



# ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 1:30PM ET



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# IMSA RESOURCES

## IMSA COMPETITOR LANDING PAGE:

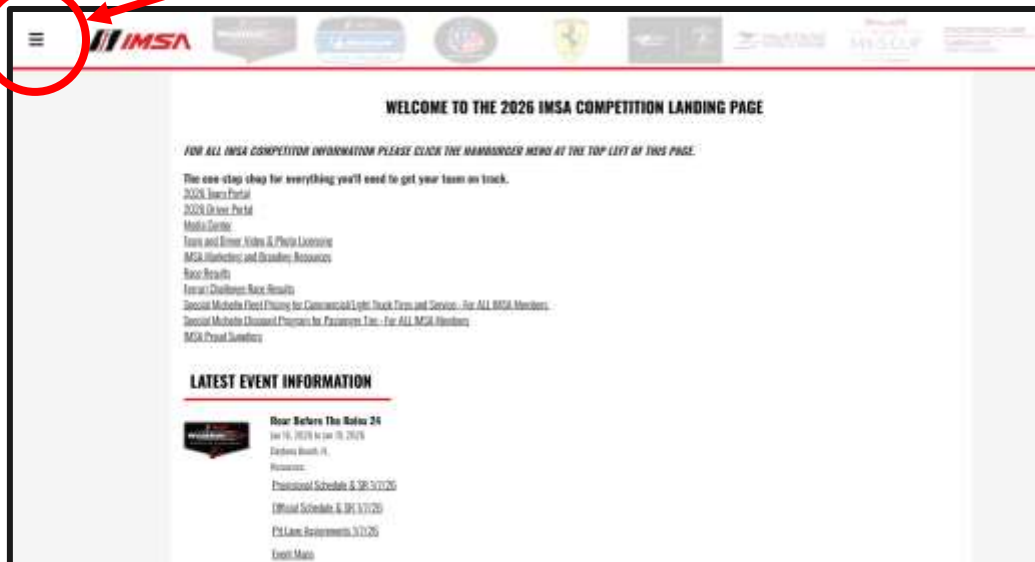
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- Team Portal
- Event Information
- Rules & Regulations
- Marketing & Branding Page
- All Event Schedules published

## IMSA NOTICE BOARD:

<http://results.imsa.com/>

- Driver & TM Briefings
- Entry Lists
- Minute by Minute
- Timing Results
- Penalties



# BRONZE ONLY SESSIONS – ROAR & ROLEX 24

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- Bronze Driver Only sessions are open to all classes and restricted to Bronze Drivers

## ROAR Event

- Sunday, January 18 from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.
- One (1) additional Set is available for use in the ROAR Bronze only session. Use of this set is restricted to this session only.

## ROLEX 24 EVENT

- Additional 15-minutes of Bronze only time added to the beginning of IWSC Practice #3.

Friday, January 23

11:05 am - 11:20 am Practice #3 - WeatherTech Championship (Bronze Driver Only)

11:20 am - 12:20 pm Practice #3 - WeatherTech Championship (All Classes)

# QUALIFYING & STARTING DRIVERS

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Reminder that Rolex 24 Qualifying is during the Rolex 24 Event.

**40.2.3 (SSR)** - Only one (1) Driver permitted to drive the Car during a qualifying segment. The Driver of the Car during the qualifying segment must start that Car in the Race or its assigned grid position and qualifying points are forfeit and the Car is moved to the back of the grid in its class (Art. 43.4).

**43.5. (SSR)** - Race Starting Driver. The Driver that qualifies the Car must start the Car in the Race. Requests to change starting Driver must be submitted in writing via MERG (Art. 13.2) to the Race Director no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posting time of the Official Starting Grid (Art. 43.7).

- See 43.5.1 – 43.5.4 for penalties



# PADDOCK OPERATIONS

- **20.3.2.** Driving of and/or riding on any vehicles (including Cars, golf carts, and pit vehicles) in the Paddock or facility deemed dangerous, erratic, of inappropriately excessive speed for the circumstances or established limits and/or in violation of the RULES is prohibited and subject to penalty.
  - A. Cars must only be driven/operated by an IMSA credentialed Driver or Crew Member. **Passengers and/or unsecured exterior materials prohibited.**



# PIT LANE DECORATION

**20.6.2** Any decoration (banners, tape, logos, etc.) on the pit wall or working surface must be removed at the conclusion of the Event or subject to penalty.

A. (SSR) Pit wall banners, securely fastened but cleanly removable, are permitted providing they do not exceed the assigned pit space and are subject to IMSA approval. **Teams must remove such banners and any tape or markings at the conclusion of the Event.**

B. (SSR) The IMSA Official Pit Box decals/markings on the pit wall define the limit of each pit box and must not be removed **or obstructed. It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure the IMSA markings are always visible.**

# HV SAFETY PROTOCOL

## DRIVER

- Do not touch the ground and Car at the same time
- Exit via door onto sidepod
- Stand on sidepod
- Jump away from Car and onto ground with one clear motion
- Do not touch Car





# IMPACT WARNING (BLUE) LIGHT

## COMPETITION BULLETIN, JANUARY 15:

31.4.1.B. (SSR) If the Car continues on track after the illumination of the Impact Warning (Blue) light: **At the direction of IMSA**, the Driver must report to the pit box without passing the pit entry more than one (1) time and be taken to the ICC. **Penalty: Stop plus 30 Seconds, added to the ICC requirement.** The Car may continue with a different Driver.

- Article 31.4 applies to all WeatherTech Championship classes.



