

## FR Competitor Advisory Memo

**No:** CAMF4-2020-020  
**Date:** October 23, 2020  
**Subject:** COTA Standing Start Details

The Formula 1 Start Lights system is not in place this weekend. Instead, we will use the COTA Start Bridge Lights for all Standing Starts.

At the completion of the formation lap, the grid will form on the front straight. There will be no “green light” indication that the grid is full, as the COTA light system has only red lights.

When the grid is full, the red lights will begin to illuminate in sequence. After the 5<sup>th</sup> red light is illuminated, there will be a random time pause, and then the red lights will extinguish, signifying the start of the race.

In the event of an aborted start, the light sequence will stop. The Start stand and SCCA staff along the pit wall will display waving yellow flags. You must remain in your start box, until the Safety Car pulls to onto the front straight from Pit Out. The race clock will start when the Yellow abort flag is displayed.

As per the Drivers Briefing notes, once the Safety Car has taken position ahead of the field, all cars will be waved forward and will begin a 2<sup>nd</sup> formation lap.

At approximately Turn 16, the field should begin to form up in two columns for the rolling start. At this same time, the Safety Car will turn its lights out and return to Pit Lane. The field should continue, in two columns, onto the front straight for the start. The race will then begin by the display of a Green Flag at the Start stand. The pole-sitter has the right to be first to accelerate, in the Acceleration Zone, as defined in the Race Director’s Briefing notes.

View a preview of the lights here: <https://www.f4uschampionship.com/downloads/52685-start-lights-video/download>