

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Speed Events Committee
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Proposed Regulation

Chapter 16 – Autocross, Rallycross and Off-Road Racing

Part B – Rallycross

Appendix 6 – Organisers Regulations

7. Practice and Starts

7.5 The **Start Grid** shall be notified at least 30 minutes before the start except when the finishing order in one Event affects the starting positions in a subsequent Event scheduled to start less than half an hour later. In such instance the starting positions shall be notified as soon as practicable.

- a. The Start Grid will be displayed on the Official Notice Board
- b. Any appeal concerning starting positions must be lodged within 30 minutes of their notification. Where the exception given in ~~b.~~ **Art. 7.5** above applies any appeal must be lodged not less than 10 minutes before the subsequent start.
- c. Each Vehicle will be allocated its pre-determined position on a starting grid and will be aligned in the correct position by the start marshal.

7.9. A false start occurs when a **Driver while** under Starter's orders **moves forward from the prescribed position. A false start is defined as any of the following either:**

- a. **Being** in an incorrect position on the grid; or
- b. **Moving** forward from the prescribed **starting** position; or
- c. **Moving** at the time that the red lights are extinguished.

Movement of the Vehicle within its designated starting zone before the Start is signalled shall not be considered a false start, unless any part of the Vehicle crosses its starting line, or the false start detection system (where in operation) indicates a false start.

7.9.1. When a false start occurs all Drivers must return to their original starting position and the start procedure will be restarted. This includes situations where the

start system has not been affected but a jump-start is reported by the **Judge of Fact**. The following penalties and procedures will apply:

- a) False Start Penalty – First Offence.
 - i. The Driver who caused the false start will be instructed to take the Joker Lap section twice in the session concerned.
 - ii. At circuits where no Joker Lap exists, the driver concerned will be placed on an additional row at the back of the grid for the re-start
- b) False Start Penalty – Second Offence
 - i. Any driver committing a second false start will be removed from the grid, not permitted to start and be classified as Disqualified from the session concerned

7.9.2. The Clerk of the Course may order a complete restart if the nominated Judge of Fact reports that they consider that the electronic equipment has failed and there to have been a faulty start.

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Reason: Clarification and incorporation of procedures and penalties which are currently covered by Championship Regulations.