

Introduction to the SLOW Procedure

From: CKC Race Director

To: All Drivers, PG's, Team Managers & Team Members

Reason:

As of the 1st January 2026, there is a change to the regulations that I feel needs a bit of explanation for you to pass on to your drivers in preparation for the Winter Cup in a few weeks & 2026 The Kart Championship.

As detailed in the National Competition Rules 2026, Chapter 18 Appendix 5 Article 1.33. The Quarter Flag/Battenburg Flag is **NO LONGER** in use and is being replaced by the **SLOW Procedure**.

Below is an explanation of the SLOW procedure you will need to ensure your drivers are aware of for all future events in 2026 and beyond (all Motorsport UK permitted races in 2026 will use the SLOW procedure). The official wording is available in the regulation noted above.

Key Points of the SLOW Procedure:

1. If the track officials need to neutralise a session on track, that doesn't require stopping the session, **all marshal posts** will display single **WAVED yellow flags** and '**SLOW**' boards as pictured below.



All drivers must **SLOW DOWN** remain **single file** and stay at the speed set by the leader in a tight single file formation. No overtaking is permitted during this procedure unless they dramatically slow down and 'pull to the side' of the track with a serious problem.

2. When the problem that caused the SLOW procedure has been cleared and the session is ready to restart, the following procedure will happen:
STATIC yellow flag and '**SLOW**' board will be placed on the last **TWO** marshal posts. This is showing the drivers that next time they come to the start/control line they will see the green flag.
Drivers must keep a SLOW pace until they cross the **YELLOW LINE** (acceleration line) on the start/finish straight, this is where you can finally accelerate to pick up the speed.
As you approach the Start/Control line, a waved **Green Flag** will be displayed and the race will be back 'on'. Overtaking is only permitted once you have crossed/passed the start line. You must remain in a single-file line until this point.



Extra Points:

1. All laps completed under the SLOW procedure will be counted as a racing lap.
2. If the session/race has been stopped (by the RED flag) and declared a 'two-part race'. The restart will be done under the SLOW procedure. The race will only be classed as back racing once the static flags have been displayed followed by the green flag at the start-line.
3. Karts may enter the repair area during the SLOW procedure. If they rejoin, they must remain at the **BACK** of the queue until the race is restarted.
Likewise, if a driver spins / pulls to the side of the track with a problem and gets going again, the driver may rejoin but they must remain at the back of the queue and must not attempt to retake their position.
4. The session may be finished under the SLOW procedure. If this is the case, the Chequered flag / signal will be displayed as usual. Drivers must remain single file and drive around the circuit and enter the pit lane at their next passing.

Whilst we appreciate that there is a lot of information in this document, I think it is key to try our best to explain it to ease the 'change over' from the quarter flags to the SLOW procedure for our customer. Please ensure that you explain it to your driver(s) and ensure they are aware of this change.

As usual this will of course be explained in the drivers' briefings but, it is always good to be prepared before you attend.

If you have any questions pre-event, please feel free to contact me or, find me on the Friday practice or Saturday morning of the Winter Cup at Whilton and I will happily explain it.

Thank You.

Champions KC