



*DRIVERS' BRIEFING  
PAUL RICARD 2026*





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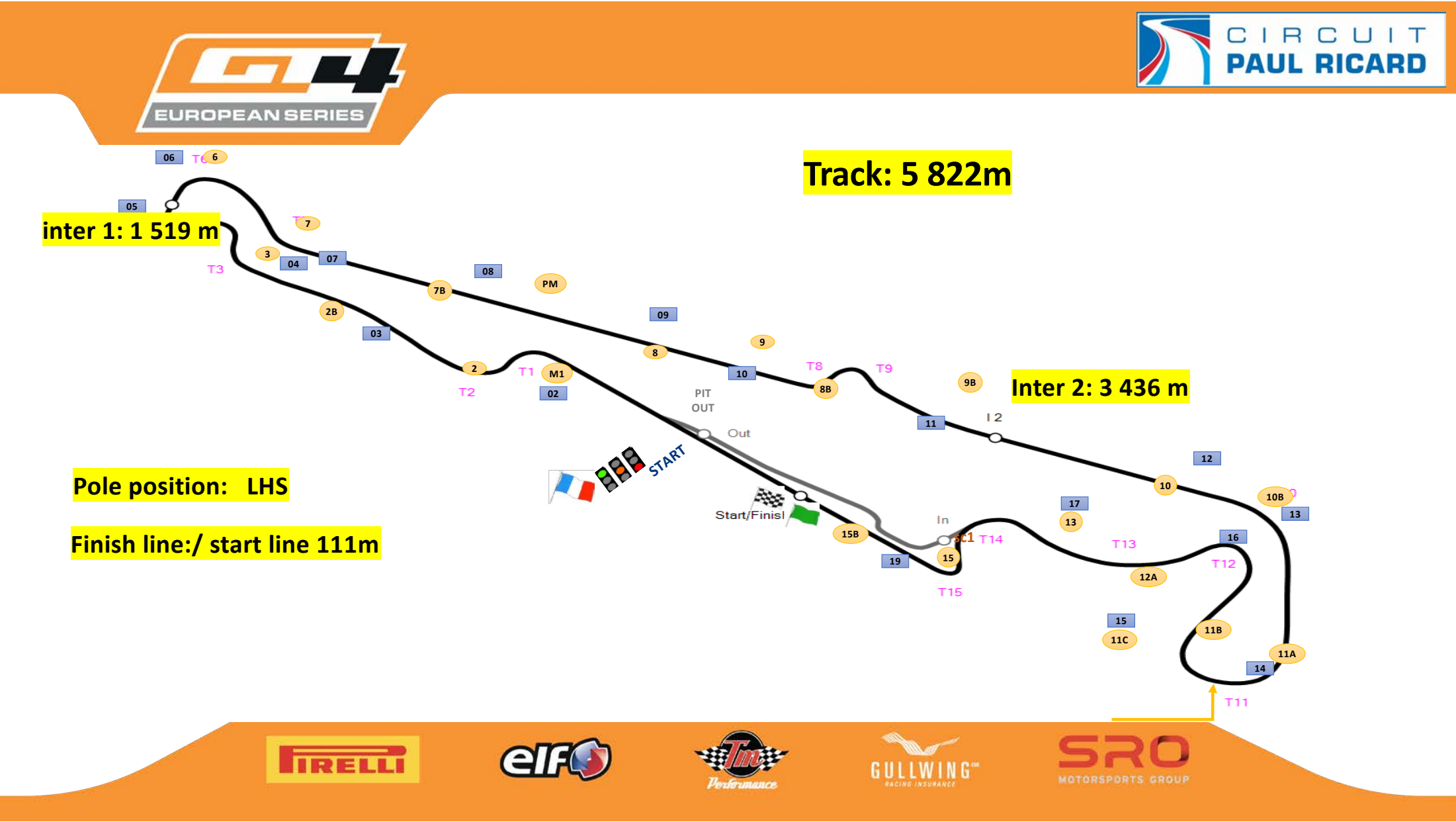
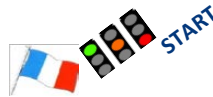
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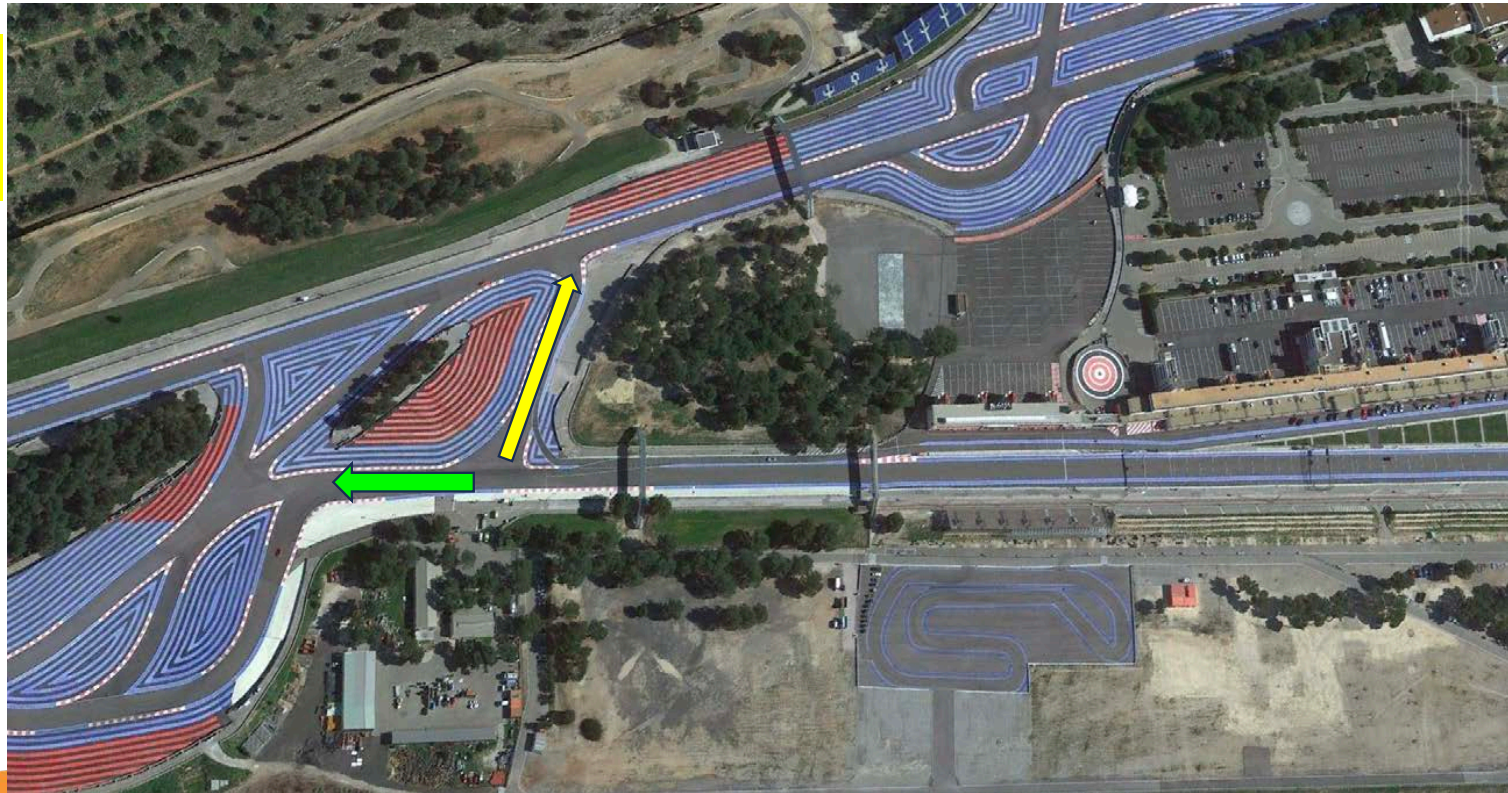