# IMSA TRACK SERVICES

## IMSA CHASE VEHICLES

- Chase 1
- Chase 2
- Chase 3
- Chase 4

## ON-TRACK ASSISTANCE

- Communication with Track Services Medic
- Neutral and power shut off
- Follow direction of on-scene Track Services personnel
- Maintain a safe speed and distance when passing on-track incidents with Track Services team members present

Contact: Roy Spielmann 414.702.0905



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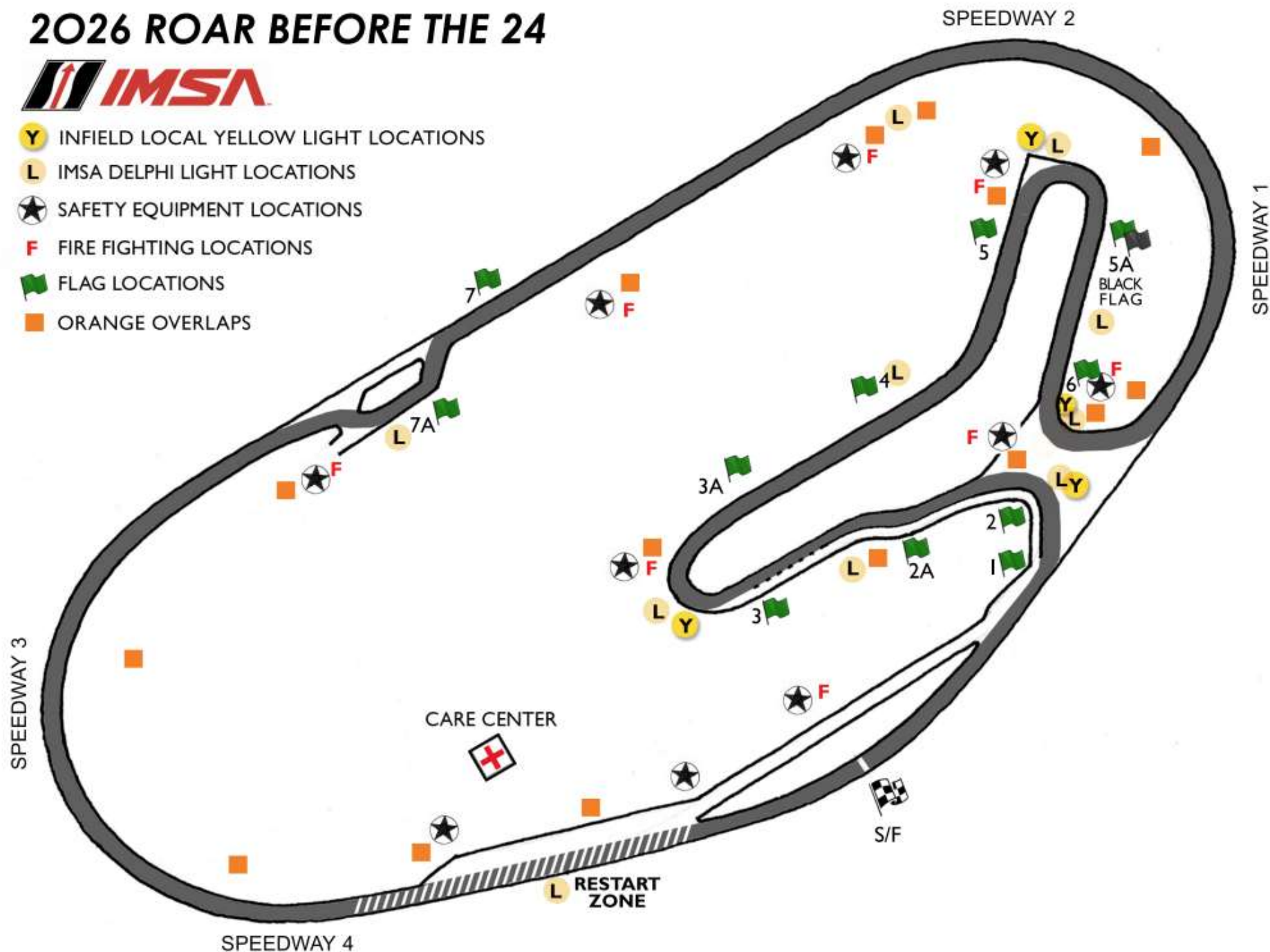


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# 2026 ROAR BEFORE THE 24



- Y** INFIELD LOCAL YELLOW LIGHT LOCATIONS
- L** IMSA DELPHI LIGHT LOCATIONS
- ★** SAFETY EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS
- F** FIRE FIGHTING LOCATIONS
- 🚩** FLAG LOCATIONS
- ORANGE OVERLAPS



# FALSE GRID

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- Traffic enters pit lane from the exit of the Yellow Garages at Pit-In (Gate 132).
  - GTP cars will false grid adjacent to their assigned garage
  - LMP2 and GT3 cars will false grid nearest to the IWSC transporters.
- Cars must exit pit lane through Gate 132 or the Rolex chute.
- Competitors are not permitted to drive cars from blue garage to yellow garage.
- Competitors may proceed from the Rolex chute behind the wall to the yellow garage.



# PIT EXIT LIGHT (OPEN) & PENALTY BOX





# PIT EXIT LIGHT (CLOSED) & PENALTY BOX

- Pit exit is closed on the announcement of red flags during Practice and Qualifying Sessions
- During the Race, under Full Course Yellow, the pit exit will be closed when the Safety Car is on track opposite of pit box #51
- This is ten (10) boxes prior to pit-out



# PIT EXIT

- Cars exiting the pits must remain left to enter the Pit Exit Chute
- Merge with on-track traffic between Turns 2 and 3.
- Pit Lane Speed Limit.



