



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L' AUTOMOBILE

PRESS INFORMATION

1996 FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. TIME PENALTIES

Any car subject to a time penalty will stop in its own pit. It will be the team's responsibility to ensure that the car remains stationary for the duration of the penalty. If the car is sent out too soon, it will be called in again and held for the remaining part of the penalty. It may not, of course, be worked on during this stop. The time is measured by the central timing system with the help of its pit lane installations.

Note: (Article 164 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations): the 'designated area' is now the car's pit, the 'designated signal' is given by the team.

Principal reasons: - starting equipment is on the spot

- no problems will arise if several cars are called in at once

- an extra procedure is eliminated.

2. STARTING PROCEDURE

Below is the new procedure for the starting of Formula One races.

Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the attached starting procedure in colour, this is available on request from the FIA Press Service.

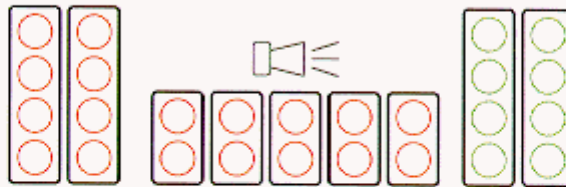
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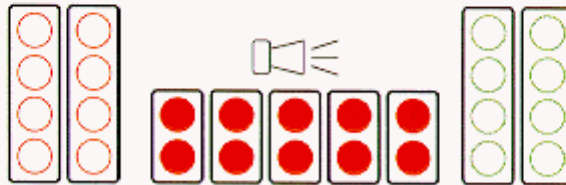
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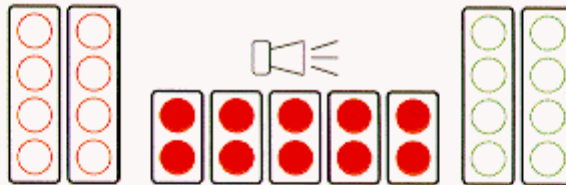
FORMULA ONE STARTING PROCEDURE



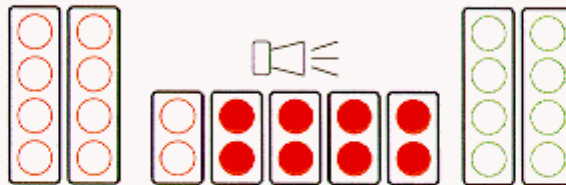
17 minutes to the start of formation lap - no lights illuminated and horn is activated.



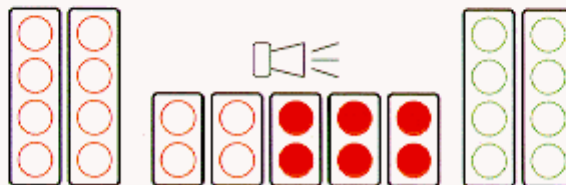
15 minutes to the start of the formation lap - the centre 10 red lights are illuminated, horn is activated and the pit lane is closed.



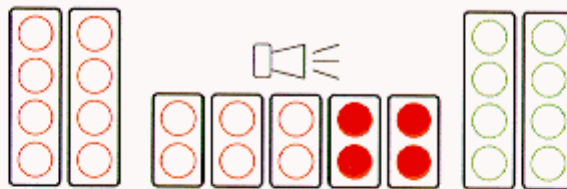
10 minutes to the start of the formation lap - all red lights flash on and off twice and the horn is activated.



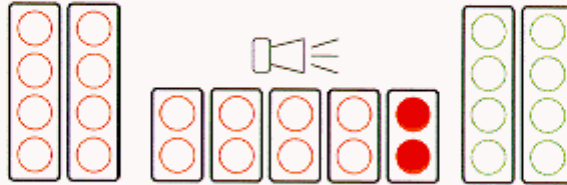
5 minutes to the start of the formation lap - 1 set of lights is extinguished and the horn is activated.



3 minutes to the start of the formation lap - 1 set of red lights is extinguished and the horn is activated.



1 minute to the start of the formation lap - 1 set of red lights is extinguished and the horn is activated.



30 seconds to the start of the formation lap - 1 set of red lights is extinguished and the horn is activated.



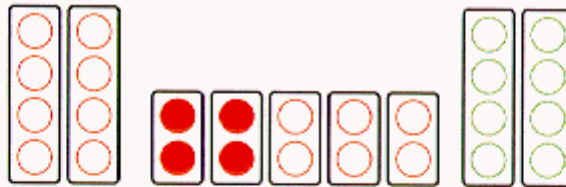
Start of the formation lap - 1 set of red lights is extinguished and all green lights are illuminated.



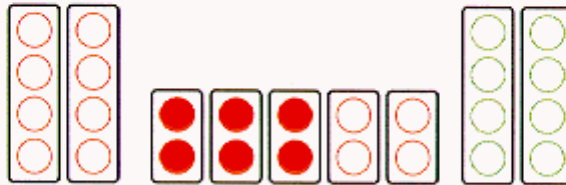
20 seconds into formation lap - all the green lights are extinguished.



