

Flag Meanings

GREEN FLAG

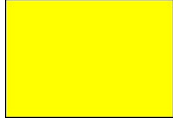
Go!



The green flag is waved by the starter to indicate the beginning of an open track run group session. It is waved after a caution to tell the drivers that the session has been restarted. The green flag also is an indication that the course is clear of any obstacles or debris.

YELLOW FLAG

Caution



The yellow flag is the signal for caution. When it is held stationary it is an indication that there is a problem ahead. Drivers must slow and not pass. A waving yellow flag indicates immediate danger ahead. Drivers must be prepared to stop and cannot pass, although they can close the distance to the car immediately in front.

RED FLAG

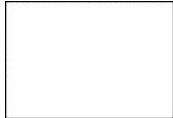
Stop!



When a session is "red flagged" it is stopped due to some condition that has made the track closed. These conditions can range from weather problems to accidents to surface problems such as oil on the track. A red flag often means the track has been completely blocked by an accident or debris and there is no safe route through the problem. The red flag generally is preceded by waving yellow flags. As soon as a red flag is shown, drivers must come to a stop as quickly and safely as possible. The Red flag can be shown at START/FINISH or at any station. If all corners display a waving BLACK flag, proceed to the Hot Pit.

WHITE FLAG

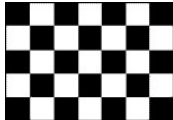
Slow Vehicle!



In our events, the white flag indicates a slow vehicle is on course. It might be a tow truck, an ambulance or a disabled vehicle. Use caution, do not pass unless waved by.

CHECKERED FLAG

Finish Line



The checkered flag is waved by the starter to indicate the finish of an open track run group session. The checkered flag is waved for all vehicles on track. Maintain concentration, complete the lap at a slightly reduced pace and exit the track.

BLACK FLAG

(Infraction)



While the use of the black flag and the black/orange flag can vary, the all-black flag generally means that there has been an infraction which requires consultation with the event Steward. The driver must bring the car to the hot pit on the next lap and stop at the Steward station. If a Driver ignores a black flag, penalties may be imposed, including disqualification. When all corners are displaying a black flag, this means the entire group is being called in. It also means that there is probably a red flag at START/FINISH. Proceed at a reduced pace to the hot pit and stop. Wait for instructions. In some cases the black flag may shown "furled" and pointed at a Driver. This means "We saw what you did, don't do it again" A furlled Black does not require stopping.

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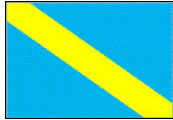
(Mechanical)



As with the black flag for infractions, the black flag with orange circle means the driver must bring the car to the hot pit on the next lap and stop at the Steward station. This flag indicates there is a serious mechanical problem with the car that can endanger the driver or others. It is also used to indicate that the vehicle has exceeded the event's sound limit. Ignoring this black flag can bring severe penalties including disqualification.

BLUE FLAG

Passing and Overtaking



The blue or passing flag means that there is a faster car following closely behind, and you should probably allow him to pass at the next passing zone. A waving flag generally indicates that the driver is about to be overtaken and should take care to permit the following vehicle a safe pass. Some drivers resist moving over for an over-taking car when they feel they faster. This can result in a BLACK flag at our events. The Blue Flag is commonly called the "COURTESY FLAG"

YELLOW/RED FLAG

Surface Problem



Often called an "oil flag", this indicates there is a problem with, or change in, the surface ahead. This commonly means there is oil on the track. It also can mean water or another substance causing a change in the racing surface. The number of stripes on this flag varies (some are yellow with two red stripes) but the meaning remains the same. It will be displayed for 2 laps, then lowered. This does not mean the situation is GONE. It allows the flag to be used a second time for a subsequent surface change.