



**THE BIGGEST
DRIFTING COMPETITION
IN THE WORLD!**





Red Bull Drift Masters 2026

***Round 7
PGE Narodowy
POLAND***



QUALIFYING BRIEFING





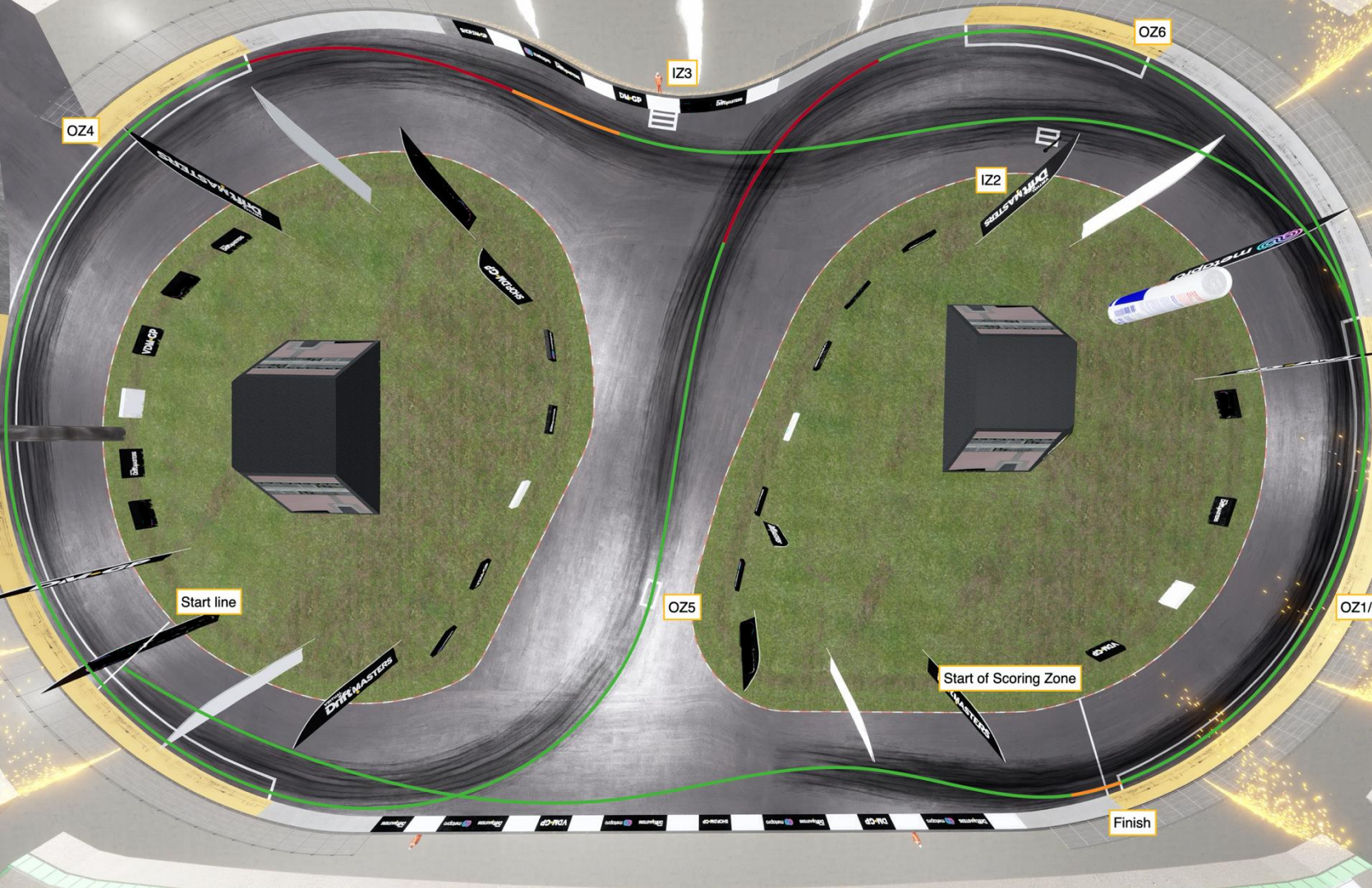
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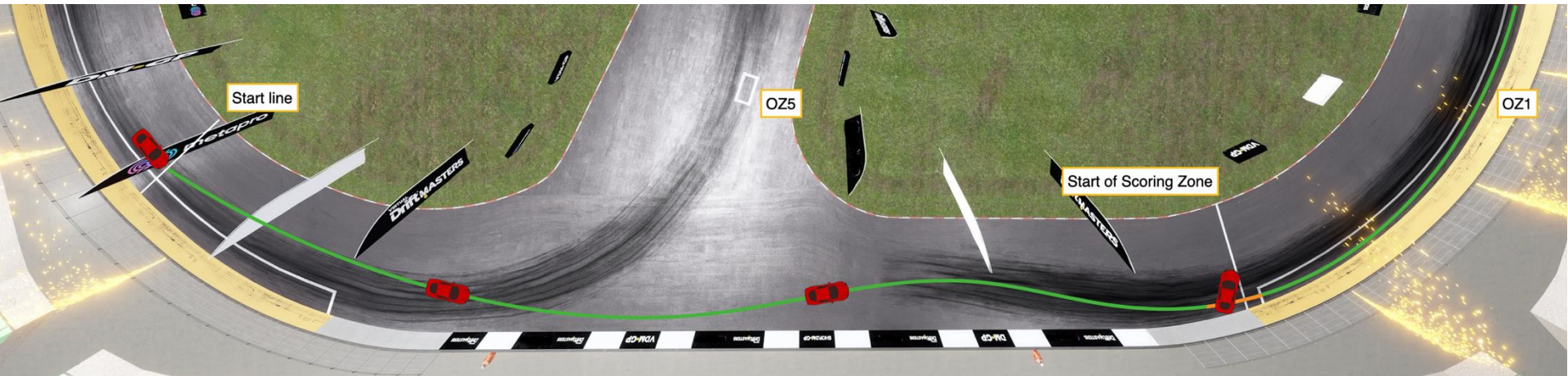
- JUDGE 1: Line 60 points (Erasmus)
- JUDGE 2: Line 60 points + Commitment 5 points (Tarmo)
- JUDGE 3: Angle 20 + Fluidity 10 + Initiation 5 points (David)



