

WHELEN MAZDA MX-5 CUP

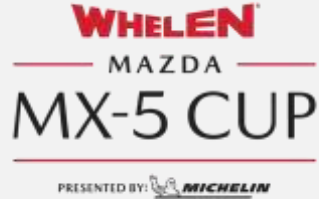
TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING



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ACCESSING EMERGENCY SERVICES

For EMS (Emergency)

- During hours of operations (daytime), proceed to the Infield Care Center or call 911 if patient is not moveable.
- Report need for EMS to IMS Track Rescue (red trucks), IMS Safety Patrol (yellow shirts) or medical cart if on pit lane.

For EMS (Non-Emergency)

- Call Pagoda Command (24-hrs per day) at (317) 492-5500 or Jason Penix at (317) 306-9133

For Law Enforcement & Fire Department (Emergency & Non-Emergency)

- Call 911 and provide specific information regarding the need.
- Mike Bates (IMS Security) at (317) 903-6166 or Pagoda Command at (317) 492-5500.



Paddock

**PROHIBITED
ANY ONE, TWO OR
THREE-WHEEL FORM OF
TRANSPORTATION**

**ONLY PROPERLY
PERMITTED VEHICLES ACCEPTED
EXCEPTIONS FOR VESTED MEDIA
AND ADA TRANSPORT**

Motorcycles, drones, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and other non-motorized transportation, as well as motor scooters of one, two or three-wheels and/or designed to transport one or two persons, are prohibited in the garage, pit and/or Paddock areas except authorized power-driven mobility devices (ADA requirements - Americans with Disabilities Act), and accredited and vested media personnel.

Pit vehicles must only be operated by an IMSA credential holder. Motorized carts and similar 3- or 4-wheeled conveyances must not be driven into pit lane except pit equipment approved for a Series or as specified in the SR.

Such use in the Paddock must be for legitimate purposes only.

Excessive speed and/or unsafe operation is prohibited. Participants must abide by state laws and Promoter restrictions regarding licensing, maximum speed, helmet requirement and use.

Such conveyances may be prohibited at certain Events or in certain areas of each facility by local ordinance or Promoter limitation.

TO FALSE GRID, PIT LANE | NORTH PADDOCK | EQUIPMENT

Directions

1. Exit North Paddock onto Foyt Drive and proceed through IMSA Transporter Parking area
2. Enter Garage Area and proceed around Garages to False Grid, located at South end of Trackside Garage building
3. Enter Racecourse via South Pit Gate
4. Proceed to Pit Lane and to assigned Pit Box



TO FALSE GRID, PIT LANE | NORTH PADDOCK | CARS

Directions

1. Proceed to False Grid, located in North Paddock
2. Exit North Paddock onto Foyt Dr
3. Turn left onto 7th St
4. Turn right onto Unser Ln
5. Enter Racecourse at Unser Ln Gate. Proceed around Racecourse behind Lead Vehicle
6. Enter Pit Access Road
7. Proceed to Pit Lane



TO NORTH PADDOCK (LSTNA, MX-5)

Directions

1. Exit Racecourse onto Pit Access Road. Proceed onto Pit Lane
2. Proceed through Pit Lane onto Racecourse
3. Turn Drivers' Right onto Unser Ln to exit Racecourse
4. Turn left onto 7th St
5. Turn right onto Foyt Dr
6. Enter North Paddock and proceed to assigned space



IMSA TRACK SERVICES

IMSA CHASE VEHICLES

- Chase 1 | Porsche Cayenne GTS
- Chase 2 | Porsche Cayenne GTS
- Chase 3 | Ford F-150
- Chase 4 | Ford F-150

ON-TRACK ASSISTANCE

- Communication with Track Services Medic
- Neutral and power shut off
- Follow direction of on-scene Track Services personnel
- Maintain a safe speed and distance when passing on-track incidents with Track Services team members present



