



## COMPETITORS' BRIEFING NOTES




### MALLORY PARK – 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021









On behalf of the BRSCC, welcome to Mallory Park for round 9 and 10 of the Northern and Super Classic Formula Ford Championship. These briefing notes are provided in lieu of an 'in person' drivers briefing. Please make sure you read all Briefing Notes, even if you have raced at the venue before. They are split into two sections; firstly, notes specific to the circuit/event, and secondly, general notes that apply to all events. These notes supplement the 2021 Motorsport UK Yearbook (The Blue Book) and the Championship/Series Regulations. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RACED AT MALLORY PARK BEFORE, PLEASE CONTACT ME TO ARRANGE A FIRST TIME DRIVER BRIEFING BEFORE YOUR FIRST ON TRACK ACTIVITY**

#### **SPECIFIC CIRCUIT NOTES – MALLORY PARK**

- 🚩 This race meeting will be held on the Mallory Park circuit; 1.35 miles in length. We will not use any of the chicanes.
- 🚩 Unless on the track, a speed limit of 10mph applies at the venue, internal or service roads may not be used to test race cars.
- 🚩 **Driving Standards** – The standard of driving at our first events so far this year have been good, so let's keep it that way. Please remember to give each other 'racing room' – aggressive or 'pushy' driving/overtakes will not be tolerated. Back Markers – please be aware of blue flags – do not panic and stick to a line. It remains the responsibility of the faster driver to overtake safely.
- 🚩 Prior to **qualifying**, please ensure that you report to the Assembly Area (next to the race control tower) at least 20 minutes before your session, and in good time for noise testing. Once released, join the circuit from the pit lane exit road, respecting the blend line. **All competitors must complete three laps during qualifying.**
- 🚩 **Leaving the circuit** - after seeing the chequered flag (track right), slow down and leave the circuit via the paddock gate at the Esses, returning to Parc Fermé as directed by officials. Please do not take the chequered flag more than once! If you leave the circuit via the paddock gate during the session, rather than the pit lane, you will have been deemed to have retired.
- 🚩 Prior to **racing**, cars should again report to the assembly area and will be placed in grid order. Cars will be shown the "Race Countdown" boards and will then be released onto the circuit via the pit lane. The lap of the circuit from the Assembly Area to the grid will constitute the Green Flag Lap.
- 🚩 **Green Flag Lap** - Note that during green flag laps, **practice starts** (Q12.12) and excessive weaving (more than 50% circuit width) are specifically **forbidden**, and you must maintain your grid position. If you stall or spin off (or other) whilst on the green flag lap, and fall behind all other competing cars, you must remain behind those cars and start the race from the rear of the grid. **Unnecessarily slow** green flag laps may result in the race duration being reduced.
- 🚩 **Start Lights** - these are located on a bridge across the start/finish straight. Once all cars are on the grid, the 5 second board will be shown, and the red lights will come on. The signal to start racing is the lights going out. In the case of light failure, the Union flag will be used instead. No team personnel are allowed on the pit wall for the start of the race.
- 🚩 **Start Grid** – at Mallory Park, the starting grid will be in a 2 x 2 formation.
- 🚩 **Safety Car** - may be used in the races only; it will be released from the Pit Lane Exit and leave the circuit via Pit Entry.
- 🚩 **Track Limits** – **will be monitored at by Judges of Fact**. See overleaf for greater detail about exceeding track limits. Please note that no protest or appeal can be made against a Judge of Fact (G10.1.1 refers).
- 🚩 **Pit Lane Speed Limit** - The speed limit in the pit lane is 50 kph.
- 🚩 **Masks** – Competitors will be required to wear face masks when attending any interview with the Clerks of the course.
- 🚩 **Notice Board** – all results can be found [HERE](#) and event bulletins can be found [HERE](#).

## GENERAL NOTES

-  Motor sport is strictly a **non-contact** sport. This includes 'rubbing' and 'bump-drafting'. All reports of contact will be investigated, using video evidence if necessary. **Any driver involved in any incident may not leave the circuit without the consent of the Clerk of the Course.**
-  **Track behaviour** - reports of abnormal direction changes (weaving) and any other manoeuvres likely to hinder other drivers will also be investigated.
-  Motorsport UK Yearbook **track limits** regulations (Q12.21.2, Q12.22.1, Q12.27) are summarised here:
  - a. In qualifying, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the loss of that particular lap time (note that a black & white flag signal need **not** be shown). This will occur on **each** occasion.
  - b. In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:

2nd occurrence:	Black & white warning flag shown;	3rd occurrence:	5 sec time penalty added;
4th occurrence:	10 sec time penalty added;	5th occurrence:	Drive-through penalty;
6th occurrence:	Black flag; race disqualification.		
-  **Yellow Flag signals** - Yellow flags / lights are used to warn **you** of a hazard or danger ahead and are there primarily for the protection of the marshals handling the incident. Overtaking is strictly forbidden between the first yellow flag and the green flag - even if you are lapping a slower car (Q12.24.5.).
-  **Red Flags / Lights** - As soon as these are displayed, reduce speed, and stop racing. In qualifying return to the pits, in the race return to the grid unless indicated otherwise. Again, overtaking is forbidden (Q12.24.3(j)).
-  **Safety Car** - the procedures are detailed in the MOTORSPORT UK Yearbook (Q App 3); please ensure that you understand this fully before competing. Ensure that you bunch up as rapidly as possible, giving the marshals more time to sort out any on-track problems. Also remember that during the restart, overtaking is prohibited until the GREEN FLAG at the start/finish line is crossed - this is extremely easy for us to check. **Should the Safety Car be deployed, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, 5 minutes will be added to the scheduled 15 minutes race duration. This time addition will only be implemented once per race. A second Safety Car intervention will not have any further time added to the race duration.**
-  **Retirements** – if you find that you need to retire your car due to a mechanical fault or another reason, please do your best to pull off in a safe place, close to a gap. These are identified by large markings on the barriers. Cars stopped in dangerous positions/hard to reach places could result in a red flag and loss of a session.
-  **Parc Fermé** - after qualifying and/or racing, competing cars may be directed into parc fermé (including retired cars). Whilst in parc fermé, the following applies:
  - a. No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage.
  - b. No team personnel, except the driver, may enter the area.
-  Motorsport UK Yearbook J5.21 and Championship regulations 2.13 refer to in-car cameras; please review these sections. Note that failure to provide in car camera footage may lead to disciplinary measures. The onus is on **you** to ensure that the system is working correctly; and to identify any data cards used.
-  **Only footage from cameras requested by the Clerk of Course will be viewed.** Drivers wishing to protest other competitor's actions must do so officially in accordance with C5.1.
-  At the end of your races, please **wave to thank all of the marshals**; remember that they are all volunteers and give up their time freely and without remuneration.

If you have any questions about these notes, or anything else concerning the race meeting, please contact me. I would much rather answer what might seem to be a silly question than to have to summon you post-race.

Finally, may I wish you an enjoyable and successful weekend of racing.

**Luke Souch**  
**Clerk of the Course**

**COVID-19 – Please make sure that you have familiarised yourself with the latest [Motorsport UK Guidance](#) before the event.**