



**TAPING GUIDELINES**  
**FOR**  
**CARS PERFORMANCE RALLIES**

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## **PURPOSE**

To provide a uniform system in all CARS performance rallies for designating specific areas in special stages in order to plan for control of officials, marshals, media and spectators.

## **CONCEPT**

Special Stages should be divided into four specific areas

1. Green and White taped - designated area for controlled and marshalled spectators
2. Yellow and Black taped - designated area for waived and accredited officials, marshals, media and where provided for in an event's security plan
3. Red and White taped - designated area where no person should be allowed
4. Untaped area where there are no plans in place for spectators

## **GENERAL**

1. CARS yellow and black tape is bilingual and says :  
"CAUTION: DO NOT CROSS; ATTENTION: NE PAS TRAVERSER".  
CARS red and white tape says: "PROHIBITED AREA; ACCÈS INTERDIT".  
The tape is available for purchase through the CARS office in 1000 foot rolls.
2. When tape is used to block off access points along the stages, the tape should be continuous without joining pieces of tape together.
3. The tape should be put up with the writing facing away from the stage so that people approaching the tape can more easily read the words.

## GREEN AND WHITE TAPED AREA

Green and White tape should be used to indicate areas where spectators may stand. All areas where the event has observed a history of spectators gathering should be considered a spectator area. Each spectator area should have a detailed master plan detailing: distances, taping, barrier location, signage, marshal requirements and physical terrain features. A physical barrier such as snow fencing should be used to help with crowd control and as a means of establishing the front edge of the spectator zone.

Green and White taped areas ideally should be:

- Higher than the stage road surface
- Out of direct line of travel of competing vehicles
- Out of reach of flying gravel and debris
- The front edge of the zone should be designed so that sight lines are maximised. (such as angled to increase viewing sight lines)
- The side edges should be signed with “No Go” CARS signs to indicate the limits of the spectator zone
- Marshalled
- Have radio contact with net control and the stage start
- Spectator marshals should have radio communication with each other
- Before the stage goes “Live” spectators should be instructed on safety procedures
- While the stage is “Live”, spectators should be instructed to remain standing without obstacles behind them (chairs, coolers, etc.)

**Green and White Taped Areas = A go area for officials, marshals, media and spectators**

## YELLOW AND BLACK TAPED AREA

Yellow and Black tape should be used to indicate areas where officials, marshals and media may stand. All should be waived, officials, marshals and media wearing accredited CARS identification/tabards.

Yellow and Black tape may also be used in the case where roadways, trails, driveways, resident properties join the rally stage and where residents and their guests may gather. In these locations (in addition to the use of Yellow and Black tape) “Motorsport is Dangerous” signs should be posted in prominent locations, warning that they are about to enter an area where there is a rally taking place. (See Diagram “H”)

Yellow and Black taped areas ideally should be:

- Immediately in front of Green and White taped areas
- At all intersections, trails, driveways etc within the special stage
- Control zones where officials, marshals and a maximum of two vehicles may be located

**NOTE:** While control areas at a special stage start or finish are to be considered Yellow and Black zones, it is not necessary to tape them unless it is located in:

- A spectator zone
- A planned access point to the stage for spectators

**Yellow and Black Taped Areas = A go area for officials, marshals, media only**

## RED AND WHITE TAPED AREA

Red and White tape should be used to indicate any areas that are to be considered as areas where no one should be allowed to stand. Such Red and White areas should be also marked with CARS “NO GO” signs clearly indicating no one should be in that area. (See Diagram “H”)

All Red and White taped areas should be monitored by nearby marshals who are in radio contact with the rally Net Control/Stage Start while the stage is “Live”. People within the “NO GO” area, is reason for marshals to request that the stage be stopped until the area is cleared.

