**IRDC Drivers School “Mock Start” Process**

* Cars on track at 3:40 pm.
  + 5 minute warning given at 3:35 so you need to be at pre-grid and parked by **3:35**
  + Best to be early, so head down at 3:30 – old racers adage – 3 minutes early is 2 minutes late.
  + Use entrance by concession stands – we will show you how to find it.
* ICSCC pre-grid procedures (this may differ from other sanctioning bodies)
  + At Pacific Raceways as you approach pre-grid a worker will show you where to back into your spot. Watch their hand directions and do as they indicate
  + Prior to the **5-minute warning** you should have all of your gear on, belts adjusted and camera ready to go (if you have one).
  + At the **5-minute** warning a whistle will blow, and you will be shown five fingers
  + At this point **shut off your engine**, if it’s not already off.
  + You will extend a hand out of your window showing 5 fingers acknowledging the 5 minute warning.
  + At one minute a whistle will blow and you will be shown 1 finger.
  + You should now start your engine
  + Show 1 finger out the window acknowledging the 1-minute warning
    - If your car won’t start (happens sometimes with race cars) don’t show one finger. Keep trying to start your car. If it starts put one finger out the window to indicate you are ready.
  + The first car on the grid will be released and follow the pace car.
  + Each car will be released by the grid worker in order
  + As you enter the track, there will be a person known as a “Splitter”
    - Pole position picks what side they want to be on
    - The Splitter then points to which side you are to pass by the Splitter which determines if you are inside or outside for the side-by-side start.
* On track you will follow the pace car around. as you come out of turn 7 you need to start forming up the side-by-side formation.
* Around turn 8 the pace car will turn off its lights and exit before 10 into the hot pits
* Pole position has the responsibility to maintain the speed (pace) the Pace car has established
* As you transition on to the main straight after turn 10 your eyes are on the starter stand
* When Green flag waves you can accelerate
* Turn 1 will display a yellow flag which means slow down ease off accelerator pedal
* Begin to form a single line
* Turn 2 will display a double yellow meaning the Pace Car is coming out.
* Slow to half of race speed (about what the Pace Car was doing before
* Pace car will catch up and pass all cars, hopefully before turn 7
* You will remain in single file
* Pace Car lights out again around turn 8 meaning you are going to get the green, this time single file as you would during a race weekend experiencing a restart after a yellow flag Pace Car situation
* Pace car exits to hot pits
* Lead car maintains pace
* Watch for green flag at starter stand
* Accelerate
* Turn 1 yellow, yellows flags- all. The Mock start is over
* This begins a cool down lap
* Exit back to the paddock at turn 8