## CARS FROM PADDOCK 2 TO THE PITS OR GRID

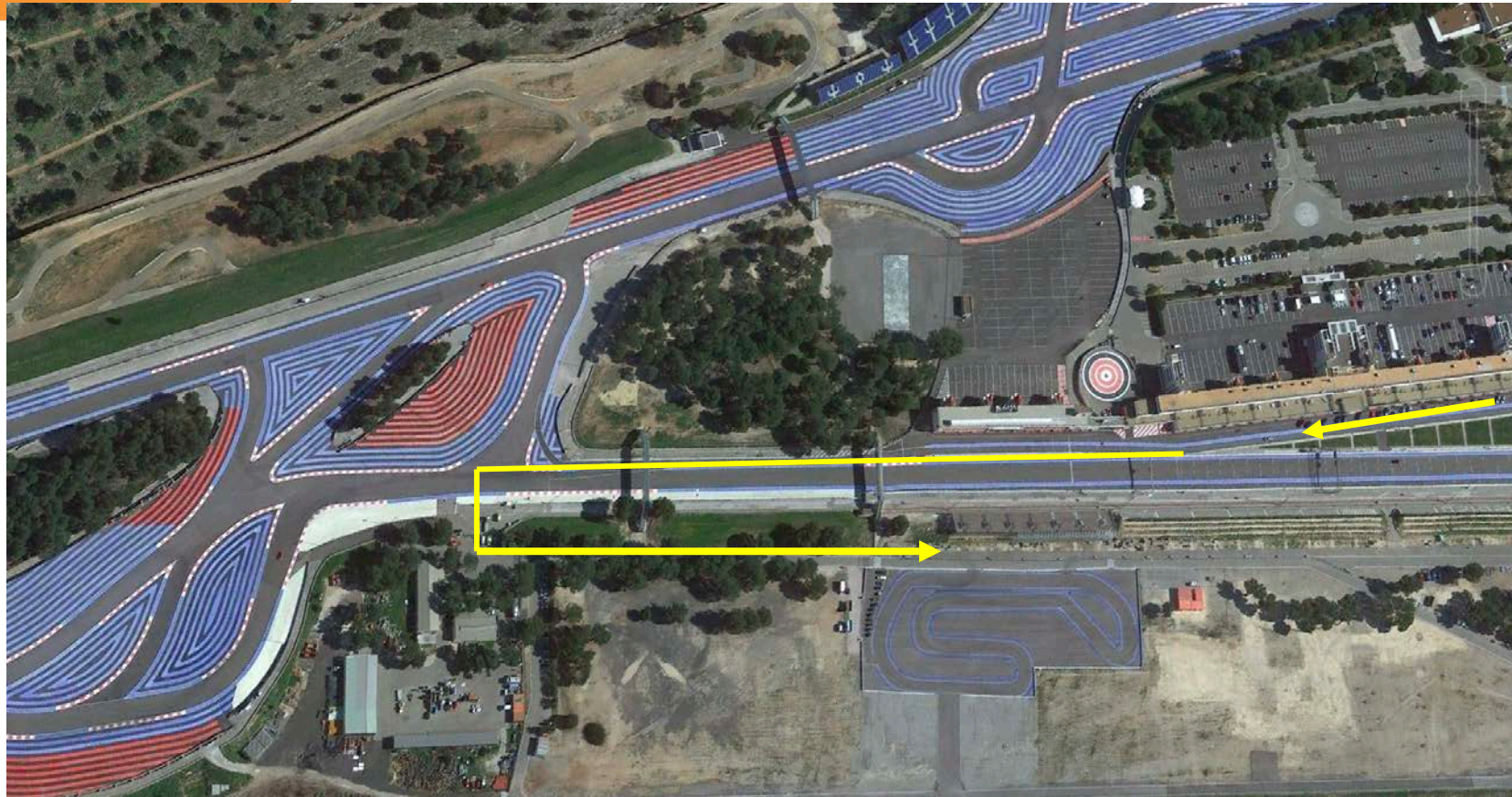
FOR PRACTICES AND  
QUALIFYING BY THE  
SHORT CUT TO THE PITS

FOR THE RACES TURN  
LEFT FOR ONE FULL LAP  
TO THE GRID

TRAVEL TYRES ARE  
NOT ALLOWED



## CARS RETURN TO THE PADDOCK



### CAR FROM PADDOCK 1

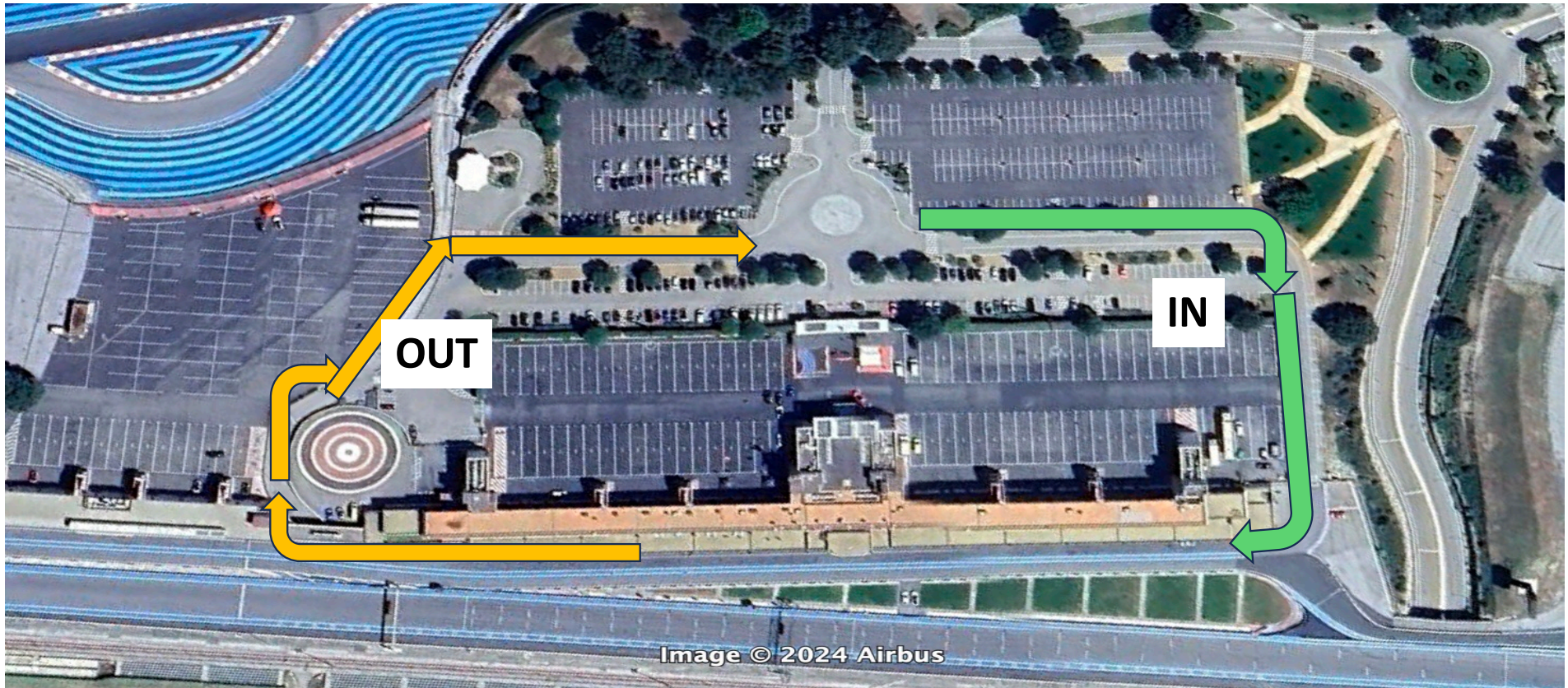
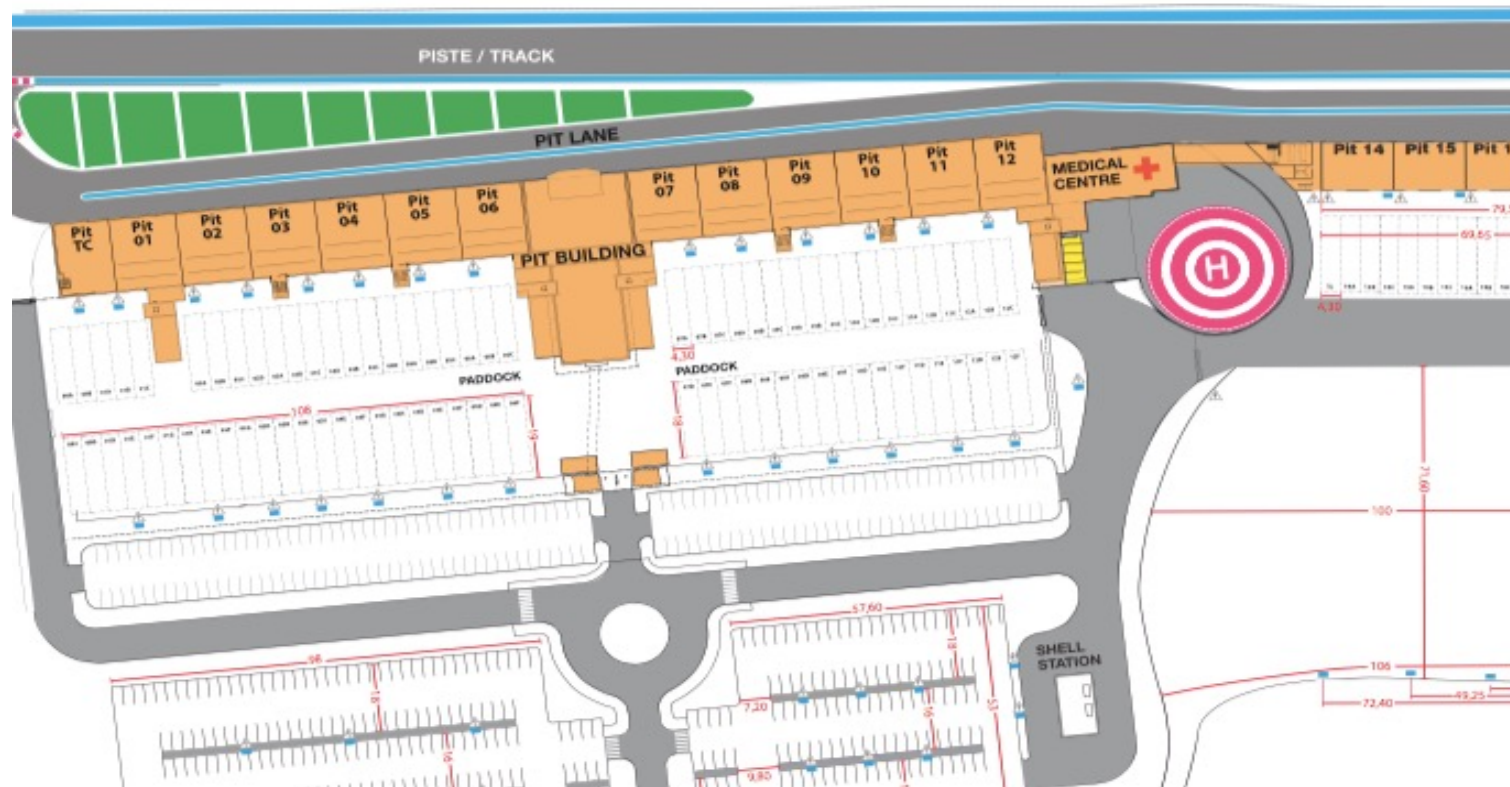