Red and White taped areas ideally should be:

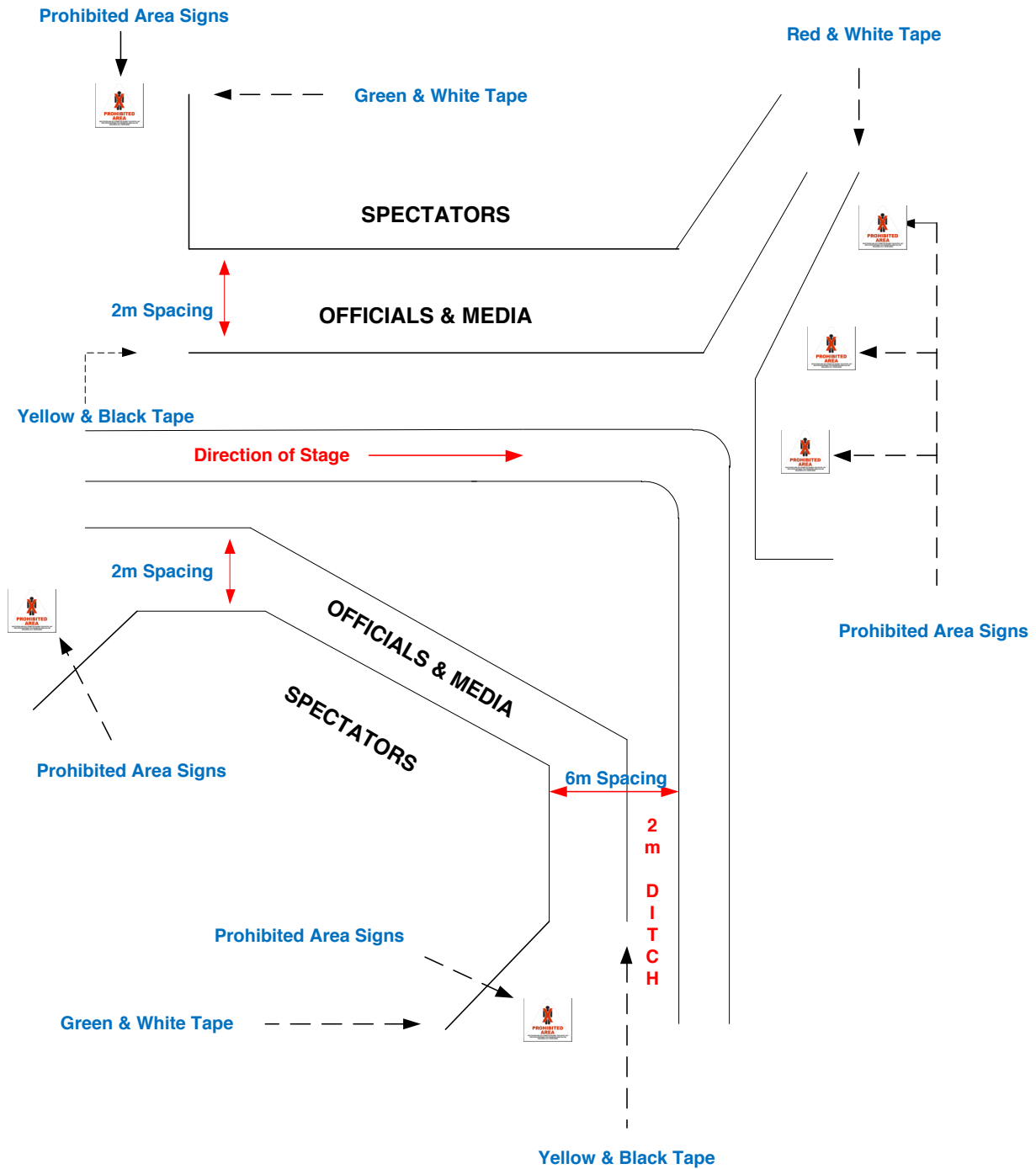
- Where it is likely that a vehicle leaving the road could be expected to reach any person standing within that area. (Such areas could include: the outside of a corner, both sides of the exit of a corner, both sides of a landing area after a jump, the non rally direction at a Tee (or other) intersection.

**NOTE 1:** While the shut-down area of a special stage finish is to be considered as a Red and Black zone, it is not necessary to tape the area unless it is located at a spectator zone. Stage stop control areas are to be considered as Yellow and Black zones (see above).