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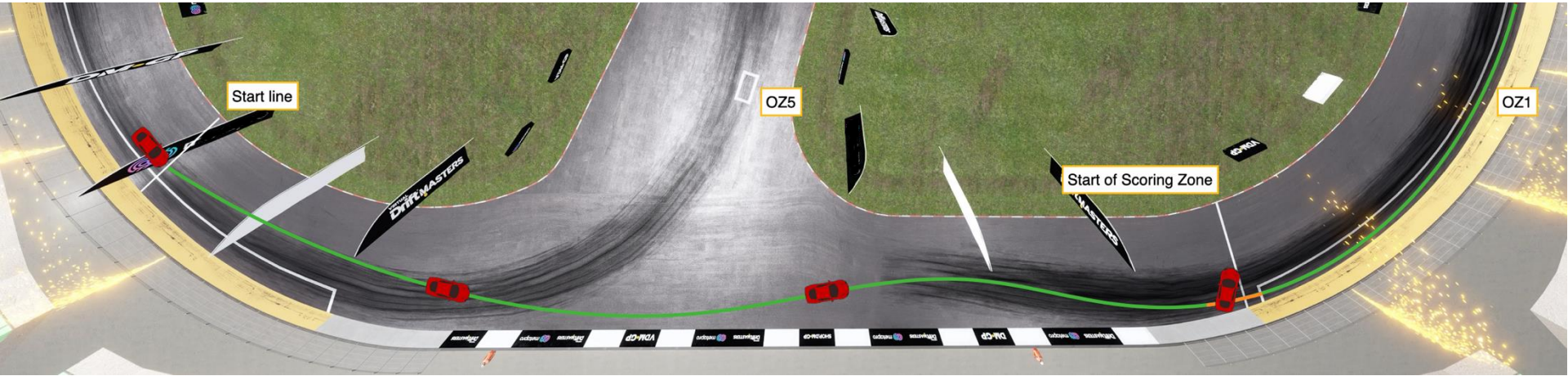
- Both line judges evaluate the entire track; the final result is the average of their two scores.
- The scores for Commitment, Angle, Fluidity, and Initiation will be added together.





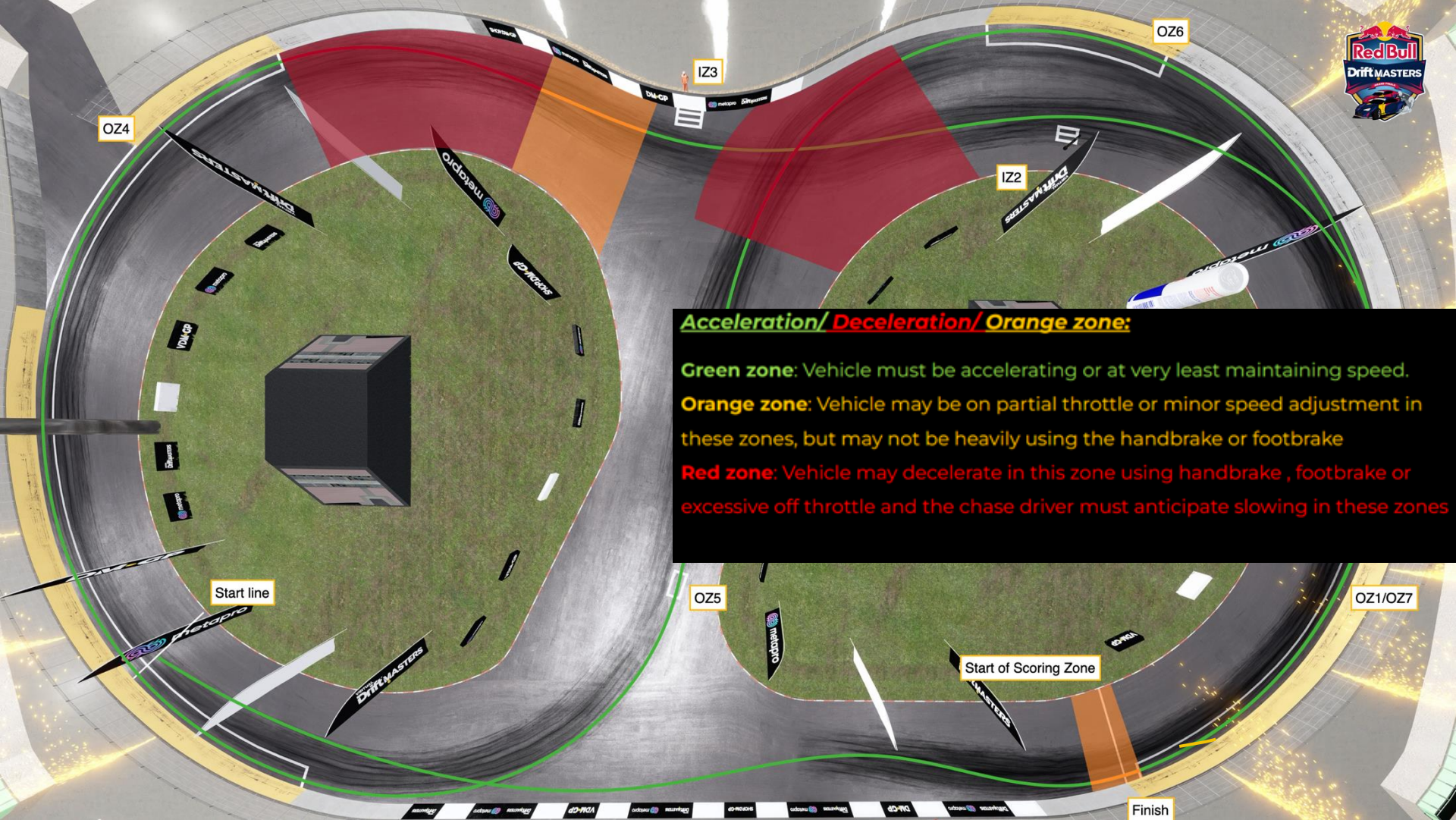
DRIFTING INITIATION

- ✓ During qualifying the vehicle must be sideways, as it passes the Start of the scoring zone line.