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MEDICAL CENTRE

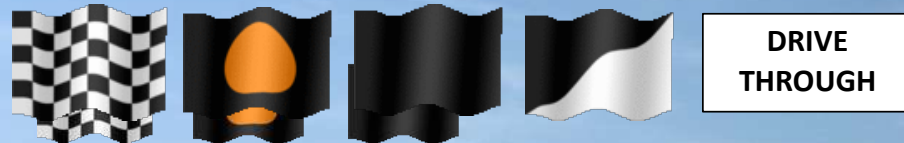




## CONTROL & FINISH LINE and RED FLAG LINE

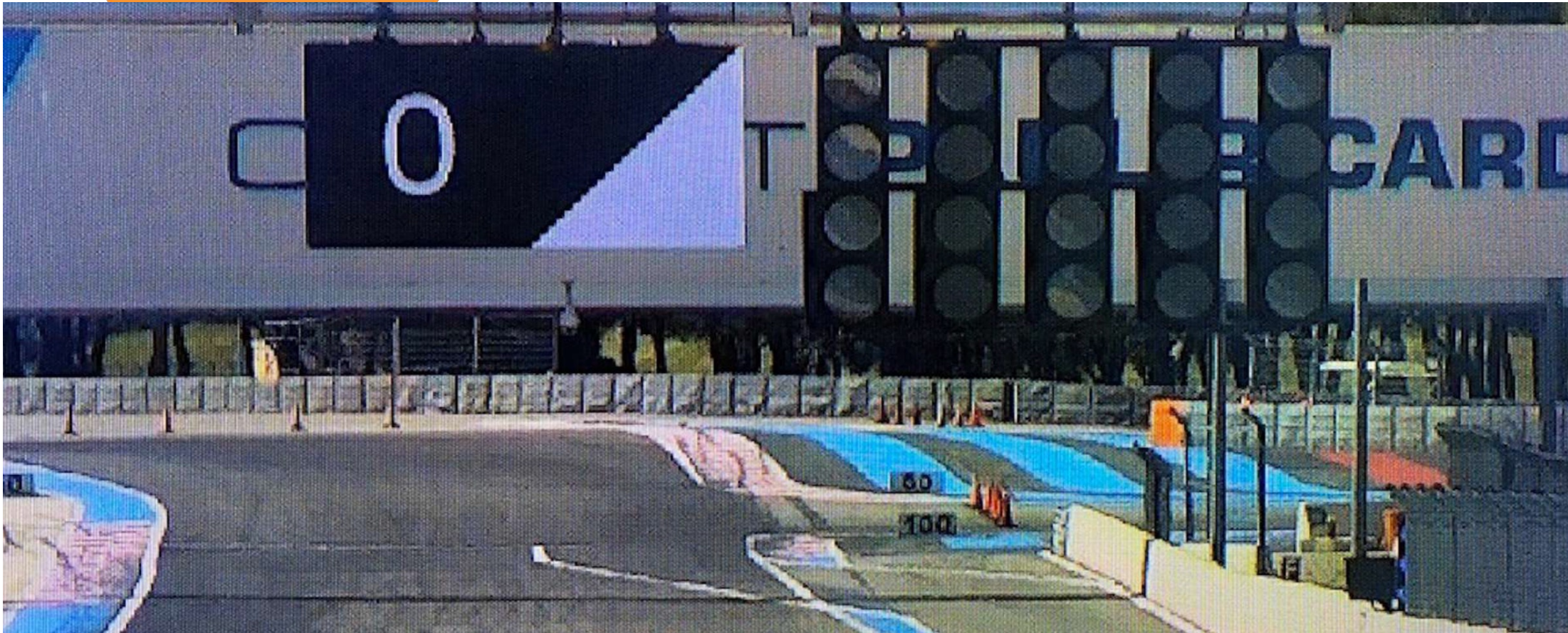


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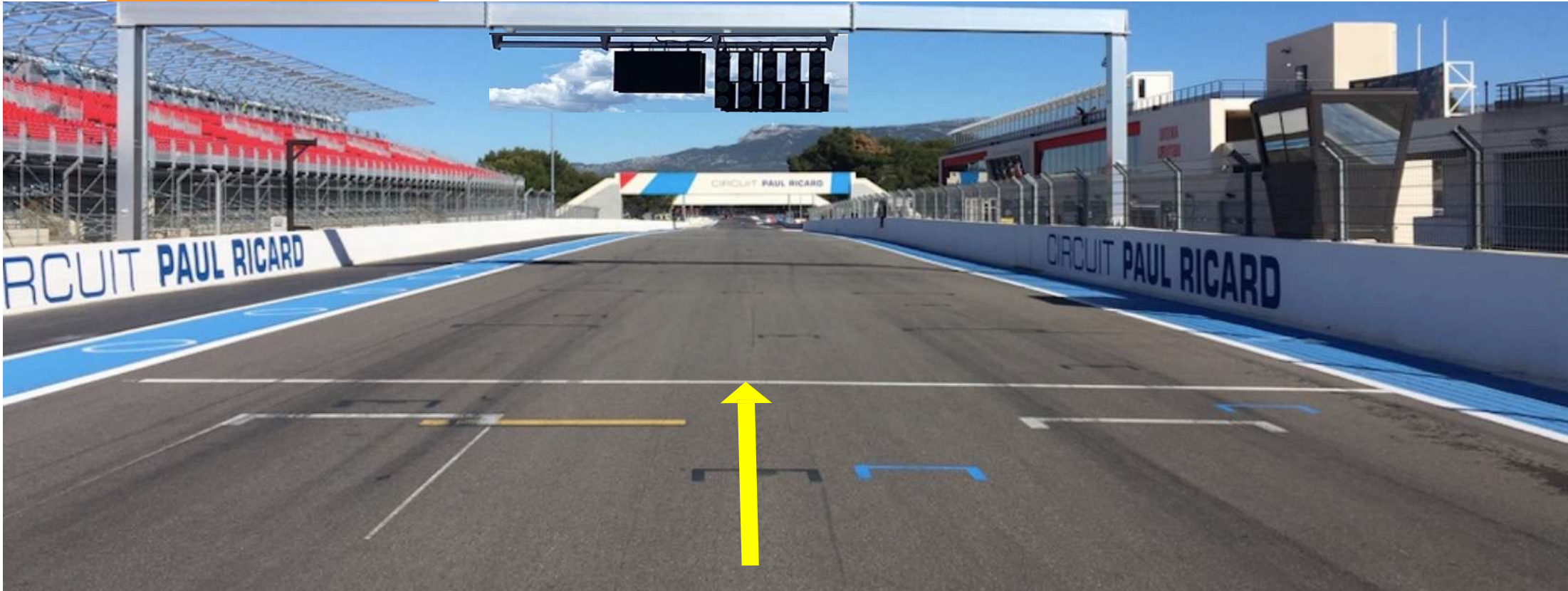


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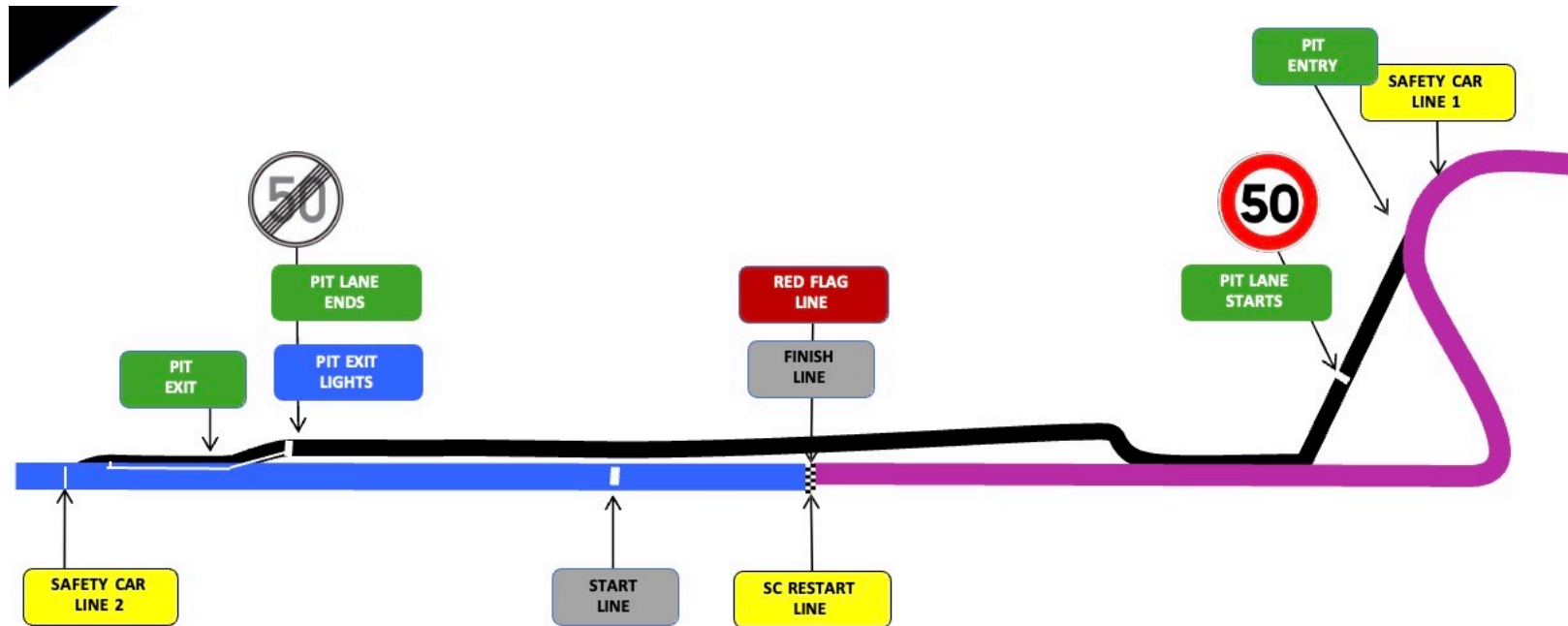