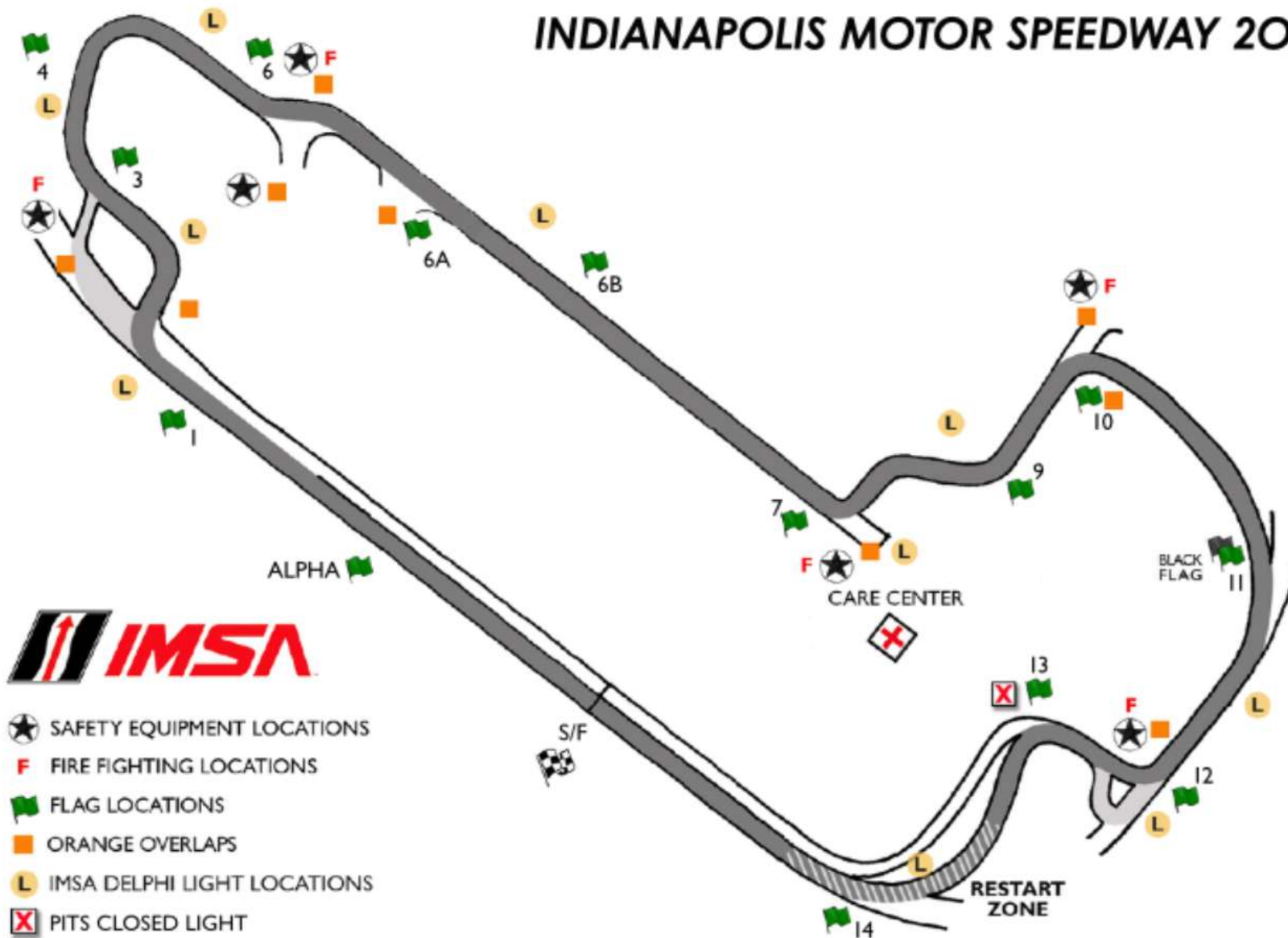
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