



Volkswagen Racing Cup / Touring Car Trophy / TCR UK Rounds 1 & 2

Drivers Briefing Silverstone International Circuit Sunday 25th April 2021

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On behalf of Club Time Attack, I would like to welcome you to Silverstone and the start of the 2021 season.

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS, FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, MOTORSPORT UK, BARC & SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT GUIDELINES.
These should have been read prior to attendance at the race meeting. (Which also includes updated covid guidelines).

Paddock

There are no private cars or non-work vehicles allowed in the paddock.

Guests are NOT allowed at the venue for this meeting under the Covid guidelines.

SPECIFIC CIRCUIT NOTES

It is important drivers obey the red light and stay right of the blend line when exiting the pits.

A 60kmh speed limit applies in the Pit Lane for this event.

Qualifying will start from the pit lane. Competitors should line-up at the end of the pit lane to be noise tested 10 minutes before the start of the session.

For the races, competitors will be released from the pit lane in grid order and maintain that order until reaching the grid.

When cars are in place, the countdown will start with a 1-minute board followed by a 30-second board, after which competitors will be released for the green flag lap.

During the formation and green flag lap, practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible. If any car comes to an unnecessary stop on these laps, it will be deemed to be making a practice start and will be penalised. Any car left in the pit lane shall be held there and may start the race after the last car has passed the pit exit.

The start line is underneath the gantry, which is halfway down the Pit lane. The Timing Line/Control line is in front of Race Control, which is where the control flags will be shown, 134.5m before the start line (between grid positions 17 & 18).

The Starting Grid is a 1 x 1. The VW Cup cars will line-up with a 2-row gap behind the TCT/TCR grid.

Any TCT/TCR cars with a 10-second safety delay from a penalty issued will start at the back of the VW grid.

The starting lights are located on the Gantry above the circuit. The pre-start signal will be given when the RED lights come on. After 2 to 6 seconds the red lights will go out and the race will start.

With the exception of officials, there must be no personnel on the pit wall when the race starts.

At the end of the race, competitors must complete a slowing down lap and return to the pit lane. Parc ferme is via the pit lane and garages 1 & 2 as directed. Remember, parc ferme is drivers only, with no adjustments made to the car, tyres etc. No family, team or friends.





TRACK LIMITS

Please ensure that you note the location of the track limits. Hotspots are at Stowe (turn 6) and Club (turn 10). Offending drivers will have the lap time removed for exceeding track limits in qualifying. Motorsport UK penalties will apply in the races, as follows: 1st breach – no penalty, 2nd breach - warning flag, 3rd breach – 5 second penalty added to race time, 4th breach – 10 second penalty added to race time, 5th breach – drive through penalty (12.26.(h), 6th breach – black flag. **If the offender persists the race may be red flagged.**

Alternative penalties may be applied if a competitor is judged to have exceeded track limits, particularly where an advantage has been gained.

FLAG & LIGHT SIGNALS

A yellow flag/lights signal danger. They are primarily for the protection of marshals and must be observed. There may be a speed differential between cars. Please observe the Blue Flags and watch your mirrors.

The Blue Book is clear in stating: “Manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as premature direction changes on the straight, crowding cars towards the inside or the outside of the curve, or any other abnormal change of direction are strictly prohibited...”

CONTACT – motor sport is a NON-CONTACT SPORT. Contact is dangerous. ALL reports of contact will be thoroughly investigated or, if necessary, after the weekend by using video evidence. The full force of Motorsport UK regulations will be enforced where appropriate. Keep it clean, keep it safe.

SAFETY CAR

If required, the Safety Car will be used in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations. The Safety Car will be on the right-hand side of the pit exit and if scrambled, will join the circuit via the pit exit road. At the start of the race the Safety Car will follow the cars on the Green Flag Lap and wait at the Pit Lane Entry until cars have passed through turn 3, when it will return to the Pit Lane exit on Standby.

Drivers are reminded that SC Boards/Yellow Flags will be displayed at the Start/Finish Line and all other Marshal flag points. In this case, competitors must line up behind the Safety Car with no more than 5 car lengths between the leader and the Safety Car and the remaining formation. All overtaking is forbidden except if the Observer in the car indicates by hand or green light signals that individual cars may overtake. If signalled to pass, cars must continue around the track at reduced speed until they join the back of the train. Drivers may ‘pit’ when the Safety Car is in use but will not be allowed to re-join when the car and the train are passing the pit lane exit. The pit lane exit will close when the Safety Car is mid-way between the pit entry and the Start gantry.

When the Safety Car is ordered to withdraw, it will extinguish its yellow lights and leave the circuit by entering the pit lane and returning to its standby position. It may not undertake a full lap with its lights off. The SC boards and Yellow Flags at the Start/Finish line & Marshal Posts will be withdrawn. The signal to restart racing will be the green flag being waved at the finish/control line. **Until the green flag on the finish/control Line is passed, cars must not overtake.**

HEATH & SAFETY

Drivers must follow the BARC Health & Safety Guidelines and BARC Competitor Guidance in line with the revised Motorsport UK regulations. These can be found on the BARC website on the Silverstone event page. Please note the following:

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 when within the venue assembly area, pit lane, pit garages, pit wall and on the 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, they should not attend the event.

Symptoms of coronavirus are persistent cough, high temperature, feeling unwell, breathlessness and a loss of taste or smell. Anyone who feels unwell with any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, however mild, or who feel they may have been exposed to a risk of infection, must not attend the event. If someone is already at the event and exhibits any symptoms, they should leave the venue, advise the Secretary of the Meeting and call NHS 111.

Please remember that you have to take responsibility for your own and the safety of others, protecting yourself from the virus by following motorsport and government guidelines.

Due to Covid guidelines, it is not permitted to visit Race Control unless requested to do so.

If you need to contact me, please do so by phoning 07979 576293, or e-mail derek@timeattack.co.uk.

I wish you a safe and successful meeting.

Derek Stanley

Clerk of the Course

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Silverstone International Circuit

Length: 1.8508 miles, 2978.7 m

Pit Entry - 2978m

Pit Exit - 457m after FL

Pit Entry-Pit Exit - 457m, 27.4s @60kph



T# - TURN NUMBER

MP# - FLAG POINT

