

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

ROUND 6 - ZANDVOORT, NETHERLANDS - 3 / 4 SEP 2021

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EVENT NOTES

To amplify the detail given in the Driver's Briefing.

1. FIA TRACK LIGHT PANELS

- 1.1 FIA track light panels have been installed in the positions shown on the circuit map (attached). 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. A practice start may only be carried out by cars that are **on track** when the chequered flag is shown at the end of the **free practice session**. Cars that are in the pit lane when the chequered flag is shown **may not** rejoin the track for a practice start.
- 3.2. Practice starts may be carried out on the grid area only; **no** practice starts may take place in the pit lane, or after the qualifying session.
- 3.3. Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then complete another lap slowly and with caution, and proceed to the grid and carry out **one** practice start.
- 3.4. Drivers are to **pull as far forward on the grid as possible**, and, if necessary, should wait for others to carry out a practice start before getting to a grid position further forward.
- 3.5. Under no circumstances should a driver make a practice start if another car is still stationary ahead of them on the same side of the grid.
- 3.6. No gantry lights will be operated during this practice start time; drivers are to make their start as soon as it is safe to do so when there are no cars ahead of them on the same side of the grid. **Please note that the red lights will remain illuminated on the gantry due to the F1 lights system.**
- 3.7. On completion of their practice start, drivers are to proceed slowly and with caution round the track to leave the track after Turn 14 and then to the support paddock.
- 3.8. It must be understood that this practice start period is a concession from F1 on the timetable; if any driver appears to be disregarding any of the above a **red flag** will be displayed and the possibility to carry out any more practice starts will be terminated.

4. PIT EXIT

- 4.1. Drivers must keep to the right of the solid white line at the pit exit when leaving the pits.
- 4.2. The dotted white line across the pit exit is the track edge line.

5. PIT ENTRY

- 5.1 For safety reasons drivers must keep to the right of the white line 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 painted area 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 The dotted white line across the pit entry is the track edge line.

6. TRACK LIGHT PANELS DISPLAYING PIT ENTRY STATUS

- 6.1 The light panels on the left side of the track after Turns 13 and 14 (see attached Pit Lane map) 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.

7. TRACK LIMITS AND ESCAPE ROADS

- 7.1 **Turn 1** - if a driver overshoots the corner at Turn 1 there is a small road along the front of the barriers, which leads back on to the track at the exit of Turn 1; please ensure that this is used if / when necessary.
- 7.2 **Turn 8** - if a driver overshoots the corner at Turn 8 there is a small road along the front of the barriers, which leads back on to the track at Turn 9; please ensure that this is used if / when necessary.
- 7.3 **Turn 11** - if a driver overshoots the corner at Turn 8 there is a small road along the front of the barriers, which leads back on to the track at Turn 12; please ensure that this is used if / when necessary.

8. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AROUND THE CIRCUIT

- 8.1 These are indicated by white boards with a red letter 'F', 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.
- 9.3 Overhead cranes will be used to recover cars at Turn 3, Turn 7 and Turn 13.
- 9.4 **During free practice and qualifying, should a car have to be moved by mechanical means (tractor, crane etc) to a safe position, the car concerned cannot rejoin that session.**

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.

11. STARTING PROCEDURE

- 11.1. Cars will be convoyed from the Support Paddock to the pits, before being released from the pits for **one lap only to the grid.**
- 11.2 If cars enter the pit lane at the end of this lap they will become a pit lane starter.
- 11.3 Pole Position is on the **left** side of the grid.

12. CAR NUMBER LIGHT PANELS FOR THE START

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

13. END OF FREE PRACTICE PROCEDURE

- 13.1 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then complete their practice start in accordance with paragraph 3 above.
- 13.2 On completion of the practice start, cars are to proceed around the lap with caution, and leave the track through the gate on the left side after Turn 14, and then into the Support Paddock.

14. END OF QUALIFYING PROCEDURE

14.1 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag. They are then to proceed around the lap slowly and with caution, and leave the track through the gate on the left side after Turn 14, and then into the Support Paddock.

15. END OF RACE

15.1 Cars on the track will take the chequered flag, then proceed around the lap slowly and with caution. The top three cars are to **proceed to the pits and stop in front of the appropriate P1, P2, P3 board.**

15.2 The top three drivers will then proceed to the podium for the podium celebration.

15.3 All other cars are to leave the track through the gate on the left side after Turn 14, and then into the Support Paddock.

16. END OF SESSIONS - GENERAL

16.1 The gate referred to in the previous paragraphs is narrow, and there is a **possibility that cars may need to queue on the track before exiting through the gate.** All drivers are to use extreme caution on their slowing down laps, **particularly after Turn 12.**

16.2 **Please ensure that paragraphs 13 to 16 are fully understood, since getting this wrong has been a constant theme of the series this season, and is potentially very dangerous. Any drivers not complying with these instructions will be referred to the Stewards.**

17. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

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

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