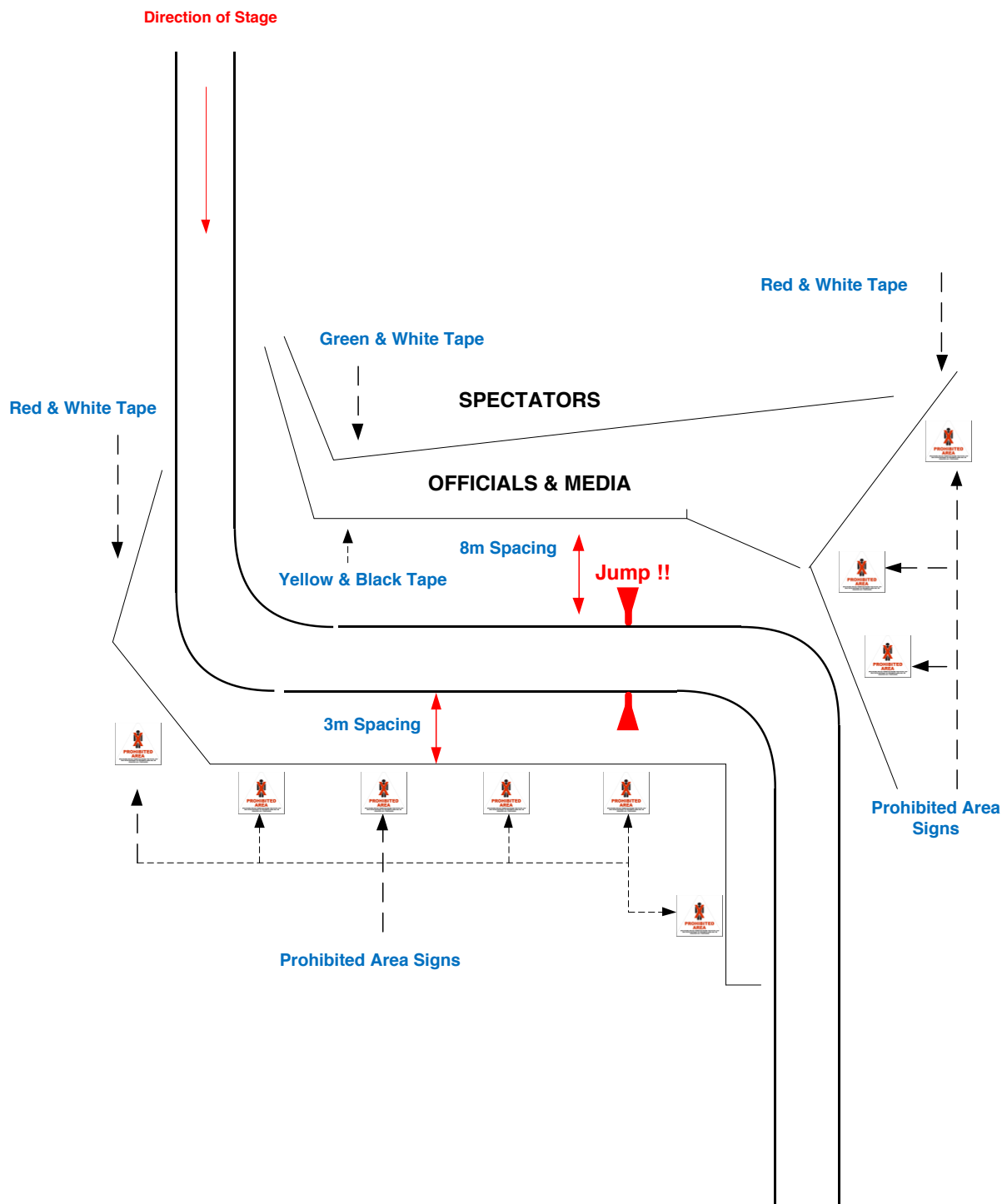
**NOTE 2:** Where Red and Black zones are used in conjunction with Yellow and Black areas where media are present, the Red and Black tape can be ‘pushed to the bottom of the stakes so that the media may have unimpeded field for their cameras once the limits of the Yellow and Black zones are established.