START LINE



# PIT LANE



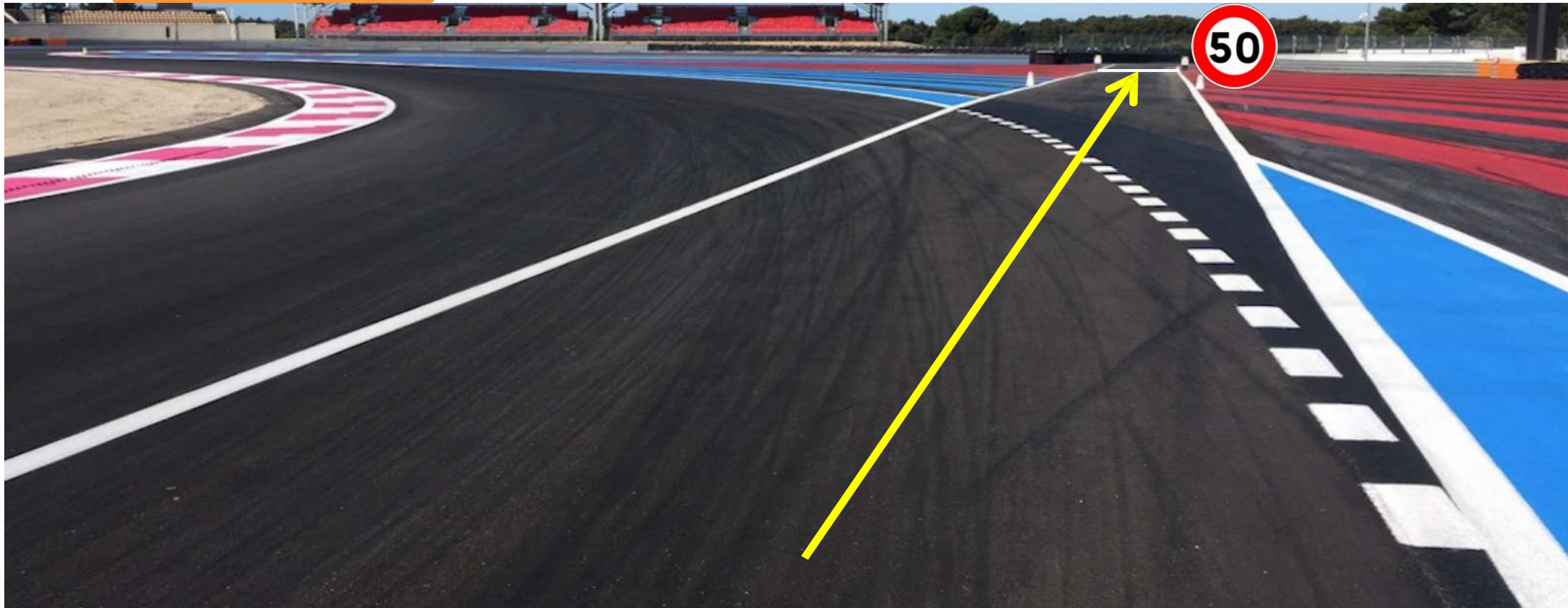
# PIT ENTRY

SC line 1



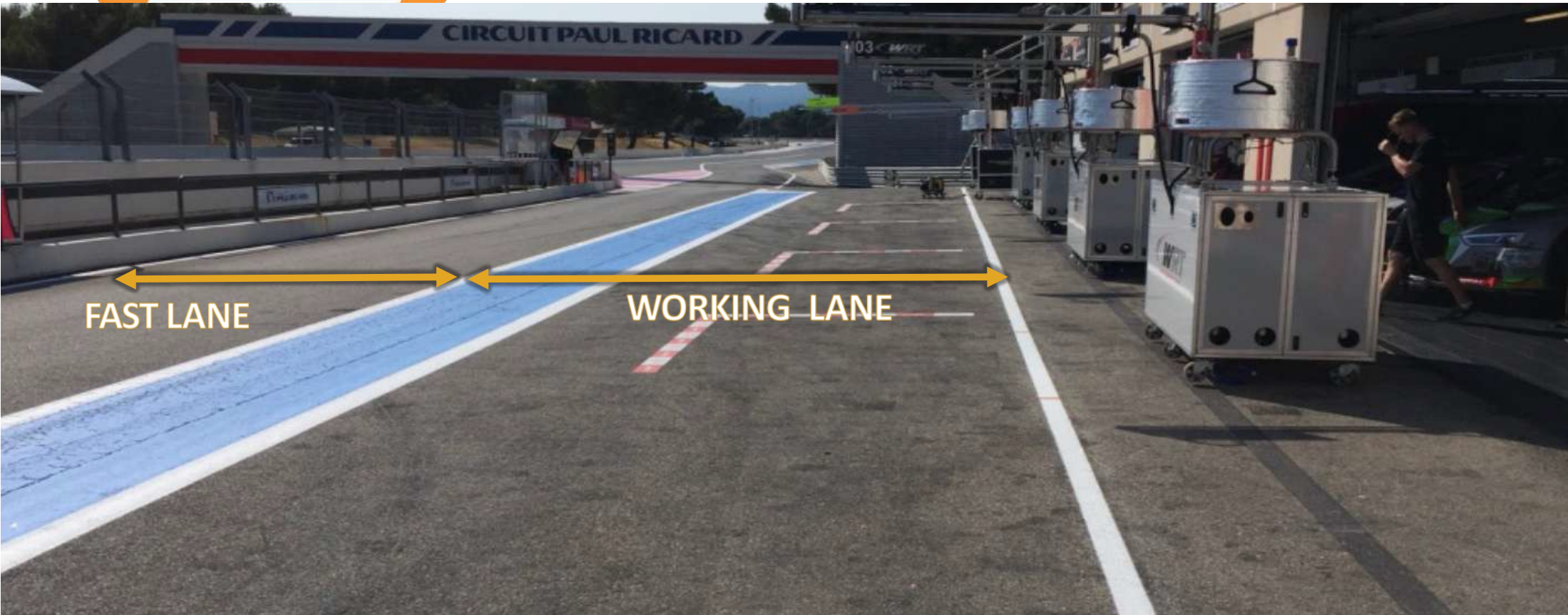


## SPEED LIMIT STARTS





PIT LANE





START OF ALL SESSIONS 45°

FAST LANE

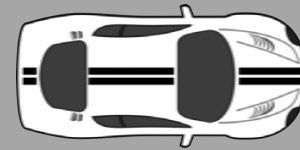
WORKING LANE

GARAGES



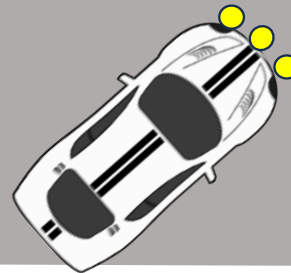


## PRACTICES - PIT STOP and RACE





NO NOSE IN





In accordance with Article 41.7.d) and due to the number of cars entered in the Event, the following procedure will be adopted

Qualifying 1 for Race 1 and Qualifying 2 for Race 2.

There will be two qualifying practice sessions (Q1& Q2) divided into two periods of 10 minutes (Q1A/B, Q2A/B) in accordance with the official timetable for the Event.

Q1A will be for Driver 1 from cars entered in **Silver only**

Q1B will be for Driver 1 from cars entered in **Pro-Am and AM only**

Q2A will be for Driver 2 from cars entered in **Silver only**

Q2B will be for Driver 2 from cars entered in **Pro-Am and AM only**

The end of Q1A / Q2A will be signalled by a Chequered Flag (from the signalling post and on timing screens) and all cars in Q1A must complete no more than one 'In' lap before returning to their box.

For Q1B / Q2B the Race Director will notify (radio and/or timing screens) 'Fast Lane Open' and will also notify the release cars to the track from the pit lane for the commencement of Q1B/ Q2B.

Each Qualifying Session is defined as starting from the green flag for the start of the first period (Q1A), until the end of the final period (Q2B).