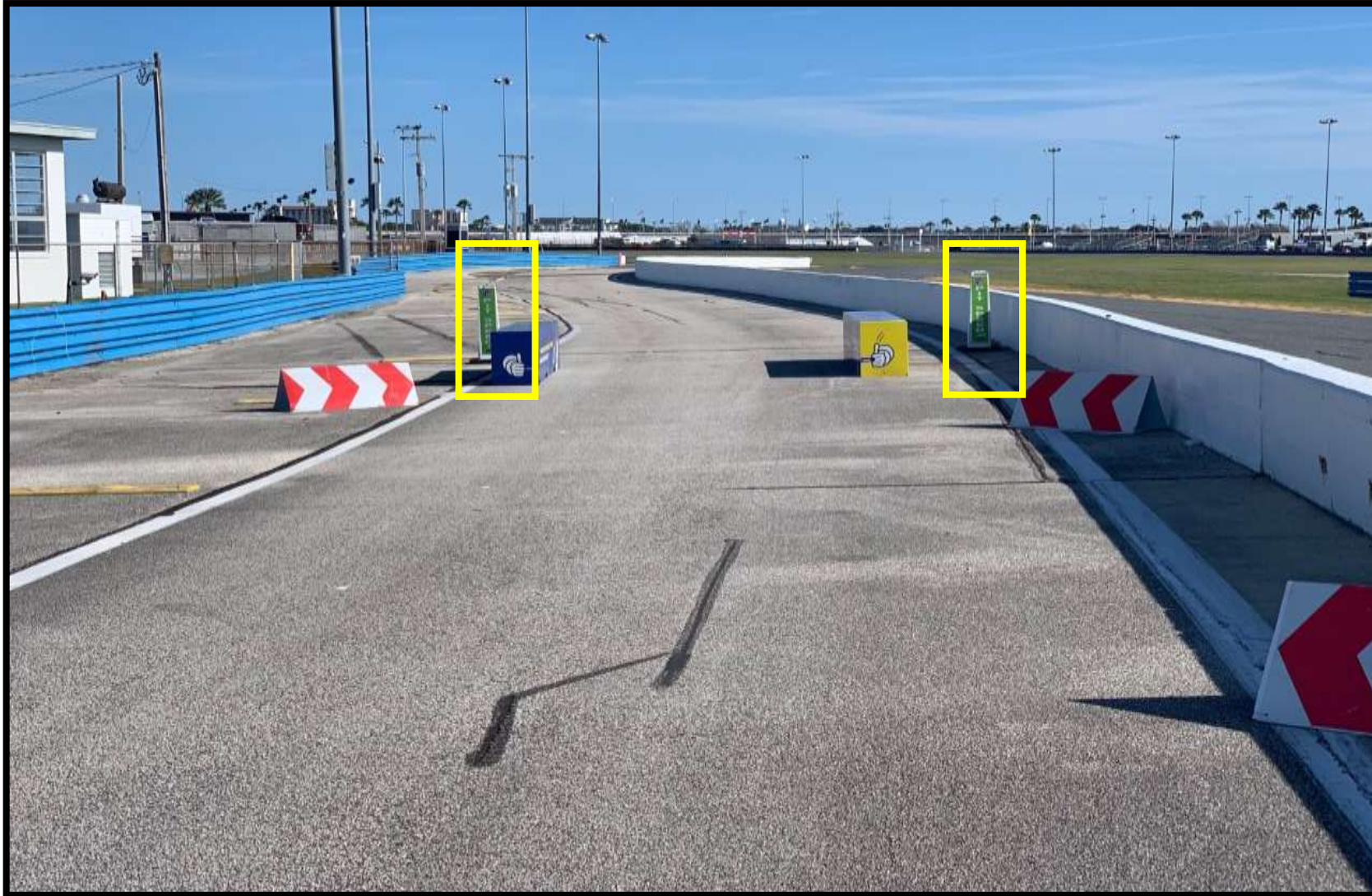


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# PIT SPEED ENDS / RFID READERS





# PIT EXIT MERGE

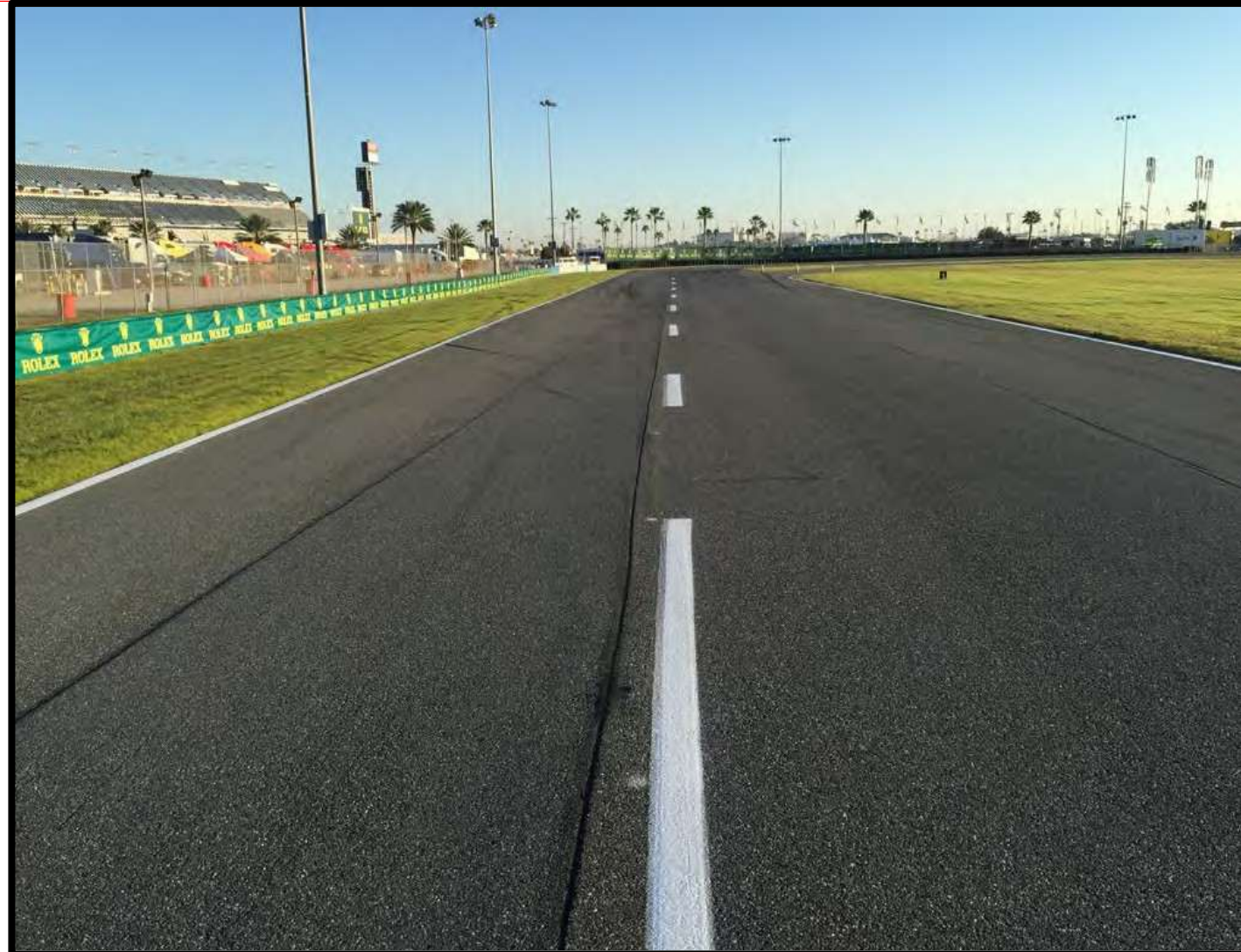
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# ORANGE OVERLAPS

