



From the desk of the President Vintage Auto Racing Association

**Subject : Black Flag Rule revisions**

As currently posted

B.9 FOUR OFF RULE Each driver/participant will be allowed one 4 off/or spin per session without a track penalty applied. This rule does not apply to any class of rookie or drivers with probationary status. First Incident – (after second 4 off/spin in same session or race) Participant must report to Black Flag immediately and will be directed into the paddock. Participant will not be allowed to continue in that session or race. Second Incident – (same day- after second 4 off/spin) Participant must report to black flag immediately. Participant will not be allowed to rejoin session and MUST see the chief steward before being allowed back on the track, and 5 points will be deducted. Third Incident - (Same event - after second 4 off/spin) Participant must report to Black Flag immediately. Participant must report to the chief steward and may be disqualified from the remainder of the event. Although 2 offs are not specifically penalized, multiple 2 offs may receive a furred black flag. As with any furred black flag notification, continued unacceptable behavior will result in a visit to Black Flag. On track spins and 4-offs are considered equal for purposes of this rule.

**2019 Revision J2**

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Second Incident Same Session– Participant must report to Black Flag immediately and may be directed into the paddock. Participant may not be allowed to continue in that session or race. **This rule does not apply to any class of rookie or drivers with probationary status as they need to self report after any 4 off or spin without exception**

Third Incident Same Session or Third Incident of the Event –Participant must report to black flag immediately. Participant will not be allowed to rejoin session and MUST see the Chief driving instructor or Chief Steward before being allowed back on the track



Fourth Incident Same Session or Fourth Incident of the Event - Participant must report to Black Flag immediately. Participant must report to the Chief driving instructor or Chief Steward and may be disqualified from the remainder of the event.

### **Contact Rule**

Drivers that have contact, solo or with other drivers &/or contact with track infrastructure, such as tire walls, cones, shall be required to report to the black flag station immediately but in no case later than 1 ½ laps of the violation.

Failure to report for contact will result in presenting a Black Flag to such offending driver. In such circumstance, the black flag shall be viewed as a second violation of the VARA rules and beyond the initial violation of contact.

All 2 off's , 4 off's or spins on track reported by track officials shall be reviewed and determination made by the Chief Steward as to whether to issue the black flag to a participant based on the officials report . Leaving the racing surface while taking evasive maneuvers to avoid contact, debris and surface condition or being pushed off the racing surface will be considered in the issuance of the black flag.

2 off's Drivers who repeatedly leave the racing surface with less than 4 wheels maybe be black flagged for rough or inconsistent driving. The Chief Steward may issue the black flag at his discretion and all drivers reporting as a result of the black flag are subject sanction as determined by the Chief Steward in accordance with the VARA rules.