

APPENDIX E: SAGA CUP 2026 TIME BRACKETS

E.1. SAGA CUP CATEGORY TIME BASKETS FOR 2026 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Category	Time Bracket	Timing
Pro	< 2m 52	< 2m 51.999
Intermediate	2m 52 – 2m 59	2m 52.000 – 2m 58.999
Casual	> 2m 59	> 2m 59.000

Refer to Article 1.2 of the MSF Technical Regulations for Saga Cup :

- Grading of Drivers within the four categories will be decided by the MSF Organising team and based upon lap times at Sepang Circuit. The cut-off lap times (lap time bracket) will be determined statistically, to provide for a balanced field and number of drivers and cars within each sub-category.
- ***Any driver that dips below the timing of their laptime bracket, a 3-seconds per 1-second (or part of) per lap 'Loading' will be added to their total race time.***
 - Driver Gradings will be adjusted in Round 1 after Qualifying.
 - No 'bonus laps' will be permitted during the Race.
 - There is no allowance for any laptimes below the required laptime of the timing bracket during Qualifying: any laptimes that are faster than the time bracket time will be deleted, and your next best laptime in the time bracket utilised for qualifying. If you did that more than 50% of your Qualifying laps, you will be called by the Race Officials and recommended to be upgraded to the next bracket. Any previous earned Championship Points will not be carried over.

EXAMPLE: Race laptimes.

If you are in *Intermediate* category (2m 52 – 3m 00), and you have 3 laps during the race as follows:

2m 52.003 & 2m 52.358 & 2m 52.981

Loading will be

2m 49.003 : 2.997s under the 2m50 time bracket = 3s loading x 3 = 9s

2m 49.358 : 1.642s under the 2m50 time bracket = 3s loading x 2 = 6s

2m 49.981 : 0.019s under the 2m50 time bracket = 3s loading x 1 = 3s

TOTAL LOADING added to your Total Race Time = 9s + 6s + 3s = 18 seconds.

E.2. REDUCTION FROM ROUND 4 TILL END OF SERIES:

There will be a reduction of 1-second per lap lap-time bracket from Round 4 till end of the Series (till the final round). This is to compensate as drivers improve their driving skills and laptimes.

TABLE: Reduction of 1-second per lap lap-time bracket from Round 4 till end of the Series.

Category	Time Bracket	Timing
Pro	< 2m 51	< 2m 50.999
Intermediate	2m 51 – 2m 58	2m 51.000 – 2m 57.999
Casual	> 2m 58	> 2m 58.000

E.3. TIME BASKETS FOR SEPANG NORTH CIRCUIT:

- Laptimes adjustment for Sepang North Circuit.
- ***Any driver that dips below the timing of their laptime bracket, a 1.5-seconds per 1-second (or part of) per lap 'Loading' will be added to their total race time.***

TABLE: Saga Cup category time baskets for Sepang North Circuit will be as follows:

Category	Time Bracket	Timing
Pro	< 1m 25	< 1m 24.999
Intermediate	1m25 – 1m 29	1m 25.000 – 1m 28.999
Casual	> 1m 29	> 1m 29.000

E.4. TIME BASKETS FOR SEPANG SOUTH CIRCUIT:

- Laptimes adjustment for Sepang South Circuit.
- ***Any driver that dips below the timing of their laptime bracket, a 1.5-seconds per 1-second (or part of) per lap 'Loading' will be added to their total race time.***

TABLE: Saga Cup category time brackets for Sepang South Circuit will be as follows:

Category	Time Bracket	Timing
Pro	< 1m 23	< 1m 22.999
Intermediate	1m23 – 1m 27	1m 23.000 – 1m 26.999
Casual	> 1m 27	> 1m 27.000

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