

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Race Committee
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Proposed Regulation

Section Q – Circuit Racing

Appendix 3: Operation of Safety Car

1.4. When the order is given to deploy the Safety Car a flashing/waved yellow signal and “SC” board will be displayed at the start/finish line. The flashing/waved yellow signals and “SC” boards will be displayed simultaneously by Race Control where light panels are installed or will flow around the circuit in both directions, as an adjacent Signalling Post displays both their flashing/waved yellow signal and “SC” board where there are no panels. ~~At venues where light panels are operational then these signals will be simultaneously broadcast by Race Control to all marshals’ posts and may be supplemented with flags.~~

1.6. All Competing Cars, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by the flag signals, “SC” boards, or by any other means) will reduce speed and line up behind the Safety Car, no more than 5 car lengths apart, and maintaining the same speed as it. Overtaking or overlapping of any other Competing Car during a Safety Car intervention is forbidden. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the particular Competitor concerned is signalled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car. **Any overtaking or overlapping during the Safety Car intervention will be deemed a breach of signals, C.1.1.6.**

1.12. As the Safety Car is entering the pit entry road, the Green Signal flag will be displayed at the Start/Finish line and the “SC” board withdrawn. Following this display of the Start Signal yellow Signals flags and “SC” boards at the marshals posts will be withdrawn and be replaced with a waved Green Signal flag for one lap. The Green Signal waved green flag will be displayed simultaneously by Race Control where light panels are installed or will flow around the Circuit in both directions, as an adjacent post displays their waved green flag where there are no panels. This system may be supplemented by a message being simultaneously broadcast to all marshals’ posts if such a communication system is available. Overtaking or overlapping remains strictly forbidden until the Start Signal at the Start/Finish line is passed. **Any overtaking or overlapping after the Safety Car signals have been withdrawn and before passing the Green Signal at the Control Line will be deemed to be gaining an advantage, C.2.3.**

National Competition Rules, Chapter 12 Race Appendix 8, Signals by Flags and Light Panels

Operation of Safety Car

20. When the order is given to deploy the Safety Car a **flashing/‘waved’** yellow Signal and “SC” board will be displayed at the Start/Finish line. The **flashing/‘waved’** yellow Signals and “SC” boards will **be displayed simultaneously by Race Control where light panels are installed or will** flow around the Circuit in both directions whereby adjacent Signalling Posts display both their **flashing/waved** yellow Signal and “SC” board **where there are no panels**. ~~At venues where light panels are operational then these signals will be simultaneously broadcast by Race Control to all marshals’ posts and may be supplemented with flags~~

22. All competing Vehicles, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by the flag Signals, “SC” boards, or by any other means) will reduce speed and line up behind the Safety Car no more than 5 car lengths apart and maintaining the same speed as it. Overtaking or overlapping of any other competing Vehicle during a Safety Car intervention is forbidden. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the particular Competitor concerned is signalled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car. . **Any overtaking or overlapping during the Safety Car intervention will be deemed a breach of signals, CHAPTER 2 JUDICIAL APPENDIX 12 Penalty Points, Article 2.b.**

28. As the Safety Car is entering the pit entry road the Green Signal will be displayed at the Start/Finish line and the “SC” board withdrawn. Following this display of the Start Signal yellow Signals and “SC” boards at the Signalling Posts will be withdrawn and be replaced with a ~~waved~~ Green Signal for one lap. The ~~waved~~ Green Signal will **be displayed simultaneously by Race Control where light panels are installed or will** flow around the Circuit in both directions as an adjacent post displays their ‘waved’ green Signal **where there are no panels**. This system may be supplemented by a message being simultaneously broadcast to all Signalling Posts if such a communication system is available. Overtaking or overlapping remains strictly forbidden until the start Signal at the Start/Finish line is passed. **Any overtaking or overlapping after the Safety Car signals have been withdrawn and before passing the Green Signal at the Control Line will be deemed to be gaining an advantage, CHAPTER 2 JUDICIAL ANNEXE A Time and Place Penalties, Article 3.**

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2025

Reason: Clarification. The wording provides clarity for the practices in operation and ensure consistency across the Events.

There have been many instances where a breach of safety cars regulations has simply been defined as a breach of Appendix 3, Section Q when these are breaches of C.1.1.6.

Similarly for overtaking before the line after the withdrawal of the Safety Car should be treated as a C.2.3. breach, it being recognised that there may be other mitigating factors that may require officials to deem this a breach of C.1.1.6.