INITIATION IS OPEN:

- ✓ Handbrake
- ✓ Clutch kick
- ✓ Weight transfer
- ✓ (Weight transfer/ Clutch kick scores higher)



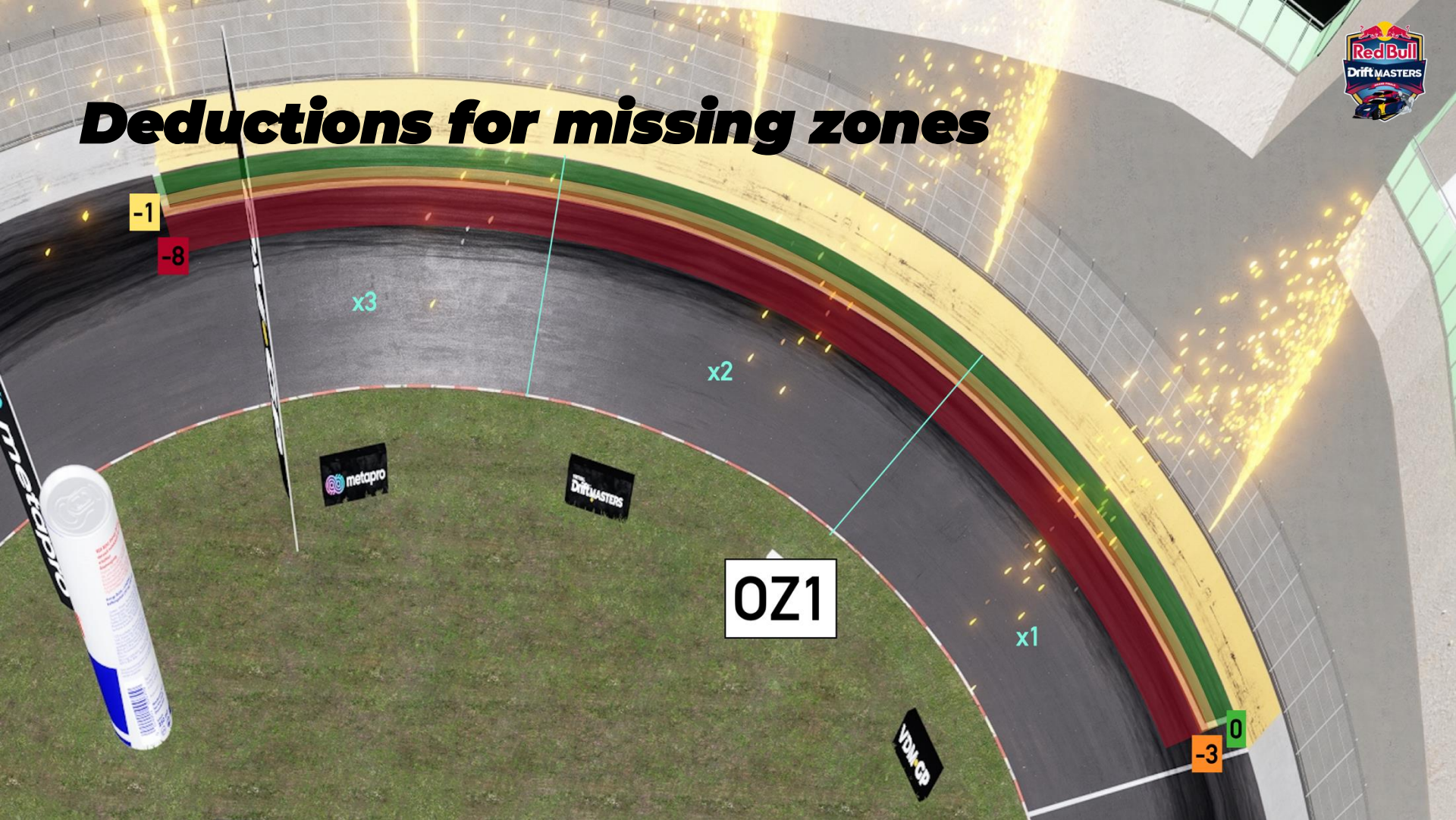
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Deductions for missing zones



