



To: All Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Teams  
From: Gary Rodrigues / Kent Williamson / Star Mazda Championship  
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Re: Revision to standing start procedures for implementation at Miller Motorsports Park

Please note revisions/clarifications to the pre-grid procedures, reconnaissance lap, the start and an aborted start. This material has been sent to all teams and posted on the series web site. Team and drivers are responsible for reading, understanding and implementing these procedures prior to the start of the race at Miller Motorsports Park. If there are any questions, please ask them as soon as possible, and we will offer any additional clarification at the drivers and crew chiefs meeting.

## **STAR MAZDA STANDING START PROCEDURES**

### T.1 Pre-Grid

T.1.a. All cars are required to be at Pre-Grid prior to the announced Pre-Grid closing time. Failure to be in Pre-Grid prior to closing will result in the loss of the grid position.

T.1.b. The car may start the race from pit lane, starting upon the order from the Race Director.

T.1.c. All teams are required to have one crewmember stationed at each grid location on the track prior to cars moving from Pre-Grid to the starting grid to assist the driver in locating their starting box.

T.1.d. Once the car is placed, the crewmember shall clear the track (a 60 second board may be shown indicating less than one minute prior to the start of the reconnaissance lap) and remain at the signaling wall perpendicular to the starting box to assist the driver in locating the racecar in the starting box after the reconnaissance lap.

### T.2 Reconnaissance Lap

T.2.a The Pace Car will set the speed for the reconnaissance lap, falling back to accelerate or undertaking a practice start is prohibited.

T.2.b. Any car failing to leave the grid with the field, spinning or going off course relinquishes their grid position and must start from pit lane, starting upon the order of the Race Director.

### T.3 Start

T.3.a. At the end of the reconnaissance lap, the pace car will enter the pits and the field will take their starting positions. The front wheels of each car must remain inside the starting box for that car.

T.3.b. Once the car is in the start box awaiting the start sequence, the crewmember shall move promptly to the team pit box.

T.3.c. All personnel are strictly prohibited from the grid. A 15-second board will

be shown from the starters stand once all cars are in position (which indicates 15 seconds until the light sequence begins).

T.3.d. The red lights will illuminate in sequence until all are lighted.

T.3.e. The race starts once all red lights go out and the green lights are on, (not less than half a second, but no more than three seconds).

T.3.f. A car has committed a false start, if it moves beyond the start box or is moving forward when the start signal turns green.

T.3.g. A penalty will be imposed for a false start judged by the Officials. Decisions by the Officials are not subject to protest or appeal.

#### T.4. Aborted Start.

If the start is aborted the red lights will go out in reverse order. Instructions will be given to teams via the radio. The standing start procedure may then be reinitiated or abandoned, if abandoned; the pace car will be dispatched for a rolling start, restart procedures apply.

*These are revised procedures and are to replace the Star Mazda Supplemental Regulations Standing Start rules T.1 through T.4. These revisions are effective 5-1-08.*