



PICKUP TRUCK RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVER, SPOTTER, CREW CHIEF MEETING

We are in changing times at the moment. What we have had in place for twenty-five years will have to change due to Covid 19 for the time being.

The event at Mallory Park 1st May is to be run behind closed doors with no public attending and only a limited number of people within each team. It will be difficult and we do not know how long we will have to operate like this but if the covid figures keep receding normality will closely follow.

For our event at Mallory the Pickup Trucks will be using the Oval. The races are twenty-five laps in length and as with all ovals all laps will count as race laps.

The oval will be using full course yellow. If there is an incident just the same as we used at Rockingham. Yellow flags will show at all posts, radio messages will go out via Race Control. All drivers need to back off, the Pace Truck will be deployed and all drivers will fall into single file. Race Control will move the Pace Truck into a position to pick up the leader. Once the incident is clear the Pace Truck will complete one more lap, lights out and we will go racing on passing the start line.

As per Regulations, on the restart nobody changes position from convoy until, you the driver, has passed the start line flag marshal post.

For the Race start, there will be two green flag laps on exiting Gerrards. On the second lap you will stop weaving and warming up brakes and tyres and prepare for the start. Pace Truck will enter the pit lane and the pole driver will set the pace being 60mph. You will only start racing on passing the start line flag post. By this it means you personally passing the post.

If you have a problem on the last element of the green flag lap either get to the inside of the circuit to try to enter pit lane or if on the outside of the grid go to hairpin and park.

The only point the Spotters are allowed to operate from is within the inside of the pen situated on top of the hill opposite the Hereward Suite. If any Spotter is not in position 10 minutes prior to the start of the race we will eliminate the driver from the race. Also if communication is not being recorded we will eliminate driver from the race. It has been estimated Spotters need 15 minutes to get from the paddock to Spotter pen.

Pit lane speed is initially 40 mph at the point you can see the flag marshal post. Two white lines will denote a reduction in speed to 20 mph. This will extend to the first of the garages within the pit lane.

We will allow crew onto the pit wall up to the point that any driver runs down beside the pit wall, then we will remove everybody.

Exceeding track limits will carry the penalties as per Motorsport UK Blue Book

1 st Time	A mistake
2 nd Time	Noted
3 rd Time	Radio message/Warning Flag
4 th Time	Penalty imposed
5 th Time	Additional Penalty
6 th Time	Excluded



Follow the racing line over the circuit transition/knife edge on Turn 4.

There are two commercial tyres to the inside and ten protection blocks against the barrier. If any driver takes a line that puts the Pickup Truck into a side drift on exiting the bend Turn 4, the first time, we will accept it as a driving error (mistake), second you will receive a warning via radio and driving standards flag, third time you will be called to pit lane for safety/eligibility scrutineer to inspect the Pickup Truck for mechanical defects.

At the end of a race there will be three quarter of a lap cooling down whereby with the exception of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Pickups will all be required to enter the Parc Fermé pen. 1st, 2nd and 3rd drivers will continue with their Pickup to the start line where they will be met by Pickup Officials. Drivers are not required to wear a mask.

There is NO facility to have any mechanics, sponsors, family or friends on the grid. Staff will have water for the drivers. Drivers will collect their respective trophies. Photographs will be taken by the official Pickup Truck Racing photographer all obeying the 2m distancing rules. The driver then drives his Pickup back to Parc Fermé. We must emphasize that no handshakes or hugs are permitted to take place at the presentation.

While in the holding area or Parc Fermé all respective crew members, drivers and staff are required to wear face masks.

This is our first event for eighteen months and this event is for everybody to find their feet and enjoy the experience of going racing and working around the situation we find ourselves in. Now we have started we need to build on the work everybody has put in over the last few months. It is time to forget about the past, any grievances or problems and approach the season with a positive attitude. We have 10 Rookies who have come from different disciplines of motorsport and it is for everybody welcome them (No Hugs!) to the Pickup Truck Party and help them. Do not put them down, they may make mistakes but they will mature and make the Championship stronger.

Pickup Truck Racing now is as strong as it ever was so let us just keep the momentum going.

As recipients of this information please pass on these notes as they are not only for yourself but the whole team.

Any questions the management team will be at Mallory Park Friday evening from 5pm in readiness to organise paddock parking and all elements of the event.

Sonny Howard
Race Director