



OPEN WHEEL

Racing Rules

SECTION: R10-5

Version 2

R10-5 RACING RULES OPEN WHEEL CLASSES

SIGNALS

R10-5-1 The following lights and flags are used to signal competitors on the track:

Green Flag & Light	Start of race
Green Light	Race in progress
Yellow Flag & Light	Proceed with caution
Red Flag & Light	Stop immediately
White Flag	One lap remaining
Black Flag/Board	Offending competitor to retire from race immediately.
Black & White Chequered	Race complete

R10-5-2 The green light is to be on continuously while the race is in progress.

BEFORE THE RACE

R10-5-3 The maximum number of competitors in the race will be decided by the Steward.

R10-5-4 Vehicles not on the track when the pit gate is shut are not eligible to start.

R10-5-5 Vehicles must be running within one lap of receiving the push off signal.

R10-5-6 Minisprints and Modified Sprints: The above rule does not apply and vehicles must leave the pits under their own power.

R10-5-7 Vehicles proceeding to the start must not be driven at excessive speed.

R10-5-8 Vehicles will grid up as directed by the Clerk of the Course.

R10-5-9 Any vehicle failing to grid up after leaving the pits within the time limit of three minutes is not eligible to start the race.

R10-5-10 The Referee is the sole judge of R10-5-9 above and can only allow one 3 minute delay per race. The 3 minute delay cannot be used in the event of a re-run.

R10-5-11 The Clerk of the Course will advise the Referee that the track is clear, **the gate(s) are closed** and ready for racing.

R10-5-12 The Starter will initiate each race when instructed to do so by the Referee.

R10-5-13 All competitors are under the jurisdiction of the Referee once the race commences.

RACE START

R10-5-14 All races are rolling starts, with grid 2 setting the pace.

R10-5-15 The Referee will signal that the race is about to start by turning off the yellow lights at least half a lap prior to the start.

R10-5-16 The race commences when the green flag is waved and green lights activated.

Option: The race commences when both front row vehicles have entered the start line at a reasonable pace.

R10-5-17 **Should either car be deemed to have impeded the start by accelerating prior to or not maintaining pace speed prior to the white line they will be relegated 2 spots at the end of the race.** In the case of a false start the Referee can order a re-run by activating the yellow light.

R10-5-18 Any vacant grids to be held, failure to do so can result in a penalty.

RACE IN PROGRESS

R10-5-19 The race will be in an anti-clockwise direction.

R10-5-20 Vehicles are not to be driven in the wrong direction.

R10-5-21 The following racing practices are not permitted:-

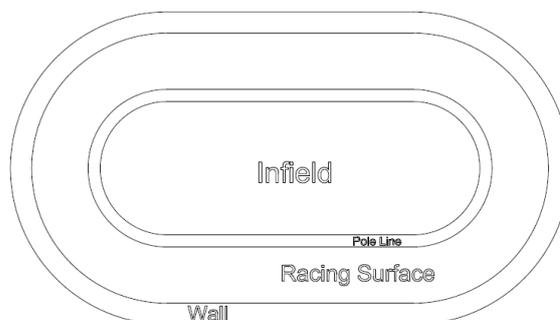
- (i) Contact.
- (ii) Forcing another competitor off their racing line.
- (iii) Cutting Off.
- (iv) Blocking.
- (v) Looking back.
- (vi) Using the concrete wall to gain an advantage
- (vii) Any other foul or unfair practice.

Penalties will apply as per Section M7-2

R10-5-22 In any race, lapped competitors can be black flagged.

POLELINE/INFIELD

- R10-5-23** Refer to explanatory diagram above for a definition of terms.
- R10-5-24** A competitor can be penalised for placing one or more wheels off the racing surface, unless taking evasive action.
- R10-5-25** If a vehicle is forced, spun, or driven to the infield during the race, the competitor must wait until the track is clear before returning to the racing surface.



