



BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB - NORTH WESTERN CENTRE
OULTON PARK (INTERNATIONAL) CIRCUIT
SATURDAY 17TH APRIL 2021
BRIEFING NOTES



Welcome to Oulton Park for the first BARC NW meeting of 2021. On behalf of BARC NW I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with this weekend's meeting. Please could you also pass on my thanks and this information to your marshals on post. These notes are not exclusive for Post Chiefs so please print them off and use them to brief all your Flag and Incident Marshals.

Covid-19

At all times; please respect the current social distance guidelines and ensure that face coverings are worn when necessary. If you have any concerns regarding the matter please contact myself or Andy Butler who is the Covid-19 Officer for the meeting. Please see below; the web address for the latest BARC Guidelines regarding Covid-19 for Officials.

<https://www.barc.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BARC-Covid-19-Guidance-officials-v5.pdf>

Written Reports

Please fill in all written reports as normal and take a clear photo of *both sides*. All written reports then need to be sent to me electronically either via email or WhatsApp (whichever is preferred). They will then be forwarded to the relevant Clerk. Email- Phone-

Please listen to the radio at all times and keep your messages short and to the point, priority should always be given to Post Chiefs who may be reporting incidents of a more serious nature.

Reports

Track Limit Reporting–Running Wide – Practice, Warm-up & Racing

The three corners at Oulton Park where a competitor is considered by the Clerk of the Course to be gaining a time advantage by running off the circuit are Old Hall, Cascades/Lakeside & Lodge/Deer Leap.

- 1. Old Hall, Lakeside & Lodge/Deer Leap Post Chiefs are not to report any instances of Track Limits. These posts will be covered by the Circuit Camera System.**
- 2. In the event of the camera system failing the Post Chiefs at Old Hall, Lakeside & Lodge/Deer Leap will be nominated as Judges of Fact and will be notified that they should start reporting Track Limits.**
- 3. In the event of the cameras failing Track Limit transgressions at Old Hall, Lakeside & Lodge/Deer Leap should not be reported in the following situations:**
 - The first lap of a race.
 - The first lap following a Safety Car intervention.
- 4. At all other posts cars leaving the circuit by putting two wheels or more beyond the white lines and the kerbing should be reported as “Car (number) ran wide and continued”**
- 5. If mitigating circumstances exist for both Track Limits and Running Wide or any other example of cars running off circuit they must be reported. E.g.:**
 - A car appears to be out of control.
 - A car is avoiding an incident.
 - A car is forced off the circuit.

Knickerbrook Chicane

Cars missing or cutting the chicane should be reported as soon as possible. Please state whether any advantage has been gained and whether the car re-joined the circuit safely.

Contact

Every instance of contact between cars and with barriers/tyre walls should be reported via the Post Chief Radio System and followed up with a written report. There is no exception to this procedure.

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Circuit Lights

The circuit light system will be operated by the individual Flag Marshal's with the exception of a Safety Car deployment and a Red Flag situation where the lights will be operated by Race Control.

At the end of a Safety Car intervention Flag Marshals should wave a Green Flag only, Race Control will operate the circuit light system.

Flag Marshal Locations

These locations offer the best available protection to comply with insurance requirements and offer the best line of sight as agreed by the Chief Marshal in conjunction with the Chief Flag Marshal & the Chief Observer.

Hazard Board

It is very important that the Post Chief contacts Race Control when the Hazard Board is displayed at your post. Please do not forget as this action must be recorded in the Race Log.

Course Car Procedures

The Course Car will **not** be circulating to collect reports as these will all be sent via email or WhatsApp. The Course Car will only be used under certain circumstances at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

Car Recoveries – Tyre Wall Rebuilds

Please ask your marshals to prepare cars and drivers for quick recovery. **Cascades & Knickerbrook Post Chiefs** please liaise with your marshals to move the marker blocks to allow recovery and other service vehicles quicker passage. Tyre wall and barrier damage should be reported as soon as possible with the relevant information to assist the Oulton Park (OP6) staff in preparing for repairs. If the JCB is required to realign barriers or move large tyre bundles please let Race Control know as soon as possible.

Circuit Access - Qualifying

All Championships will form up in the assembly area prior to their session and be released to Pit Lane as instructed by the marshals.

Race Start Procedures

All races (apart from Caterhams and Superkarts) will form up in the assembly area in grid position. When released from the assembly area cars will proceed in convoy behind the Safety Car to the grid via the Fosters loop. Drivers should remain in released order. On the grid drivers will be shown 1 minute & 30 second boards before the green flag lap. They will then complete one green flag lap to race start.

Caterhams will form up in assembly in grid position. They will then complete one (full circuit) green flag lap to form up on the grid and the countdown will commence to race start.

Superkarts will form up in assembly in grid position. When released from assembly they will proceed full circuit to commence the rolling start.

For Qualifying and Races cars will take the chequered flag, complete one full lap and exit the circuit via Parc Ferme as directed by marshals.

Safety Car

The Safety Car is available for all races only.

AT 15:00 THE NATIONAL ONE MINUTE SILENCE FOR HRH PRINCE PHILIP WILL BE OBSERVED.

Thank you for your assistance, it is very much appreciated. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable days marshalling.

Tom Bee – Chief Observer BARC NW