

Drivers' Briefing

Snetterton Saloons Series and Z Cars Racing Championship

Silverstone Grand Prix - 13 March 2022

Welcome to Silverstone, my name is Andrew Outterside, and I am your Clerk for this meeting.

Event Notice Board

The official notice board can be found online at www.barc.net/events/

Applicable Regulations

Please note the Z Cars Racing Championship will operate under the Snetterton Saloons Series Regulations, except for needing to make a mandatory pit stop. This includes:-

- a rolling start (with Z Cars forming a second grid at the rear of the Snetterton Saloons grid)
- applicable penalties contained in the Snetterton Saloons Regulations (see Supplementary Regulations on BARC notice board)

Noise Testing

All cars will be noise tested on their entry to the Assembly Area.

Circuit Entry

For all sessions, you will enter the circuit from the Assembly Area.

Circuit Exit

For all sessions, after taking the chequered flag, complete a lap and exit the circuit into the pit lane. Parc Ferme is at the end of the pit lane. On the slowing down lap, please keep a good pace up to clear the circuit as soon as possible.

Qualifying

All competitors must **go to the Assembly Area at least 15 minutes before the start of the session**. If you do not make the assembly area in time, you will be permitted to join the track via the pit lane.

Racing – Rolling Start Procedure

All competitors must **go to the Assembly Area at least 15 minutes before the start of the session**. If you do not make the assembly area in time, you will be permitted to join the track via the pit lane.

Competitors will be put into grid order by the Assembly Area marshals. Vehicles will then be released onto the track and go to the grid. Once the cars are assembled on the grid for the green flag lap, the countdown boards (1 minute and 30 seconds) will be shown, followed by the green flag and you will follow the safety car on the green flag lap.

If the circuit is clear for a start the safety car will extinguish its lights along the Wellington Straight and exit into the pitlane. Following the safety car extinguishing its lights, the pole position holder has control of the pace of the grid.

A steady pace should be maintained, and the grid should close up in a 2 x 2 formation as per the grid sheet in preparation for a race start.

As you approach the start line the red lights on the gantry will be on to indicate the race is going to start. Provided the starter is satisfied with the formation of the grid, the race will be started. **You may race once the red lights go out.**

Failure to maintain position or acceleration before the lights go out can result in a false start penalty being issued.

If you fall behind on the green flag lap and become the last car, you must stay at the back of the grid, and must not seek to retake your grid position.

Aborted Rolling Start

If the red 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 on the Wellington Straight.** 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.

Red Flag

In the event of a red flag in qualifying, slow down and return to the pit lane. Should a red flag be shown during the race, slow down and return to the grid, stopping short of the rear of the grid and await instructions from the marshals.

Safety Car

The safety car will only be used for the race. When the yellow flags and S/C boards are displayed, drivers are required to **slow down significantly and immediately.** The lead car must allow a reasonable gap to any car in front so that the safety car can be deployed. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being applied. Cars behind the lead car should catch up with the car ahead, with a gap of no more than five car lengths between each vehicle.

Once the safety car extinguishes its lights, the lead driver will control the pace of the field. **There is no overtaking or overlapping of another car until you have passed the control/finish line.** The pit lane remain opens during any safety car periods and competitors are permitted to make their mandatory pit stop.

Mandatory Pit Stop – (THIS ONLY APPLIES TO SNETTERTON SALOONS)

The **mandatory pit stop must not be less than 90 seconds.** This is timed from crossing the TSL timing lines at pit entry and exit. It is your responsibility to know the pit stop regulations. They should have been read in detail by the drivers and the team personnel.

Please see the Supplementary Regulations on the Event Notice Board and the Snetterton Saloons Pit Stop Guidance document published on Snetterton Saloons website:- www.snettertonsaloons.com

It is important to note that the **pit lane speed limit is reduced to 40Kph (25mph)** for safety reasons.

A 15-minute Pit Stop Window will operate as follows:-

- **Pit Stop Window Opens - @ 15 minutes race time**
- **Pit Stop Window Closes - @ 30 minutes race time**

Competitors in the Fast Lane must give priority to competitors joining the Fast Lane from the Inner Lane. Notwithstanding this priority, **competitors moving from the Inner Lane to the Fast Lane must make themselves aware of any vehicles in the Fast Lane** and be prepared to delay their entry to the Fast Lane if necessary.

When exiting the pit lane, please take care when joining the circuit. Do not cross the solid white blend line on the left-hand side.

Track Limits

Are being monitored by officials and the following penalties will apply to track limit infringements:-

- In qualifying – if it is on your fastest lap, the lap time will be removed
- In the race - **each and every third offence for the car** – a drive-through penalty

Stopping Trackside

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

- park your vehicle as close to a marshal's post and as close to the barrier as possible
- 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

Live snatch will operate at this meeting under double waved yellow flags, possibly supplemented by light boards.

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. There is no guarantee that if your transponder does not work that you will be classified. There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event. You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the grid.

Live timing, grid sheets, qualifying and race classifications can be found on the TSL event website at <https://www.tsl-timing.com/event/221021>

In Race Penalties

Penalties applied during the race, such as false start, drive-through and stop/go penalties, will be advised by signalling from the pit wall at the finish line. Stop/Go penalties will be served at the top of the pit lane under race control.

Protests / Appeals

Any protests or appeals must be lodged electronically to the Secretary of the meeting, Michelle Harland (details below). Fees can be paid up to 48 hours after the meeting, no cash.

Contact Details

Secretary of the Meeting – Michelle Harland - mharland.barc@gmail.com

Clerk of the Course – Andrew Outterside - aoutterside.barc@gmail.com

If you wish to discuss any matters, I will be on the second floor of Race Control.

Thank you, and I hope you have an enjoyable meeting.

Andrew Outterside
Clerk of the Course