SUSPENSION OF RACING

- R10-5-26** Racing can be suspended at any time by the activation of the yellow or red lights
- (i) Yellow lights: all vehicles must slow immediately.
 - (ii) Red lights: all vehicles must stop immediately.
- R10-5-27 First Lap Incident**
When the race is suspended before one full lap is completed:-
- (i) it will be completely rerun over the original number of laps
 - (ii) the original grid positions will apply, except for the prime cause of the stoppage who will restart from the rear of the field (Note: currently applies to yellow lights only)
 - (iii) no 3 minute bells are permitted
 - (iv) competitors may not change their vehicles
 - (v) vehicles on the infield at the time of the race suspension are permitted to take part in the restart. (Note: currently applies to red lights only)

R10-5-28 Race Resumption

1. Option One: Single File

When the race is suspended after one full lap is completed the race will resume as follows:-

- (a) Single File under yellow lights
 - (i) The lead car will take the safest course past any incident.
 - (ii) The rest of the field will follow in single file.
 - (iii) The vehicles will restart in the order they were in at the last completed lap prior to the caution period.
 - (iv) Any car breaking file can be penalised
- (b) Vehicles involved in the incident are permitted to restart:
 - (i) The primary cause from the rear of the field.
 - (ii) All other vehicles in the position they were in at the time of the last completed lap.
- (c) The Referee will signal that the race is about to recommence by turning off the yellow lights at least half a lap prior to the start/finish line.
- (d) All restarts must be at a reasonable pace.
- (e) The race restarts when the green flag is waved and green lights activated.
- (f) Laps run on the yellow lights are not counted as race laps.

2. Option Two: Double File

- (a) Double file restart – Heat Races and Semi Mains:
 - (i) Lead car prior to yellow will choose inside or outside lane.
 - (ii) Front row must maintain a constant pace up to the 'restart point'.
 - (iii) The 'restart point' will be a cone on the pole line located at Turn 3.
 - (iv) Once at this point, the lead driver may at his/her discretion accelerate and the race will re-start. This re-start must take place before the white line.
 - (v) Should the 2nd place car impede the start, they will be relegated 2 places at the end of the race.
 - (vi) Any car breaking file can be penalised
- (b) Double file restarts – Feature Races:
 - (i) Same as the heats except if any car impedes/infringes the start by going too slow, or jumping before the line, the yellow will be shown. The offending car will be penalised and sent back one row. All other cars will follow Referees instructions as to what effect that has on the re-start grids.
 - (ii) Should a second infringement occur the offending vehicle will be issued a 2-spot relegation.
 - (iii) The last 5 laps will be single file restart
- (c) The Referee will signal that the race is about to recommence by turning off the yellow lights at least half a lap prior to the start/finish line.
- (d) All restarts must be at a reasonable pace.
- (e) The race restarts when the green flag is waved and green lights activated.
- (f) Laps run on the yellow lights are not counted as race laps.

- (g) On all restarts, all lapped traffic must drop back through the field to the position held prior to the yellow light. The driver will receive re-start grid from the Referee.
- (h) Any car breaking file can be penalised

ISSUING PENALTIES DURING RACE

R10-5-29 Serving of Penalties during race

- (a) If a driver is due to be penalised, the penalty may be served during the race as instructed by the Referee.
- (b) The serving of this penalty will be at the discretion of the Referee, and will only be imposed if the Referee has the time to notify the competitor due to the time pressures at the venue.
- (c) The penalty may only be imposed if the race is interrupted by a red/yellow light incident.
- (d) Once the on track penalty is served there will be no further action including the right to protest.

