

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Race Committee
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Proposed Regulation

National Competition Rules 2025 - Chapter 12 Race Appendix 8 – Signals by Flag and Light Panels

7. A static 'flag may be replaced by a coloured light Signal and a 'waved flag' may be replaced by a flashing coloured light Signal:

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q. A FCY panel will be displayed in the event of Full Course Yellows being deployed.

Operation of Full Course Yellow

44. Full Course Yellows (FCY) will be brought into operation to neutralise a race at the sole decision of the Clerk of the Course.

45. Full Course Yellow operation is only permitted where:

- all Signalling marshals are in direct communication with Race Control; and
- Race Control has a form of verbal communication to the drivers (either direct or via their Team Manager); and
- The cars are under a race control/timing GPS tracking system to ensure compliance and review and where a practice procedure is included in the timetable which may be within the practice session.

46. The order to display the Signal will be given to signal points following a countdown of not less than 15 seconds and come into operation after an 'on air' countdown "5-4-3-2-1 Full Course Yellow"

47. A Full Course Yellow period will be deemed to be in operation from the moment a FCY countdown is declared on the Team radio or on the timing screen.

48. All competing Vehicles when notified of the FCY intervention (by the Signal or by any other means) will release the throttle, gently reduce their speed to 80kph and remain behind the Vehicle in front.

Note: It is essential that Drivers slow down avoiding sharp braking

49. While FCY is in operation overtaking is strictly forbidden from the moment that FCY is declared, which may be before yellow signals are displayed. Cars must proceed at a constant speed of 80kph in single file. Speeds will be monitored and any car exceeding the given speed will be reported and a penalty may be imposed.

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50. Competing Vehicles may enter the pit lane but may only re-join the Track when signalled to do so by an Official/Marshal. The pit entry and pit exit will also be subject to a maximum speed of 80 kph.
 - i. Vehicles entering the pit lane may overtake Vehicles that are on the track once they cross Safety Car Line 1, subject to the speed restriction above.
 - ii. Vehicles exiting the pit lane may be overtaken by other Vehicles on track until they reach Safety Car Line 2.
 - iii. For the avoidance of doubt, Safety Car Line 1 and Safety Car Line 2 will be specified in each events Briefing.
51. Once the problem is resolved, the track will return to Green and the information will be given on the monitors and Team radio
52. When the Clerk of the Course orders withdrawal of FCY there will be a radio message to all Signalling Posts in use “prepare to go green in less than 30 seconds” and be withdrawn after a countdown “5-4-3-2-1 Green Flag, Green Flag”.
53. FCY will then immediately be replaced by a ‘waved’ green Signal. The ‘waved’ green Signal will be shown simultaneously at all Signalling Posts.
54. Racing will resume as soon as the green Signal is displayed
55. Should the problem not be resolved, the Safety Car may be deployed according to Art.58 below
56. The procedure as detailed above will be completed with specific instructions during the Briefings, and may be amended by Bulletins from the Clerk of the Course during the season.
57. Each lap covered while FCY is in operation will be counted as a Race lap unless specified to the contrary in Championship Regulations.

Safety Car intervention after FCY

58. A Full Course Yellow period may be declared however during its operation it may be considered that before a restart the Safety Car is deployed. In this case, the Safety Car will join the track, with its lights off, and will overtake the cars on track until it is in front of the leader. It will then switch on its lights, and the SC boards will be shown. From this point onwards it will proceed according to Art.20-33.

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2025

Reason: Full Course Yellows has been trialled within the British GT Championship during 2024 and due to its successful implementation and adoption it is agreed to make provision for Full Course Yellow within the NCR. These proposals align with the current operation within World and European GT Series and is also a provision which other Championship Organisers wish to adopt. Any organiser would be required to comply with the above requirements to enable FCY to be implemented.