Deductions for missing zones



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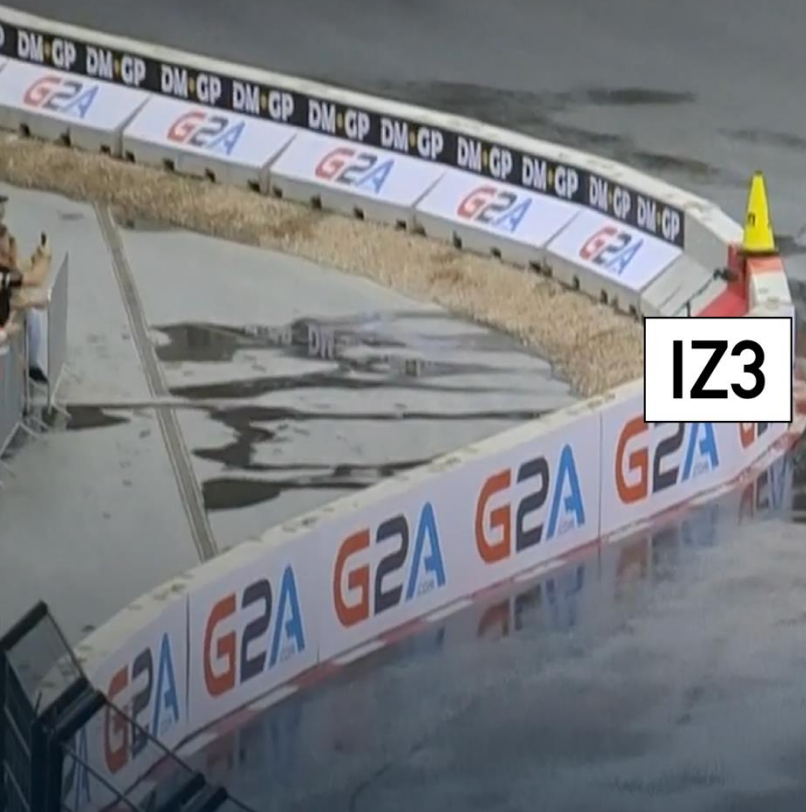
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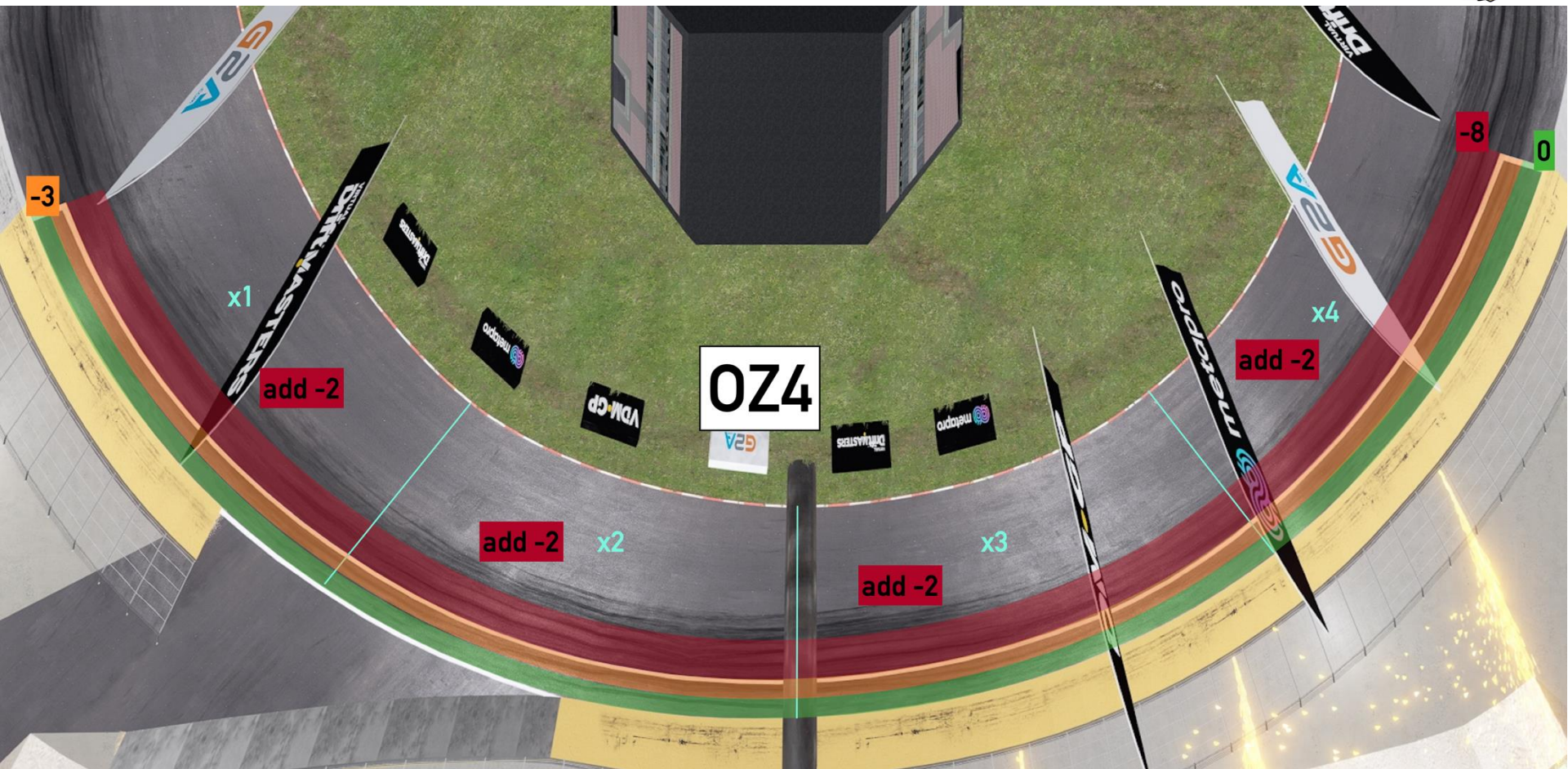
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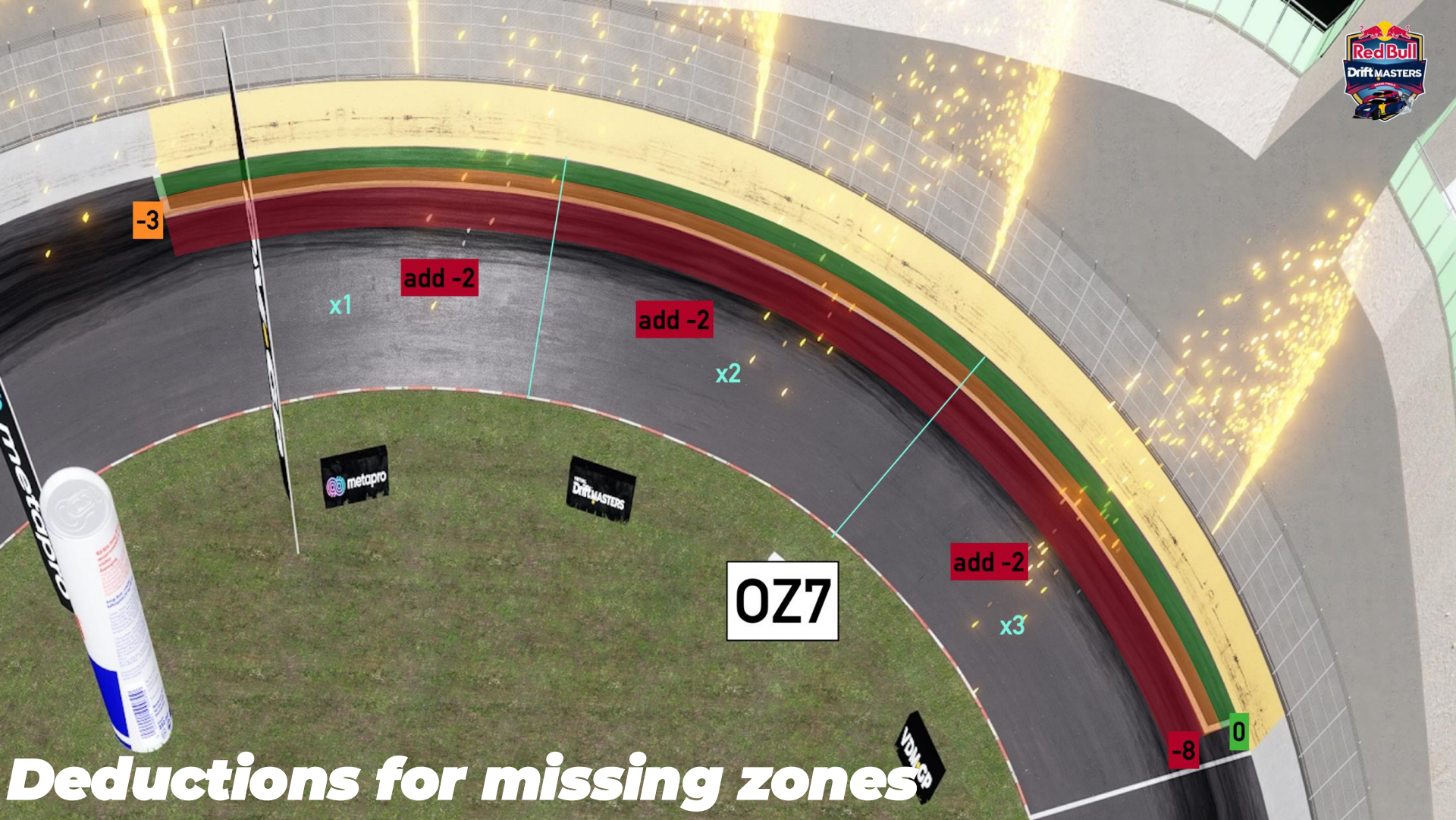
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Deductions for missing zones