- Overlaps are marked throughout the Circuit and indicated on the Official Track Map. Competitors with disabled Cars on track are requested to stop at those whenever unable to continue to the pits.
- Always go left



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# TURN ONE RUNOFF

- Re-enter safely at Turn 2
- Short cut to Turn 6
  - Must re-enter safely
  - Lap does not count



# TURN 3 LOCAL LIGHT





# TURN 5 LOCAL LIGHT



# TURN 6

- There is no flagging station to display a Green Flag following Local Yellow Conditions at Turn 6. The end of the yellow zone is after the incident.





# SPEEDWAY TRAFFIC

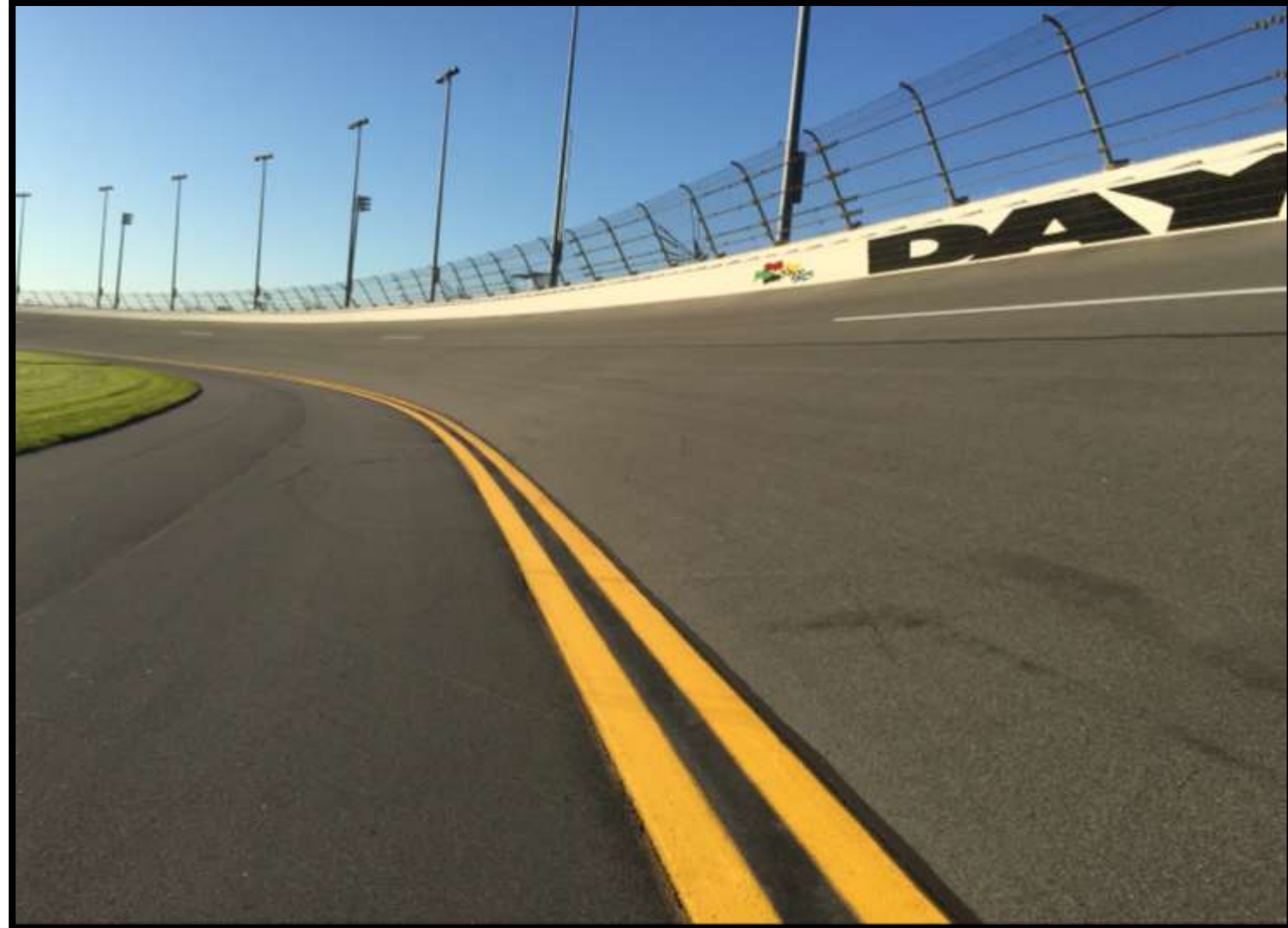
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- Slower cars stay left