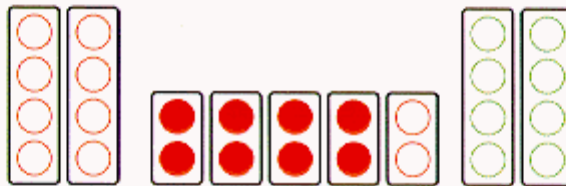
When all cars are in position on the grid, as judged by the jump start detection system, the five second signal will be given by illuminating one set of red lights.



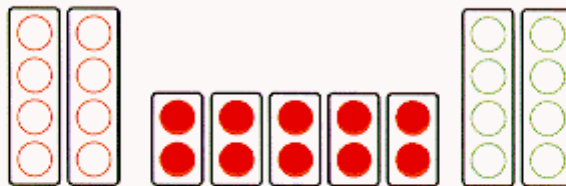
4 seconds - 2 sets of red lights are illuminated.



3 seconds - 3 sets of red lights are illuminated.



2 seconds - 4 sets of red lights are illuminated.

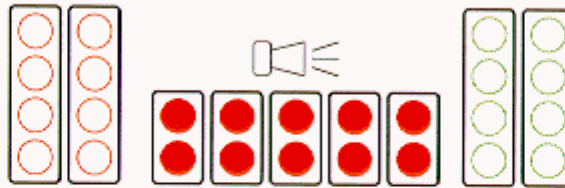


1 second - 5 sets of red lights are illuminated and the jump start system becomes active.

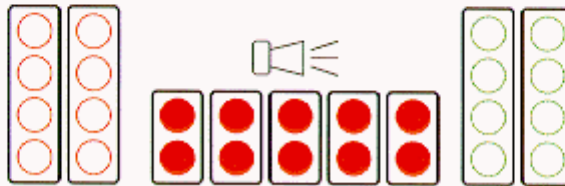


After a pre-set delay the race is started by all red lights being extinguished.

ABORTED STARTS (1)



If the start needs to be delayed before the start of the formation lap - all five sets of red lights will be illuminated and the horn will be activated for two second bursts for 10 seconds

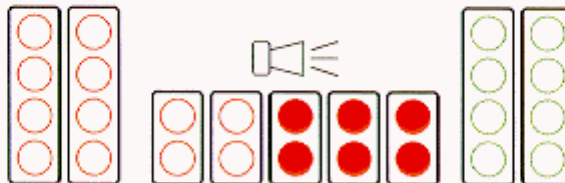


10 minutes to the start of the formation lap - all red lights flash on and off twice, the horn is activated and the normal start procedure is resumed.

ABORTED STARTS (2)

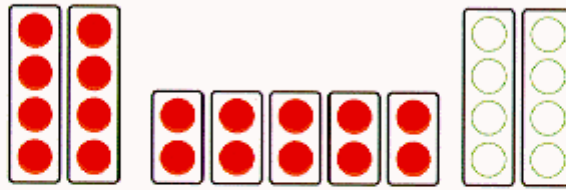


If the start needs to be delayed before the race start signal is given - all the red lights will be illuminated and the countdown, from the 5 minute point, will commence.

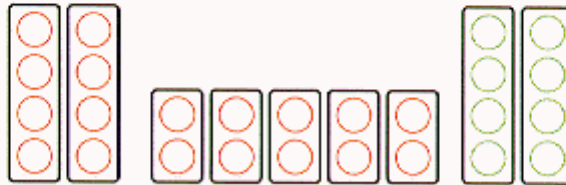


3 minutes to the start of the new formation lap - 2 sets of red lights will be extinguished, the horn will be activated and the normal start procedure will resume.

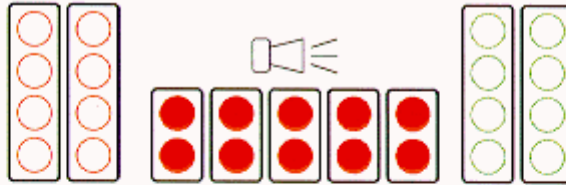
RACE ABORT



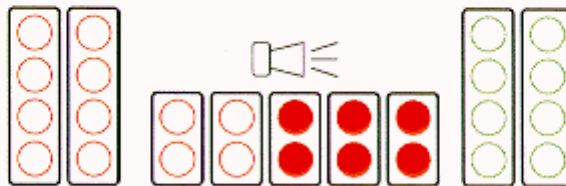
If the race has to be red flagged - all the red lights will be illuminated.



When the race re-start time is confirmed all red lights are extinguished.



Ten minutes after the red flag was given - pit lane is closed, 5 sets of red lights are illuminated and the horn is activated.



3 minutes to the start of the new formation lap - 2 sets of red lights are extinguished, the horn is activated and the normal start procedure is resumed.