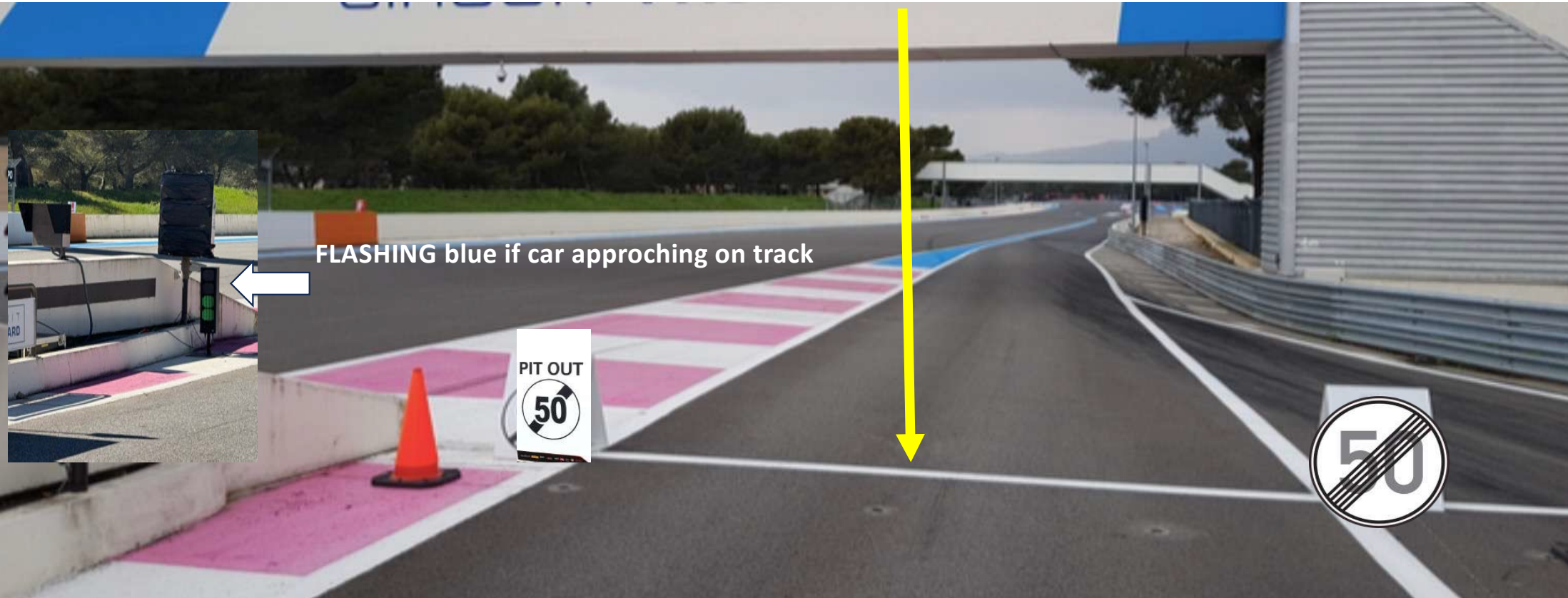


## mandatory pit stop times

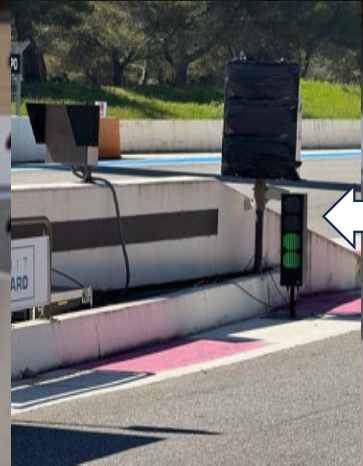
- *Pit window between 25 minutes and 34 minutes 59.99 seconds*
  - *Castellet Pitlane delta time = 38 seconds*
- *Minimum driver change time = Pitlane delta + 50 seconds = **88 seconds***
- *Tyre change (x4) Dry to Wet (or vice versa) = 120 + 38 = **158 seconds***
- *Tyre change during mandatory pit stop = **158 seconds***
  - *1 second tolerance which may be used once during the event*
- **Don't forget to change the ID transponder IN THE PIT LANE BEFORE LEAVING IT.**
- *Cars are to leave when ready to race.*
- *Respect the pit lane speed limit, 50 Km/Hr. NO slowing or stopping*



# PIT EXIT SPEED LIMIT LINE AND TIME OUT LOOP



FLASHING blue if car approaching on track



# FLASHING WHEN A CAR IS LEAVING THE PIT LANE







## PIT EXIT WHITE LINE







START

Track: 5 822m

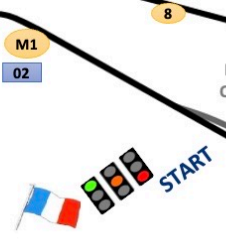
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NO WEAVING

Pole position: LHS

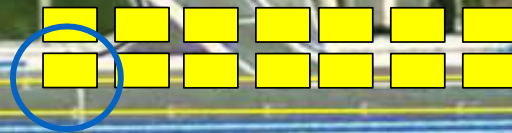
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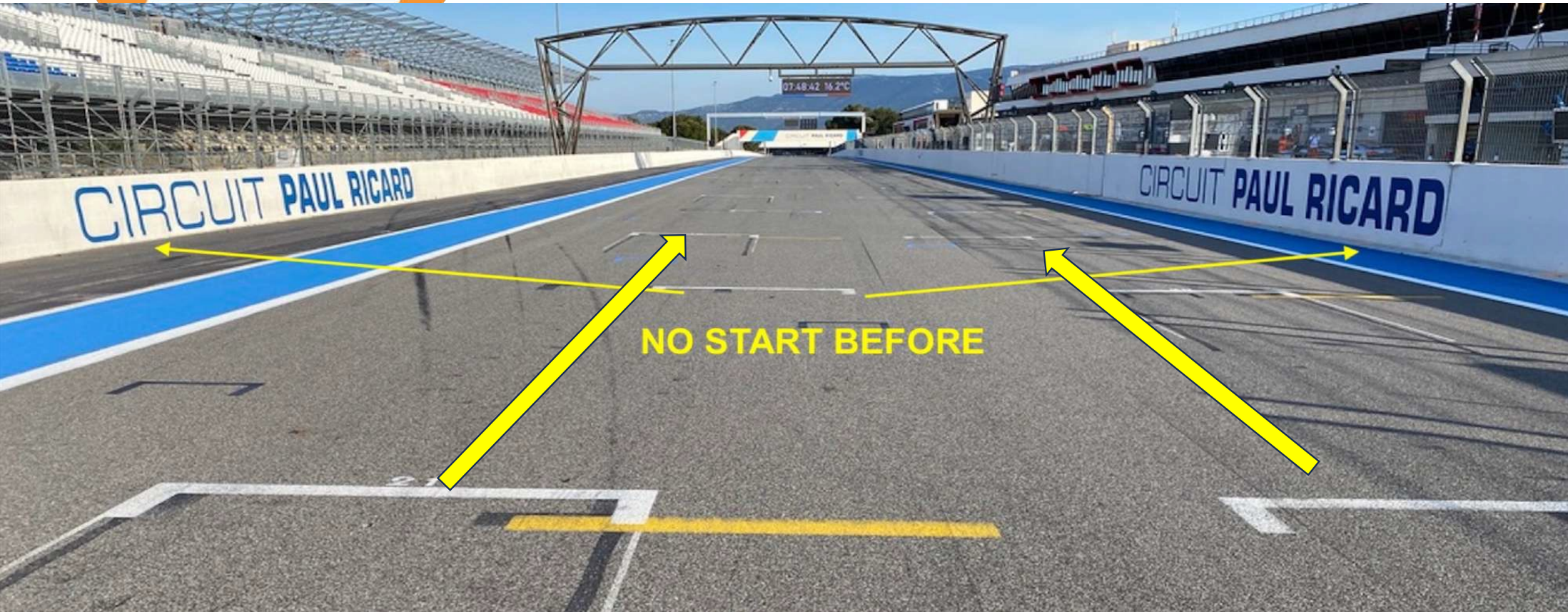
Rolling start formation



Leading car slow to 50 Km/H and enter pit lane – Exit last turn the pole man increases slowly the speed to 110 Km/H  
Two parallel lines of cars until the start is given



