

## April 2024 Green-Prix Supplemental Regulations-Black Flag Procedures and Penalties

INCIDENTS/VIOLATIONS: **Rough driving will NOT BE TOLLERATED!** Any car involved in significant contact with another car (regardless of fault) or barriers, or who violated driving rules or flags, will be Black Flagged. In all situations the DRIVER COACH may call for a driver change at his/her discretion. **The team advisor shall be present anytime their vehicle is in the Black Flag Box.** The driver/car will not be released to return to the track unless the team Advisor is present.

Significant Contact—results in car damage, causes barrier displacement, results in injury, or physically moves the cars on the track. A slight bump or brush of a barrier may not qualify as significant contact but that is the determination of the corner workers and will be communicated to race control.

### **The following procedures shall be applied in each Black Flag situation involving contact:**

**Significant Contact with another car(s) FIRST TEAM OFFENSE:** All involved drivers will be Black Flagged. They will exit the track and enter the Black Flag Box. The driver(s) deemed not at fault will be given first priority. This will include a damage/safety inspection by the DRIVER COACH, and possibly a brief coaching session before being re-released to the track.

The driver(s) deemed to be responsible for the contact shall wait in the Black Flag Box and remain fully belted in their car until the car is inspected and the driver and Driver Coach have completed a debrief of the incident with a determine of the fitness of the driver and car to continue racing. Instructions/advice on how to best prevent recurrence of the offense will be addressed with the driver and Advisor.

It is possible both drivers were deemed at fault in which case both teams will be debriefed and inspected prior to release.

**Significant Contact SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:** Same process as first offense with the following exception: If the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense occurs with same offending driver as 1<sup>st</sup> offense, an immediate driver change is required. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is the same team but a different driver, the team and Advisor will be issued a final warning. The car deemed responsible will also serve a 3-minute penalty after the completion of the debrief with the Driver Couch. If a driver change is mandated, this driver change DOES NOT count as the mandatory pit stop!

**Significant Contact THIRD TEAM OFFENSE:** Team disqualification for that race—no return to track allowed during the remainder of that race. Allowance to compete in the second race will be at the discretion of race officials.

### **Other Situations**

An issue that was not a safety issue but needs to be stopped as it may lead to a safety issue ( possible examples are a minor bump, slight brush of a barrier). A Furled Black Flag pointed at offending driver; car remains on track. Furled flag means the flag is wrapped around the stick.

An issue with a car or driver deemed a safety issue will receive a black flag. Report to Black Flag Box to address the issue with Driver Coach and Advisor. A partial list would include no gloves, loose belts, unable to see over dash, hair coming out of helmet/suit.

**Passing Under Yellow:** This counts as a Violation of Driving Rules and will result in a Black Flag. Debrief with Driver Coach and return to track. If a team has multiple passes under yellow, a driver change and/or a time penalty may be issued by race control.