LINE 60%



- ✓ Get to the edge of the track before OZ1 starts
- ✓ Fill OZ1 completely
- ✓ Leave OZ1 as soon as it ends
- ✓ Front left wheel into IZ2
- ✓ Front bumper as close as possible to inner line of IZ3
- ✓ Decelerate after transition (small speed adjustment on transition is allowed to have smoother wall approach) and fill OZ4 until it ends
- ✓ Get to OZ5 using smooth arc
- ✓ Transition in the middle of the track and decelerate (after transition and before OZ6) into OZ6
- ✓ Fill OZ7 completely and stay wide until after the finish line
- ✓ rear bumper maximum barely touching the wall, running rear bumper „inside of the wall“ is not getting highest score

ANGLE 20%



- ✓ Consistent angle through OZ1 and IZ2
- ✓ Snappy transition from IZ2 to IZ3 to OZ4
- ✓ Consistant angle through OZ4
- ✓ Small angle adjustment allowed to get smoothly into OZ5
- ✓ Smooth transition from OZ5 to OZ6
- ✓ Consistant angle through OZ6 and OZ7 to the finish line

STYLE 20%



✓ **INITIATION= 5%**

- ✓ Early – Initiation cones will be used for reference
- ✓ Rate to angle - Quickly getting to the desired angle
- ✓ Smooth – no corrections
- ✓ Speed

✓ **FLUIDITY = 10%**

- ✓ Smooth transitions
- ✓ Lock to lock angle
- ✓ Car is settled and flows through the course
- ✓ Throttle application
- ✓ Accuracy

✓ **COMMITMENT = 5%**

- ✓ Aggressive on throttle to initiation
- ✓ Consistent throttle application
- ✓ Approaching outer track edges with confidence
- ✓ Maintaining proper pace throughout the course as per the Decel map



Points Deductions:

- Double initiation
- Tire off course
- Missing zones and clips
- Short Straightening (correction)
- Off line
- Lack of Angle

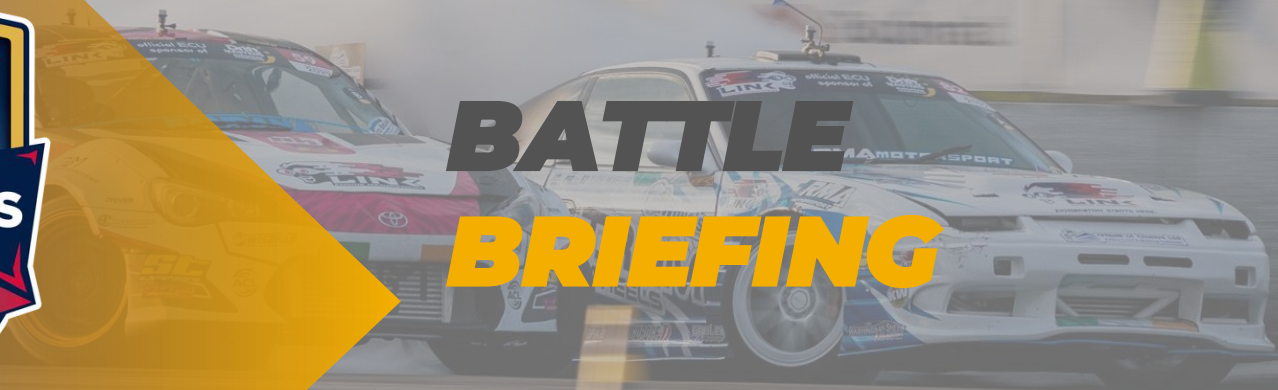
Zero score:

If a driver does any of the following mistakes in a qualifying run, the driver will not receive a score for that run.