START



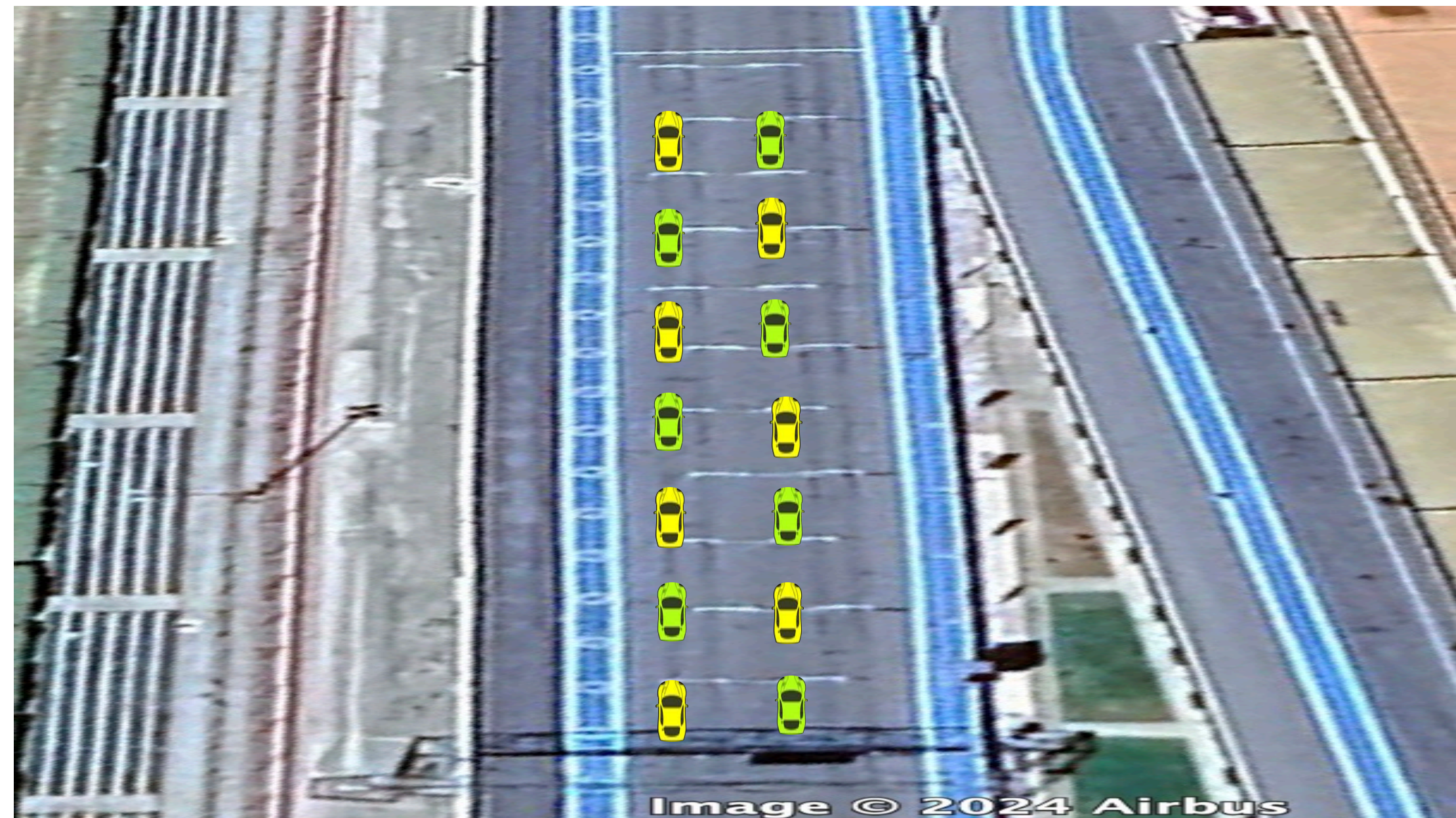


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# EXTRA FORMATION LAP



**Red lights remains ON**  
**Yellow flag @ all MP**  
**New Formation Lap**  
**Pole man - tempo**

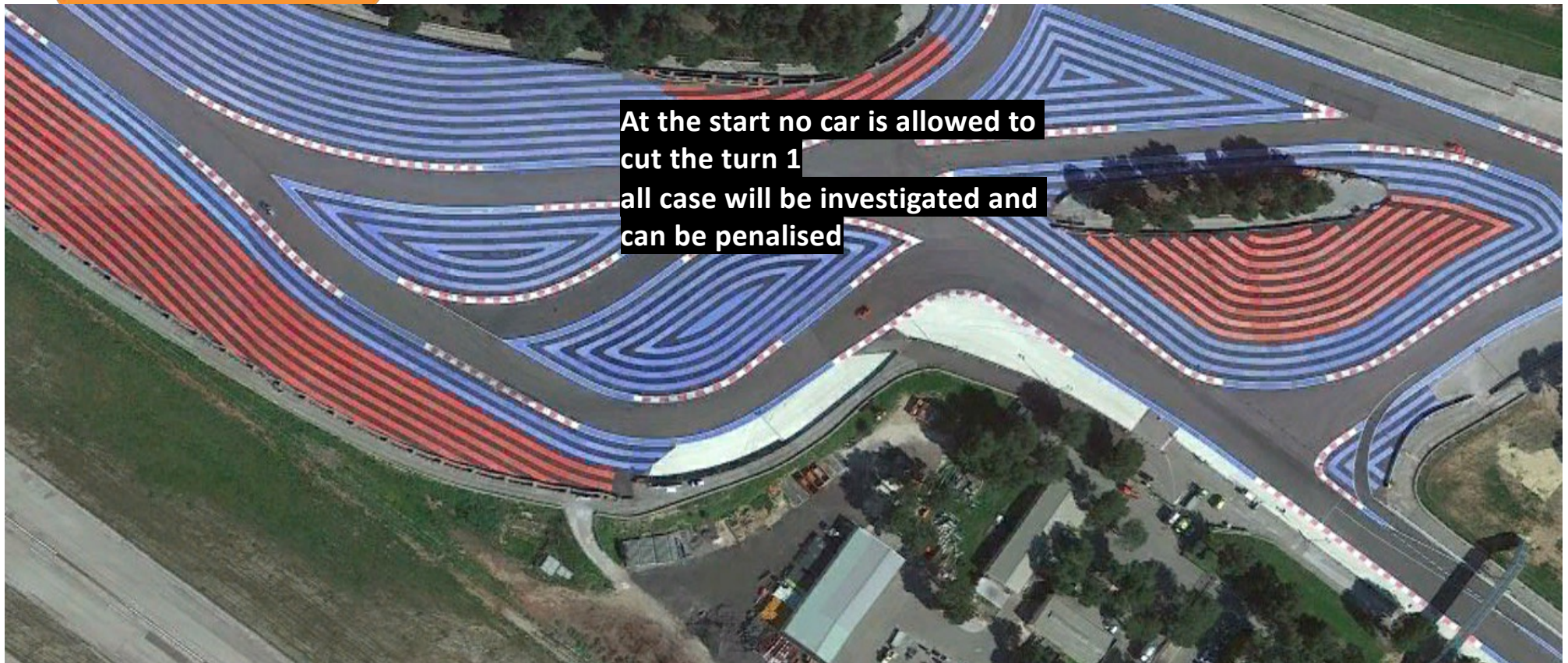


At all time and anywhere, It's forbidden to overtake the 4 wheels on the blue part or out of track



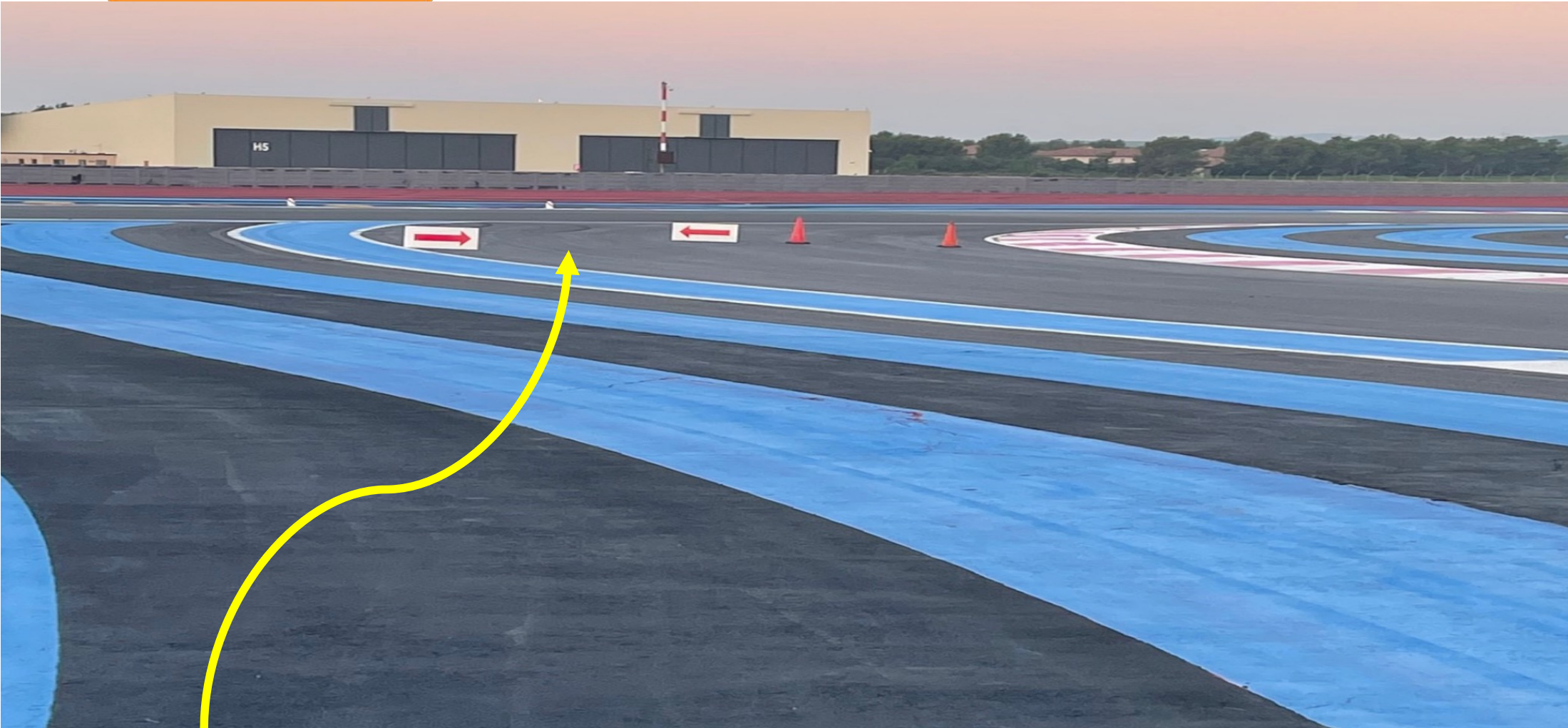
report to the stewards

## ESCAPE ROAD T1 – T2





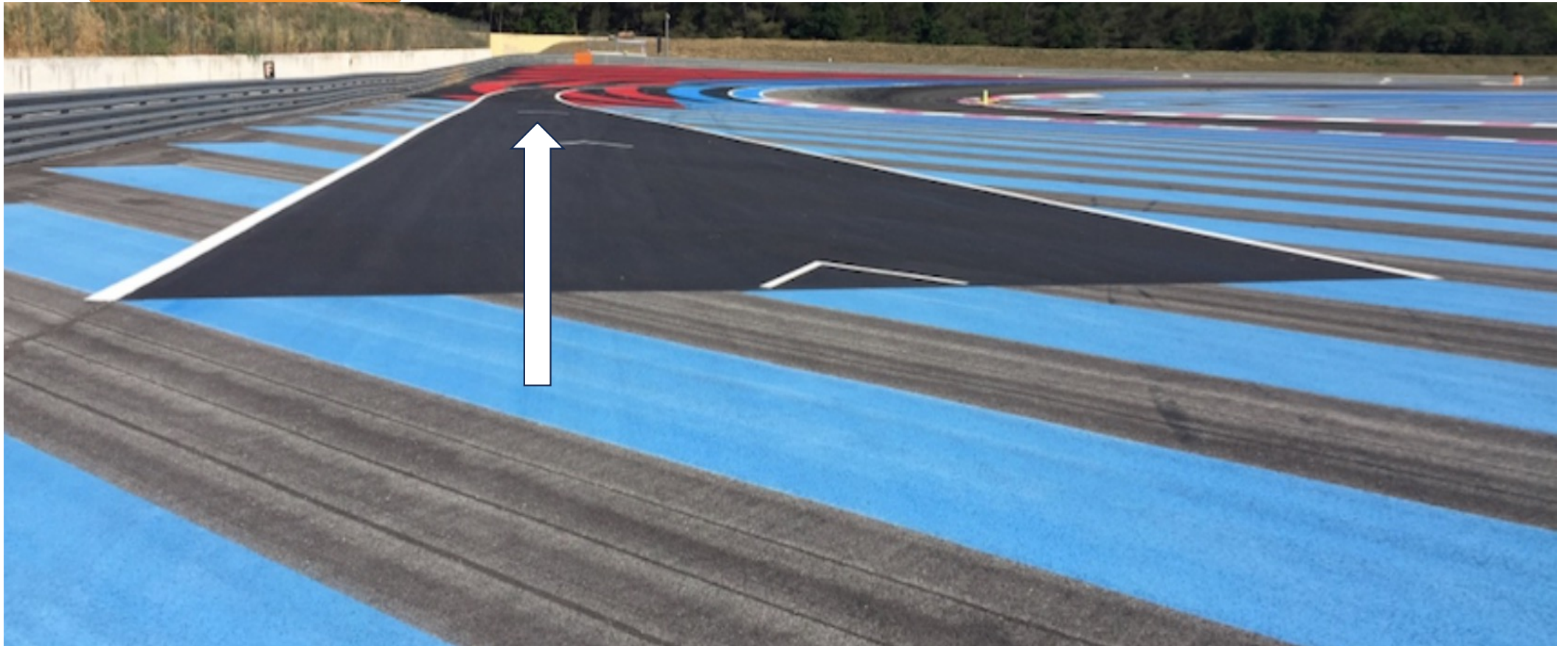
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ESCAPE ROAD T3 – T4 – T5

