

FIA and CAMS Competition flags as used by Energy Education Australia.

Command Flags



CHEQUERED FLAG

Your session has ended. Exit the course at the first opportunity.

FIA interpretation: The race has ended. Shown first to the winner, and then to every car to cross the line behind them.



BLACK FLAG

Pull into the penalty box for discussion with the Director of Operations or other official concerning an incident. A time penalty may be assessed for such incident.

FIA interpretation: Shown with a car number to indicate that the driver must call into the pits immediately, usually because he has broken the rules and will be disqualified.



BLACK FLAG WITH AN ORANGE DISC

Pull into the penalty box for mechanical inspection of your vehicle, something has been observed that needs closer inspection.

FIA interpretation: Shown with a car number to indicate that the car has a mechanical problem and the driver must return to his pit immediately.



BLUE FLAG

Pull into the designated passing zone to be passed by a faster competitor. Obey the corner workers hand signals at the end of the passing zone to merge into competition.

FIA interpretation: Shown to a driver to indicate that a faster car is behind him and trying to overtake. Shown both to lapped cars and those racing. A lapped car must allow the faster car past after seeing a maximum of three blue flags or risk being penalised. A racing car is under no obligation to move over.



GREEN FLAG

Your session has started; enter the course under direction of the starter. (NOTE: If you stall the vehicle, please restart and await another green flag as the opening in traffic may have closed.)

FIA interpretation: A hazard has been cleared up and the cars can proceed at racing speed.



RED FLAG

Come to an immediate controlled stop on the course. Pull to the side of the course as much as possible to keep the course open. Follow corner workers directions.

FIA interpretation: The race has been stopped, usually because a car is lying in a dangerous position after an accident or because conditions are too poor for racing to be safe.



YELLOW FLAG (Stationary) - Danger

Slow Down, be prepared to take evasive action something has happened beyond the flag station, NO PASSING unless directed by the corner workers.

FIA interpretation: Indicates danger ahead and overtaking is prohibited. A single waved yellow flag means slow down.



YELLOW FLAG (Waved) - Great Danger

Slow Down, evasive action is most likely required, BE PREPARED TO STOP, something has happened beyond the flag station, NO PASSING unless directed by the corner workers.

FIA interpretation: Indicates danger ahead and overtaking is prohibited. A double waved yellow warns that the driver must be prepared to stop if necessary.

Additional FIA Command Flag



WHITE AND BLACK DIAGONAL HALVES

FIA interpretation: Shown with car number to indicate a warning for unsportsmanlike behaviour. A black flag may follow if the driver takes no heed of the warning.

Informational Flags



RED AND YELLOW STRIPED FLAG

Something is on the racing surface that should not be there. Be prepared for evasive maneuvers to avoid the situation. (Corner workers may be able to point out what and where it is located, but do not expect it.)

FIA interpretation: The track is slippery. This usually warns of oil or water on the track.



WHITE FLAG

There is a slow moving vehicle on the course that is much slower than you are. Be prepared to approach it at a cautious rate.

FIA interpretation: Warns of a slow-moving vehicle on the track, such as a tow truck or safety car.