

Flag Meanings

	<p><i>Yellow Flag = Caution</i></p> <p>The Yellow flag may be displayed in 2 ways, standing or waiving. Get your car under complete control, check your mirrors, get your hand out the window to wake up the driver behind you, absolutely no passing, prepare to alter your line. If the flag is waiving, prepare to go off track around something that is blocking the track.</p>
	<p><i>Yellow/Red Flag = Surface Issue</i></p> <p>The Surface flag indicates that there is a problem with the track surface ahead, which could be coolant, oil, a starter motor, mud or some other foreign matter on the track. This flag is shown for 2 laps and then put it down. This doesn't mean that the problem has gone away, it just reserves our right to put it out again if it gets worse! The problem will probably be there for the rest of the session, so continue to treat that section of track a bit gingerly.</p>
	<p><i>Red Flag = Stop</i></p> <p>The Red flag means stop, but do it in a safe manner. All flag stations have this flag and may use it to allow us to roll emergency vehicles, if needed. When you see the Red flag, check your mirrors, wave out the window to wake up the guy reading your license plate, absolutely no passing, move to the side of the track the flag worker is on and gradually come to a safe stop at the flag. Please do not immediately lock up your brakes and cause another problem. Stay in your car with your helmet on and belts fastened and wait for the flag worker to give you directions.</p>
	<p><i>Black Flag = Mechanical</i></p> <p>The Black Flag with Orange Circle means the driver must bring the car to the hot pit on the next lap and stop at the Steward station. This flag indicates there is a mechanical problem with your car. It is also used to indicate that the vehicle has exceeded the allowable sound limit for this event. If you see this flag, please check your mirrors and if you see an oil cloud or oil stripe behind you, please pull off-line and park next to a flag station, to prevent oiling the entire track. Ignoring this Black flag can bring severe penalties including disqualification.</p>
	<p><i>Black Flag = Stop!</i></p> <p>The solid Black flag means that we need to talk to you. The driver must bring the car to the hot pit on the next lap and stop at the Steward station. If a driver ignores a Black flag, penalties may be imposed, including disqualification from the event. If all corners are displaying a Black flag, this means the entire group is being called in. Proceed at a slightly reduced pace to the hot pit and stop. Wait for instructions. In some cases, the Black flag may be shown furred and pointed at a driver. This means "We saw what you did, and trust you to not do it again." A furred Black does not require stopping, but if you don't correct your behavior, we'll show you an open Black flag to come in and see us. 3 Black flags in a weekend, and this includes Meatballs, is the end of our patience and will put you on the trailer.</p>
	<p><i>Blue Flag = Passing</i></p> <p>The other flags are command flags, the Blue flag is a courtesy flag. This flag means that there is a faster car behind you, and you should allow them to pass at the next passing zone. A waving flag generally indicates that the driver is about to be overtaken and should take care to permit a safe pass. Refusing to move over for an overtaking car can result in a BLACK flag. Move slightly off-line and lift off the throttle for a moment to allow the overtaking car to get by, then back on-line and throttle.</p>
	<p><i>White Flag = Slow Vehicle on Track</i></p> <p>At our events, the White flag indicates a slow vehicle is on course. It might be a tow truck, an ambulance or a disabled vehicle. Use caution. Do not pass unless waved by.</p>
	<p><i>Green Flag = Go</i></p> <p>The Green flag is waved by the starter to indicate the beginning of a track session. It is waved after a caution to indicate the session has been restarted. The Green flag also is an indication that the course is clear of obstacles and debris.</p>
	<p><i>Checkered Flag = Session Has Finished</i></p> <p>The Checkered flag is waved by the starter to indicate the finish of a track session. The Checkered flag is waved for all vehicles on track. Maintain concentration, complete the lap at a slightly reduced pace and exit the track.</p>