RETALITION

R10-5-30 If a driver retaliates on track during and/or after the race, the driver may be disqualified and receive no points or prize money.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- R10-5-31** Vehicle must be operated by one competitor only, with no passengers permitted.
- R10-5-32** If a competitor unclips their seatbelts or window net during the race they are deemed to have retired.
- R10-5-33** No competitor will drive with an arm or any part of their body outside the vehicle.
- R10-5-34** If a vehicle becomes unsafe during the race it will be removed by the Referee.
- R10-5-35** If a vehicle receives a flat outside tyre the competitor must immediately retire from the race.
- R10-5-36** Competitors in stationary vehicles must remain in their seat with belts on until they are permitted to get out by an Official; either the Clerk of the Course or a Steward. This does not apply in the case of fire.
- R10-5-37** Refuelling is not permitted on the track at any time.

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- R10-5-38** Communication with the driver, other than by Officials or competitors in the race is not permitted.
- R10-5-39** Physical contact with a vehicle by someone other than the driver is permitted under the following circumstances
 - (a) during a yellow light race suspension:-
 - (i) to ascertain if the vehicle is fit to continue to race.
 - (ii) to untangle, overturn, reposition, restart or push start the vehicle if it was involved in the incident.
 - (b) during a red light race suspension:-
 - (i) to ascertain if the vehicle is fit to continue to race.
 - (ii) to untangle, overturn, reposition, restart or push start the vehicle if it was involved in the incident.
 - (iii) to undertake minor repairs at the Referees discretion. These repairs cannot inhibit a restart.

RETIRING FROM THE RACE

- R10-5-40** Any competitor withdrawing from a race must move safely to the infield and remain there until the end of the race.
- R10-5-41** Any competitor deliberately causing a race stoppage or caution period will be immediately excluded from the race.
- R10-5-42** Any competitor that is the prime cause that stops or spins to a stop more than once in a race must retire to the infield.
 - (a) Option: At the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, any competitor that stops or spins to a stop must retire to the infield. This option is not available at allocated titles.
- R10-5-43** Any competitor refusing to retire infield when instructed, forcing a race stoppage will be immediately suspended for 8 days. This suspension cannot be protested or appealed.

FINISH OF RACE

- R10-5-44** A race is not finished until the chequered flag is displayed, regardless of the number of laps run.
- R10-5-45** The vehicle must cross the finish-line and receive the chequered flag to be deemed to have finished the race.
- R10-5-46** Racing will continue until all able vehicles have completed the lap they are on when the chequered flag is shown.

- R10-5-47** All placings are determined by the finishing order and number of laps completed by each vehicle as recorded by the approved lap scoring system.
- R10-5-48** Any vehicle not receiving the chequered flag is recorded as a DNF.

DISRUPTED RACE FINISH

R10-5-49 **Yellow light finish**

If the yellow lights are activated after the lead car has finished the race, all competitors that follow through the finish line are counted in order of passing the line.

R10-5-50 **Red light finish**

If the race is stopped on red lights after one or more vehicles have received the chequered flag:-

- (i) placings will be given in order for finished vehicles.
- (ii) The remainder of the field will be counted as finishers as per their race placings recorded on the lap preceding the stoppage. This excludes any competitor causing the stoppage unless that competitor has already finished.

DECLARED RACE

- R10-5-51** The Clerk of the Course can declare a race during a suspension of racing.
- R10-5-52** The results will be as per the last completed lap.
- R10-5-53** The Referee can exclude any competitor deemed to be the primary cause of the stoppage.
- R10-5-54** Exception: Rules R10-5-49, 50 and 51 do not apply to Allocated titles.

LOCAL RULES

- R10-5-55** The rules in this section may be amended by the unanimous decision of a Senior Official if in attendance, or the Steward of the Meeting, **the Referee** the relevant Class Representative, and the Clerk of the Course, bearing in mind the following 3 factors:
- (i) safety of Competitors
 - (ii) safety of Spectators
 - (iii) better promotion of events.
- Exception to rule: Local rules are not permitted in Youth classes** (Dec 2019)
- R10-5-56** Local rules are only valid for the meeting at which they are enacted, and must be posted on the track noticeboard in order to be considered in effect.