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## RACE STARTING PROCEDURES V8

### Starting Procedures

The Australian Prototype Series has the option of Non Championship Standing Starts and Non Championship Rolling Starts, as described within the APS Sporting Regulations.

**The APS may employ a combination of both Standing and Rolling starts.**

All drivers must know of and comply with the current Motorsport Australia (MA) document titled "Circuit Race Standing Regulations" (CRSR) within the Circuit Race Appendix of the Motorsport Australia Manual, as published on the MA web site <https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/race>; and also comply with the APS Race Starting Procedures, with the relevant Supplementary and Further Regulations for each Race Meeting, and with instruction that is provided at Driver Briefings.

Where conflict may exist, the CRSR and other Formal regulations associated with the conduct of the race meeting shall prevail.

**The APS Race Starting Procedures are based on the CRSR, and this document provides further explanation and describes the additional APS Requirements where such requirements may not be in contravention of the CRSR:**

pertinent to "5.5 STARTING THE RACE – ROLLING START", sub-point 5.5.3

During the formation lap, each automobile shall maintain its starting order with the pole position Driver leading, keeping in single file and with no overlap, where weaving to warm up tyres may be practiced until that part of the track is reached where the 2x2 formation must be adopted. Overtaking is only permitted if an automobile is delayed when leaving its grid position, or if an automobile has obvious problems and an automobile behind cannot avoid overtaking it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field.

The driver of an automobile that is NOT in its intended starting order on the Formation Lap may only overtake to reestablish the original starting order.

**The driver of an automobile that is NOT in its intended starting order when their automobile reaches the SC1 line on the Formation Lap must then enter Pit Lane.**

**For Safety reasons, if a Driver judges that their automobile cannot safely reestablish its intended position in the starting order before the SC1 line is reached because the automobiles in front are weaving across the track and a collision may occur, then that Driver must then abandon their attempt to reestablish the Automobile's intended starting position.**

**The driver must pull out of the lines of automobiles and slow down and wave past all other automobiles, and effectively fall back to become last in the line of automobiles.**

**The Driver must also advise their team via radio as soon as practical, and the Team should seek to notify race officials as soon as possible.**

**The driver of an automobile unable to start in its intended Start position must enter pit lane, and start from pit lane under the direction of an official, being from the exit of pit lane after the rest of the field has Started and driven past pit exit.**

That automobile's allocated starting position is to be left vacant by all other drivers as they are taking 2x2 position ready for the rolling Start.

pertinent to “5.5 STARTING THE RACE – ROLLING START”, sub-point 5.5.7

*“Each Automobile must be ... in its correct grid position”*

If a “starting grid” position is vacant based on an automobile failing to make it to the form-up area grid, or because they have fallen out of position during the Formation Lap and cannot recover, then no Other automobile is allowed to go “out of position” by taking up such a “vacant” grid position as the automobiles roll up toward the Start Line in 2x2 formation.

**Thus it is important for all drivers, prior to and when in the Form-up area before rolling out on to track, to take good note of the relative positioning of each of the automobiles around them. This prior preparation helps individual drivers ensure that this relative positioning is either maintained during or resumed toward the end of the Formation Lap,** provided of course that all other automobiles can maintain or achieve their relative positions during the Formation Lap runaround.

*“Each Automobile must maintain its grid position and travel within its line of grid boxes”*

The leading two automobiles must take a path that travels over the normal Standing Start grid boxes so that all automobiles form up in an orderly manner with appropriate separation between lines of automobiles.

Thus, to ensure a predictable and safer start when in 2x2 formation, the automobile in form-up grid position 1 shall drive over the starting box of grid position 1, and the automobile in form-up grid position 2 shall drive over the starting box of grid position 2, **with each automobile directly following the automobile in front and each automobile placed within the line of grid boxes**, as required in the CRSR.

Immediately the race is Started, overtaking may occur. Such overtaking may occur before the Start Line is crossed.