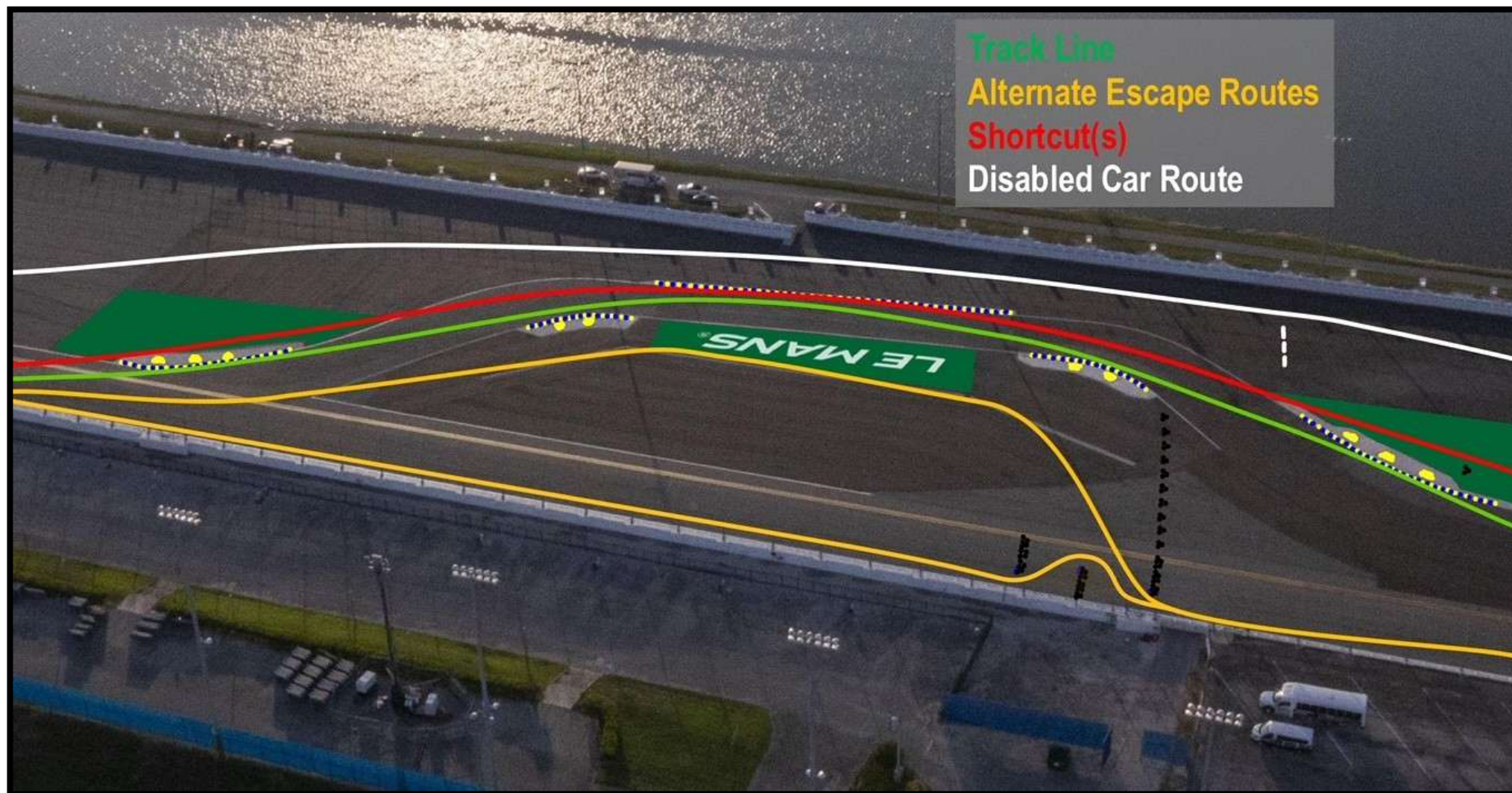
## TOP LANE

- Quicker cars (passing) stay right

## TRANSITION



# TURN 7





# TURN 7 RUNOFF





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# TURN 7 FLAGGING

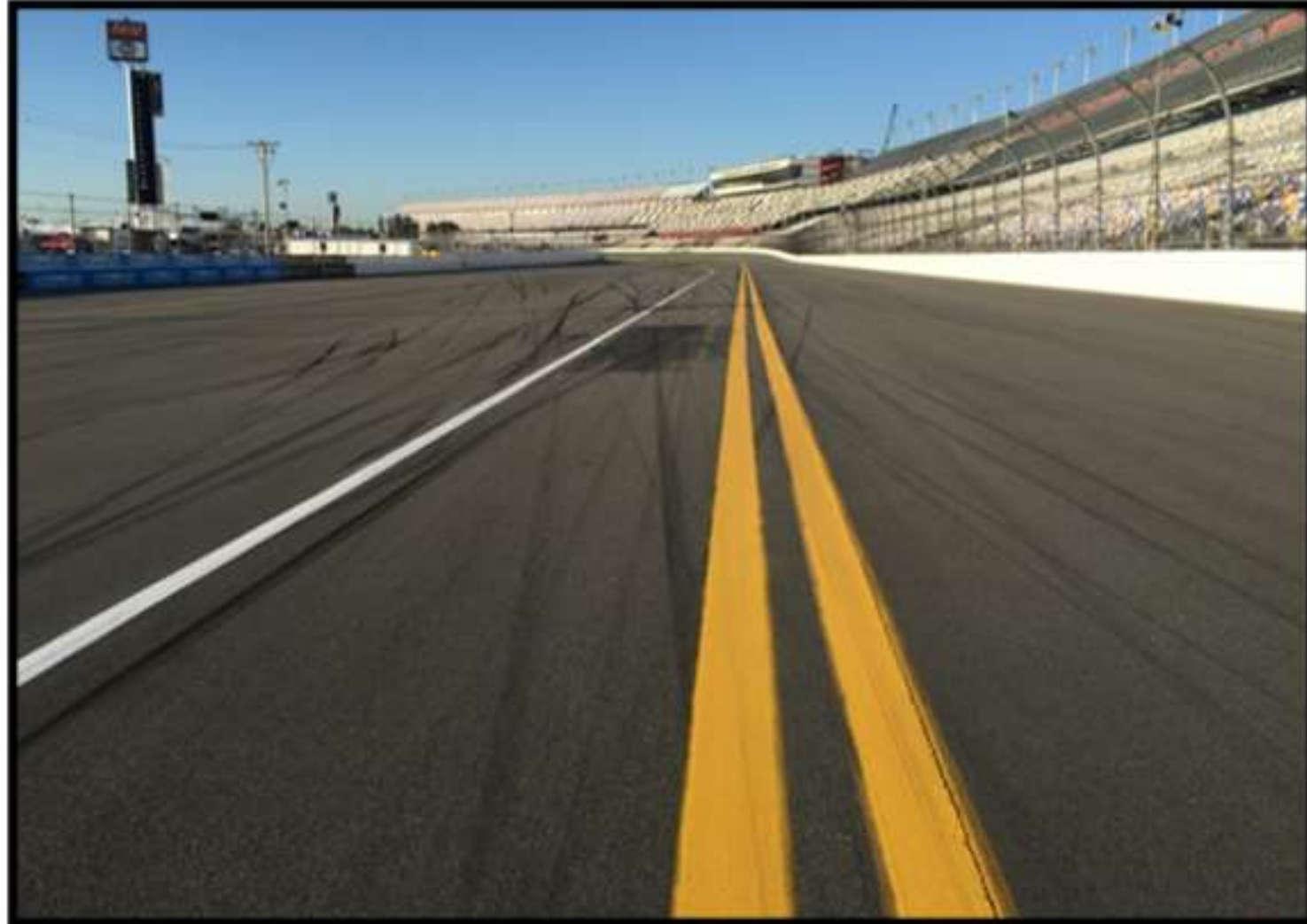
- There is no flagging station to display a Green Flag following Local Yellow Conditions at Turn 7. The end of the yellow zone is after the incident.





