



Britcar Drivers' Briefing

Brands Hatch 31.07 and 01.08 2021

Welcome to Brands Hatch, my name is Vickie MacClinton I am your Clerk of the Course for this meeting along with my Deputy, Andrew Outterside.

The briefing is via both this email and the mandatory briefing for team managers.

Endurance & Praga: 08:00 Saturday 31 July in the Briefing Room in Pit Lane
Trophy: 09:00 Sunday 1 Aug in the Briefing Room in Pit Lane

All team managers are required to attend wearing masks.

Please ensure you have read the follow BARC Regulations/Guidance:-

- BARC Standing Regulations
- BARC Health and Safety Guidance Notes
- BARC Covid-19 Competitor's Guidance Notes (v3)

Latest versions of the are available on BARC's website – www.barc.net.

Visit the Motorsport UK website for updated Covid-19 Guidance applicable from 19 July 2021 - <https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021-07-19-motorsport-uk-covid-19-guidance-from-19-july-2021.pdf>

Signing-on

You should all have **signed on** before the meeting, this cannot be done on the day.

Noise Testing

- Endurance & Praga Category - you will be required to move your vehicle in front of your garage for 8.30am so noise testing can begin at 8.30.
- Trophy Category - you will be required to move your vehicle in front of your garage for 9.30am so noise testing can begin at 9.30.

Circuit Entry

For all sessions you will enter the circuit from your garage. Please be ready early and we may be able to get cars into the pitlane before the session starts. Please consider that the session before will be using the pitlane. Stay of the right-hand side closest to the pit garages.



Exiting the Circuit

For all sessions. After taking the chequered flag complete a lap and exit the circuit into the pit lane, Parc Ferme is in your garages, you will be in Parc Ferme conditions until instructed otherwise by the Eligibility Scrutineer or Britcar staff, Championship Regulations 2.14. apply. Some vehicles may be chosen to go to circuit Parc Ferme at the far end of the pit lane for technical checks, you will be instructed by Britcar staff if this is you. On the slowing down lap, please keep a good pace up to clear the circuit as soon as possible.

Qualifying

A bulletin was issued before Snetterton (Bulletin 7) amending CR 2.4.2. This has been done on the grounds of safety, due to the difference in speed between the classes.

'Fastest lap in qualifying will determine the grid for race one. The second fastest lap in qualifying will determine the grid for race two. All entered drivers must complete a minimum of 3 laps, in the car to be raced, in qualifying'

Grid Procedure

Approximately 30 minutes before the program time, a message on the official WhatsApp and timing screens will give the approximate time the pit lane will open for the races. Be ready 20 minutes before the program time as we can run 20 minutes early.

When the pit lane opens all cars will proceed to the grid. 3 minutes after the pit lane opens the pit lane will close. Cars still in the pit lane after this time, will be a pit lane starter. The green flag lap will commence 7 minutes after the pit lane opens, any car not in its grid position at this time will remain at the rear of the grid or be a pit lane starter.

Teams are allowed **one** team member per car on the grid. **This is only to help/assist them to be in the correct grid position, they must leave the grid as soon as their vehicle is in position.** Team members going onto the grid, please be at the gate 5 minutes before the pit lane is due to open.

Please note, once all cars are in position on the grid, a one-minute signal will be given for the start of the rolling lap, even if this is before the seven minutes noted above.

Race Starts

All starts are a rolling start, the safety car will leave the grid and continue at a moderate pace until it exists Graham Hill Bend, where it will begin to slow down. At that point all cars should start to form up behind the safety car ready for the start. Entering McLaren / the first part of Clearways, the grid should be formed up ready for the start. Cars should be in two rows, as per the grid sheet, following the car in front.



The safety car will exit into the pitlane. Positions should be maintained until the start lights go out. Failure to maintain position can result in a false start penalty being issued.

Aborted Start

If the start lights stay on, this is an indication of an aborted start. Drivers will go round again following the same procedure as before but with no safety car, **pole position will control the grid and is responsible for slowing the cars down for the start.** Please note that if there is an aborted start the race time starts when the pole position car crosses the line at the aborted start.

Safety Car

Will only be used for the races. When the yellow flags and S/C boards are displayed, all drivers **must reduce their speed.** The lead car then effectively become the safety car, until they meet the safety car, and all cars will line up behind the lead car.

The Safety Car will enter the circuit mid-way along the Cooper Straight (from drivers right) and will exit into the pitlane. Once the Safety Car extinguishes its lights, the lead driver will resume the role of safety car once again. **There is to be no overtaking or overlapping of another car until you have passed the control/finish line.** The Safety Car regulations are on pages 301 and 302 of the Blue Book.

