



## **Competitor Information 2008-03**

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### **ROLEX 24 2008 Safety Car Procedure**

During the Rolex 24 event weekend, the following procedure will be used for all full course caution periods during the Fresh From Florida 200 and the Rolex 24 races.

A full course yellow situation will be known to all drivers by the simultaneous display of double yellow flags and flashing yellow lights in the infield portion of the course, the display of all of the flashing yellow caution lights and strobes on the oval banking, and the activation of the in- car Delphi caution light in each car. At this point racing must stop, the pit entrance is closed to all cars and no overtaking is allowed anywhere on course. All cars must fall into a single line and catch up to the PACE CAR once it is dispatched. Extra caution must be shown by all drivers at the incident location which has caused the full course yellow; slower speeds and respect for course crews responding to the incident is required at all times. Failure to do so will result in time penalties under the green flag. Near race speed may be maintained on other areas of the track in order to catch up to the PACE CAR.

The PACE CAR is dispatched from turn three and will be inserted in front of the overall leader. A slow pace will be used on this out lap to ensure the field is collected up behind the PACE CAR prior to it passing the pit entrance for the first time. If during the out lap, because of traffic, the PACE CAR is inserted in front of other cars just ahead of the race leader, it will wave those cars by until the leader is directly behind the PACE CAR. The PACE CAR will lead the field around to pit in. On the first pass past the designated pit in point, only the top class cars (Daytona Prototype/GS) may choose to pit. All others must stay in line behind the PACE CAR. This is the completion of the first lap behind the PACE CAR. When the PACE CAR and this group of cars on track passes the designated pit in point for the second time, only the second class of cars (GT/ST) may pit. By this time the first group to pit will have completed their stops and departed pit lane. The PACE CAR will continue at a reduced pace and complete the third lap of full course yellow with these cars catching up to it.

At the start of the third full course yellow lap, a wave-by to regain the overall race leader at that time will occur. Teams should anticipate a green flag at the S/F line at the conclusion of the third yellow lap. Information on this from race control will be provided over the race control radio network. On the third (or more) pass by the designated pit in point, any car from any class may pit.



Normal pit exit closure procedure will be used- Once the PACE CAR has crossed the S/F line on course, all cars still in the pits will be held until there is a reasonable gap in the on- course line or until the end of the line.

Any car not following the pit procedure correctly and entering at the wrong time, may either pass entirely through pit lane at pit lane speed (45mph) and rejoin at the end of the line on course with no penalty, or if stopping in their pit, will be assessed a stop and go plus 20 second penalty, in their pit box, upon the resumption of green flag racing.

Any car failing to maintain the proper pace on course and/or manipulating the gaps in line behind the PACE CAR will be assessed a stop and go plus time penalty under green flag conditions.

On the restart all cars must maintain a single file line and may not overtake or begin an overtaking maneuver until their car has crossed the S/F line. Cars on course not in line behind the PACE CAR and not yet passed the exit of NASCAR oval turn 2 may begin racing on course when the track caution lights, flags and Delphi in car caution lights are withdrawn or extinguished.

A car with obvious damage or problems preventing it from maintaining the proper on-course pace must pit immediately and will not be penalized.