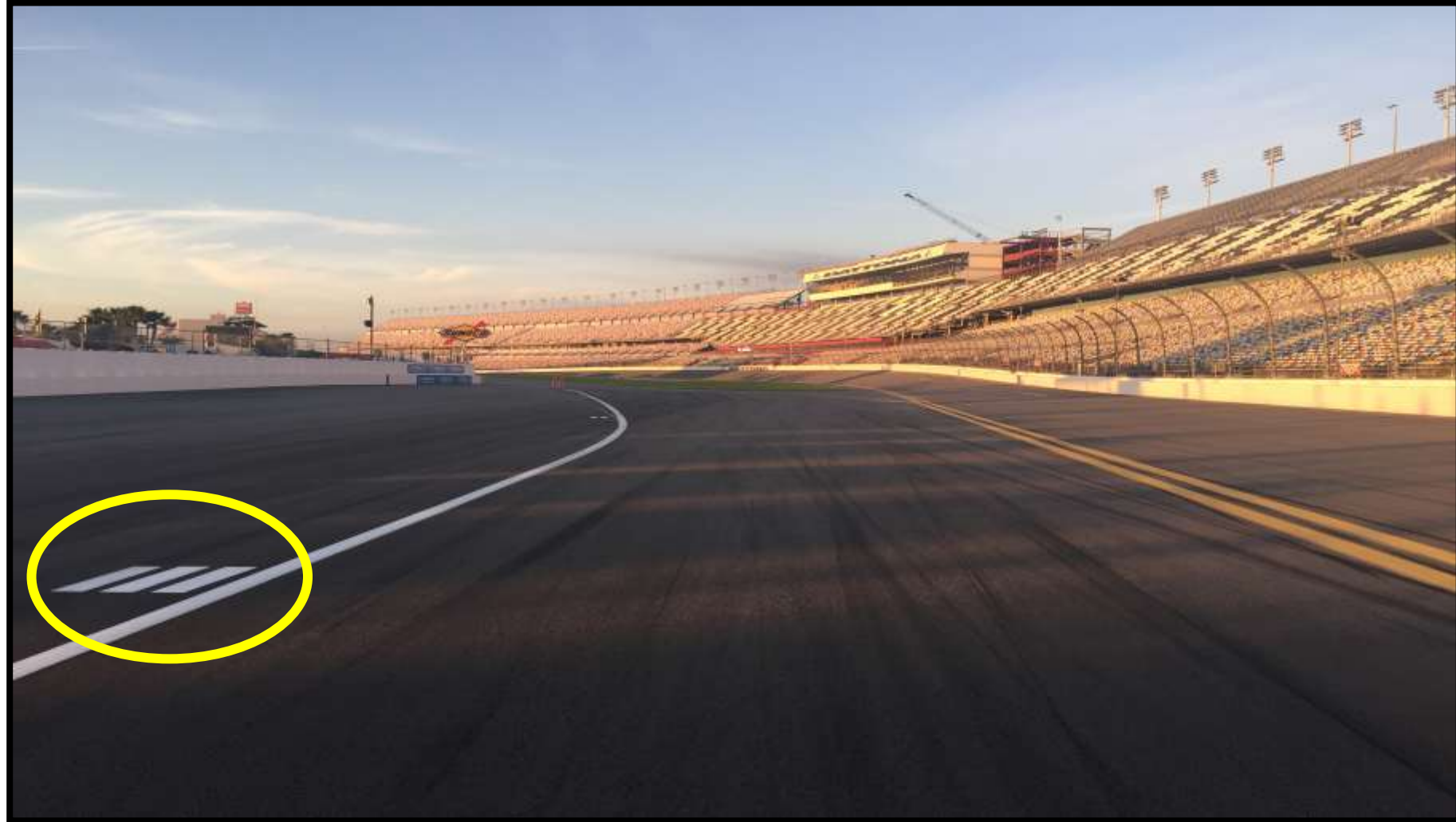
# PIT ENTRY

- Decelerate left of the double solid lines whenever entering the pits.
- Cars unable to maintain speed are permitted and encouraged to drive below this line.



