



PASSING AND BLOCKING

Drivers shall have the right to sufficient space on the racing surface to allow for a driver to maintain control of their car in close quarters under racing conditions. All drivers shall be required to provide this space on the race track to their fellow competitors.

Passing shall be allowed any place on the racing surface where it is safe to do so. It is the responsibility of the overtaking driver to pass in a safe manner on an area of the racing surface deemed prudent by the standards of the Association, the track officials and the Chief Steward. The driver to be overtaken has the responsibility to be aware that they are being passed and shall not impede the overtaking race car in any manner that can be deemed unsafe. If any driver appears to be blocking and / or “pinching” another race competitor seeking to pass or gain an advantage on the racing surface, that driver shall be black flagged and/or penalized.

The racing competitor being overtaken shall not block or “pinch” the overtaking driver as conditionally defined as in the following:

- Any driver may deviate from their chosen racing line to protect their position one time and one time only. This alteration in driving line must be made in a safe and timely manner so not to deprive an overtaking driver of adequate space on the racing surface, require evasive turning or braking maneuver(s) by the overtaking driver or cause unsafe racing conditions. Any further deviation from this chosen line shall be considered blocking.
- Any abrupt changes in direction so as to impede or affect the path of a car attempting to pass after a driver has established a line to protect his or her position shall be considered blocking. Any deviation from the accepted driving line on the racing surface in a slow but deliberate “pinching” manner, requiring evasive turning or braking maneuver(s) by the overtaking driver, shall be considered a form of blocking.
- Any change in line, as an immediate reaction to a passing maneuver by an overtaking race car in close proximity, with the intent to impede, shall be considered blocking.
- In the event that a driver is in the process of overtaking another competitor while coming upon a yellow flag condition, the pass shall not be considered complete unless the overtaking driver has cleared the slower race car and re-entered the accepted driving line on the racing surface prior to reaching the first flag station showing the yellow flag. If this criterion has not been fulfilled in its entirety, the overtaking driver shall immediately drop back to his or her original position in the safest manner possible. The violation, under this definition, for not relinquishing the position shall be considered passing under a yellow flag condition and that driver shall be black flagged.
- Race cars in the rear of the field defined as back markers, having an affect on the complexion and / or the outcome of a race by impeding or racing the leader(s) while they attempt to safely overtake and lap the back maker(s) shall be considered a form of blocking. If you are being lapped, you are expected to allow the faster car (or cars) to pass easily. To this extent, you are expected by race officials, as well as the overtaking competitors, to maintain the accepted driving line and remain as predictable in your driving technique as possible, given the track conditions..