- Spinning Out
- Opposite drift - Drifting with the opposite angle required at that point on course
- Hood and/or doors opening during a run
- Stop drifting
- Three wheels off
- Unchasable Run – Run which contains errors too large to chase



BATTLE BRIEFING



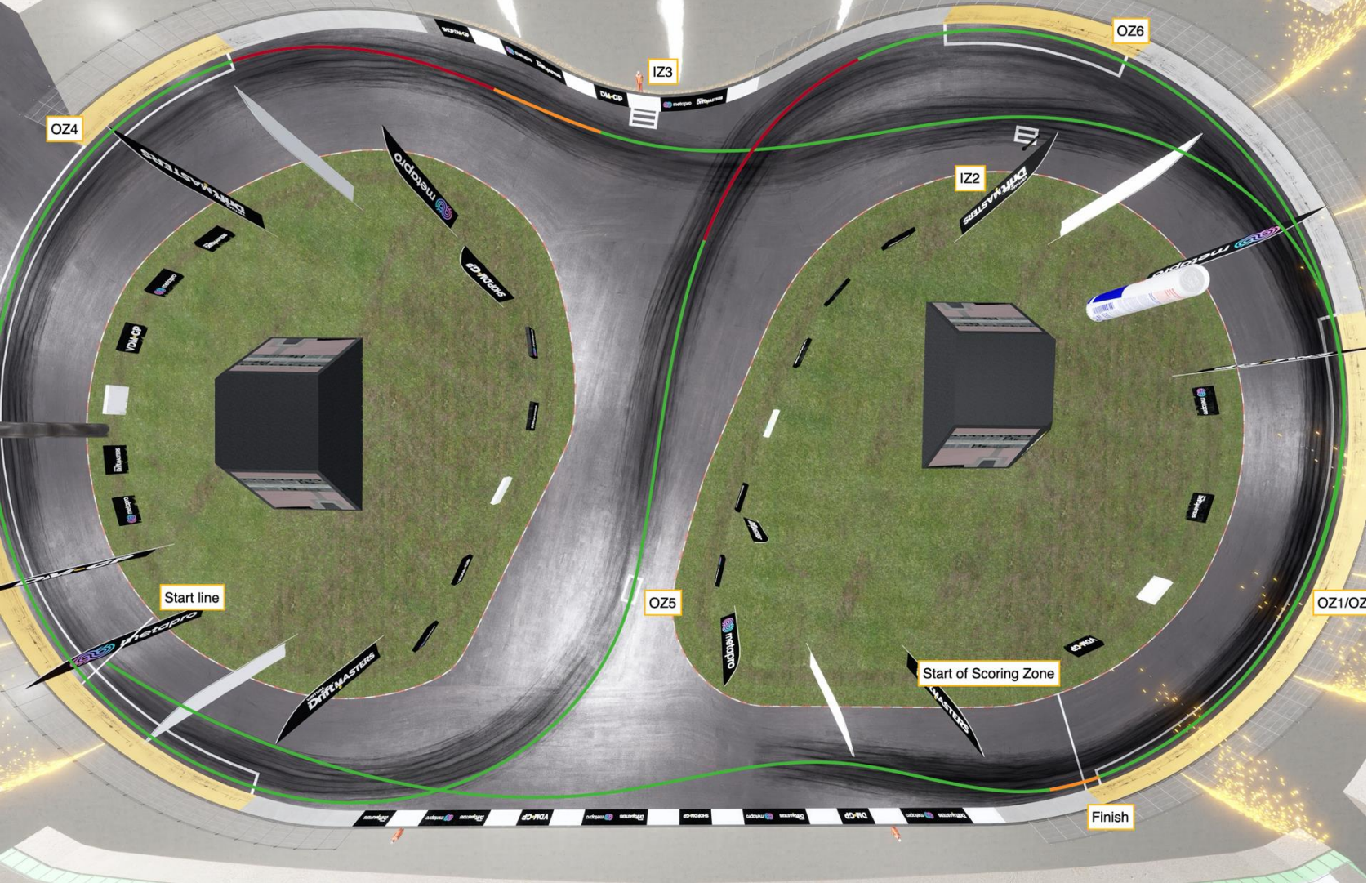


DM 2026 TANDEM JUDGING CRITERIA

- Lead runs will account for 10 points per judge for the battle score, and chase runs will account for 9 points per judge for the battle score.
- Scores are not shown during the livestream, only accesible upon request
- A driver is less likely to have a good chase run, if the lead run is not well performed.
- An example of how this scoring system will work is as follows:

	Lead Score (Maximum 30)	Chase Score (Maximum 27)	Total (Maximum 57)
Driver A	28	25	53
Driver B	24	26	50

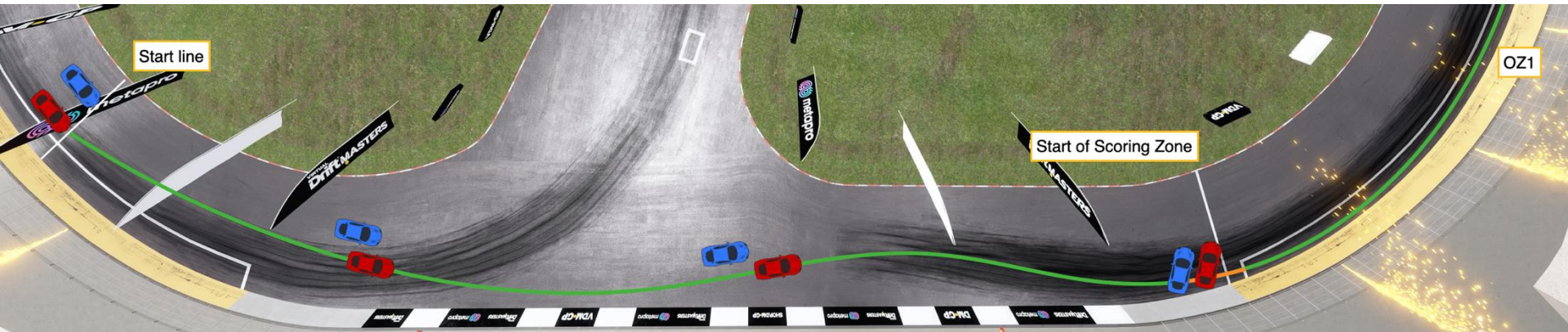
In the above scenario Driver A would win the battle and proceed to the next phase of the competition.

