



COMMUNICATION FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

ROUND 5 – SPA FRANCORCHAMPS - 27 / 29 AUGUST 2021

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EVENT NOTES

To amplify the detail given in the Drivers' Briefing.

1. FIA TRACK LIGHT PANELS

1.1 FIA track light panels have been installed in the positions shown on the circuit map. In accordance with Appendix H to the ISC the light signals have the same meaning as flag signals.

2. YELLOW FLAGS & LIGHT PANELS

2.1. **Double Waved:** Any driver passing through a double waved yellow marshalling sector must reduce speed significantly and be prepared to change direction or stop. In order for the Stewards to be satisfied that any such driver has complied with these requirements it must be clear that the driver has not attempted to set a meaningful lap time; for practical purposes this means that the driver should abandon the lap (this does not necessarily mean that they have to pit as the track could well be clear the following lap).

2.2 **Single Waved:** Drivers should reduce their speed and be prepared to change direction. It must be clear that a driver has reduced speed and, in order for this to be clear, a driver would be expected to have braked earlier and/or discernibly reduced speed in the relevant marshalling sector.

2.3 **Overtaking:** Drivers should not overtake any car in a single or double waved yellow marshalling sector unless it is clear that a car is slowing with a completely obvious problem, e.g. obvious accident damage or a deflated tyre.

3. PRACTICE STARTS

- 3.1. Practice starts may be carried out on the right-hand side of the pit exit road after Turn 1 and before the SC2 line. During this time any driver passing a car which has stopped to carry out a practice start may cross the white line that is referred to in 4.1 below. ***See attached Image 1 on page 5***
- 3.2 Practice starts may be carried out at the exit of the pit lane only; **no** practice starts may take place in the pit lane, or after the chequered flag has been shown.
- 3.3 Under no circumstances should a driver make a practice start if another car is still stationary ahead of them.
- 3.4 For reasons of safety and sporting equity, cars may not stop in the fast lane at any time the pit exit is open without a justifiable reason (a practice start is not considered a justifiable reason).
- 3.5 Any car unable to proceed after attempting a practice start will retire to the **ENDURANCE PIT LANE**.

4. PIT EXIT

- 4.1 Drivers must keep to the right of the solid white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits.

5. PIT ENTRY

- 5.1 For safety reasons drivers must keep to the right of the bollard at the pit entry when they are entering the pits.
- 5.2 Except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the Stewards), the crossing by any part of the car, in any direction, of the solid white line and/or painted kerbs between the pit entry and the track, by a driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, had committed to entering the pit lane, is prohibited.
- 5.3 **ONLY** the F1 pit lane is to be used during any session. Any car entering the **ENDURANCE PIT LANE** during a session will be retired. **YOU MAY NOT RE ENTER the track after exiting VIA the ENDURANCE PIT LANE.**

6. TRACK LIGHT PANELS DISPLAYING PIT ENTRY STATUS

- 6.1 The light panel on the **LEFT** side of the track at Turn 18 will display a flashing yellow arrow if cars are required to use the pit lane once the Safety Car has been deployed during a race.

- 6.2 These light panels will display a flashing red cross if the pit lane is closed at any point during the race.

See attached image 2 on page 5

7. TRACK LIMITS

- 7.1 **Turn 4:** A lap time achieved during any practice session or the race by leaving the track and cutting behind the red and yellow kerb on the apex of Turn 4 will result in that lap time being invalidated by the Race Director or the Stewards.
- 7.2 **Turn 9 Exit:** A lap time achieved during any practice session or the race by leaving the track and cutting behind the red and yellow kerb on the exit of Turn 9 will result in that lap time being invalidated by the Race Director or the Stewards.
- 7.3 **Turn 19 Exit:** A lap time achieved during any practice session or the race by leaving the track and cutting behind the red and yellow kerb on the exit of Turn 19 will result in that lap time being invalidated by the Race Director or the Stewards.
- 7.4 **General; Turns 4, 9 and 19:** On the third occasion of a driver failing to negotiate either Turn 4, Turn 9 exit and/or turn 19 exit by using the track as described above during **free practice or the race**, they will be shown a black and white flag. Any further incidents will be reported to the Stewards.
- 7.5 In all cases detailed above, the driver must only rejoin the track when it is safe to do so and without gaining a lasting advantage.
- 7.6 The above requirements will not automatically apply to any driver who is judged to have been forced off the track; each such case will be judged individually.
- 7.7 If a driver overshoots the corner at Turn 5 there is a small road along the front of the tyre barrier which leads back on to the track at Turn 7, please ensure that your drivers use this when necessary

8. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

- 8.1 These are indicated by white boards with a red fire extinguisher image, attached to the debris fences and barriers.

9. PLACES TO REMOVE CARS FROM THE TRACK

- 9.1 These are indicated by fluorescent orange panels on the barriers.
- 9.2 Should a car stop on the track during a session, the driver must keep all of their protective clothing (helmet, gloves, etc) on until they have returned to their garage or support paddock.

10. PLACES WHERE DRIVERS CAN LEAVE THE TRACK

10.1 These are indicated by white panels with a green 'running person' image attached to the debris fences and /or "fluorescent painted door frames within the safety fences".