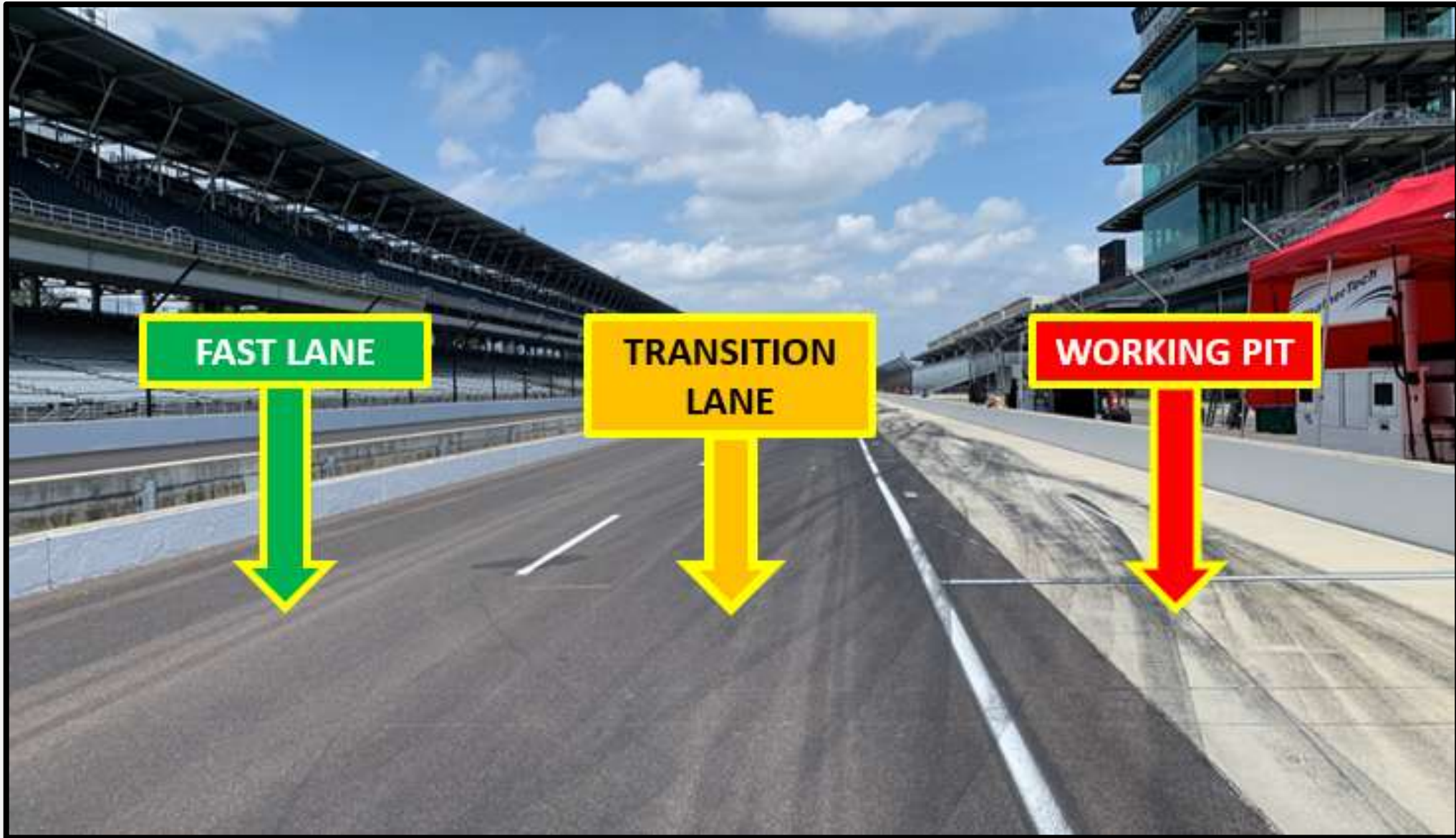
IMSA AMR Ford Raptor Recovery Trucks FORD F-150 RAPTOR

