



BARC COVID-19 – 2021 COMPETITOR GUIDANCE v21

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In order to undertake racing within the UK it has been necessary to adjust some of our practices and procedures in order to satisfy the requirements laid down by the government and most importantly to provide the safest environment possible for everyone involved whether competitor, official or member of the circuit staff. Therefore, in line with the guidelines produced by Motorsport UK and the requirements of the government restrictions, the BARC will operate their events as follows:

1. Race entries are to be done via the online entry system or via your championship/series directly.
2. Prior to taking part in their first event of the year each competitor must send in electronically a copy of the front of their race licence to licencephoto@barc.net, this will be used to verify that an appropriate licence is held for the event to be undertaken. When emailing, please include details of the Championship you race in and also your race number if known.
3. Prior to each event every competitor must complete the self-declaration form found within the "sign-on" section of the online entry system. Those not using the online entry system can download the form from the Motorsport UK website using the link below. This must be completed and sent to the club via email to dwheadon@barc.net at least three days before the event.
<https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2021-03-09-signing-on-declaration-competitor-pdf.pdf>
4. The club will issue passes to each entry as usual but there will not be any additional passes available hence restricting the number of people present and there will be no public admission to the paddocks at events. Passes should be used for those needed to run the vehicle and should not be considered as family tickets and children under the age of 16 (except for competitors) are advised not to attend.
5. The competition vehicle and its tow vehicle / transporter will be allowed access to the paddock but no private vehicles are allowed. Parking will be in the space allocated to your championship which will be similar to past seasons so please park accordingly.
6. Where two or more vehicles are run from the same awning / paddock space there must be adequate distance between the vehicles to allow them to be worked upon while maintaining distancing. The sharing of tools etc. should be avoided and if it is necessary then sanitisation must take place between different users.
7. There will not be any signing-on at an event as the self-declaration form covers that. However, you must still bring all appropriate documentation with you as spot checks may be made in the usual way.
8. There will not be any scrutineering before going onto track as you will have completed the self-declaration form. However, you should expect scrutineers to make checks on a small number of vehicles along with checks on competitors' equipment such as overalls, helmets, etc.
9. Competitors are responsible for getting their vehicle to the assembly area as usual and from there you will be directed onto the circuit. Prior to races drivers should know their grid position in order that they can find their allocated space in the assembly area and on the grid as there will be a limited number of officials to assist.
10. The use of golf buggies or other such vehicles to move equipment to and from the pit lane is permitted but they may only carry equipment and have one person as the driver with no passengers. Only one person will be allowed onto the pit wall for signalling.

11. While on track the rules and regulations remain unchanged so things such as track limits still apply. Should your vehicle stop trackside as a result of a problem or an incident you will be approached by a marshal at a distance. Indicate to that marshal if you are OK by giving them the "thumbs up" signal, failure to do so will mean that additional help will be called for to assist you personally and to move your vehicle as that marshal may be unable to assist alone.
12. At the end of each session all vehicles must go to Parc Fermé as usual. Once there you are advised to stay in the car but if you do get out stay close to your vehicle and observe social distancing at all times. No other people will be admitted to the Parc Fermé. The scrutineers will then keep any vehicles they wish to check and send the balance back to the paddock.
13. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that a transponder is fitted and working. It is likely that a TSL will provide a small number of transponders for hire at events however if the transponder is not working then times may not be recorded.
14. The results of qualifying and races will not be printed out at events. All times and results will be available via www.tsl-timing.com. On their site you can receive live timing along with all of the other information you may require particularly grid sheets and race results.
15. It will be necessary to undertake judicial action to deal with people breaching the regulations. However, this will be done by observing the restrictions and may not be done in exactly the same way as might have been seen previously. Most notably all judicial procedures undertaken will be done electronically. This means that penalties will be announced verbally but then sent to you electronically and any protests or appeals must be submitted electronically and any fees payable taken electronically.
16. Race administration will be in operation as usual so people with questions or concerns may contact the secretary of the meeting in race administration. However please wait to be invited into the office and observe all precautions.
17. The safety of everyone at an event will remain uppermost in the minds of the organisers at all times. While there are procedures in place to deal with on-track incidents these will not be precisely what you might have experienced previously but will follow the Motorsport UK guidelines.
18. Safety within the venue is very much down to those present to ensure that risk is minimised. The wearing of a face mask or covering which covers both the nose and mouth, (not a visor), is mandatory for everyone at all times while within the assembly area, pit lane, pit garages, pit wall and grid plus in any enclosed space unless alone or while eating or drinking within a designated area. Masks or face coverings are required in Parc Fermé and the paddock where it is not possible to maintain 2m social distancing. There are no exceptions for health considerations as may previously been the case and if anyone is unable to comply then they should not attend the event. This guidance applies to anyone aged 6 years or over.
19. There must be no groups of more than six people in close proximity within the venue at any time, regardless of the precautions undertaken, at any BARC organised club event.
20. Competitors are responsible for providing all PPE required ensuring that those involved with their entry are in a safe environment. It is advised that individual paddock spaces are defined with tape or some alternative to deter people from entering your area without invitation.
21. The BARC will appoint a Covid-19 Officer to each event who will be responsible for reporting back to Motorsport UK that everything is being run in accordance with their guidelines. This officer is not "a policeman" but if they are aware of any concerns about people violating the rules and regulations around the restrictions this will be reported to the senior clerk at the event for possible action, which may include disqualification from the event. Usually, the first offence will be addressed with a verbal warning, the second offence will be dealt with by means an official written warning against the team or driver and any subsequent offence may render the competitor liable to disqualification from the event or the balance of the season.
22. Medical provision for the track will be maintained as you would expect. However, the medical centre is primarily for the competitor emergencies and should not be used as a drop-in centre for minor injuries. Competitors should carry a first aid kit to deal with minor injuries. It is imperative that anyone feeling unwell with Covid-19 like symptoms should not attend the

medical centre; rather they should inform race administration of their concern before leaving the venue to contact their doctor or call the NHS helpline 111.

23. There will be limited media involvement which will be at the total discretion of the venue operator as to who is admitted. There may be no commentary service during events.
24. Those staying on-site overnight are not permitted to share accommodation unless they are from the same household and it is not possible to cater for guests or friends. However, it is possible to provide food and drinks for those directly involved with the competition vehicle but all possible safety measures and restrictions must be observed.
25. In addition to these guidelines there may be other restrictions imposed by the venue and these must be followed at all times.

These guidelines are mandatory and failure to comply with them will be dealt with in accordance with point 21 above and may result in an entry being denied or the competitor being disqualified from the event or the balance of the season.

At all times the competitor is responsible for their own actions and those of anyone accompanying them. As such the competitor must understand that the current Covid-19 situation adds an additional danger to the sport and they must realise just what this risk is and will be deemed to accept the situation by attending the event. If the competitor does not feel safe in the current climate and within the constraints of what is listed above then they should not attend the event.

Please remember that the actions of one competitor can compromise the safety of all of those present at an event or indeed the integrity of our sport as a whole and as such the greatest level of care must be exercised in complying with these restrictions. These guidelines have been prepared in order that we might safely take part in the sport we love and as such would ask that you show care and consideration at all times.

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