

Sporting Regulations

The following information is a summary of the 2008/2009 A1GP Sporting Regulations.

All cars are equal

A1GP is subject to strict rules and regulations to ensure a level playing field for all competitors.

All A1GP teams have identical cars and engines that are supplied by single suppliers to make sure each team has equal machinery.

A team is allocated one car for the whole season but there are a select number of spare cars in case of emergency; three in total, one of which is kept for the host country in which the race is held.

Drivers

Up to three drivers per team can enter each A1GP weekend and names must be determined in writing by 09.30, local time on the Friday of each race weekend. The choice of drivers for Practice, Qualifying and either race is at the sole discretion of the team principal but only one driver, per team, per session is allowed.

Each driver must have a Grade B International FIA licence to be able to participate in any A1GP practice session or race.

How to spot the cars

It's easy to spot the A1GP team you support. The car's livery is in the colours of the national flag and rather than trying to work out a small number at 200 mph, the cars will use the same three letter national abbreviation as used in the Olympic Games, for example:

AUS Australia

USA United States of America

Dead heats

Even with timing equipment measuring down to one thousandth of a second, a dead heat for a win or any position can occur. If this happens, the place goes to the team that's set the fastest lap in the race.

If the series' points table is equal at the end of the season, the winner will be determined by:

- The country with the greatest number of wins, or if that's equal:
- The holder of the greatest number of second places, and if that's equal
- The greatest number of third places, and so on...

Fuelled to the finish

There's no refuelling during an A1GP and there's no fuel gauge in the car. This means the team's engineers need to calculate exactly how much fuel to put into the car at the beginning of every timed lap in practice and qualifying and at the start of each race.

Testing

Aside from the A1GP weekend, the only testing allowed is at an official A1GP test session. No private running is permitted, to keep things fair.

Points Allocation

All points are awarded to national A1 Teams - there is no drivers' championship - it is the country that competes for the A1GP World Cup of Motorsport title.

Sprint Race

First place 10 points
Second place 8 points
Third place 6 points
Fourth place 5 points
Fifth place 4 points
Sixth place 3 points
Seventh place 2 points
Eighth place 1 point

Feature Race

First place 15 points
Second place 12 points
Third place 10 points
Fourth place 8 points
Fifth place 6 points
Sixth place 5 points
Seventh place 4 points
Eighth place 3 points
Ninth place 2 points
Tenth place 1 point

One point will also be awarded to the country whose car has recorded the fastest lap in each race.