

If there is no amber, green or red light on the Christmas Tree after the vehicle has moved, the racer will be deemed to not having accepted the start, and will be disqualified.

If both competitors leave the start line with no amber, green or red light appearing on the Christmas Tree both competitors will be disqualified.

A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for driver / rider to stage, with that determination being at the sole and absolute discretion of The Starter. Failure to stage upon The Starter's instructions is possible grounds for disqualification. If a competitor has failed to stage within twenty (20) seconds for Group 3 and Group 4, or seven (7) seconds for Group 1 and Group 2 of their opponent being permitted to do so, then that competitor may be adjudged to be "sandbagging", and The Starter may initiate the starting sequence, at their discretion.

Where a venue utilises the auto-start system the staging timer is only activated where one competitor is in Full Stage and the other in pre-Stage.

In all cases, any vehicle that has not completely staged will be disqualified, and no further penalty shall be exacted.

Once vehicle is in the hands of The Starter (refer Definitions, "In the Hands of The Starter"), if the engine stops the vehicle will be disqualified from racing unless it can be restarted without outside assistance. The use of remote starters to restart a vehicle that has stalled is not permitted **however this may vary for some classes at NDRC events, refer to the NDRC's Supplementary Regulations.**

Permitted staging is by visual observation of track equipment. The application or use of devices such as cameras or light sensitive monitors and/or reactors that permits the driver / rider to gauge the position of the vehicle in relation to the start line, or that independently initiates the start is prohibited.

The use of one mirror to aid the driver in staging is permitted, mirror must be permanently mounted and made from a material that is not likely to shatter or become a projectile in the event of an accident.

All staging must be carried out in a forward direction, reverse staging will result in disqualification. Vehicles may be reversed completely out of pre-Stage or Full Stage and re-staged. Deep Staging in Group 4 competition is prohibited and will result in disqualification. Where available, track equipment should employ the use of the automatic disqualification "blue light" feature to detect Deep Staging in Group 4 competition.

Following the burnout procedure, it is prohibited for any crew member to place their foot in the staging beam, this action can independently initiate the start.

During the staging process, only the vehicle wheel / tyre can bring on the pre-Stage lights for staging purposes. Following the burnout procedure by both vehicles, and once one vehicle is pre-Stage, no person/s in either lane can contact the staging beams, this will result in the run being disallowed in Qualifying and disqualification during Eliminations.

Any person contacting any part of a vehicle or driver / rider while the vehicle is in Full Stage (both pre-Stage and Full Stage lights on for your lane) is not permitted. This will result in the run being disallowed in Qualifying and disqualification during Eliminations.

All staging must be carried out under the vehicles engine power with engine running and must be capable of driving into stage without assistance. Motorcycle riders are permitted to stage by using their feet provided motorcycle is capable of staging under vehicles engine power.

Iterative staging devices (such as the Bump Box) which enable a car to move a pre-set distance are permitted in Groups 2, 3 and 4 competition only.

The Meeting Director is responsible for determining the outcome of a dual infraction. However, their decision is open to appeal to the ANDRA Stewards, whose decision is final.

Infractions are listed in order of severity from top to bottom.

Examples of grounds for disqualification, suspension or expulsion are below.

