



DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

OULTON PARK 2nd APRIL 2022

Welcome.

Hello ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Oulton Park for the first race weekend of your season. Its great to be back.... Please take note of the following briefing notes. If you have any questions, please ask.

Please note that physical upgrade cards are in operation this year and should be completed with an up to date photo, address, license number and signature and handed into race admin before the driver goes out on track in the morning.

Assembly:

Please make sure you get there in good time, as we may be running up 20 mins ahead of schedule so listen out for Paddock announcements.

Qualifying:

Qualifying will take place as per the timetable. It is the driver's responsibility to be ready at least 20 minutes before their timetabled session. For qualifying you will be released from the Assembly Area and into pit lane, please follow the instructions from the pit lane marshals, timing will start when you are released from the assembly area onto circuit.

You must complete a minimum of three laps in qualifying to guarantee qualification for your race.

When on circuit make sure you make a mental note of locations of all flag posts. Flag infringements are taken very seriously....

Racing:

All start procedures will be in accordance with the Championship/Series regulations. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are ready in good time. Grids will be formed as per Championship/series Regulations and the terms of the Circuit License.

Where races are for a set time duration, the checkered flag will be shown to the race leader the first time he passes the Finish Line after the time has elapsed.

All races will be gridded up in the Assembly Area and released on to the circuit behind the safety car in qualification grid order for your green flag lap. Drivers must keep their Cars in formation with no overtaking. Keep up with the car in front and do not allow a large gap to develop.

Drivers must keep their Cars at (or as close as possible to) the speed of the Safety Car. The safety car lights will be extinguished around Clay Hill/water Tower area which will indicate we will be going for a race start, at this point you must close up and stay in formation. We will then go into the start procedure as per championship regulations.

Exiting Circuit.

After taking the chequered flag cars must slow down and leave circuit as directed by the officials. All competitors will leave the circuit via the pit lane entrance and directed into Parc Ferme. You are to stay in Parc Ferme until released by the officials. Please remember that no team members etc are allowed into Parc Ferme.

Flags:

If there is a **RED** flag during your **qualifying** session you are to reduce speed and return in a safe manner to the **PIT LANE**.

If there is a **RED** flag during your **race** you are to reduce speed and return in a safe manner to the **GRID**.

REMEMBER YOU MUST SLOW WHEN YELLOW FLAGS ARE SHOWN !! THERE HAS BEEN SOME INSTANCES WHERE DRIVERS DID NOT SLOW.....

DRIVING STANDARDS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AT THIS MEETING.

Safety Car:

The Safety Car will be based in the pit lane and will emerge onto the circuit via the pit exit, When the Safety Car is to be deployed waved yellow flags with stationary 'SC' boards will be displayed around the circuit. All cars must slow down immediately on reaching the flags and boards. The Safety Car will then pick up the leader and all cars must remain within five metres of the car in front. Prior to the resumption of racing the Safety Car lights will be switched off approximately 2/3rds of the way round the circuit, when leaving the circuit, the Safety Car for the restart will enter the pit lane. Please note that there must be no overtaking until you have passed the green flag at the finish line. It is the responsibility of the race leader to dictate the pace of traffic before the restart with no deceleration.

Track limits:

For the avoidance of doubt

- The white line or back edge of a kerb signify the track limit.
- If a driver puts one wheel over either the white line or a kerb, then penalties will be applied.
- Track limit cameras or Judges of Fact will be used to determine Track Limits.

- If Track Limits occur in a Race, the following penalties will be applied:
- 2nd occurrence – black and white warning flag.
- 3rd occurrence – A 5 second time penalty will be applied.
- 4th occurrence – A 10 second time penalty will be applied.
- 5th occurrence – A Drive-Through penalty will be issued.
- 6th occurrence – a black flag will be shown (race exclusion).
- Penalties will be shown via the signaling boards at the Start/Finish line and the Digital display

All reports from the Judges of Fact are treated as fact and will be acted upon by the Clerk of the Course and penalties will be applied.

Track limit infringements will be observed at the following corners:

Old Hall, Cascades & Lodge corners

Racing Incidents

Racing is a non-contact sport, and all incidents will be investigated by the Clerk of Course, and are done so using any of the below:

- Interviews with drivers.
- On-board cameras
- Post Chief reports (if available).

Drivers are not permitted to leave the circuit until the protest period has ended and if involved in an incident permission from the clerk of the course must be sought.

Drivers have 30 minutes after a session to report an incident to the Clerk of Course for investigation.

Breakdowns

If you stop 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 and 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.

If you receive mechanical outside assistance during Qualifying or Races, you cannot take any further part in that session (this includes Red Flagged sessions).

If you have broken down, and are being towed back, then you must keep your helmet on.

Judicial

The judicial rules and regulations are exactly as described within the Motorsport UK Yearbook except that everything will be undertaken electronically rather than producing pieces of paper. Therefore, if you are involved in a judicial hearing a decision will be announced to you and then sent by email to your registered email address.

Protests and appeals can be made in the usual way through either the Secretary of the Meeting or the Clerk of the Course using the electronic form which is available from the Secretary.

Briefings

There will be a driver briefing in the Media Centre above Race Control at 09.00 hrs. If you have any questions, please send an email to the clerk of the course prior to the event at: mhulme.barc@gmail.com

Let's have a great weekend and make it as incident free as possible !! Respect your fellow competitors.

If you have any questions, please speak to Phil or myself at the circuit.

Mark Hulme. Clerk of Course BARC