



STARTING PROCEDURES

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The Australian Prototype Series has the option of Non Championship Standing Starts and Non Championship Rolling Starts (as per our Sporting Regulations). In 2017 we will have a combination. We will have Rolling Stats at Round 3 Sydney Motorsport Park, Round 4 Queensland Raceway and Round 5 Phillip Island.

Below are both starting procedure taken from the 2017 CAMS Race Meeting Standing Regulations;

Non-Championship Start

When one minute remains before the formation lap, a "1 Minute" board shall be displayed by an official in the marshalling area. The marshalling area shall be cleared of all personnel and each automobile's engine started. When the green flag is displayed by an official, each automobile shall leave the marshalling area for a formation lap. If an automobile does not start, or stalls, the Driver shall raise one hand high. The automobile may be push-started by officials, or, if so directed by the officials, by the pit crew, after the rest of the field has left the marshalling area. Once automobiles have left the marshalling area and cleared pit lane, the pit exit shall be closed; each automobile that requires a push start or is held at pit exit may start the race from pit exit, as detailed below. During the formation lap each automobile shall maintain its starting order with the pole position Driver leading. Passing is only allowed in order to maintain formation. When they form up on the grid, each automobile must stop on its allocated grid position unless held at the rear of the grid by officials. Drivers must not stop and do "burn outs" at anytime during the formation lap.

Starting the race Rolling Start

For a rolling start, the Non-Championship Start Procedure (above) shall be applied up until the display of the green flag to commence the formation lap as detailed in the relevant regulations except that prior to the "1 Minute" signal being shown to the field, an official vehicle shall be positioned at the front of the field and at the "1 Minute" signal its flashing roof lights shall be turned on. When the green flag is displayed, each automobile may then proceed on the formation lap, led by the official vehicle (with flashing lights turned on) followed by the automobile on pole position. During the formation lap, each automobile shall maintain its starting order with the pole position Driver leading, keeping the 2x2 formation. Passing is only permitted if an automobile is delayed when leaving its grid position or an automobile has obvious problems and an automobile behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, Drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order. Each Driver who is delayed leaving the grid (in the case of Step 1) or the marshalling area (in the case of Step 2)

may not overtake another moving automobile if his automobile was stationary after the remainder of the automobiles had left the grid (Step 1)/marshalling area (Step 2), and must start the race from the rear of the field. If more than one Driver is affected in this way, they must form up at the rear of the field in the order they left to complete the formation lap. The speed of the official vehicle shall be approx. 80 km/h during the formation lap, and each automobile in the field must maintain position within five automobile lengths of the automobile in front. Should this speed be different, Drivers shall be advised at the Drivers' briefing. Drivers must not stop and do "burn outs" at any time during the formation lap. Each Driver who is unable to start the formation lap must indicate this by raised hand and, after the remainder of the automobiles have crossed the Starting Line (Step 1)/left the marshalling area (Step 2) on their formation lap, may be removed into the pit lane or to another safe position. Each automobile entering pit lane shall be permitted to start from pit lane exit but only under the direction of an official and after the rest of the field has passed pit exit. Unless the Clerk of the Course instructs otherwise, as the field approaches the end of the formation lap, the official vehicle shall turn off its flashing lights, then enter pit lane or other designated position. The field shall proceed on, led by the automobile on pole. Each automobile must maintain its position, with no overtaking or overlapping permitted, and remain directly in line behind the automobile in front until after the signal to start is given. The lead automobile must maintain a speed of between 75 and 85 km/h until the signal to start has been given. If the Starter is satisfied that each automobile is correctly positioned as the automobiles approach the start line at the end of the formation lap he shall indicate the start of the race by waving the green flag to the field and/or turning on the green light. If a problem arises as the automobiles are approaching the starting line at the end of the formation lap and/ or before the official vehicle has withdrawn from the track, the green flag/light shall not be displayed to the field, and the field behind the official vehicle shall complete a second formation lap before completing the start procedure as above. If the official vehicle has withdrawn, the field led by the pole automobile shall complete a second formation lap at the same speed, prior to starting the race. Flashing yellow lights and/or waved yellow flags at each flag post shall indicate a delayed or aborted start. The race shall be shortened by one lap for each extra formation lap completed. Each Driver not following this procedure may be penalised by a pit lane penalty as determined by the Clerk of the Course / RD and/or by some other penalty as may be determined by the Stewards of the Meeting.