

REGULATION CHANGES FOR SECOND CONSULTATION

Changes following consultation

Committee:	Kart Committee
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Proposed Regulation

NCR Chapter 18 Karting

51. A yellow board marked “SLOW” in black letters may be introduced by the Clerk of the Course or Race Director at short circuit race meetings to neutralise the race or qualifying heat. This procedure will be used only if the Track is obstructed, or if Drivers or Officials are in immediate physical danger, but the circumstances are not sufficient to justify stopping the Qualifying Heat or Race.

- a. When the order is given to neutralise the Qualifying Heat or Race, all marshal posts must display a single flashing/waved yellow signal and a SLOW board, which shall be maintained until the neutralisation is over.
- b. All karts must slow down to a steady pace and proceed in order behind the leader in tight formation. The leading kart will dictate the pace, at a moderate speed. Overtaking will only be permitted if a kart slows down or stops due to a serious problem.
- c. Karts may enter the “Repair Area” during the neutralisation and may rejoin the track only when authorised to do so by a marshal. A kart rejoining the track shall proceed at a moderate speed until it reaches the end of the line of karts. They will join the end of the line of karts and may not retake their position.
- d. When the Clerk of the Course or Race Director is satisfied the problem is resolved and the race is to be resumed, yellow signals will be made stationary at the last two marshals posts. -SLOW boards will be maintained. Karts will continue in formation at reduced and constant speed maintained by the lead kart until crossing the Start Line.
- e. The resumption of the Race will be signalled by a flashing/waved green signal at the Start Line. Overtaking will remain prohibited until the karts have crossed the Start Line at the end of the neutralisation. On approaching the Start Line when the green signal is being displayed, Drivers may accelerate only after crossing the yellow line preceding the Start Line. Yellow signals and SLOW boards at marshals posts will then be withdrawn and replaced with waved green signals. These signals will be displayed for a maximum of one lap.

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- f. Each lap completed during the neutralisation will be counted as a racing lap, or if appropriate towards the timed period for the race.
- g. If the race finishes during the neutralisation, the karts will take the chequered flag as usual. Overtaking will only be permitted if a kart slows down or stops due to a serious problem.

~~11.5. A Yellow / Black quartered Signal may be introduced by the Clerk of the Course at Short Circuit Kart Race Events and deployed as follows:~~

- ~~a. The Signal will be 'waved' and first be displayed at the Start / Finish line and then will flow around the Circuit in both directions as an adjacent post displays their 'waved' Signal.~~
- ~~b. Upon display of the Yellow / Black quartered Signal all Karts must slow down to a steady pace (as on a rolling start) and must line up in order behind the leader who will act as the pace setter.~~
- ~~c. No overtaking is permitted.~~
- ~~d. The field will remain in close formation at reduced speed for as long as it takes to clear the obstruction or remove the hazard.~~
- ~~e. Competitors who fail to slow down sufficiently or who overtake under the Yellow / Black Signal may be disqualified or otherwise penalised.~~
- ~~f. When the Clerk of the Course is satisfied that the problem is resolved the Race will be resumed by the display of a Green Signal at the Start / Finish line and the simultaneous withdrawal of all Yellow / Black Signals around the Circuit. Overtaking remains strictly forbidden until having passed the green Signal on the start and finish line.~~

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2025~~6~~

Reason: Due to the increase in the use of light panels it has become apparent that some driver instruction flags do not appear clearly including the black/yellow quartered flag and therefore the use of SLOW Boards is provided as an additional option for race neutralisation.

Clubs will be required to detail the instruction for race neutralisation in their Supplementary Regulations and / or Final Instructions and this should also form part of the drivers briefing.

Following the original consultation, the date of implementation is delayed to January 2026 to allow Clubs/Venues to obtain the boards and ensure sufficient time for training.

Additionally, it was considered appropriate to withdraw the use of the yellow/black quartered flag (Battenberg) at that time. This item is therefore being put out for a second consultation.