PLEASE NOTE - when the Safety Car flags and boards are displayed, drivers are required to slow down significantly and immediately, not when they meet the safety car. The lead car must allow a reasonable gap to the car in front so that the Safety Car can be deployed to pick up the leader. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being applied.

The pitlane will remain open during safety car periods.

Mandatory Pit Stop

It is your responsibility to know the pit stop regulations. They should be read in detail by the drivers, the team personnel.

PLEASE NOTE – the pit stop regulations have changed post Snetterton (see Bulletin 8) –

https://www.britcar-endurance.com/documents/2021/2021_Endurance_Bulletin_8.pdf

Key points are:-

- The pit lane speed limit is **40Kph** (reduced from 60kph)
- Each car has an allocated space on the pit apron
- Cars may only be worked on in the allocated area of the pit apron or in the team's pit garage



- Cars must be parked at 45 degrees to the direction of travel in the pit lane with the front of the car towards the garage side of the pit lane
- A **Car Controller** is solely responsible for safety of the pit stop, including safe release
- Cars must be safely pushed back (**NOT REVERSED UNDER THEIR OWN POWER**) into the slow lane
- The wearing of appropriate arm bands for personnel (and if appropriate drivers)
- There are restrictions on how many may work on the car and be on the pit wall
- There are requirements to remain in the pit garage/behind the "Pit Lane" line at certain times

The above applies in addition to the Championship Regulations.

Pit stop time is taken from the pit in timing line to pit out timing line. The "beam to beam" time will be advised on the day.

The Britcar staff are allowed to answer your questions on pit stop regulations. They are also Judges of Fact for pit stops.

The Mandatory pitstop time is for all categories is **120 seconds for race 1**. In Race 2 success time will be added and a new bulletin issued.

When exiting the pitlane please take extra care when rejoining the circuit. Do not cross the white blend line on exit.

Track Limits

Sensors and cameras are in place at various corner exists where an advantage can be gained. These will be supplemented as appropriate by reports from Judges of Fact. The following penalties will apply for track limit infringements:-

- In qualifying – the lap time will be removed.
- In the race - the following penalties will be applied:-
 - First offence - no action
 - Second offence - black and white warning flag, via start line signal and digital board (if available)
 - Third offence – a 5 second time penalty
 - Fourth offence – an additional 10 second time penalty
 - Fifth offence drive through or additional 30 second time penalty
 - Sixth offence - disqualification from the race



Stopping Trackside

If you stop trackside, please follow two simple instructions:-

- a) park your car as close to the marshal's post and as close to the barrier as possible
and
- b) you will be approached by a marshal who will be looking for a "thumbs up" signal from you to indicate that you are OK. Once you have given the signal when safe to do so get out of your car and quickly get yourself to a place of greater safety.

Live snatch

Is available at this circuit but only under Safety Car conditions. Please pay attention to lights and flag signals.

Flags

Are supplemented with digital lights at this circuit, digital lights have the same meaning and authority as flags.

Timing

Please make sure you have a working transponder as spares will be in limited supply. There is no guarantee that if your transponder doesn't work, you will be classified.

There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event and you are advised that these can be found on the TSL website at www.tsl-timing.com.

You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the grid.

In Race Penalties

Penalties that are due to be applied during the race, such as drive through and stop and go penalties, will be advised to the designated team manager by Britcar personnel. Should a team manager disagree with the proposed penalty they should come to race control to discuss. Please wear a face covering.

Judicial/Camera Cards

If you are requested to come and see me or want me to look at your camera footage, you must bring a laptop to play it on. I will be in the Clerk's office on the first floor of race control. Please wear a face covering.



Protests/Appeals

Must be lodged electronically to me or the secretary of the meeting, Michelle Harland at mharland.barc@gmail.com Fees can be paid up to 48 hours after the meeting, no cash.

Other Things to Note

- The start line and control / finish line are in the same location – just before the gantry lights.
- When lapping, it is the responsibility of the driver doing the lapping to execute it safely.
- The Stop-Go box is on the right beside race control at the end of the pitlane.
- Judicial hearings will take place as normal. Paperwork will be emailed to Entrant or Driver if the Entrant is not present.
- Pay attention to the official WhatsApp page, as this is where we will give you information during the weekend.
- The timetable is very tight, so we the organisers will do everything we can to save time, we ask you to do the same. On the slowing down lap, please make good pace so we can clear the circuit as soon as possible.

- Please adhere to covid rules regarding face masks. Covid officers will be walking around checking.
- Any questions before the weekend, can be e-mailed to me at:- vmacclinton.barc@gmail.com . Please copy Claire in.

Thank you and have an enjoyable meeting.

Vickie MacClinton

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