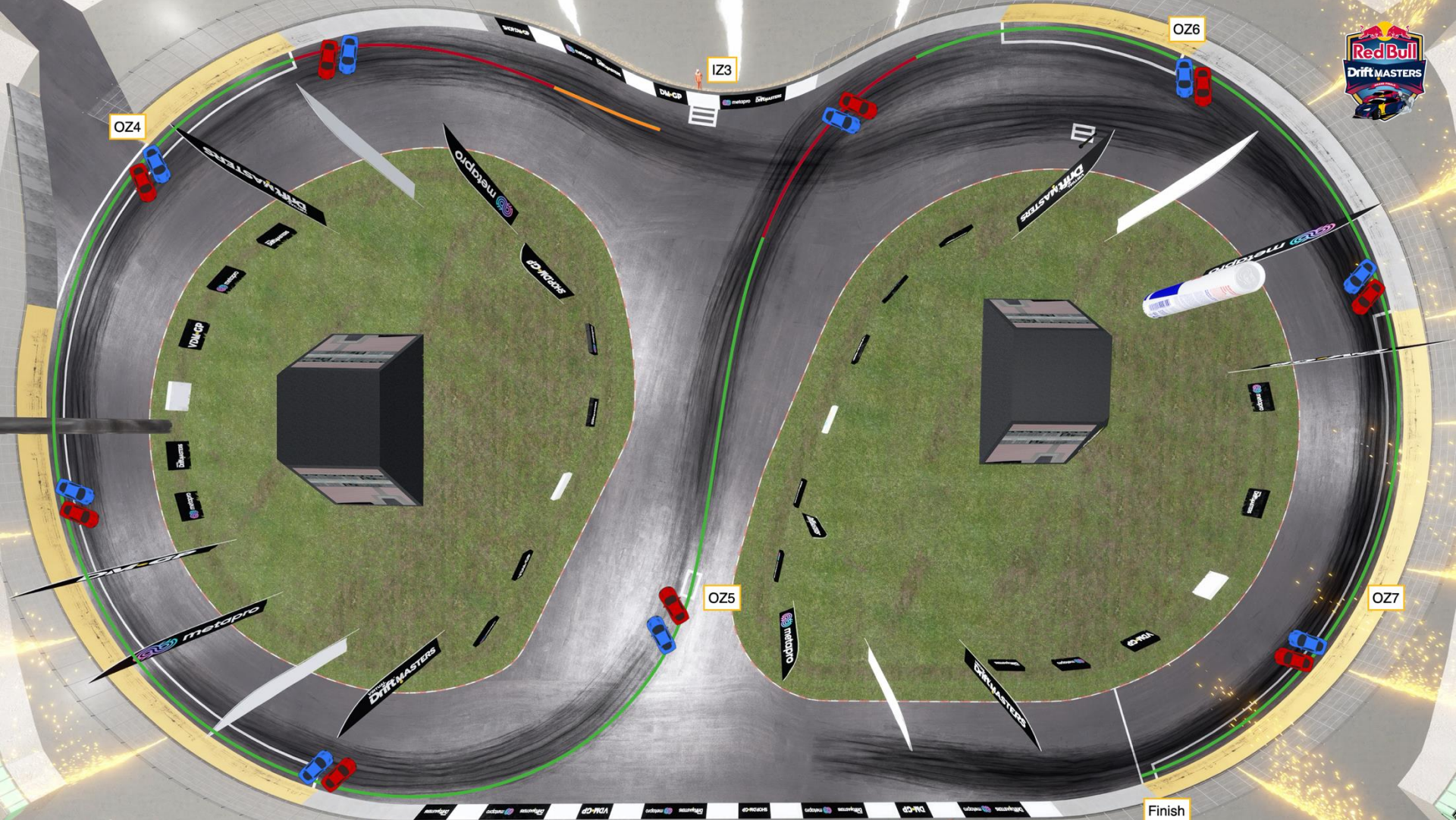


START LINE & INITIATION



- ✓ The Lead should accelerate in the righthand lane,
- ✓ the chase car may accelerate staying in the left hand lane.
- ✓ The chase car may be slightly ahead of the lead after the start line but must be behind the lead before start of scoring zone
- ✓ Cars should accelerate all the way to the initiation point
- ✓ Penalty's will be applied to any lead driver that slows or lifts before initiation
- ✓ This also includes handbraking in the incorrect direction to the corner
- ✓ The chaser is allowed to start from a position further back than the leader
 - ✓ Distance is set up to 8m.





OZ4

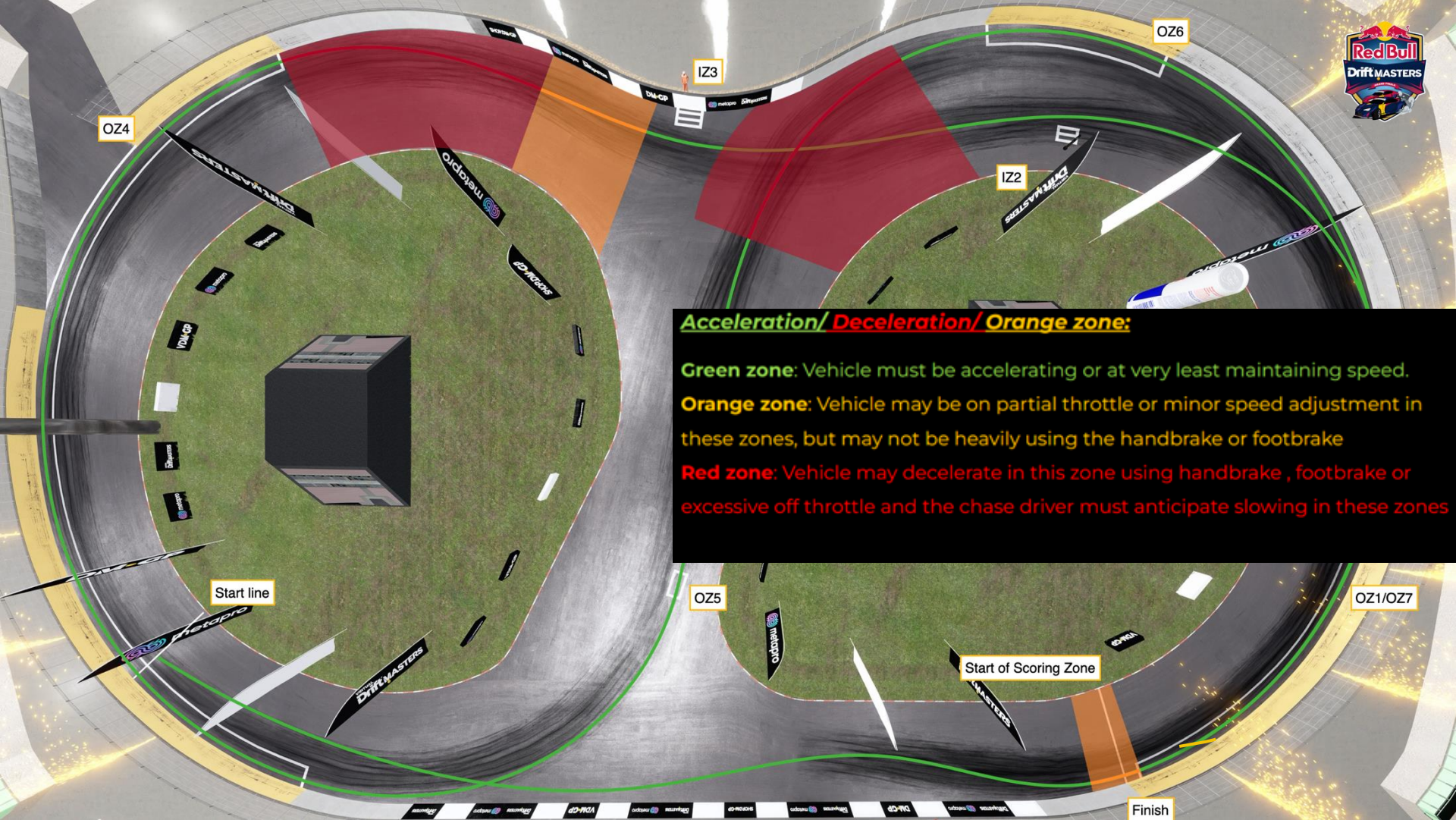
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OZ6

