



PICKUP TRUCK RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVER, SPOTTER, CREW CHIEF MEETING

As stated in the last newsletter we are still following Motorsport UK and Government guidelines in that we are not having Driver, Spotter, Crew Chief meetings instead a documented email detailing the same information but maybe by Donington things will change.

At Mallory Park we will be using the oval. This means you the Driver needs a licenced Spotter. The races are twenty-five laps in length as with all ovals every lap counts as a race lap.

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, have 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 with 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 the 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 the 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.

To prewarn you at the last event halfway through the meeting working with the circuit owners we had to organise adding extra protection barriers between turns 3 and 4 due to excessive corner cutting and the fact that drain covers were being lifted. For this event this has been resolved by situating new design tyre barriers to protect these drain covers. It is my suggestion that you do not hit the tyre barriers as it will cause damage to your Truck.

At the end of a race there will be three quarter of a lap cooling down whereby except for 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 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.

To confirm – The oval will use full course yellows. The message will be given from Race Control to Spotters. No matter what flags you see you do as your Spotter instructs and if you are making the move to overtake as the yellow is called you return the position back or expect a penalty. On yellow being called everybody backs off to 60mph. The pace car/truck will be released and on instructions from Race Control will pick up the leader. Everybody then joins the convoy and maintains that position. Again, to repeat on the incident being cleared the pace car/truck will complete one more lap lights out and we go racing but only starting to overtake on passing the start line Regulation 3.6*, 3.7* and 3.8*

Spotters, it is your responsibility to inform your Driver. After the last Mallory we were so close to losing the radio system we have and we are still under probation from that event so be sure no mistakes are made this weekend.

Since our last Mallory we have completed 10 qualifying sessions and 10 races even the Rookies have no excuses for any misdemeanours now. We are halfway through the 2021 season. It is now that the circuit owners and promoters are looking at their calendars, making selections on who they require to attend which events. Yes, I will say we have been approached but it is now about you putting on a professional show with some quality racing for the Pickup Truck Racing Championship to be selected for premiere events.

During my meeting at Mallory Park this morning it has been agreed we can have access to the paddock area at 4.30 on Saturday. The Management Team will be in attendance at that time to arrange parking and to set up Parc Fermé, the Tech Bay and their office in readiness for Sunday's event.

The restaurant and bar will be open from 5pm to 11pm and to remind you all partying must stop at 11pm. Although it has been dealt with, we received a complaint of music and partying beyond this time at Brands Hatch. It is not acceptable and reflects on the Championship.



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The public will be supporting this event and they are allowed in the paddock areas however we are still not allowed to encourage them to visit your awning or let them sit in your Pickup.

If there are any other questions as stated we will be at Mallory Park from 4.30 Saturday to assist with any problems.

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

Sonny Howard
Race Director