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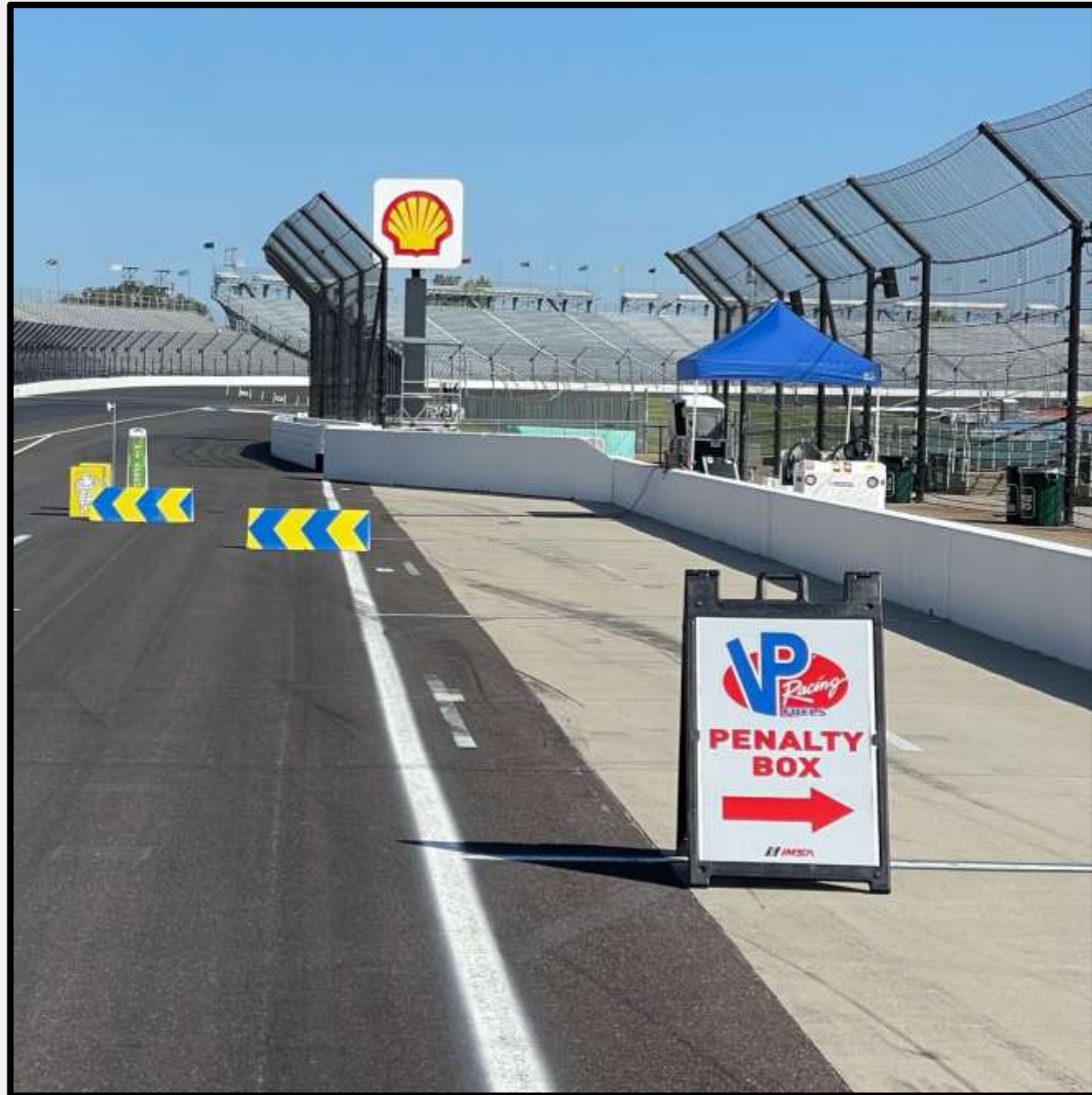


