

4-17 Speedway Race Procedures

The Restart Cone Rule

PURPOSE:

To give the drivers an optional tool that may be utilized to improve their starting position on a restart after the initial Green Flag start of the Feature race event. The Rule also creates greater race-fan interest and excitement.

HOW IT WORKS:

When the field has been lined up in correct single-file order, a standard orange safety cone will be placed at the midpoint of the racing surface at the start-finish line by a track official. When the field approaches the cone, the flagman will point to the cone, the leader will then retain lane option, meaning the race leader may elect to restart the event in the outside racing lane, or in the inside racing lane. Once the leader has committed to his/her lane, drivers in position 2 back through the Lead-Lap field may voluntarily elect to choose the outside lane, or remain in the inside lane to restart the event. Drivers may choose not to take advantage of the restart cone and stay in the lower, preferred racing groove. However, those drivers may be surpassed in the starting order by drivers behind them who elect to take advantage of the cone and start in the upper racing lane, taking the opportunity to attempt to better their position.

Once a driver has passed the cone and made their lane selection, they are committed to that starting position for the balance of the restart. They may not move back into their previous position prior to using the restart cone.

Once all drivers have passed the cone, the restart cone will be removed from the racing surface, and this will constitute the restart order for the field as it comes to the white/green flag.

After the field takes the green flag on the restart, the field must complete one full lap under green. If the field does not complete one full lap under green, scoring will revert back to the last completed green flag lap for the running order, and the cone will be reintroduced. Drivers may then make their lane selections over again, but will not be committed to the choice they made previously.

The driver (s) who produced the caution period necessitating a restart will not be allowed to use the restart cone, and they must restart at the end of the longest Lead-Lap line. Race vehicles that are 1 or more laps down must remain at the very end of the longest line and may not utilize the restart cone. One full green lap must be completed before the Lead-Lap driver(s) who caused the previous caution will be allowed to utilize the restart cone.

If a Lead-Lap driver, who was not involved in the cause of the caution, goes to the pit area, they may utilize the restart cone upon reentry, if they reenter before the cone is presented. If they reenter after the cone has been removed, they must tag at the end of the longest Lead-Lap line.

Do not hit the cone: Anyone hitting the cone may be penalized to the rear of the field.

***The Race Director may elect to forego the restart cone for the remainder of an event if confronted with a time constraint. The field will then restart in single-file order.**