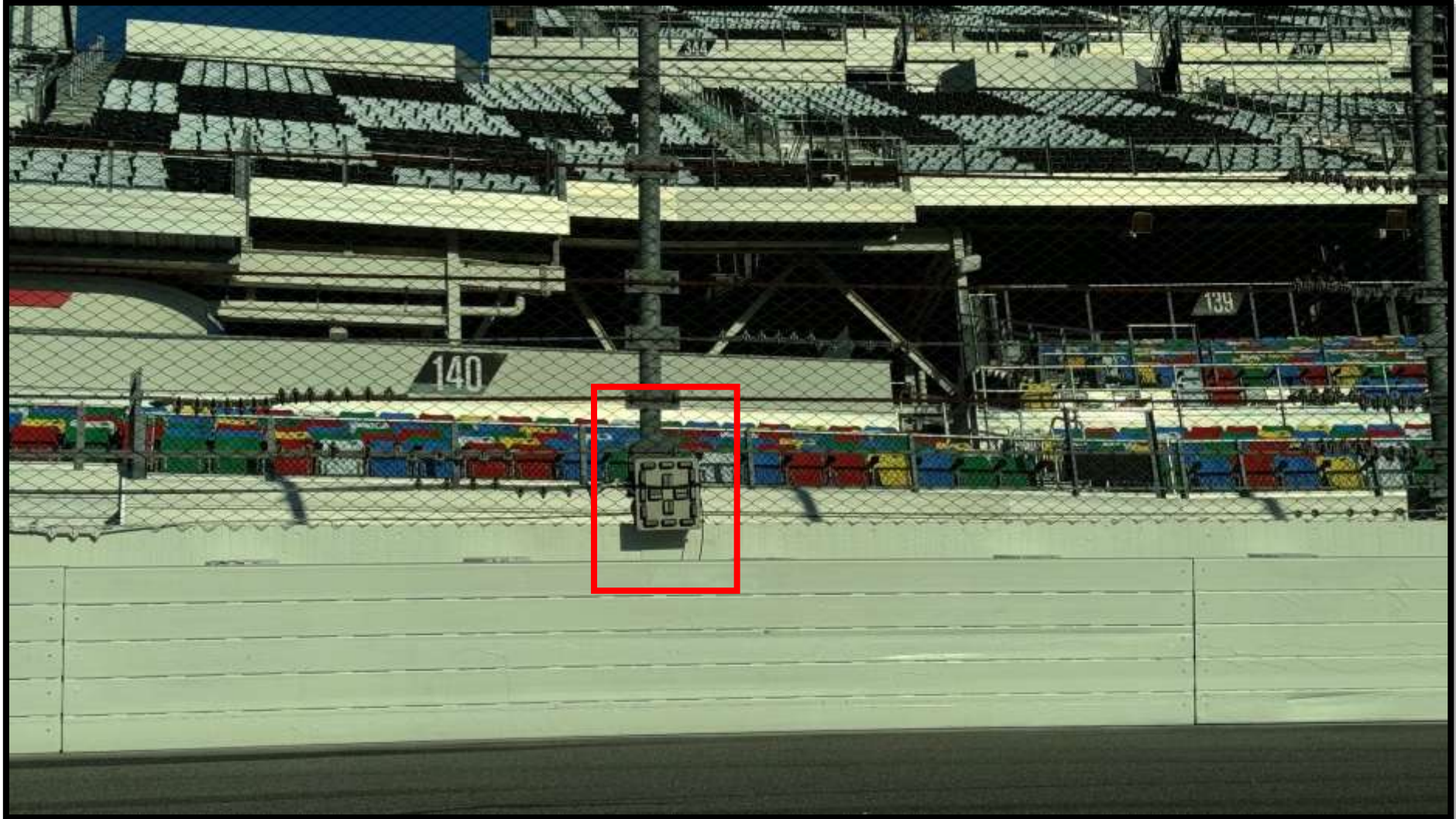
# PIT COMMIT

- Cars that are 4 wheels left of the solid double yellow lines AND are up to the 3 hash marks on the left are considered to be committed to the pits as it pertains to Full Course Yellows.





