

Start Line & Initiation

5. 2. START LINE PROCEDURE

The start line is situated at the beginning of the course and is often marked. It is the official starting point of each qualifying run and tandem battle. The start line official, which signals when the vehicle(s) can leave the start line. During both qualifying and tandem battles, there may be a chicane that is designed to require the lead driver to lift off the throttle momentarily after leaving the start line. This chicane is in place to slow the lead driver down off the line and allow the chase driver to maintain proximity down the straight away leading up to initiation. It is outlined with cones to make it visible to all drivers. If the lead driver hits one or more cones within the chicane during a tandem battle, the battle will be halted and restarted via a flagger or restart light posted trackside prior to initiation. The location of the flagger or restart light will be discussed during the driver's meetings prior to competition.

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During tandem, if the lead driver hits one or more cones out of their position, in anyway on the first start, there will be a restart. If the lead driver hits one or more cones on the second start, there will be a restart. If the lead driver hits one or more cones on the third start, the lead driver will be given an automatic INCOMPLETE. Judges or Officials may call a restart based on criteria discussed in the drivers meeting.

5. 3. INITIATION

During both qualifying and tandem the vehicle must be sideways as it passes the single standing cone in the "3, 2, 1" cone sequence placed trackside. For the additional Tandem procedure see TANDEM INITIATION PROCEDURE

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If the track chosen for competition has no marked initiation line, appropriate discussion will be had prior to competition beginning.

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