# Silverstone (Grand Prix) Circuit 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Drivers Briefing Notes

# Welcome

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Silverstone for what we hope will be a very enjoyable race weekend.

# 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 Michelle Harland or Myself using the details below.

#### **Contact Details**

The contact details for this event are as follows.

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#### **Official Notice Board**

The official notice board can be found online at <u>Silverstone Grand Prix – May 28/29/30 – Welcome to the BARC</u>

# **Circuit Access**

Please listen for tannoy announcements for each session

# **Qualifying sessions**

All vehicles except C1's will need to go to the assembly area which is found behind the medical centre/ Brooklands Suites.

For practice and qualifying competitors will be released onto the circuit at Brooklands, at the start of their session and similarly at the start of races where they will be released to the grid.

At the end of all practice, qualifying and races vehicles will take the flag, complete a slowing down lap, enter the pit lane making their way to the scrutineering bay.

# **Races with Rolling Starts**

# Sports Prototype

All cars must go to Assembly Area at least 20 minutes before the start of the race. Cars will be put into grid order by the Assembly Area marshals and will be released behind the Lead Car onto the grid.

Once the grid is set the countdown will begin and the rolling lap will commence. When the Lead Car approaches the pit lane entry, it will extinguish its flashing lights and the pole position holder will be in charge of the pace of the field. As the grid of cars start to come around the last corner, the start lights will be illuminated and then extinguished to start the race. No overtaking is allowed until you have passed the start line.

## **Races with Standing Starts**

For the Race you will be released from the assembly to take up your position on the grid. Where once the grid is set, the countdown will commence 1 Minute, 30 Second, then a Green Flag Lap. (The Pole man sets the pace, which should be sufficient to restrict the time taken to complete this lap), once all in place we will go into Race Start. You should not overtake on this lap unless a car in front is slowing down to pull off.

# Sigma 150 and MaX5 (Split Grids)

5 Second Board (This is for Front section of Grid – Sigma 150)

Which is showing you the time till the red lights going on, red lights then come on and 2-7 seconds later the red lights will go off, this is your Race Start.

**Max5** Competitors will start 20 Seconds later, the raising of the Union Flag equates to Lights on, then the dropping of the Union Flag signals your start.

#### Sigmax and Sigma 135 (Split Grids)

5 Second Board (This is for Front section of Grid – Sigmax)

Which is showing you the time till the red lights going on, red lights then come on and 2-7 seconds later the red lights will go off, this is your Race Start.

**Sigma 135** Competitors will start 10 Seconds later, the raising of the Union Flag equates to Lights on, then the dropping of the Union Flag signals your start.

There will be **a two-row gap** in the Grids to signify the change in competitors.

# Safety Car

All races have the ability to use safety car.

This will be positioned at the exit of the pit lane.

If we need to send this out we will aim to show the Flags/Boards at the Start-line and they will proceed around the track, the Safety Car will proceed onto the track and pick up the leader. You will need to keep the crocodile close at a sensible speed around the circuit. There is no overtaking under the Safety Car. The Safety Car will clear through the pit lane, and no overtaking is permitted until you have passed the Green Flag on the Start-line.

#### Parc Ferme

At the end of all qualifying sessions and races, competitors will take the chequered flag, complete a slowing down lap and enter the pit lane making their way to Parc Ferme and follow marshal's instructions.

Remember that until you are released from Parc Ferme the following applied:

- No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage.
- No team personnel, except the driver, may enter this area.

# Timing

There will be no grid sheet or results produced on paper at the event. These can be found on the TSL website <u>Timing Solutions Ltd. (tsl-timing.com</u>) You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the Assembly Area.

All timing is done automatically, you must have a working transponder fitted or you will not be timed.

## **Track Limits and Judges of Fact**

Instances of drivers exceeding track limits may be reported by appointed judges of facts.

# **Start Lights**

The start lights are positioned on the main gantry above the track.

# **Control/Timing**

The Timing Line is in front of Race Control 134.5m before the start line (between grid position 17 & 18)

# **Pole Position**

Pole Position is on the right for Standing Starts and on the left for Rolling Starts.

# **Judicial Process**

The judicial rules and regulations are described within the Motorsport UK Yearbook, however no physical paperwork will be issued, with all decisions being issued electronically and sent by email to your registered email address.

If you are called to Race Control, for a judicial hearing, you should bring any additional camera footage you wish to present on a USB 'memory stick' or laptop to play it on.

If you want to query if an incident is being investigated, you can contact me through the email address, or through your designated point of contact. The point of contact will be bulletined on the BARC virtual notice board.

It is not permitted to come to Race Control unless requested to do so.

# Health and Safety

You should 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. I would however like to remind you/stress the following:

• The wearing of face masks or coverings is mandatory for everyone at all times while within the venue, unless while eating or drinking within designated areas.

• As the driver you are responsible for all of the people associated with your team (mechanics, family etc.) and therefore you must ensure that they are all wearing face masks/coverings at all times while within the venue. Failure to follow this rule will result in fines and exclusion from the circuit.

• Symptoms of coronavirus are persistent cough, high temperature, feeling unwell, breathlessness and a loss of taste or smell.

• Participants who feel 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 should leave the venue, advise the Secretary of the Meeting and call NHS 111.

• Please remember at all times that you have to take responsibility for your own and others safety, protecting yourself from the virus by following the competitors and government guidelines.

I wish you a safe and successful weekend.

Vickie MacClinton Clerk of the Course