



## Statement Regarding the 2026 IFMAR Electric Track World Championships – Foshan, China

As an opening statement, IFMAR does not support the postponement or cancellation of the upcoming **2026 IFMAR Electric Track World Championships**, scheduled to be held in **Foshan, China from March 25 to April 5, 2026**.

However, due to issues relating to **regulatory approvals in China**, the approval for the venue to host the event was revoked abruptly is currently **not available to host the event**, and therefore the event is presently **at risk of cancellation**.

The sequence of events to date is outlined below:

- The relevant Chinese regulatory authority was engaged approximately **one year ago** by the host regarding the World Championships.
- The **local authority officials**, on behalf of the host, was requested to prepare the necessary documentation for the event to be conducted as a **state-supported event**. This documentation was completed and approval was granted.
- Until approximately **two weeks ago**, the event was understood to be fully approved, and preparations were proceeding accordingly, including final track preparation.
- Approximately **one week ago**, the previously issued approval was withdrawn by the regulatory authority, with a request that the event be **postponed** as certain conditions were not met. Reference was also made to **safety concerns relating to the current situation in the Middle East**.
- These concerns have been proven **to be inconsistent with formal advice** from the Chinese Government and fabricated as an excuse to postpone the event until the conditions were met with the previous regulatory administration.
- Subsequent discussions have indicated that these matters may relate to **false administrative requirements and a current transition of personnel within the regulatory authority**.
- The host and local authority officials are currently working to **expedite the approval process** with the newly appointed administration that formally took office this week in an effort to allow the event to proceed as originally scheduled.

Unfortunately, this matter remains unresolved as of today. IFMAR believes it is important to be **open, forthcoming and transparent with the international racing community**, and therefore we are providing this update as disappointing as it may be.

IFMAR sincerely hopes that the host and the relevant authorities will be able to resolve the approval process **in the very near future**, allowing the event to proceed as planned.

IFMAR will provide a further update **within 48 hours**, or sooner should additional information become available.

The **absolute deadline** for a final decision will be **Sunday 15 March, 5:00 pm US Central Time**.