

Race Director's Actions for Mazda Raceway

Racing at Mazda Raceway is very similar to competing on a street course, with invisible walls. Here the 'walls' are gravel traps, 'improved' since last year – they are deeper. There is no runoff room around this course – and no room to retrieve a vehicle stuck in the kitty litter except from the racing surface. This necessitates either a red flag under non-race conditions or a full course yellow under race conditions. I intend to issue the following penalties if you make me retrieve you from a gravel trap. These penalties are for 'unassisted' 'you did this all by yourself' excursions. If you had 'help' the offender may be given the penalty or worse!

First time during practice, loss of rest of time in that session, and 10 minutes from the next session.

Second time during practice, loss of remainder practice sessions.

NOTE: this includes the test day sessions!!!!

During qualifying, loss of three best times, and loss of remainder qualifying session.

During race, Exclusion.

No warning calls will be made for rough driving, blocking, and not giving racing room to competitors. At this event, if the officials see it, you will get penalized immediately.

I know these are severe, but there is a lot at stake in each of our three groups, both dollars and 'bragging rights'. I want the championships to be settled on the track under full race conditions, not under yellow, and certainly not in the 'courtroom' with Judge Jim presiding.

Please, do not make me implement any of the above against you!

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