



Donington Park (National) Circuit

31st May 2021

DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES

Welcome

On behalf of BARC, welcome to Donington Park for what we hope will be a very enjoyable race day.

Briefings

Whilst the individual championships may have their own briefings, please read these notes together with any previously issued season briefing notes. If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Wells or myself via email using the addresses below.

Official Noticeboard

The official noticeboard can be found online at:

https://www.barc.net/online_noticeboard/donington-park-may-31/

Circuit Information

Lap length: 1.98 miles, Clockwise

Start line and Finish line are located in front of Race Control; Offset is approximately 61 metres.

Pole position: On the right

Pit lane speed limit for this event will be 60 kph Please ensure you are aware of where the speed limit starts and ends in the pit lane.

Safety Car position: Pit Exit.

When exiting the pits, drivers MUST be aware of competitors on the track. Beware of the pit exit blend line on drivers right. Please keep to the left.

Start lights are located on the gantry above the grid.

Warning flags will be shown at the finish line.

Time Schedule

Times are from timetable v1.1 and may be subject to change

Make sure you are in the Assembly Area in good time. We will not wait for late arrivals.

Times are green flag times.

Qualifying

Please ensure you get to the Assembly area in good time so that you can be noise tested before going onto the circuit.

You will be released from the Assembly Area (on the Melbourne Loop) behind a course car and led into the Pit Lane. When the signal is given, you will then be released onto the circuit.

If you wish to travel slowly on the circuit to get a clear lap, this MUST be done without hindering another competitor in any way whatsoever.

If you set a fast lap time whilst exceeding track limits, the relevant lap time will be removed.

Ensure you do minimum 3 laps. Speak to your Clerk immediately after your qualifying session finishes if you were not able to.

All competing cars must remain in the Pit Lane while not on the track.

After you have taken the chequered flag, proceed round the circuit at a reduced speed to Parc fermé via the pit lane without stopping.

Start Procedure - Standing Starts (Mighty Mini; Kumho BMW; JEC; Pre 66; Pre 83; Pre 93; Pre 03)

You will be released from the Assembly Area (on the Melbourne Loop) to the Grid. The grid will be determined in a 2 x 2 formation. Once all cars are on the grid, the Countdown boards will be shown and the green flag lap will commence.

Once all cars are formed on the Grid in their respective positions, a 5 second board will be shown. The lights will be switched on 5 seconds after the board is withdrawn. The start signal will be given between 2 and 7 seconds by the red lights being switched off. In the event of the start lights failing, the start signal may be given by the downward motion of the National Flag.



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Start Procedure – Rolling Starts (BOSS/Thunder)

You will be released from the Assembly Area (on the Melbourne Loop) to the Grid. Grid will be determined in a 2 x 2 formation.

Once all cars are on the grid, the Countdown boards will be shown and the green flag lap will commence.

You will be led by the Lead Car/Safety car on your Green Flag lap. The Safety Car will extinguish its lights and enter the pit lane. The Pole Position car must maintain the speed of the Safety Car from the moment the Safety Car lights are extinguished until the start signal is given. The start signal will be the red lights being switched off.

If the Start/Delayed board is displayed, the Countdown Procedure/Audible Warning sequence will then recommence from the one-minute board.

Safety Car

If the Safety Car is deployed, it will be released from the pit-exit. Waved yellow flags (which may be supplemented by lights) and SC boards will be displayed around the circuit. All cars MUST slow down immediately. The Safety Car will endeavour to pick up the leader. All cars must be no more than 5 car lengths apart and maintain the same speed as the Safety Car.

Overtaking or overlapping of any other competing car during a Safety Car intervention is forbidden. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the particular competitor concerned is signalled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car.

Flag Procedures

No overtaking under yellow or red flags.

Yellow Flags/Lights

You are reminded that Yellow Flags are a warning of danger, slow down and be prepared to take avoiding action or stop.

Red Flags/Lights

If in qualifying, return to the Pit Lane, follow the directions of the marshals at all times

During races, return to the Grid, stopping short of the Start Line to enable formation of any revised grid. Follow the directions of the marshals at all times

Blue Flags

These will normally be shown to a car that is about to be lapped. This car must give way at the earliest opportunity.

Black & Orange Flag + Race Number – Come in to the pits at the end of that lap.

Black Flag + Race Number – Come into pits at the end of that lap and contact the Clerk of the Course.

Race Finish

After taking the Chequered Flag, drivers are required to slow down, remain behind any competitors ahead of them and return to the Pit Lane going directly to Parc Fermé, keeping helmets on and harnesses done up while on the circuit or in the pit-lane. Drivers should remain in Parc Fermé with their cars until released by the Licenced Eligibility Scrutineer or are required for Podium Presentations. The podium placed drivers will be stopped at pit entry for interviews. Teams are responsible for taking podium position cars to the scrutineering bay under Parc Fermé conditions.

Health & Safety

Please follow updated MSUK, BARC, Championship and Circuit guidance regarding COVID 19 and Social Distancing at all times.



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In-Race Penalties

Stop / Go & Drive-Through penalties MUST be taken within 3 laps, unless the Safety Car is on circuit

Accident/Incident

If you come to a stop on the circuit or after an accident, stay in your car. If you are ok, give a clear thumbs-up signal to the marshal. Follow the directions of the marshals.

Donington Park is licenced for LIVE recovery – be aware of lights and flags.

If you are involved in an incident, DO NOT leave the circuit before checking with Clerk of the Course.

Mechanical Problems

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit with the risk of leaving oil on the track.

Track Limits

Track Limits will be enforced. Cameras/sensors are at turns 1, 4, 7 and 9. Infringements at other locations will be reported by appointed Judges of Fact.

Noise: Please be aware of the curfew times.

Protests/Appeals: Electronic forms must be submitted to the Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting within the time limits stated in MSUK Regulations.

Secretary of the Meeting email – dwells.barc@gmail.com

Clerk of the Course email – duwota.barc@gmail.com

Social Media Guidelines

Please familiarise yourself with the BARC's & Motorsport UK's Social Media policies:

[BARC Social Media Guidelines](#)

[Motorsport UK Social Media Policy & Guidance](#)

Avoid making comments that could be interpreted as bringing the sport/club/championship into disrepute.

Questions: Any questions will be addressed between 08:00-08:20 on Monday 31st May prior to the start of the meeting outside race control.

Driving Etiquette

Motorsport is a non-contact sport. Driving standards must be maintained at all times.

Please make use of your mirrors - be aware of what's around you.

Excessive weaving - using more than 50% of the track to heat tyres is prohibited.

All reported incidents will be investigated.

No practice starts on formation/green flag lap or behind the Safety Car.

Treat fellow competitors, marshals, officials, championship staff and team members with respect.

We hope you are enjoying your return to racing.

Stay safe!!

Dorothy Uwota
Clerk of the Course