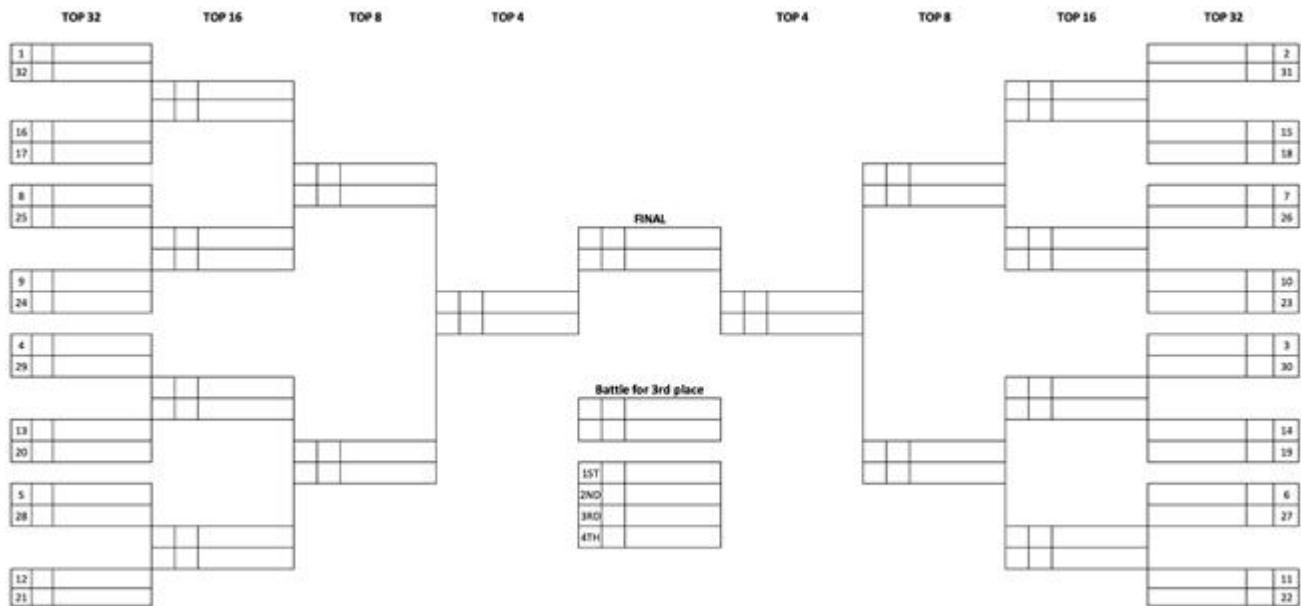
- 6.12.** On the track section leading from the service park to the start, a competitor takes full responsibility of any accidents with people who might be on the track. It is suggested to drive no faster than 50 km/h in this section.
- 6.13.** The start procedure is always given by a “starter” at his discretion, while he remains under the orders of the Clerk of the Course. The “starter” may be replaced by a lights system: RED prohibiting the start, the GREEN authorizing the start.
- 6.14.** The competitor must turn up at the start of each run, wearing the mandatory clothing and safety equipment. The competitor must wear the mandatory clothing and safety equipment for the entire duration of the competition, failing which the competitor will not be authorized to participate.

## **7. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 7.1.** In order to contest the Team Championship, it is necessary to buy a team full-year licence in addition to a drift licence. This can be done by filling out a team entry form in the secretariat or before the season begins. Team licence for 2023 costs 10 EUR from each team driver.
- 7.2.** No less than 2 drivers are needed to form a team. The maximum number of drivers is 4.
- 7.3.** In each event, a team will receive points from two of its highest placed drivers.
- 7.4.** Team points in a particular event are the sum of the points received by its two best drivers.
- 7.5.** If two teams have the same amount of points at the end of the 2023 season, the team with most points in the last event of the season will finish higher in the standings.
- 7.6.** If 3 or fewer teams apply for the Championship, only the first place will be awarded at the end of the season. In case of 4 or more teams, the top three teams will be awarded.

