



DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES

Donington Park 23 & 24 October 2021

1. Welcome

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

Please read the following documents which are available on the BARC website:

- BARC Standing Regulations
- BARC Health and Safety Guidance Notes,
- BARC Covid-19 Competitor's Guidance Notes.

2. Signing On / Scrutineering

Sign on/Scrutineering Sign on continues to be online and in advance of the meeting – competitors cannot sign-on at the event.

Scrutineering will remain self-declaration for this meeting, however the scrutineers will conduct random checks of the cars.

3. Noise Testing

3.1 Saturday - Endurance Class competitors will be required to move their cars in front of the garages for 8.35am so noise testing can begin at 8.40am.

3.2 Sunday - Trophy Class competitors will be required to move your cars in front of the garages for 8:35am so that noise testing can begin at 8:40am.

4. Entry and Exit

4.1 Circuit entry, for all sessions competitors will enter the circuit from their garages, directly into the pit lane. Please consider that the session before will be using the pitlane.

Drivers are reminded that from the moment they leave the pit lane until returning to Parc Ferme/Paddock they must wear a crash helmet, overalls, gloves and shoes and safety harness. These items should not be removed until the driver leaves the vehicle.

4.2 Exiting the circuit. For all sessions. After taking the chequered flag competitors will complete a further lap and exit the circuit into the pit lane. The scrutineers will identify any specific cars they require to go to the scrutineering bay; for all other cars, Parc Ferme will be in front of the garages.

Competitors are reminded that they will be under Parc Ferme conditions until instructed otherwise by the Eligibility Scrutineer or

Britcar staff, Championship Regulations 2.14. apply. Individual cars may be chosen to go to Parc Ferme at the far end of the pit lane for technical checks, competitors will be instructed by Britcar staff if this is you.

5. Qualifying

Competitors are reminded that Sporting Regulation 2.4.2, as amended by Bulletin No. 7, states:

'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'

6. Grid procedure

Once the pit lane is declared 'Open', cars will proceed to the grid. 3 minutes after the pit lane opens, the pit lane will close, any car still in the pit lane after this time, must start the race from the pit lane.

The green flag lap will commence 7 minutes after the pit lane opens. Any car not in its correct 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, **only** to help/assist them to be in the correct grid position. Leave the grid as soon as your car is in position.

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. Please be ready 20 minutes before the program time as we can run 20 minutes early.

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.

7. Race Starts

All races will have a rolling start. The safety car will leave the grid and continue at a moderate pace until it exits The Fogarty Esses (turn 9), where it will begin to slow down. All cars should start to form up behind the safety car ready for the start at this time.

Entering the final hairpin (Goddards -turn 11), the grid should be set and ready for the start. The safety car will exit into the pitlane. Cars should be in two rows, as per the grid sheet, following the car in front. Positions should be maintained until the start (red) lights go out. Failure to maintain position can result in a false start penalty being issued.

Aborted Start - should the start (red) lights stay on, this will indicate an aborted start. Drivers will undertake a further lap following the same



procedure as before, however as the safety car will not be there, the leading competitor will be responsible for controlling the pace.

8. Safety Car

The safety car will be used only during the races. When the yellow flags and S/C boards are displayed, all drivers must reduce their speed.

When the safety car flags and boards are displayed, all competitors must slow down significantly and immediately, not when they meet the safety car.

The safety car will enter the circuit from the pitlane and will exit into the pitlane. The safety car will extinguish its lights exiting The Fogarty Esses (turn 9), and after the Melbourne Hairpin (turn 10) will accelerate away from the pack. The leading competitor will then be responsible for controlling the pace of the cars.

A competitor must not overtake or overlap another car until they have passed the control/finish line.

The pitlane will remain open during safety car periods.

9. Mandatory Pit Stop.

All competitors are reminded to read the pit stop regulations. The Britcar staff are available to answer your questions on pit stop regulations. They are also Judges of Fact for pit stops.

Pit stop time is taken from the pit in timing line to pit out timing line, beam to beam time is **23 seconds @ 40kph**. Pitlane speed limit is 40Kph.

Mandatory pitstop time will be increased by 30 seconds to **120 seconds** this is to allow teams to cleanse the interior of their cars in between driver changes.

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

10. Track Limits

As this is a MSVR circuit, track limit detectors are permanently installed around the track.

During qualifying, if a competitor exceeds the track limits, the relevant lap time will be cancelled.

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.
- Third offence, 5 second time penalty.
- Fourth offence, 10 second time penalty.

- Fifth offence drive thru/30 second time penalty.
- Sixth offence, disqualification from race.

11. Stopping on Track

If a competitor stops 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.
- 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.

12. Flags & Lights

Flag signals are supplemented with lights at this circuit.

13. Timing

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

There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event.

These can be found on the TSL website at www.tsl-timing.com/event/214221.

Competitors should make sure that they are aware of their grid position before going to the grid.

14. Judicial/Camera cards

Competitors are reminded of the regulations regarding camera cards. Any competitor requested to see the Clerk of the Course should go to the clerk's office which is located on the 1st floor of race control. Please wear a face covering.

15. Protests/Appeals

Must be lodged electronically to the Clerk of the Course or the secretary of the meeting, Michelle Harland at mharland.barc@gmail.com Fees can be paid up to 48 hours after the meeting (cash is not accepted).

16. Final Notes

The start line is under the gantry lights. The control/finish line is in front of race control.

On the grid, only one person is permitted per car and no work must be done, the car should be ready when it leaves the pit lane.



The green flag/rolling lap should be completed within four minutes, if it isn't, we reserve the right to start the race time at four minutes.

When lapping is being done, it is the responsibility of the driver doing the lapping to execute it safely.

The Stop/Go penalty box is located under race control towards the entrance of the pitlane.

Please pay attention to the official WhatsApp page, as this is where we will give you information during the weekend.

There is a very full timetable, 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 keep a high pace so as to clear the circuit as soon as possible.

Please adhere to covid rules regarding face masks when coming to race control. The BARC and Donington covid officers will be walking around checking. This is a requirement so you can go racing.

Thank you and have an enjoyable meeting.

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