1. Failure to observe safe working practices in the Paddock Area.
2. Failure to ensure the breather / oil tank on a Supercharged vehicle is drained prior to a run.
3. Failure to report to Staging.
4. Excessive speed or burnouts in other than allowed areas or failure to observe burnout limits.
5. Sandbagging or delaying a run.
6. Breach of the Junior Dragster Eliminator / Junior Drag Bike Eliminator class limit during eliminations (racing / competition).
7. Crossing or touching of the centreline or boundary line of the racing surface other than intentionally leaving the surface to avoid depositing debris (in all instances the run must be aborted and no ET or speed will be recorded). Crossing the centreline during a burnout or during braking after the finish line is not an automatic disqualification, unless such action is deemed by the relevant Officials to be careless or hazardous to the vehicle in the opposite lane. Parachutes will not be considered a boundary infraction once the vehicle has crossed the finish line. Lane boundary crossing rules do not apply on solo runs, although the run must be aborted. Where a competitor removes the finish line timing block, the Elapsed Time in the other lane will not be recorded if that competitor is second across the finish line.
8. Failure to voluntarily reduce speed or stop in the event of a vehicle not handling properly.
9. In cases where a component of a vehicle becomes detached during an Elimination run, and in the opinion of the Officials endangers any other person, the driver / rider will be disqualified. During Qualifying, the run will be disallowed. Mandatory items that are designed to detach from the vehicle in an emergency (for example Funny Car body burst panel) will not be subject to disqualification.
10. Depositing foreign matter onto the race track surface or staging lanes.
11. Foul start.
12. Failure to fire up at appointed time.
13. Once vehicle is in the hands of The Starter (refer Definitions, "In the Hands of The Starter"), if the engine stops the vehicle will be disqualified from racing unless it can be restarted without outside assistance. The use of remote starters to restart a vehicle that has stalled is not permitted however this may vary for some classes at NDRC events, refer to the NDRC's Supplementary Regulations.
14. Deep Staging (Group 4 only), or reverse staging in any category.
15. Failure to comply with rules or directions of authorised persons.
16. Making a false statement relating to vehicle compliance under the Extended Scrutineering Programme.
17. Unsportsmanlike conduct, improper language or conduct detrimental to the sport.
18. Any infractions specifically listed as grounds for disqualification in other sections of the ANDRA rulebook.

4.17.4 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS / MOBILE PHONES / CAMERAS

Electronic / voice communication between the driver / rider and any person outside the vehicle is not permitted in Group 3 or Group 4. This includes mobile phones, which must not be within the car or on the person (within clothing) when racing, and therefore must not be used by the racer between the end of the staging lanes (before In The Hands of The Starter) and the return road.

Communication devices added to a helmet should be approved as part of the original helmet certification. Any subsequent additions or modifications to facilitate communication may invalidate the helmet certification.

4.17.5 SELF STARTING

Once a pair of vehicles is considered to be in the hands of The Starter, any attempt to re-start a stalled vehicle using outside assistance is expressly forbidden. Once a vehicle is in the hands of The Starter (refer Definitions, "In the Hands of The Starter"), if the engine stops the vehicle will be disqualified from racing unless it can be restarted without outside assistance. The use of remote starters to restart a vehicle that has stalled is not permitted **however this may vary for some classes at NDRC events, refer to the NDRC's Supplementary Regulations**. Tow starts, push starts, or the use of rollers are not permitted. All remote starting devices must be fitted with guards over chain / gear drives and electrical connections, to prevent contact with limbs or clothing.

Vehicles required to be self-starting may utilise an on board starter or remote starter, unless prohibited in Class Regulations. Where remote starters are used, removal of panels for access is not permitted.

4.17.6 WARM-UP PROCEDURE

Any time the engine of a vehicle is started, whether in the pits, staging lanes, or elsewhere, a competent driver / rider must be at the controls. When the drive wheels of a vehicle are raised and the engine is running, the vehicle must be adequately supported by jack stands. This does not apply to motorcycles where a suitable work stand is used. Refer Pit Activities, Jacks and Axle Stands.

4.18 PIT ACTIVITIES

4.18.1 ELECTRICAL CABLES - PADDOCK

Power leads must be inspected and tagged in line with local requirements as a minimum and may not be run across roadways.

4.18.2 JACKS AND AXLE STANDS

No work may be done under any car during any event while the car is supported by a jack only. Additional devices such as jack / axle stands must be used. Failure to observe this rule is grounds for instant disqualification. The onus to ensure that this requirement is met, and all associated responsibilities, lies with the relevant competitor.

4.18.3 LIFTING DEVICES

Any device used for raising a vehicle's drive wheel/s off the racing surface whilst in the hands of The Starter is prohibited, except Top Fuel Motorcycle. Engines may not be started while driving wheels are raised and not supported by adequate jack stands. Competitors in Junior Dragster Eliminator and Motorcycle classes may have one of their crew move the rear wheel/s sideways to align the vehicle appropriately prior to staging.