



ASIAN LE MANS SERIES COMMITTEE



TO: Teams

CATEGORY: LMP2 LMP3 GT3

DECISION N°: Asian_2023_D0010_All_Safety_Car_procedure

DATE: 08/02/2023

FROM: The Asian Le Mans Series Committee

SUBJECT: Amendment of the Safety Car procedure for safety reasons

APPLICABLE REGULATION

Article 14.6 2022-2023 Asian Le Mans Series Sporting Regulations

DECISION

With regard to the number of cars entering the Asian Le Mans Series and for safety reasons, the Asian Le Mans Series will adapt the Safety Car procedures of the Sporting Regulations as follow:

14.6 Neutralising the race: Safety car procedure

14.6.1 General provisions and conduct to adopt

- On the decision of the Clerk of the Course, the safety car may be brought into operation to:
 - Neutralise a race if competitors or officials are in immediate physical danger but the circumstances are not such as to necessitate stopping the race;
 - Start a race in a exceptional conditions;
 - Pace a rolling start;
 - Resume a suspended race.
- Article 2.10 of Appendix H of the Code applies, except for the provisions listed below. For Championship Competitions, there will be one Safety Car, except if other provisions are specified in the Appendix 1 of the Competition.
- When the order is given to deploy the Safety Car, all marshal posts will display waved yellow flags and "SC" boards and the orange lights at the Line will be illuminated, for the duration of the intervention.
- Once the "Safety Car" message is displayed on the monitors, all cars will slow down
- **Pit entry will be closed**

The Safety Car will start from the pit lane with its orange lights illuminated and will join the track regardless of where the race leader is.

- All the competing cars must then form up in line behind the Safety Car no more than five car lengths apart, and overtaking, with the following exceptions, is absolutely forbidden until the cars reach the Line (or the next race neutralisation end point) after the Safety Car has returned to the pits.

Any car being driven unnecessarily slowly, erratically or in a manner deemed potentially dangerous to other drivers at any time whilst the Safety Car is deployed will be reported to the Stewards. This will apply whether any such car is being driven on the track, the pit entry road or the pit lane.

Any decision taken by the Asian Le Mans Series Committee is not subject to appeal.



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14.6.2 Overtaking allowed under the Safety Car

Overtaking will be permitted under the following circumstances:

- if a car is signalled to do so from the Safety Car;
- under Article 11.3.2;
- any car entering the pits may pass another car or the Safety Car after it has crossed the Safety Car line 1, as defined under Article 10.2 Appendix H;
- any car leaving the pits may be overtaken by another car on the track before it crosses the Safety Car line 2, as defined under Article 10.2 Appendix H;
- when the Safety Car is returning to the pits or its intermediate position, it may be overtaken by cars on the track once it has crossed the Safety Car line 1;
- any car stopping in its designated garage area whilst the Safety Car is using the pit lane (see Article 14.6.9 may be overtaken ;
- if any car slows down with an obvious problem.

14.6.3 Overtaking signal given by the Safety Car

When ordered to do so by the Clerk of the Course, the observer in the Safety Car will use a green light to signal to any cars between it and the race leader that they should pass. These cars will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of cars behind the Safety Car.

14.6.4 Access to and work in the pits under the Safety Car

- During the first three laps of the Safety Car, the pit entry will be closed.
 - Any car entering the pits during these first three laps shall be allowed to refuel for only 5 seconds and/or replace any damaged tyre, on condition that as soon as the pit entry opens, the car comes back in again for refuelling and/or a tyre change.
 - In this case the car may only cross the Line on the track once before entering for refuelling and/or a tyre change.
- A car considered to be in a dangerous condition may come into the pits for repairs during the first three laps, on the following conditions:
 - the Race Director and/or the Technical Delegates consider it to be in too dangerous a condition to continue on track;
 - as a result of the pit stop the relevant car loses a minimum of one lap.
 - Failure to comply with the above will entail a three-minute Stop & Go penalty.
- The team manager must inform the Race Director that its car is entering the pit lane.
- If the leader pits during the first three laps, the next car in the results will be placed behind the Safety Car and so on as the cars decide to pit in the first three laps.

A car may enter the pits only for repairs or refuelling, without restrictions, once pit entry is open.

14.6.5 Exiting the pit lane under Safety Car

- It will be on at all times, except from when the Safety Car crosses Safety Car Line 1 until the last car of the line of cars following it crosses Safety Car Line 2.

A car re-joining the track must proceed at an appropriate speed until it reaches the end of the line of cars behind the Safety Car.



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14.6.6 Lap count for the first three Safety Car laps

- The first time the Safety Car passes the Control Line on track, it will be considered to have completed the first Safety Car lap. This will also apply to all cars behind it as they cross the Control Line on track.
- The second time the Safety Car crosses the Control Line on track, it will be considered to have completed its second Safety Car lap. This will also apply to all cars behind it as they cross the Control Line on track.
- The third time the Safety Car crosses the Control Line on track, it will be considered to have completed its third Safety Car lap. This will also apply to all cars behind it as they cross the Control Line on track.

14.6.7 Lap count

Each lap completed while the Safety Car is deployed will be counted as a race lap.

14.6.8 If the Safety Car is deployed or on the track during the final lap

If the Safety Car is still deployed at the beginning of the last lap, or is deployed during the last lap, it will enter the pit lane at the end of the lap and the cars will take the chequered flag as normal without overtaking.

14.6.9 If the Safety Car is withdrawn during its first three laps

- If the Safety Car is withdrawn from the track during the first three laps, it will enter the pit lane, all yellow flags will be replaced by green flags, and all cars will cross the Control Line on track with the green flag being shown and green lights on. Only afterwards may they enter the pit lane without penalty.

During this period, and until the last car crosses the Control Line, the "Pit Entry Closed" signal will remain activated.

14.6.10 If the Safety Car has to use the pit lane

- Under certain circumstances, the Clerk of the Course may ask the Safety Car to use the pit lane. In this case, and provided its orange lights remain illuminated, all cars must follow it into the pit lane without overtaking. Any car entering the pit lane under these circumstances may stop at its designated garage area, except during the first three safety car laps.
- If the Safety Car has to bring all cars through the pit lane during its first three laps, the counting of laps will be done when the Safety Car and all other cars cross the pit lane exit loop.
- If the Safety Car is using the pit lane, any car that is in its working area cannot leave its position once the pit exit light turns red. In this case, a car may only leave its working area once the last car in line behind the Safety Car has passed in front of its garage.

14.6.11 End of the Safety Car procedure

- When the Clerk of the Course calls in the Safety Car, its orange lights will be extinguished; this will be the signal that it will be entering the pit lane at the end of that lap. At this point, the first car in line behind the Safety Car may dictate the pace and, if necessary, fall more than five car lengths behind it.
- In order to avoid the likelihood of accidents before the Safety Car returns to the pits, from the point at which the lights on the car are extinguished, drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration, braking, or any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart.



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- As the Safety Car is approaching the pit entry, the yellow flags and SC boards at the marshal posts will be withdrawn and replaced by waved green flags with green lights at the Line and at the Intermediate race neutralisation end point(s). These flags will be displayed until the last car crosses the Line.
- The pit lane exit will be closed from when the Safety Car crosses Safety Car Line 1 until the last car of the line of cars crosses Safety Car Line 2.

In the case of more than one Safety Car, their withdrawal must be precisely synchronised.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- with immediate application**
- from:

And is applicable:

- until further notice**
- for the mentioned event(s) only