PIT LANE PROTOCOL



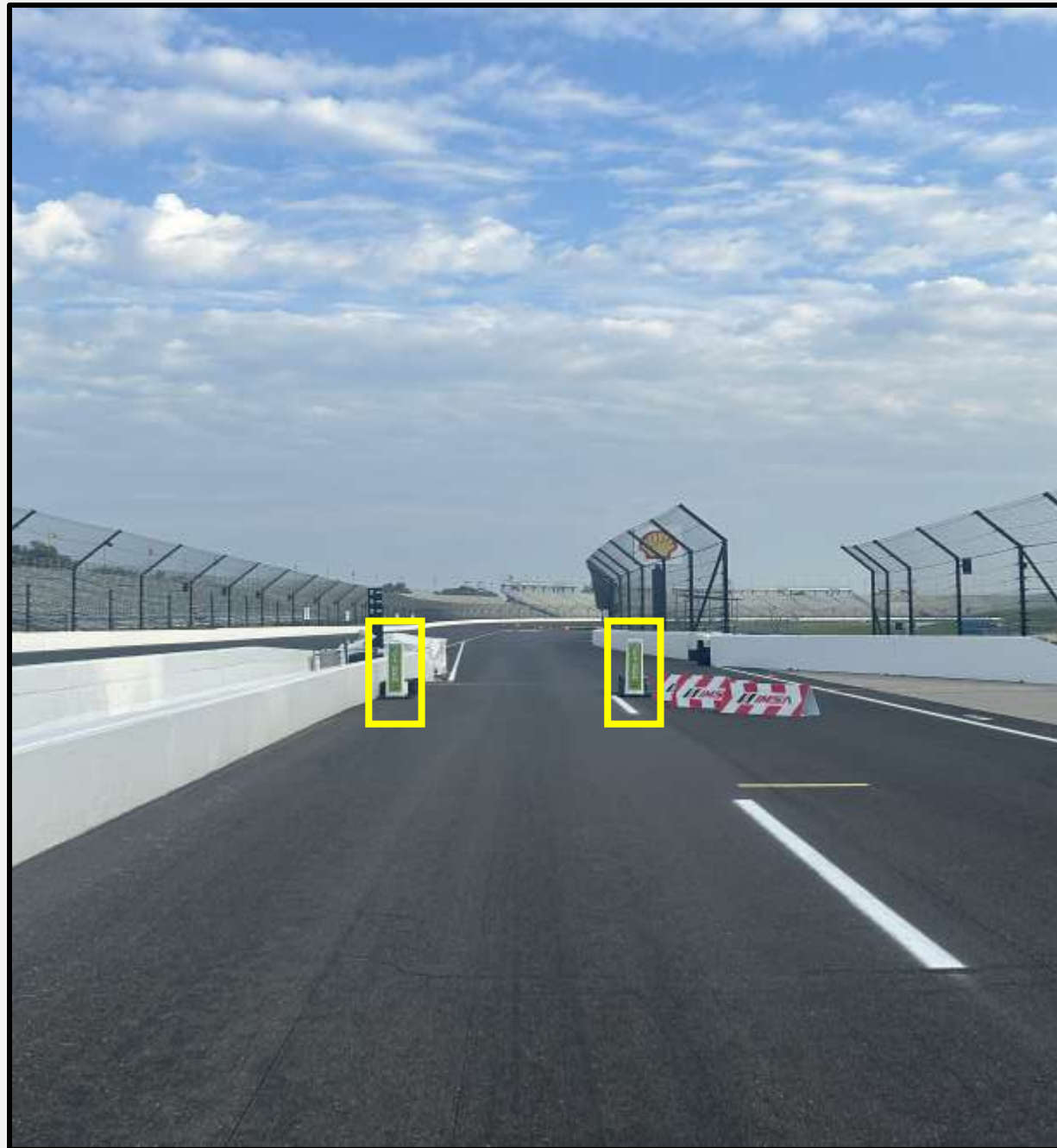
PENALTY BOX

- Penalty Box located driver's right at Pit Exit.