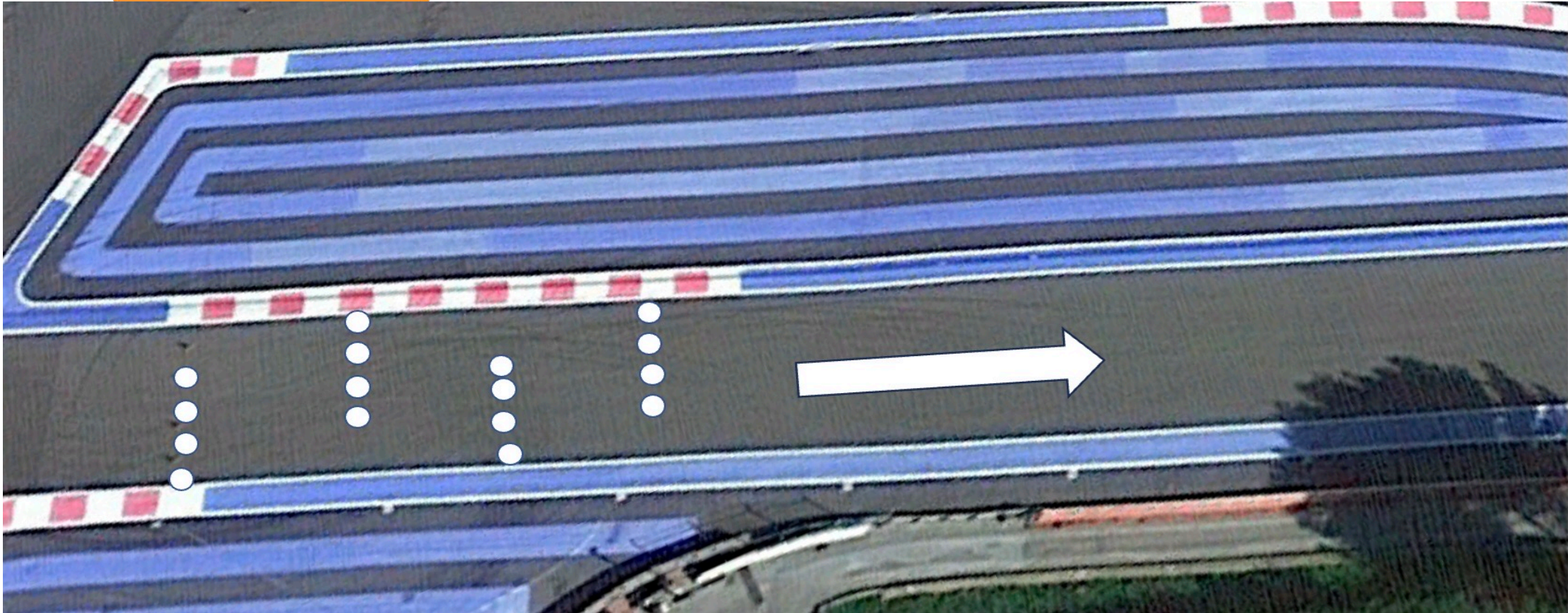


## ESCAPE ROAD T3 to T5





# ESCAPE ROAD T8 to exit T9



## Full Course Yellow



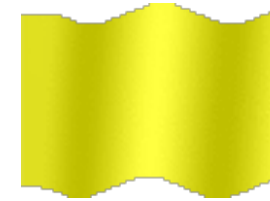
Countdown on the IN CAR MARSHALLING SYSTEM, that has priority on the flags

- At 10 sec Yellow Flags & lights – No overtaking
- At 0 sec Flags+ Boards & all cars at 80 KPH – NO weaving (zig zag)
- during the practices - RESTART on short notice – GREEN

IN RACE CAN BE FOLLOWED BY SAFETY CAR PROCEDURE

## SAFETY CAR (FIA App H Art 2. 10)

SC

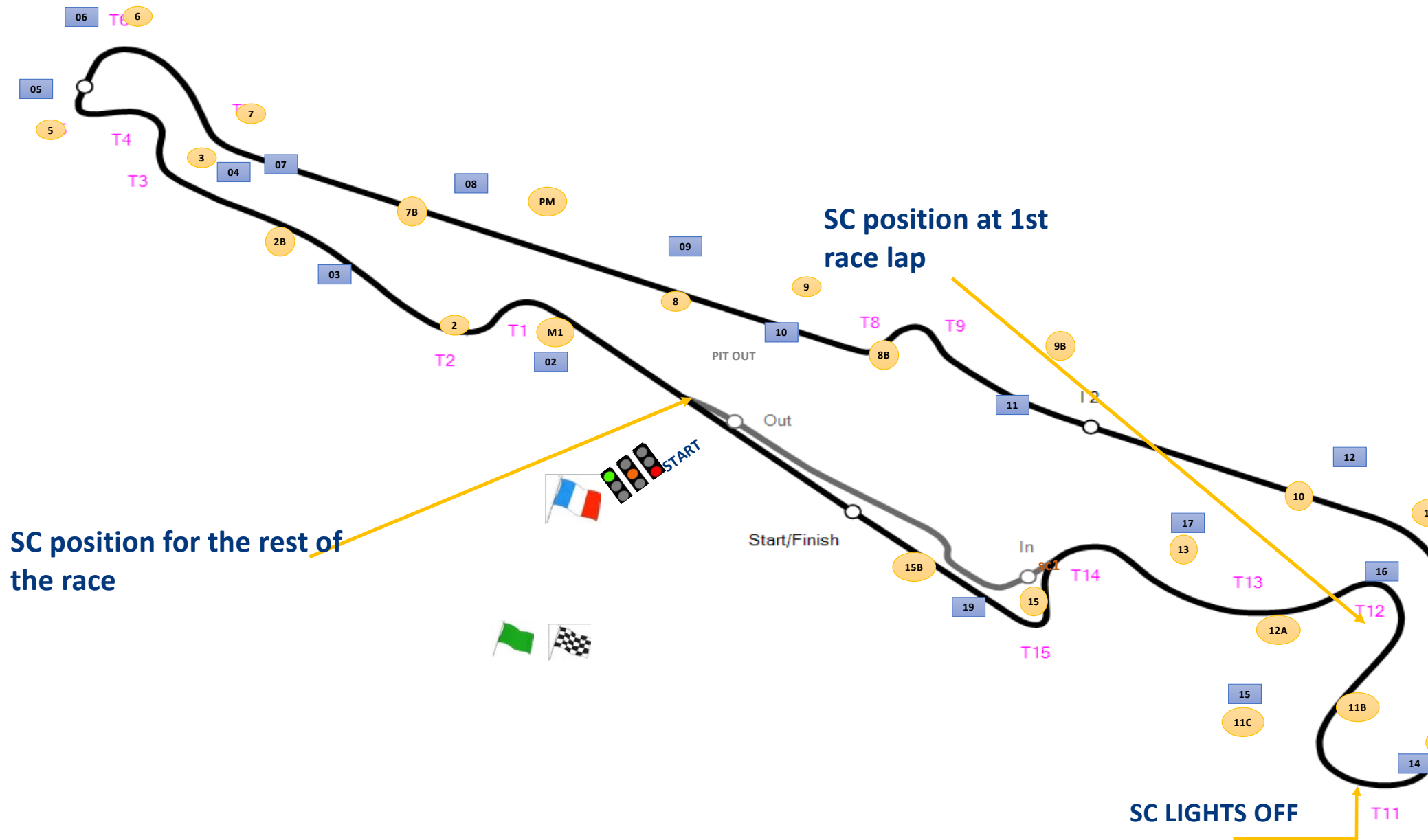


- “SC procedure” LEADER TO SLOW DOWN
- All marshal posts will display SC boards and waved yellow flags
- All cars, in single file, must increase their speed to catch up the group
- End of procedure:

“SC in this lap”

“SC lights off” – all signalling removed

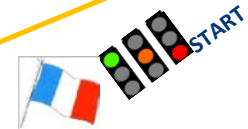
“Green” – no overtaking prior to pass the FINISH line



SC position at 1st race lap

SC position for the rest of the race

SC LIGHTS OFF





## RED FLAG PROCEDURE

NO OVERTAKING - Slow down to 80 KPH – drive to pit lane- lap time cancelled

Practices: drive to the pit lane in front of your box – no car on the fast lane

Race: line up red line ( finish line) or follow the SC

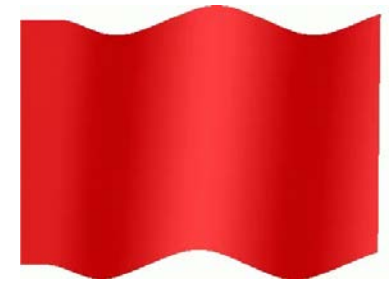
Parc-Fermé conditions - on the grid teams and officials ONLY

Restart behind SC

During the Mandatory Pit Window:

All cars must return to the pit lane – PARC FERME

Tyres & driver change may be authorized - RD permission



## BLUE FLAG



- At ALL TIME: displayed to a driver leaving the pits if traffic is approaching on the track.
- During PRACTICE: a faster car is close behind you and is about to overtake you.
- During the RACE: shown to a car about to be lapped, the driver concerned must allow the following car to pass at the earliest opportunity.
- **AT ALL TIME: LEAVE THE RACING LINE IF YOU ARE SLOW ON TRACK**



## TRACK LIMITS

FIA rules all around the circuit – white lines

FIA Track limits all around the track. Cameras at the exit of T2, T5, T7, T10, T12 and T15.

