



2023 WDRC - ROLE OF THE STARTER

The Starter will be assisted by other officials in charge to call pilots for racing and to proceed the pre-flight checking of the models including the VTX power emission measurement to be done after the models are placed on the start pods.

Only the pilots concerned flying in the race and their helper race will be authorised to access the pilots' stage and the flight zone.

Note: The team managers are not authorised to access the pilots' stage and flight zone except if the team manager acts as helper of a pilot flying in the race concerned.

Change of a model before the start of the race

The competitor has the possibility to present at the pre-flight checking a spare model in addition to the model that he/she intends to use for the race.

In case of any technical problem, the competitor may replace the model by the spare one as long as the VTX power emission checking of the model placed on the start pod had not been done. After that check, any technical problem will be considered as a race incident with no more possibility to change the model.

The pilot and the helper are not authorised to leave the flight zone except if duly authorised by the Starter. In addition, no other person, including the team manager, will be authorised to access the pilots' stage and the flight zone.

Procedure for the start of the race

The start of the race will be proceeded as follows by the Starter:

- After the models have been placed on the start pods with the VTX power emission check done and the helpers have joined their pilot on the stage, the Starter will request the pilots (asking them by their colour) if they are ready to start.
- When the Starter will consider that the pilots are ready, he will clearly and loudly announce '**Pilots, arm your quads**'.
quads'.
- Then, about three seconds after this announcement, the start signal will be automatically done from the event management system.

Stop of the race

The Starter must immediately stop the race and proceed of a new start when he considers that there has been a technical problem with the start signal. Before the restart, the competitors concerned will be given the opportunity to change the battery pack on their model.

Early start of a pilot

If one a pilot (or more than one pilot) starts before the start signal (model not touching any point of its start area), the race will not be stopped.

The concerned pilot(s) may be disqualified from the race by the Starter.

Retrieval of the models after the race

After being sure that the race is finished for all pilots, the Starter will clearly inform the pilots / helpers when they may recover their model on the race track.

Obstacle damaged or destroyed during the race

When an obstacle is accidentally damaged or destroyed during a race, the pilots will be informed as soon as possible of the incident by the Starter and how to proceed.

In the case where it concerns an obstacle to be crossed (air gate, tunnel,...), the decision may be to continue to

cross the obstacle, or to give permission to bypass it, or to stop the race. When bypassing of the concerned obstacle is authorized, pilots must do their best not to take advantage of the situation.

In case it concerns an obstacle to be avoided, the race will continue except if it is decided differently by the Starter considering for example that safety is impacted. When the race continues, pilots must do their best to follow the track and not to take advantage of the situation.

Safety occurrence

A pilot can be requested by the Starter to stop to fly if it is considered the model no longer meets acceptable safety standards. It could be for example the case when a model is damaged after a collision or after a crash, or when the battery is dangling.

In case of a serious safety issue, the Starter may decide to stop the race. Such a safety issue must result from atmospheric conditions (rain, stormy condition,...) in which it would be dangerous to continue to fly, or from an incident affecting safety and/or requiring the access of an emergency service (as for example a burning battery).

When such an interruption of the race occurs during an official flight, this flight is cancelled. A restart of the race will be done for the pilots who had not been disqualified and were still in the air when the safety issue occurred. The restart will be done at the end of the round concerned.

Note: The pilot(s) eventually responsible of the safety issue may be disqualified from the race by the Race Director .