11. **STARTING PROCEDURE**; amended from briefing slides

11.1. Cars will be leaving the pre grid area in the Support Paddock and proceed on track from Turn 2 and enter the F1 Pit Lane, in grid order, queueing as directed, in the fast lane.

11.2. The Pit lane will open and cars will proceed on track from the F1 Pit Lane, in grid order.

11.3 Pole Position is on the **right** side of the grid.

12. CAR NUMBER LIGHT PANELS FOR THE START

12.1 These are on the left side of the grid. They will show the **start place number**.

13. END OF RACE

13.1 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then safely start to slow with caution approaching Turn 1. Cars will then leave the track at Turn 1, **ALL DRIVERS MUST EXERCISE GREAT CARE** when exiting the track into the ENDURANCE PIT LANE.

13.2 The top three drivers will then proceed to the podium for the podium celebration.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW;

13.3 All other cars are to leave the track after Turn 1, ENDURANCE PIT LANE ENTRY and into the W Series paddock. Parc Ferme is in the awnings.

14. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

14.1 The official notice board is in the W Series Simulator Room. There is also a Virtual Notice Board, accessed from the W Series website.

Image 1

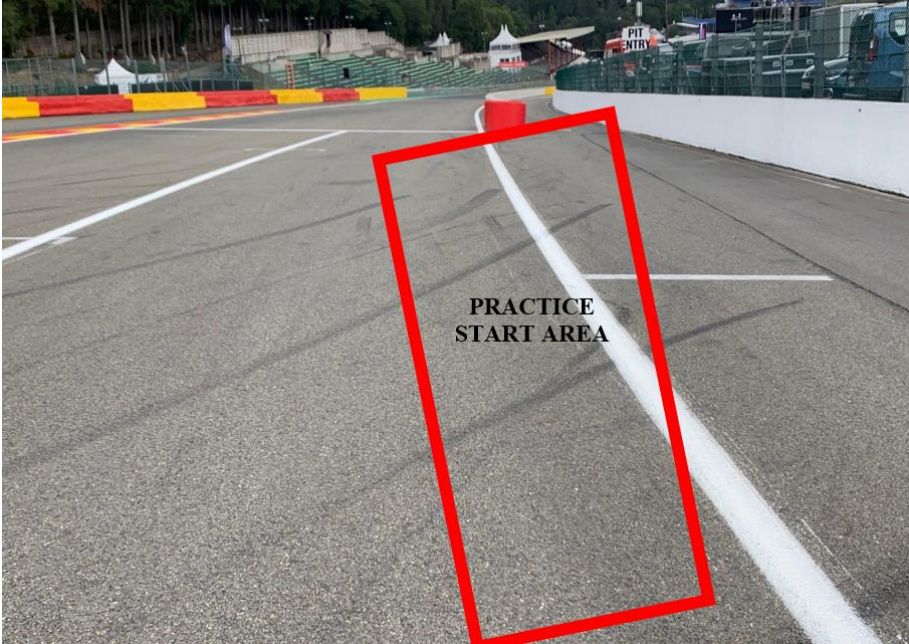
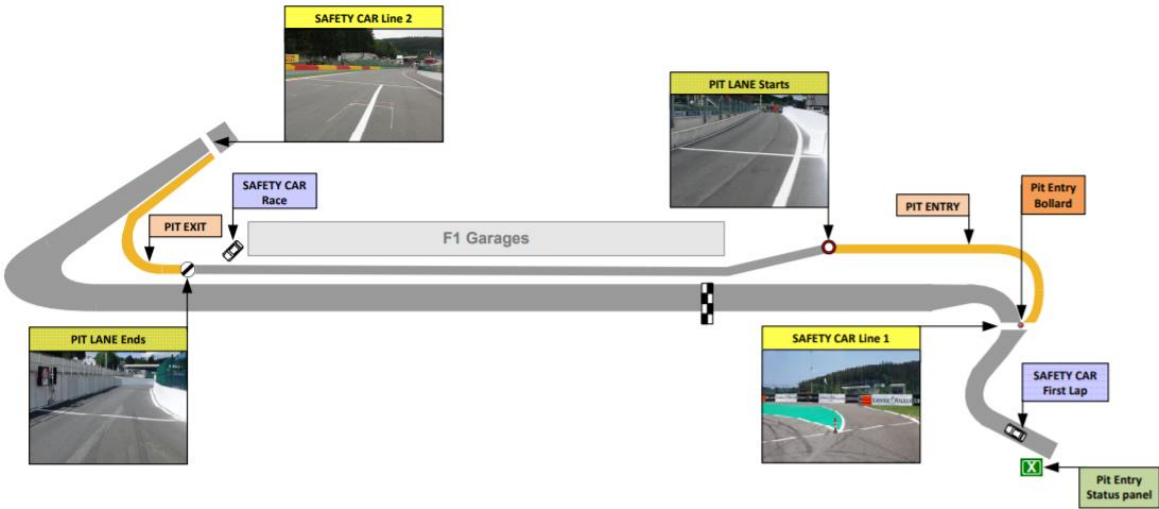


Image 2



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