## **8. RESULTS**

- 8.1.** The event results are determined in accordance with the event regulations.
- 8.2.** Championship winners are determined by adding together the points received in all the official Championship or Cup events. In case of multiple competitors having the same amount of points, the higher place will be given to the competitor according to the following criteria:
- Higher place will be given to the driver who has the most wins;
  - If the number of wins is equal, the higher place goes to the driver with most second place finishes;
  - If that is equal as well, then the next criteria is the number of third places, then fourth places and so on, until a winner is determined;



**8.3.** After qualification, competitors receive points according to their position: 12 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 10 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 8 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 6 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place, 4 points for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places, 3 points for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> places, 2 points for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> places, 1 point for 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> places, 0.5 points for 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> places and 0.25 points for 25<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> places. After the tandem runs, additional points are given according to the results of tandem battles: 100 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 88 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 78 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 69 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place, 61 point for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> places, 54 points for 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> places, 24 points for 17<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> places.

**8.4.** In cases where it is impossible to have a full tandem tree for TOP 32; TOP 16 or TOP 8, the remaining spots will be left empty, with the competitors with best qualifying results automatically advancing to the next round.

**8.5.** Each driver will have a maximum of 2 runs, plus an optional reconnaissance run. The order of the runs will be determined by the drawing of lots or by the choice of the organizer.

**8.6.** Each run will be marked by the judges.

**8.7.** The best of the 2 runs will be retained for the classification of the qualifying rounds.

**8.8.** The car used for the Qualifying rounds will be the one used for the battles.

**8.9.0 points during the qualification or the battles**

- Spinning (or mechanical damage), including in the acceleration zone or deceleration zone.
- Blatant understeering.
- Failure to remain on the track (none of the wheels must be outside the track).
- Use of techniques judged to be unfair or dangerous.

- Crashing into an opponent (intentionally or otherwise); light contacts without any risks are tolerated at the discretion of the judges.
- Be more than 10% slower in a battle than in qualification (if telemetry is used).

## **9. PROTESTS AND APPELLATIONS**

**9.1.** A protest can be submitted by either the competitor or his entrant, and his/her ASN drift licence needs to be shown when doing so.

**9.2.** Protest can be submitted for the following violations:

- the race organisation not meeting the rules stated in these regulations;
- a race car not meeting the technical regulations.

**9.3.** When submitting a protest, a protest fee of 700 EUR needs to be paid.

**9.4.** Protests about violations during a run and for a race car not meeting the technical regulations need to be submitted in written form no later than 10 minutes before the preliminary results are announced.

**9.5.** If the protest is approved, the protest fee is returned to the person who submitted the protest.

**9.6.** For violations of supplementary regulations, the violator has to pay a fine of 70 EUR or he/she will be excluded from the event. Only the stewards can exclude a competitor from an event.

**9.7.** The person who submitted the protest, in cases where it was denied, can submit an appeal in accordance with the procedure stated in the each ASN National Sports Codex.

**9.8.** For a repeated violation of the technical regulations, a competitor can be disqualified for up to two events or receive a fine of up to 500 EUR.

**9.9.** Appeal fee in the ASN Appeal court by each country ASN rules.

**9.10.** Appeal needs to be submitted in accordance with each ASN rules.

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**11-12 AUGUST** 🇪🇺 **ESTONIA KULBILOHU** **STAGE 1**

**15-17 SEPTEMBER** 🇸🇪 **SWEDEN TIERPARENA** **STAGE 2**

**07-08 OCTOBER** 🇱🇻 **LATVIA BIKERNIEKI** **STAGE 3**

The graphic features a dark blue background with a glowing blue wireframe map of Europe. Three event stages are highlighted with red dots on the map and connected to text boxes on the left. The text boxes are blue with white text. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and high-tech.

**Good luck in the events!**

**If, during the season, a decision is made to make some changes to these supplementary regulations, the NEZ will inform all the FIA NEZ Drift Championship drivers about these changes and publish the revised document.**