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OZ7

Finish



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LEAD DRIVER GOALS:

- ✓ Run the qualifying line
- ✓ Run as close se possible to 100 point qualifying run
- ✓ Run a chaseable lead run
- ✓ Follow the Accel/Decel map

CHASE DRIVER GOALS:

- ✓ Initiate no later than the lead driver
- ✓ Maintain close proximity to the lead driver with as much duration as possible
- ✓ Match or better the lead drivers angle
- ✓ Mimic the lead driver's transitions and line throughout the course

Starting Line Order System



- ✓ The higher qualifier has the option to choose whether to lead or chase. When lining up at the start line, the higher qualifier selects their preferred position (leader or chaser), and the lower qualifier must accept the remaining role.
- ✓ **Higher qualifier** can **choose** to lead or chase
- ✓ Choice is made **at the start line**, before the battle begins
- ✓ **Lower qualifier must accept** the remaining position

OVERTAKING



- ✓ Overtaking is allowed but:
 - ✓ The lead driver must be offline or completely off course
 - ✓ The chase driver must carry sufficient angle and on the qualifying line.
 - ✓ The chase driver becomes the lead driver once the chase vehicle has fully surpassed the lead driver's vehicle.
- ✓ Upon completion of a properly performed legal pass, the chase driver will become the lead driver and must complete the run according to the judging criteria. Once the run is completed the vehicle that was passed will receive a ZERO on that run.

CONTACT



Drifting is a non contact sport, and contact may result in penalties. A light rub is allowed but penalties may be applied for heavier contact, or contact that effects the lead cars line.

LEAD VEHICLE

- ✓ If the lead vehicle loses drift, goes off line or unnecessarily reduces speed too drastically in tandem and the chase vehicle hits the lead vehicle, the lead vehicle may be deemed at fault for the collision. Each judge will ascertain fault.

CHASE VEHICLE

- ✓ If a Chase driver has a collision with a lead driver who is fulfilling the lead driver goals then he will be deemed at fault.
- ✓ After contact both drivers must attempt to complete the run.
- ✓ If the Judges believe the lead driver deliberately spun their car after contact or stopped drifting, then they may apply penalties to that driver also.



DAMAGE DUE TO COLLISION

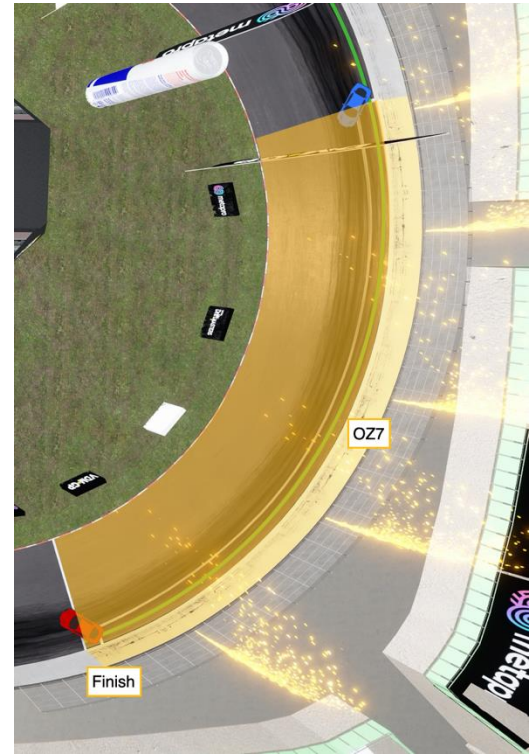
- ✓ Once a collision has occurred, the Judges will ascertain fault.
- ✓ In some cases, damage sustained to the vehicles may require time to repair. Only the vehicle not at fault may request up to 10 minutes to repair their vehicle.

INCOMPLETE RUN:



The following constitute an incomplete in tandem:

- ✓ Spinning Out
- ✓ Stop drifting
- ✓ Three wheels off
- ✓ A chase driver intentionally not chasing the lead driver after a zero was scored on the previous run.
- ✓ Performing an Illegal pass - results in a zero for the chase driver
- ✓ Getting legally passed- results in a zero for the lead driver
- ✓ Opposite drift- Drifting with the opposite angle required at that point on course
- ✓ Hood and/or doors opening during a run
- ✓ Collision with the other driver that is considered "avoidable" or unsportsmanlike
- ✓ Proximity box
 - ✓ (If lead car is behind finish and chase car is not in OZ7, chase driver receives incomplete, if lead driver has fulfilled his goals)
- ✓ Unchasable Lead – A Lead run which contains errors which are too large to follow





THANK YOU