



DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES – DONINGTON

On behalf of BARC and CGRC may I welcome you to Croft.

A Mandatory face to face Drivers Briefing has been approved by MUK, and will take place at 08:30 (Sigma 135) and 08:50 (Sigma 150/Sigmax) on Saturday in the Pit Lane Suite, back of Garage 39, this will be lead by myself and assisted by Matthew Willoughby (DST Team), please ensure that you are registered on the WhatsApp group so as to be informed if this changes.

However, please make sure you read all the Briefing Notes that are found on the Virtual Noticeboard at

https://www.barc.net/online_noticeboard/donington-park-august-21-22/

SIGNING ON

Please ensure you fill in your self-declaration online prior to arriving at circuit.

SCRUTINEERING

This is covered with your self-declaration form but be aware there may be spot checks going on, again this has been increased to a minimum of 50% of competitors.

ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATION & PROCEDURE ONTO CIRCUIT.

Please make sure you are in the assembly area at least 20 minutes before your session is due to start, the Assembly Area is located in the paddock, on the inside of the Melbourne Loop. We will notify you by CGRC WhatsApp (Drivers Bulletin) Group of any changes to programme, ensure you are registered to receive these notifications from RaceAdmin@cgrc.uk (*Vicki Houldcroft*)

For **Practice/Qualifying**, you will be released from the Assembly Area onto the circuit for your session.

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For the **Race** you will proceed to the grid and grid up then have the countdown which will consist of 1 Minute, 30 Second, then a Green Flag, when you will be released from the grid for a full lap. Where 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.

All Races

5 Second Board

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 the Race Start.

If you have any problems on the grid, please try and wave your hand so the marshals can see you.

PIT LANE ENTRANCE / EXIT

On Drivers left after the exit of Hairpin. The speed limit in the Pitlane is 60 kph. When exiting the pits the lights are on your Right side, do not exit against a Red Light. When exiting do not cross the blend line, and do not move across on to the racing line until it is safe to do so.

START LIGHTS – LOCATION

At Donington Park the Start Lights are above the circuit on the gantry to the left. Be aware that other signals such as Race Delayed may be shown from the Startline Gantry. The race will start when the Red Lights go out.

LAST LAP BOARD

A last Lap board will be displayed from the Startline at the start and duration of the Races Last Lap.

END OF PRACTICE/RACE – PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE CIRCUIT

At the end of all your sessions you will take the Chequered Flag and slow down and exit the circuit into Pitlane and make your way to Parc-Ferme, which is situated at the far end of Pitlane to the left.

QUALIFYING/RACE STOPS

If your **Qualifying** gets red flagged, you must slowdown sufficiently and return to the pit lane unless marshals tell you otherwise.

If you have a red flag during the **Race** you cease racing and return to the grid unless told otherwise, which will automatically become Parc-Ferme.

DRIVING STANDARDS

At all times show respect and consideration for your fellow competitors and all marshals and officials., obeying all Flag signals.

Do not flaunt the track limit regulations. At Donington Park there will be appointed Judges of Fact at locations on the circuit. Just to remind you of the track limits penalties, these are what they will be:

During Qualifying if you have gained an advantage on the lap where you are reported to have breached track limits you will have that lap time removed.

Race penalties

1st Offence - No action

2nd Offence - Black and White Flag

3rd Offence - 5 Second Time Penalty

4th Offence - 10 Second Time Penalty

5th Offence - Drive Through Penalty (*Observing Pit Speed Limit*)

6th Offence - Black Flag (Disqualification)

If you inadvertently gain an unfair advantage on track, at the earliest possible moment give back that advantage.

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Should your vehicle develop a mechanical problem whilst on track, and particularly if it is dropping fluids, please leave the track as soon as it is possible and safe to do so, and if possible as close to a marshals point as possible to aide assistance.

SAFETY CAR

The Safety Car will be deployed as per Championship Regulations, please ensure you have read and understand the procedure.

The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Pit Lane Exit. The Safety Car will leave the circuit by the Pit Lane Entrance. Overtaking during the Safety Car is not permitted until you have passed the Startline, on the Green Flag Lap.

CONTROL FLAGS

These flags (Black, Black & White etc.) are shown from the Pit Wall at the control line on drivers **LEFT** and, where possible, will be repeated on TSL Timing Screen.

ON BOARD CAMERAS

Please ensure that all onboard cameras are switched on and have a card in them prior to Qualifying and Racing, it is an offence as per Championship

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Regulation 2.13 (iv) not to have a working Camera. If you need to bring footage to myself, please can you bring hardware to view as there are so many different cards and I am unable to read every type.

Incidents on circuit are not always seen by Post Chiefs, and reported, or in fact seen differently than what actually occurs. If you have anything that you want me to look at, ensure that you let me know on the day, as I am unable to act days or weeks after the event, if you advise Vicki of this, she can advise me via our communication links.

COVID 19 Points

MUK GUIDELINE

With the current problems being experienced with COVID-19 you are urged to follow the government guidelines with regard to preventing the spread of the virus by washing hands, wiping surfaces and “catching” coughs and sneezes.

In addition the guidelines suggest that you stay at home if you feel you may have any symptoms of the virus. If these symptoms develop at the event then please inform the secretary of the meeting and then leave the venue and return home.

The full Guidelines document is available on the BARC website.

All attendees to the event to be aware of Motorsport UK advice, advisory and compulsory rules appertaining to their location and country.

Finally, I would just like to remind you all of the saying “ your cannot win a race on the first corner/Lap” and “You have to Finish to be in a chance to Win”

We wish you a successful and enjoyable meeting.

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