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| <p><b>Red and White Taped Areas = A total “NO GO” area</b></p> |
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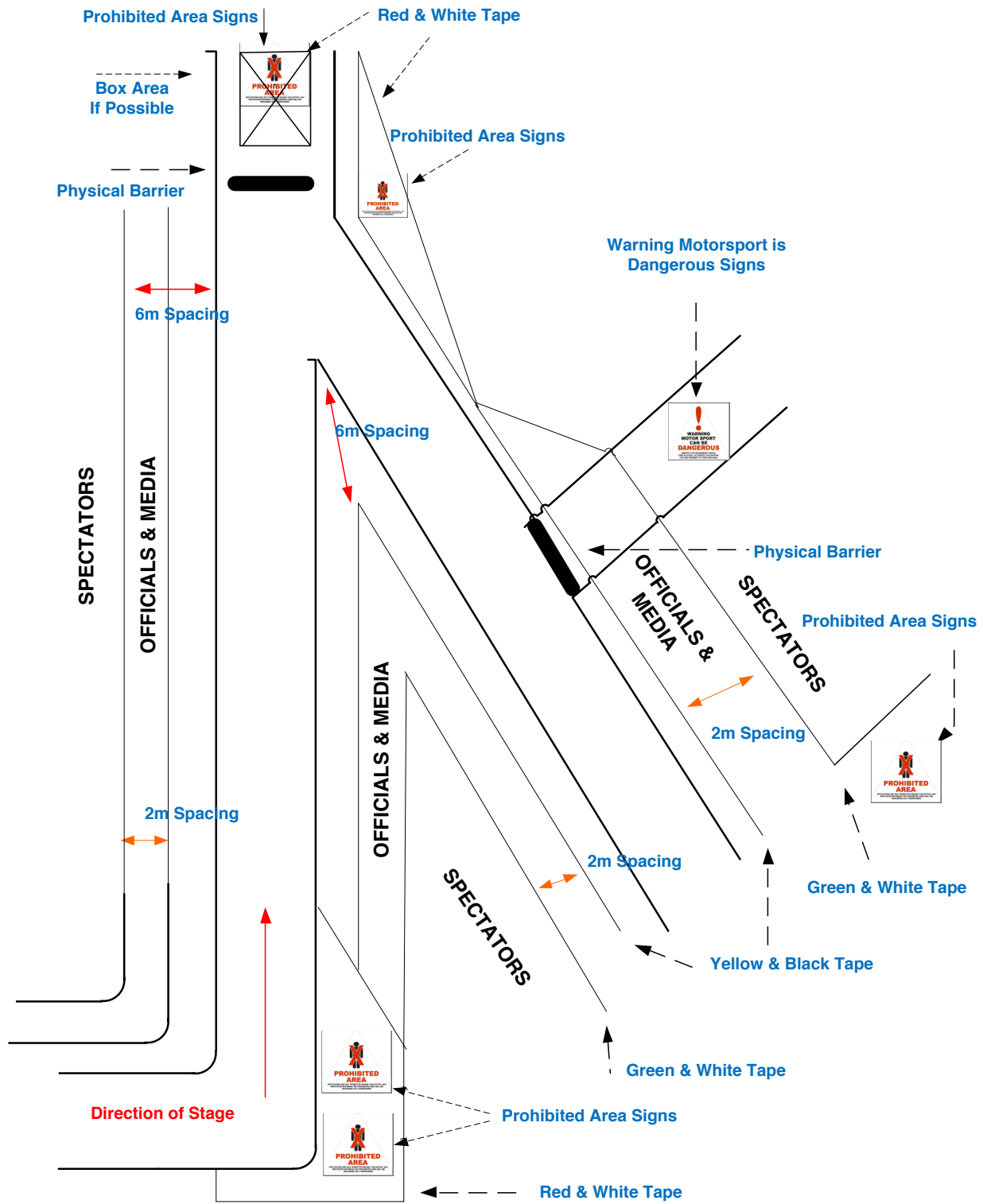
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# DIAGRAM "B" – Spectator Zone (Jump)

