

**COMPETITOR BRIEFING NOTES** 



# BRANDS HATCH – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

Please read the briefing notes below prior to attending this BARC race meeting as it contains a variety of pieces of information necessary for the smooth operation of the event.

## Arrival:

As you are aware there will be no sign-on or scrutineering prior to going on track as you will need to have completed a self-declaration form in advance. However scrutineers will be making some random checks to ensure compliance with the regulations. Failure to complete the form in advance will mean that you cannot take part in the event.

## Track activity:

Britcar and Sports Prototype Cup will access the track from the pit lane and for qualifying will go directly to the circuit. For racing they will do a lap before forming on the grid, go through the countdown boards before undertaking their green flag rolling start lap.

All other classes please ensure that you are in the assembly area well in advance of your session. For qualifying you will be released into the pit lane, before being released to the track at the showing of the green flag. For races you will be released from the assembly area to go directly to the grid, receive the countdown boards before undertaking a green flag lap to reform on the grid and undertake a standing start. The exception to this will be CTC (Thunder / BOSS) who will undertake a rolling start at the end of the green flag lap.

At the end of every session after taking the chequered flag at the line complete a lap of the circuit and enter the pit lane turning right before the first garage to enter the paddock Parc Fermé area. There will not be any BARC presentation ceremonies or driver interviews.

# Driver Conduct:

This is a non-contact sport and all incidents of contact will be investigated. Track limit regulations apply as described within the Motorsport UK Yearbook Q14. Any on-track issues or concerns should be taken to the secretary of the meeting in race administration who will then locate and organise a clerk of the course to deal with the matter.

If you stop trackside please follow two simple instructions; a) park your car as close to the marshals post and as close to the barrier as possible and b) you will be approached by a marshal who will be looking for a "thumbs up" signal from you to indicate that you are OK. Once you have given the signal when safe to do so get out of your car and quickly get yourself to a place of greater safety.

#### Off-Track:

The paddock is an area of danger and a 10mph speed limit is in place at all times. Competitors are responsible for the actions of people associated with their entry so please ensure everyone is following the rules and regulations which are in force at this time. Do not use more paddock space than is essential.

# Communications:

Any communication regarding the event should be via email to the secretary or the clerks whose contact details appear within the Final Instructions. No paperwork will be posted on the circuit notice board but rather it will be available on a virtual notice board on the BARC website <u>www.barc.net/virtual-noticeboard</u>

# Timing:

There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event and you are advised that these can be found on the TSL website at <u>www.tsl-timing.com</u>. You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the assembly area. Because all of the timing is done automatically you must have a

working transponder fitted or you will not be able to be timed. The arrangement to hire a transponder need to be done in advance of the meeting via the TSL website, however TSL will have a small number of transponders available in the event that you experience a problem at the circuit so see one of the TSL staff in the timing room.

## Licence Upgrades:

There will be no signatures for upgrade issued at the meeting. Those wishing to upgrade should contact Motorsport UK directly providing evidence of their results.

## Briefings:

There will be no new drivers briefings at the event having read these notes is adequate briefing in itself, but should you have any questions then please see the clerk of the course at the event. Any championship briefings will usually be sent out in advance of the meeting but if a briefing is required at the event it will be held in the open air at a specified time and place.

#### Judicial Process:

The judicial rules and regulations are exactly as described within the Motorsport UK Yearbook except that everything will be undertaken electronically rather than producing pieces of paper. Therefore if you are involved in a judicial hearing a decision will be announce to you and then sent by email to your registered email address.

Protests and appeals can be made in the usual way through either the Secretary of the Meeting or the Clerk of the Course using the electronic form which is available from the Secretary.

## Health & Safety:

You should follow the BARC Health & Safety Guidelines, which can be found on the BARC website within each of the championship pages, along with any regulations issued by the venue.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, Motorsport UK and the BARC have set out guidance notes for the restart of circuit racing and through these briefing notes I would like to remind you of some key points.

- Symptoms of coronavirus are a persistent cough, high temperature, feeling unwell, breathlessness and a loss of taste or smell. Participants who feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus, however mild or who feel they may have been exposed to a risk of infection should not attend the event. If someone is already at the event and exhibits any symptoms should inform the secretary of the meeting, before leaving the venue and call NHS 111
- The best way to prevent the spread of the virus is hand washing which should be done regularly with soap & water or sanitising gel.
- Physical social contact should be avoided and you should minimise the number of people congregating in close proximity. Avoid sharing tools, drinks or water bottles
- Surfaces at events should be wiped down and disinfected regularly
- Social distancing recommendations should be observed, where this is not possible PPE should be used
- There will be limited access to Race Administration and Race Control please comply with any notices.
- All communications will be electronic; telephone or email as registered with your entry

Please remember at all times that you have to take responsibility for your own safety, protecting yourself from the virus by following the guidelines issued in advance and contained within these notes. Should you feel unsafe at any time then you should not take part and if you are at the event return home after informing the secretary of the meeting.

Thank you in advance for following our guidelines and we all hope that you have an enjoyable event.

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