**FP** : drivers will be warned and stopped, if necessary, lap times can be deleted.

**Pre-qualifying and Qualifying**: every lap time will be deleted.

**Race**:  
3 first time warning on the timing monitors,  
4<sup>th</sup> time warning flag by radio.  
5<sup>th</sup> time final warning on the radio  
6<sup>th</sup> time, 5 seconds time penalty

Each time from 6<sup>th</sup> times: 5 seconds





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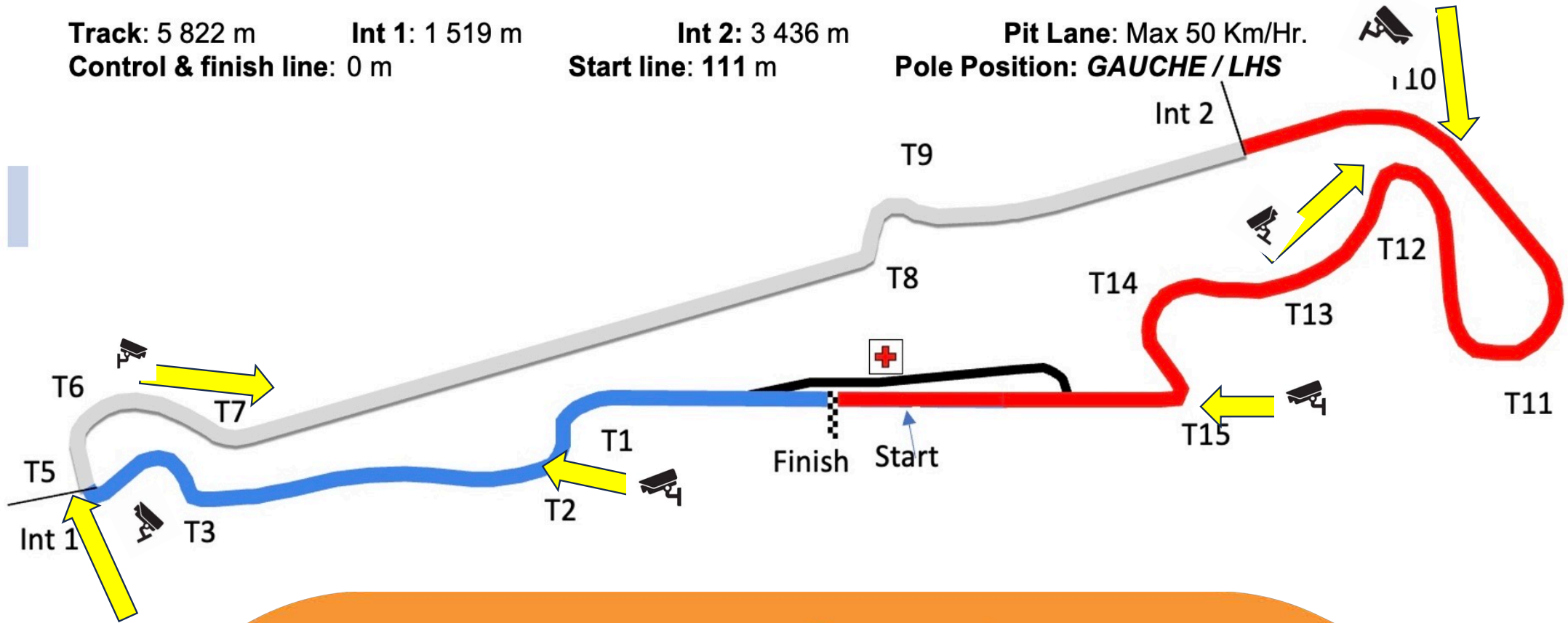
Int 2: 3 436 m

Pit Lane: Max 50 Km/Hr.

Control & finish line: 0 m

Start line: 111 m

Pole Position: **GAUCHE / LHS**





## TIME PENALTIES

### IF THE TIME PENALTY IS GIVEN BEFORE THE PIT STOP

DURING THE MANDATORY PIT STOP THE CAR MUST STOP IN FRONT ON THE GARAGE ALLOCATION  
**WITHOUT ANY WORK OR DRIVER CHANGE FOR THE TIME PENALTY DURATION THEN THE PIT STOP BEGIN.**

**THE TIME PENALTY IS ADDED TO THE MANDATORY PIT STOP TIME**

### IF THE TIME PENALTY IS GIVEN AFTER THE PIT STOP

THE TIME PENALTY IS ADDED AT THE RACE TIME END OF THE RACE





time penalty for drive through at the end or after the race: 40 s

time penalty for a stop and go at the end or after the race: 45s + time stop



## OPENINGS FOR CARS



**STOP on track - external side - LEFT HAND SIDE**



TURN 2



50

50

TURN 3



**TURN 6**





TURN 10



## PARC FERME IN YOUR PADDOCK

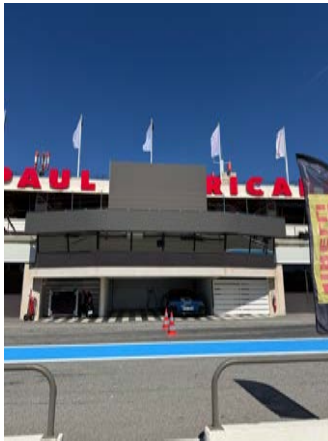
**All cars to enter the pit direct to pit exit without stop and waiting the marshals orders for living and turn left in your paddock**

- ***Parc Fermé will take place within the Paddock / Awnings \_ unless selected by the Technical Delegate for inspection***
- ***Cars must remain under Parc Fermé conditions until released by The Stewards via the Messaging App***

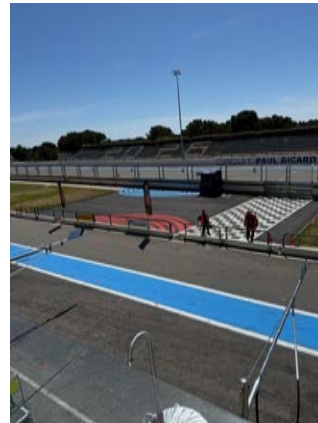


- **Drivers required for podium must enter the Pitlane and will be stopped in the podium Parc Fermée area adjacent to the new podium for the first car of each categories and the first rookie.**

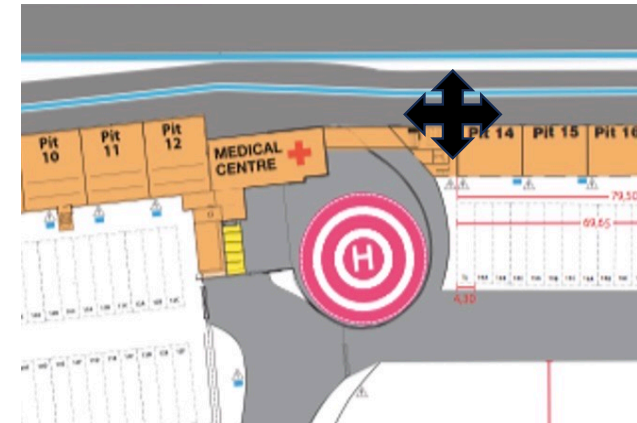
- **New podium**



- **parc ferme first cars**



- **parc ferme 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each cat.**



- **the second and third of the categories in front of the garage after the medical**



SWISS TIMING		STS SAFETY TRACK SYSTEM			VERSION 1. 2026		VOICE OUT	
Driver Info Display / Marshalling	Screen 1	Frequenz	Screen2	AFFECT	DISPLAYED on WEB 2 TEAM @ TEAM V26	Voice Text Sound	voice speak time	
BLANK			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST				
FINISH			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST				
SC		2HZ	SC	MULTICAST		safety car	1x	
SC in this LAP		1HZ	IN THIS LAP	MULTICAST		safety car in this LAP	1x	
RED FLAG		2HZ		MULTICAST		red flag	3x	
GREEN FLAG			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		green flag	2x	
FCY in 20 SEC ( no Countdown )			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		20 Sec to beginn FCY	1x	
START of FCY Countdown in 10 > 0 after activate blink 1S in between		1HZ	10	MULTICAST		10 Sec to beginn full course yellow	1x	





FCY ENDING Countdown 10 > 0 blink 15 in between		1HZ	10	MULTICAST		10 Sec to ending full course yellow	1x
FCY		2HZ	FCY	MULTICAST		full course Yellow now	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 1			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 2			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 3			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 1+2			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector 1 and 2	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 1+3			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector 3 and 1	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 2+3 smal black gap between			NO 2.Screen	MULTICAST		Yellow Sector 2 and 3	1x
YELLOW SECTOR 1+ 2+3			NO 2.Screen			Yellow Sector1 and 2 and 3	1x
Blue Flag		1HZ	NO 2.Screen	CAR #		blue flag	1x
Black / White Flag		1HZ	NO 2.Screen	CAR #		Messege from RaceControl	1x





Vehicle damaged		1HZ	NO 2.Screen	CAR #			Message from RaceControl	1x
Disqualification with CAR #	<b>BLACK FLAG</b>		NO 2.Screen	CAR #			Message from RaceControl	1x
Blue Flag	<b>BLUE</b>		NO 2.Screen	CAR #			Message from RaceControl	1x
LAST LAP	<b>LAST LAP</b>		NO 2.Screen	Multicast			last lap	1x
PIT WINDOW OPEN FLAG	<b>PIT WINDOW OPEN</b>		NO 2.Screen	Multicast			Message from RaceControl	1x
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TEXT ONLY	Stop and go		NO 2.Screen	CAR #			Message from RaceControl	1x





**HAVE A GOOD  
WEEKEND AND GREAT  
RACES !**