# PIT CLOSED REPEATER



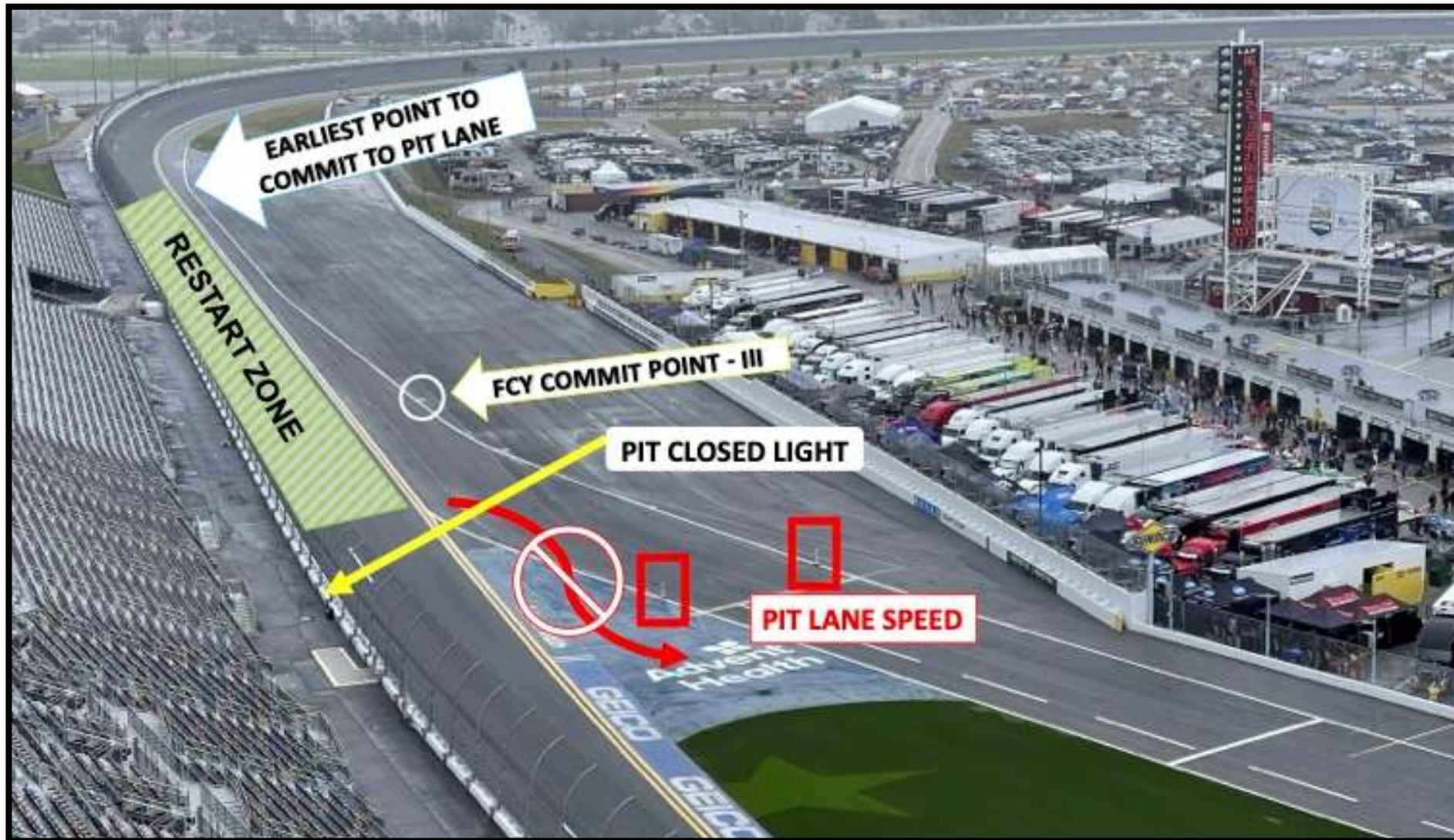


# PIT COMMIT – FULL COURSE YELLOW

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- Cars in the queue behind the Safety Car may commit to the pits once they have passed the grass at the exit of Speedway Turn 4.
- Cars properly to the left of the solid, double yellow lines that separate the Speedway from the Pit Entry may then overtake other Cars remaining in the queue, but not the Safety Car.
- Cars that commit to the pits after this point must fall into the pit commitment queue behind already properly committed Cars.
- Cars that “uncommit” to the pits must fall to the back of the queue of those Cars still behind the Safety Car.

# PIT COMMIT





# PIT LANE SPEED LIMIT START





# PIT LANE PROTOCOL



# PIT LANE PROTOCOL AND ORDER

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- Passing is permitted (under green flag conditions) until pit lane speed begins
- Pit Lane protocol begins at the speed limit pylons
- First five pitboxes
- Last five pitboxes
- Once the Pit Exit Closed Light is illuminated red and a queue begins to form:
  - Cars remaining in their pitboxes where there are Cars already in the queue are permitted to exit their pitbox and must hold without passing Cars already in the queue.
  - The timing of this exit/hold is considered for pit exit order

# RACE START

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- **Two (2) Formation laps**
- **Safety Car(s) enter track**
- **Split Start – Prototype and GT (Two Safety Cars)**
- **Pack up first time by / Pair up exiting Bus Stop second time**
- **Stay with Safety Cars**
- **Safety Cars enter pits**
- **Acceleration point**
  - Polesitters to maintain pace of the Safety Car to acceleration point
- **Column Passing and Lane Changes are prohibited prior to the start line**
- **Jump/False start Reviews**
  - Gaps
  - Timed/Early Acceleration
  - Out of Line
  - Column Passing



# FULL COURSE YELLOW (STANDARD)

- **Pits Closed**
- **Full Course Yellow (FCY lights and double yellow flags)**
- **Overall Leader – Safety Car speed**
- **Safety Car dispatched from Turn 3 to Overall Leader**
- **Pass-Around**
- **Pits Open (Prototype)**
- **Pits Open (GT)**
- **Final Wave-By**
- **Category Split**
- **Class Split**
  - Class split complete when Safety Car lights are extinguished and Competitor exits Turn 7
- **Restart**
- **Emergency Service Cars must D-T (no guarantee of yellow)**
  - Emergency Service Fuel Cars must fuel at first opportunity
  - Failure to perform emergency service drive-through: Stop plus 10 seconds
  - More than emergency service taken: Stop plus 60 seconds
- **Standard FCY not in effect during final 30 minutes of a Race**

# FULL COURSE YELLOW (SHORT)

- Any FCY within 30 minutes of start OR within 15 minutes of any restart from a standard FCY, OR DURING final 30 minutes of a Race
  - **Pits Closed**
  - **Full Course Yellow (FCY lights and double yellow flags)**
  - **Overall Leader – Safety Car speed**
  - **Safety Car dispatched from Turn 3 to Overall Leader**
  - **Pass-Around**
  - **Pits remain closed**
  - **No Final Wave-By**
  - **Category Split**
  - **Class Split**
    - Class split complete when Safety Car lights are extinguished and Competitor exits Turn 7
  - **Pits open after all Cars pass Pit-In, coming to the restart**
  - **Restart**
  - **Emergency Service Cars must D-T**
    - Emergency Service Fuel Cars must fuel at first opportunity
    - Failure to perform emergency service drive through: Stop plus 10 seconds
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# ON TRACK

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- **RESTARTS**
- **LOCAL YELLOWS**
- **BLOCKING / DEFENDING INCREASE RESPONSIBILITY**
  - Proactive vs. Reactive
- **CONTACT**
  - Responsibility
  - Class Racing
  - Multi-Class incidents
    - Brake Zones \*\*\*\*\*
- **COEXISTENCE**
  - Awareness
  - Coexist



# RACE CONTROL

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- **COMMUNICATION**

- Radio Communications
- Race Control Notification System (RCNS)/Instant Messenger
  - Race Control
  - Timing & Scoring
  - Technical Department

- **REVIEW PROCESS**

- Data
- Video
- All incidents are reviewed for the purpose of apportioning individual responsibility that may result in penalties. Race how you expect to be raced and acknowledge that there may be new competitors. Best of luck and make it a great start to the 2026 season!

# REMINDERS

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- **Emergency Service**
  - Dry Type Tires to Wet Type Tires Permitted
- **Pit Lane Equipment without Crew Member**
- **Pit Lane Team Rep as Manufacturer's Rep**
  - Inform Pit Staff
  - Identification
- **Pairing Up for Race Starts**
- **Pass-Arounds, Final Wave-Bys and Class Splits are two-phase procedures.**
  - Prepare
  - Commence
- **Multi-Class Racing**
  - Performance Differences
  - Downforce
  - Straight-Line Speed
  - Surprises
  - Interactions
  - Remain Predictable
- **Driver "Bandwidth"**

# REMINDERS

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**Red Flag Penalty**

**Incident Responsibility**

**Blocking**

**Place Holder**

**Pit Closed Light**

**Night Practice**

**New Driver Briefing**

**Wednesday 1:45**



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