PIT EXIT

- Pit Lane speed limit ends at Green pylons.



PIT EXIT

- Stay right of solid white line through the inside of Turn 1.



PIT EXIT MERGE

- Cars exiting the Pit Lane must remain TWO wheels to the right of the merge line until it ends.
- Merge Safely into Turn 2.
- Respect the speed difference of those those already on track.



TURN 1 RUNOFF



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TURN 1 RUNOFF & RE-ENTRY

CORRECT



INCORRECT



TRACK LIMITS TURN 6



SHORT CUT TURNS 6 & 7



RE-ENTRY TURN 12

- Do not go straight and continue through to speedway T1.
- U-turn and make safe re-entry into T12.
- Alternatively use the motorcycle chicane to make a safe re-entry.



PIT ENTRY

- Decelerate offline from Turn 12.



PIT LANE SPEED LIMIT

- Pit Lane Speed Limit begins at Red pylons.



ORANGE OVERLAPS

- Overlaps are marked throughout the circuit and are indicated on the Official Track Map.
- Competitors with disabled Cars are requested to exit at these locations when unable to continue to the pits.



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DRIVER & TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING



DRIVER COMBINE

- Takes place in the Administration building.
- At the Driver Combine, you will be able to complete all requirements for a 2027 Membership/Credential application including the application, annual physical, and ImPact test.
- Don't have your 2027 plans finalized? You can still participate. Application fees can be submitted closer to season start, and Driver Combine participants may qualify for expedited fees being waived
- Appointments given priority, but walk-ins are welcome on a first-come-first-serve basis
- See the [Driver Combine Appointment Page](#) for more info.

SCHEDULE

- Tuesday September 29th, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Wednesday September 30th, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Thursday October 1st, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday October 2nd, 8:00am – 5:00pm



INCIDENT RESPONSIBILITY PENALTIES

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Drive-Through and 10 second penalties.

10 second penalties given during the Race are applied as soon as the penalized Car crosses Start/Finish to take the Checkered flag.

The 10 second penalty may be applied for Incident Responsibility, as well as other circumstances at the Race Director's discretion.

A Drive-Through penalty remains available to the Race Director as may be appropriate for an incident.

The 10 second penalty is intended to increase the range of penalty options in shorter sprint races.

Additionally, Loss of fastest lap in Qualifying penalties may be applied for Incident Responsibility during Practice and Qualifying sessions.

QUALIFYING

False Grid

- **Cars are lined up in order of Championship Points**
- Cars with no Championship Points are ordered at the Race Director's discretion
- When entering Pit Lane, Cars may line up at Pit Out. These Cars may enter the track when the Green Flag is displayed
- Cars that go to their Pit Box must wait until released

Red Flag

- Cars may line up at Pit Out. These Cars may enter the track when the Green Flag is displayed
- Cars that went to their Pit Box must wait until released

Length of Session – 15 mins Green Flag time (20 minutes allocated on schedule)

- Have a plan!
- Be respectful of others if not at speed!

QUALIFYING

Maximum Lap Times for Qualifying

IMSA sets and applies Maximum Lap Times to manage Qualifying and inappropriate conduct of Cars during qualifying. If necessary, penalties for violations may be escalated

- A maximum lap time is defined for each Event
- The defined maximum lap times must not be exceeded during qualifying
- Where weather changes the track conditions significantly, the maximum lap time is not enforced
- The decision of the Race Director to apply or not apply a penalty for maximum lap time is Conclusive