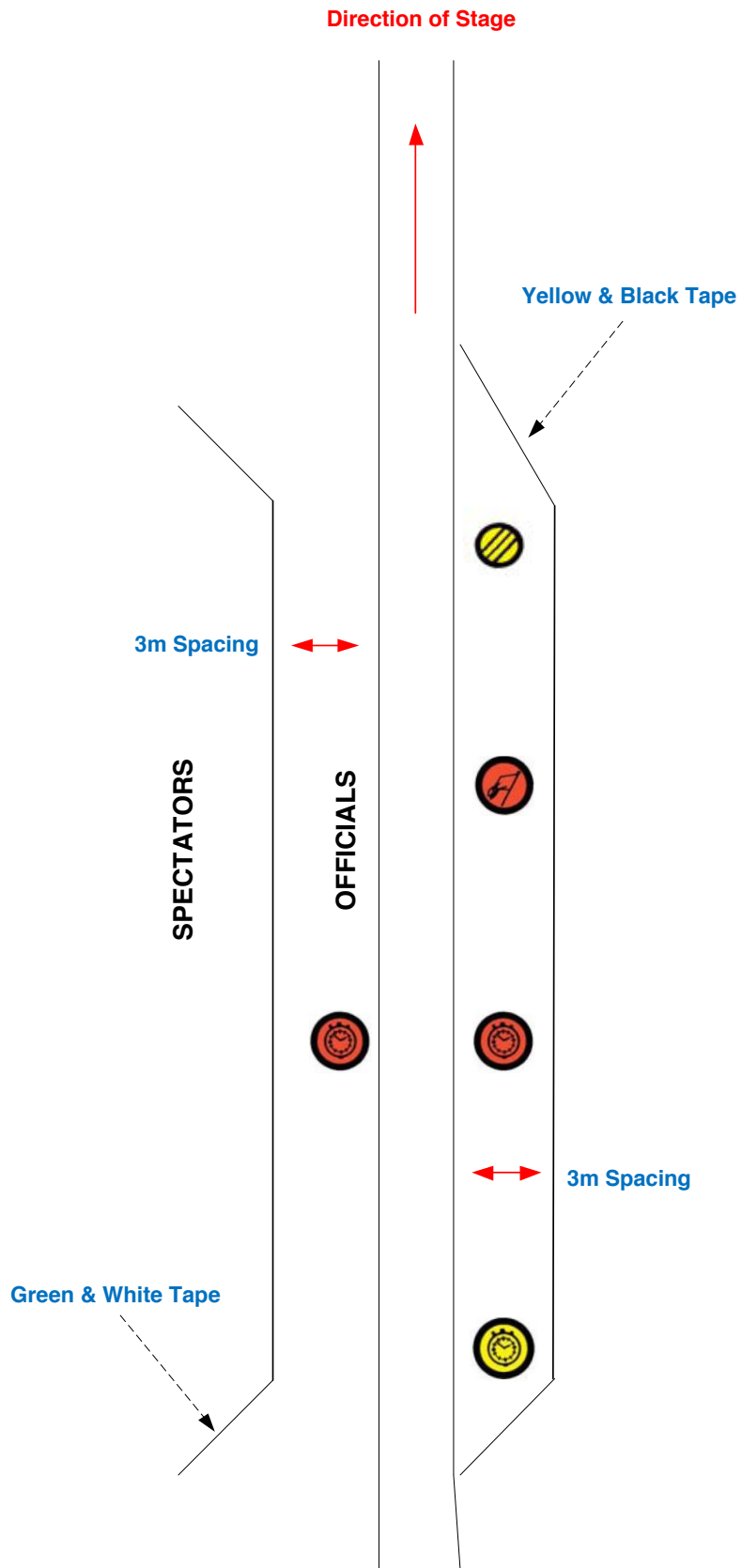


# DIAGRAM "C" – Spectator Zone (Various Intersections)

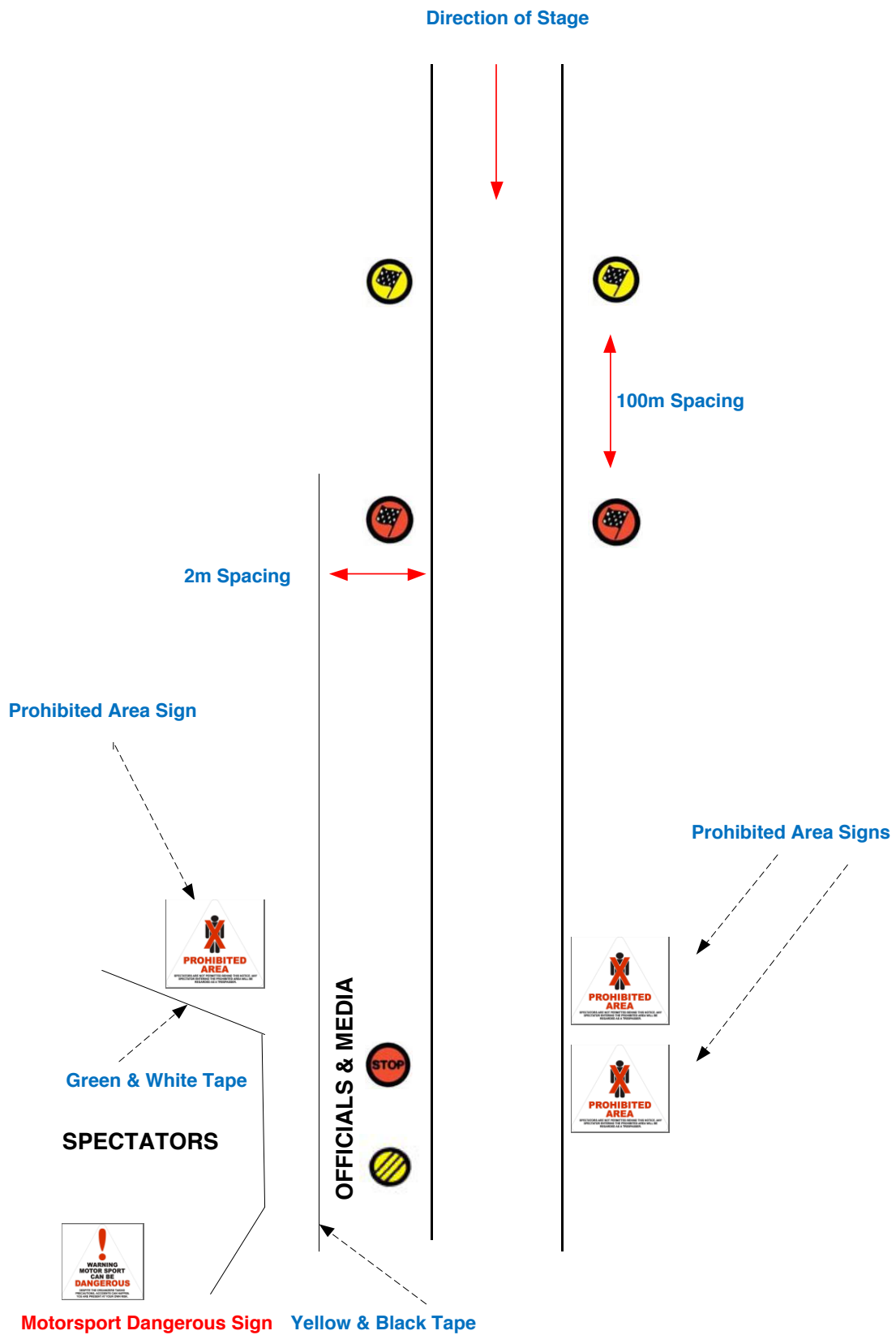




