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Racing flags



The **yellow flag** warns of a hazard ahead and tells drivers that they must drive with increased caution and be prepared to slow down. No overtaking is allowed when a yellow flag is displayed.



The **blue flag** means that a faster car is approaching from behind and is ready to overtake. If the marshal waves this flag, the driver ahead must move over to offer the fast approaching car the chance to overtake safely.



Red and yellow striped flag informs the drivers that there is slippery track ahead – for example, oil on the track. A cautious style of driving is requested when this flag is waved.



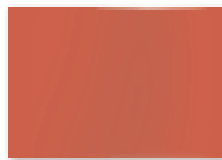
The **black flag** informs a driver that s/he has been disqualified and they must return to the pits and stop the car. This flag is used to discipline drivers if they have breached the rules or for dangerous behaviour on the track.



A **white flag** means a slow-moving vehicle is on the track ahead, like a tow truck, the Safety Car or a race car with a technical problem. Drivers are expected to use caution and should be ready to slow down and stop if required.



The **black and white flag** is displayed on the start/finish line to warn a driver of unsporting behaviour or a breach of rules. Should the driver commit a further offence, s/he is likely to be black-flagged.



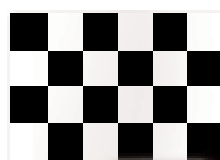
The **red flag** means that the race or practice session must stop immediately. Drivers must pull into the pit lane at the end of the lap. The light at the pit lane exit is also switched to red to make sure no driver returns to the track.



A **black flag** with red circle indicates that a driver must return to the pits. It is used when race officials suspect there is a mechanical problem with the car that needs immediate attention before the driver can be cleared to continue.



The **green flag** is displayed at the end of a yellow flag area, to inform the driver that s/he has passed the yellow flag section and is free to accelerate to racing speeds again.



The **chequered flag** is waved when the race or practice session is over and indicates that all drivers must return to the pit lane or the paddock after crossing the line.