Maximum Lap Time for continuous laps during Qualifying

- The maximum continuous lap time is based on 107% of the prior year's fastest qualifying lap for an Event with previous lap time data
- For a track without previous data, or in situations where track conditions have changed enough to make the previous year's lap times irrelevant, the time is based on 107% of the fast lap from the practice sessions at that Event
- The IMS maximum lap time is 1' 48"

QUALIFYING

Maximum Lap Times for Qualifying

Maximum Lap Time for out-laps and in-laps during Qualifying

- The maximum lap time for out- and in-laps is based on 135% of the prior year's fastest qualifying lap for an Event with previous lap time data
- For a track without previous data, or in situations where track conditions have changed enough to make the previous year's lap times irrelevant, the time is based on 135% of the fast lap from the practice sessions at that Event
- The maximum lap time for out- and in-laps is measured from the pit-out loop to S/F and/or from S/F to the pit-in loop
- **The IMS maximum lap time for out- and in-laps is 2' 16"**

Penalty for exceeding Maximum Lap Times

- Any Driver exceeding these maximum times may be penalized by deletion of their two (2) fastest timed laps for each infraction

PRE-RACE / POST-RACE

Refer to official schedule and MXM for final times and instructions

RACE

One (1) FORMATION lap

Stay with Safety Car until Safety Car enters pits

Pack up after T7 / Pair up after T11

Acceleration Point (Polesitter)

Jump/False start Reviews

- Gaps
- Timed/Early Acceleration
- Out of Line
- Column Passing – Passing Cars in your column is PROHIBITED until across the S/F line

Official Race start is FIRST time by

FULL COURSE YELLOW

Failure to maintain proper Safety Car speed and correct gaps between Cars, or otherwise initiate manipulative action to gap Cars, is prohibited and subject to penalty.

Race Control radio, in-car lights, trackside lights, double yellow flags displayed

Response vehicles may begin to move as soon as FCY is announced

Leader to Safety Car speed, all Cars pack up – respect the area of incident/Track Services personnel

- RC instructions regarding track condition over radio
- SC dispatched from T1

RESTART

- Maintain SC speed, let SC get away, *no more tire scrubbing after T11*

RESTART ACCELERATION ZONE – Turn 14

- Passing on display of green flag

RESTART ACCELERATION ZONE

- Restart acceleration zone Turn 14.
- Passing is permitted when the Green Flag is displayed.



ON-TRACK CONDUCT

LOCAL YELLOW FLAGS (SEE ARTICLE 27)

- No passing from point perpendicular to yellow flag to the point perpendicular to the following green flag

BLOCKING (SEE ARTICLE 30)

- Movement in reaction to the trailing Car
- Defending increases responsibility

CONTACT/INCIDENT RESPONSIBILITY (SEE ARTICLE 30)

- Review with Driver Advisor in RC
- Incidents under review announced by Race Control

COEXISTENCE

- Maintaining awareness lessens margin for error, regardless of responsibility

COMMUNICATE REVIEW REQUESTS TO PIT OFFICIALS

- Must provide time of day, location, and description of action to be reviewed

POST RACE VIDEO REVIEW WILL CONTINUE IN 2026

- Probation will continue to be used when appropriate

ON-TRACK REVIEW / EXPECTATIONS

VIR Review

- 5 full course yellows! Green Flag racing – 66%, 59 Total Penalties so far this year!
- Penalties prior to VIR– 48: 29 Drive Through, 11 - 10 Seconds, 8 Warnings. 33 different drivers
- Penalties at VIR– 11: 1 Stop + 30, 7 Drive Through, 2 - 10 Seconds, 0 Warning, 1 – Re-order PUY. 9 different drivers
- Longer Penalties will continue to be considered for Incident Responsibility

IMS Specifics

- Turn 1 runoff – No advantage gained! Must use only the installed tire chicane route to rejoin the track after Turn 2
- Turn 5-6 Chicane – Two by two?
- Turn 6 exit – Track Limits
- Turn 8-9 esses – Coexist!
- Turn 10 – Brake zone
- Turn 12 – Runoff and rejoining

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