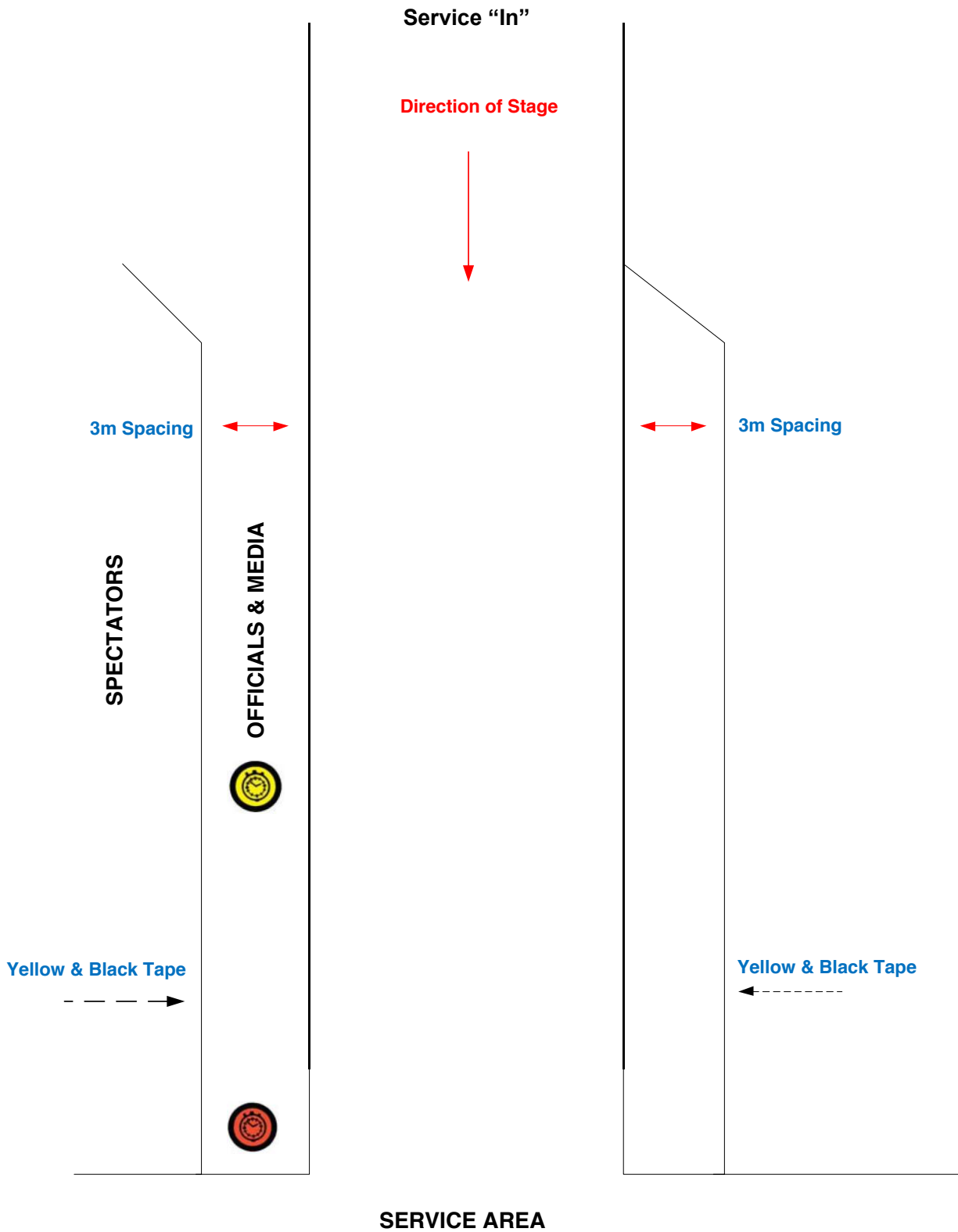
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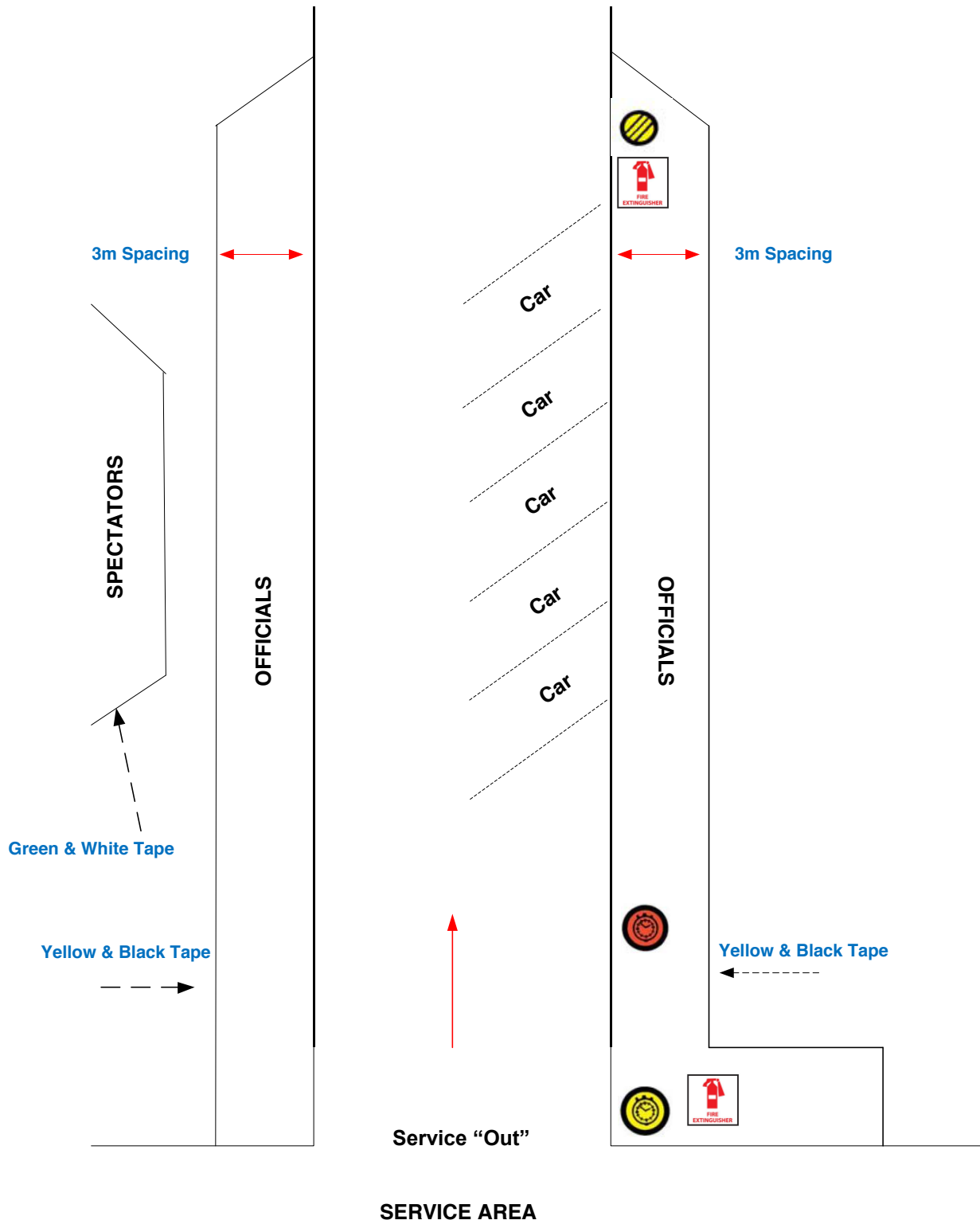
# DIAGRAM "E" – Control Zone (Stage Finish)



# DIAGRAM "F" – Control Zone (Service "In")



# DIAGRAM "G" – Control Zone (Service "Out" & Refuel Zone)



## DIAGRAM “H” – Warning Signs

i) Motorsport is Dangerous Sign



ii) Prohibited Area Sign

