



Sonoma International Raceway
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Stewards Bulletin



From: The Stewards
To: All GT America Competitors
Re: Race Start Procedures

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All GT America drivers are directed to review the Race Start procedures described in the Sporting Regulations fully described in this Race Director's Briefing addendum.

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- (2) Formation laps.
- Cars stalled or delayed on the grid MAY retake positions unless entire field has passed.
- Cars that spin or stop on a formation lap may NOT retake positions – will start at back of field.
- No re-taking of positions after T7A on second formation lap.
- Start zone is marked with blue GEICO banners on both sides of the pit wall.
- The driver on their respective Group pole has earned the right to start the race. The race begins once the pole sitter from each Group begins acceleration in the Start Zone and the green flag for that group is displayed.
- The pole sitting driver in Group 2 will leave at least a 300' (100 yard) gap to the back of Group 1.

- There will be **two (2) Green Flags**: one (1) for Group 1 and a second for Group 2. The race for each group begins only once the green flag is displayed to each separate group.
- If the driver on pole does not initiate acceleration by the end of the Start Zone, the green flag **will** be displayed.
- Cars must remain in formation, in their column and in their grid position until after crossing the Control Line. **Cars must not overtake within their starting column until they individually cross the control line after display of the green flag.** Reference **Article 45.19**
- IF the start is waved off, no flag will be displayed at the starter stand: 100 kph, stay close, Pole sitters lead field back to start zone at 80-90kph.

Start Zone



- The Safety Car lights will be extinguished after S/F and/or no later than T8, signaling preparation for the restart.
- Tire warming, brake warming and weaving to stop after Turn 8.
- **The leader will maintain the pace of the Safety Car once it exits...approx. 100kph.**
- Restart Leader **accelerates AT the 2 green restart cones** (drivers' right near the entry to T12).
- There will be a **single green flag** for all restarts.
- **Racing may resume upon display of the green flag.** Once the green flag is displayed, the Race will resume and only then can passing be initiated.
- For a restart, the pit exit closes from the time that the Safety Car enters the pit lane until the main field has passed the pit exit.

