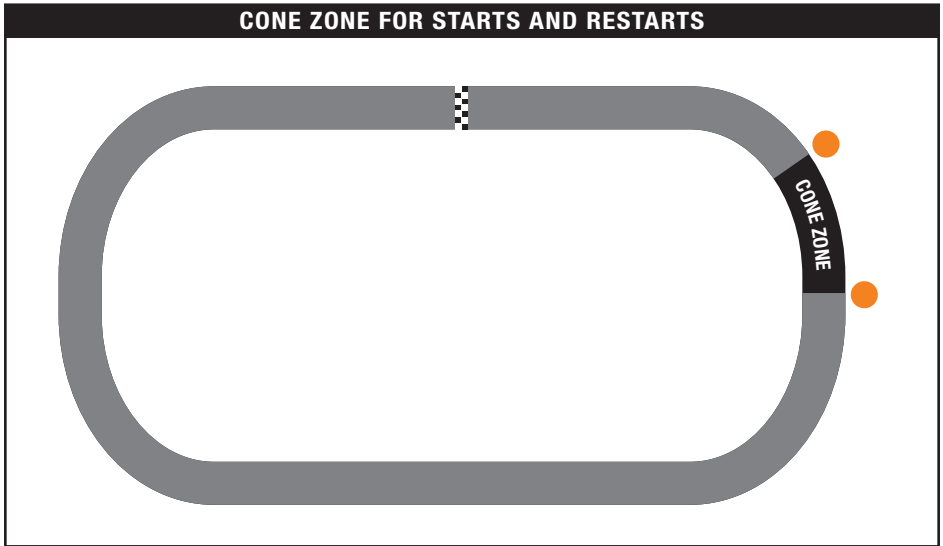


Starts and Restarts



STARTS:

All races begin with a rolling start. All drivers must position their cars in their proper locations in two-wide or three-wide (Indianapolis 500) alignment during parade and pace laps and must remain in position unless mechanical difficulty occurs. In the event that a driver drops out due to mechanical difficulty, the remaining cars in the field, must maintain their assigned positions unless otherwise instructed by Race Officials.

- Cars dropping out on the parade or pace laps may be considered cause for delaying the start.
- An official safety car will be used to pace the field and will have its flashing lights on during the parade and pace laps. At the appropriate time, the flashing lights will be turned off, indicating the intent to start the race the next time across the starting line.
- After the green condition is declared, all drivers must maintain their relative positions until crossing the start line.

RESTARTS:

Unlike other racing series the IndyCar Series features a restart "zone" rather than a restart line:

- The race leader will always be the car directly behind the official safety car on a single-file restart.
- The leader of the field under the yellow condition is required to maintain pace lap speed until the leader reaches a designated point ("Cone Zone") where the leader is required to accelerate smoothly back to racing speed and the green condition will then be declared.
- The Cone Zone is a clearly designated area between Turns 3 and 4 with bright orange cones on the outside (usually on top of the outside wall) of the track.
- If the leader accelerates before the Cone Zone or any other car accelerates before the green condition is declared, the leader and/or other cars may be penalized.
- The leader has the option of accelerating anywhere within the Cone Zone and until he does accelerate no car can make a pass.
- If the leader has not accelerated by the end of the Cone Zone the starter will show the green flag allowing the field to accelerate.
- The Senior Official in his discretion shall determine the type and timing of any penalty as he deems appropriate to the orderly conduct of the race.