



## Britcar Trophy Championship, Prototype Cate gory.

## Silverstone 25th & 26th March 2023.

Welcome to the Britcar Trophy Championship, Prototype Category, I'm Colin Oakley, I am your Clerk of the Course for this meeting and for the majority of other meetings this season.

Please find below some essential guidelines and rules of etiquette to help ensure we all have an enjoyable season. Please remember that Motorsport is a non-contact sport and that respect for all is paramount, Motorsport UK introduced the Race with Respect initiative and this includes both on track and off track conduct,

Please ensure you read and understand the following, any questions please ask prior to the first track activity on Saturday.

Apologies for the length of this briefing, however it outlines some point applicable to the whole season and not just to Silverstone, if you have any doubt about any part of these notes please raise them with me prior to any track activity.

Please also read BARC's Standing Regulations and Health and safety Guidance Notes. Latest versions are available on BARC's website.

**Noise Testing,** will be carried out when you enter the assembly area for qualifying on Saturday.

**Circuit entry,** for all sessions you will enter the circuit from the assembly area located behind the circuit Medical Centre. Please ensure that you are ready in your car in order to arrive at the assembly area on time advertised time in the timetable.

**Exiting the circuit.** For all sessions. After taking the chequered flag do a complete lap and exit the circuit into the pit lane, Parc Ferme is at the far end of the pit lane by the Scrutineering Bay.

On the slowing down lap, please keep a reasonable pace to clear the circuit as soon as possible.

**Qualifying,** the drivers' fastest laps in qualifying will set the grid for Race 1 of the weekend. Subsequent grids will be set by the preceding race result after any judicial matters are concluded.

**Starting Driver**, in a multiple driver team, the driver setting the qualifying time must start the first race of the weekend. The starting driver is free in any subsequent race of the meeting but in a two-driver team, no one driver can drive in both sprint races in a weekend (races less than 30mins scheduled duration).

**Grid procedure**, cars will be released from the assembly area to the grid. Once all cars are on the grid a 3-minute count down will commence to a rolling start.

Race Starts. All starts are a rolling start, the safety car will leave the grid and continue at a moderate pace until it exits Village/The Loop onto Wellington Straight, where it will begin to slow down. All cars should start to form up behind the safety car ready for the start. Entering Brooklands, 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 lights go out. Failure to maintain position can result in a false start penalty being issued.

**Aborted Start,** if the lights stay on, this will indicate 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. Be aware that if an aborted start happens, the race time starts when the pole position car crosses the line at the aborted start.

**Safety Car** will be used for the races only. When the yellow flags and S/C boards are displayed, all drivers must reduce their speed. The lead car will effectively become the safety car, until they meet the safety car, and all cars will line up behind the lead car. Safety car will enter the circuit from the pitlane and will exit into the pitlane. Once the safety car extinguishes its lights, the lead driver will resume the role of safety car once again. There is to be no overtaking or overlapping of another car until you have passed the control/finish line. Safety car regulations are page 304 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook (the Blue Book).

When the safety car flags and boards go out, drivers are required to slow down significantly and immediately, not when they meet the safety car.

The pitlane will remain open during safety car periods. No refuelling can take place during safety car periods.

**Mandatory Pit Stop.** It is your responsibility to know the pit stop regulations. The Britcar staff are allowed 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 **30.2 seconds** @ **40kph**. Pitlane speed limit is **40Kph**.

When exiting the Pitlane please take extra care when re-joining the circuit. Do not cross the white blend line on exit.

For the Endurance Race the pit window will open 20 minutes after the race start and close 20 minutes before the scheduled race finish time after the race start.

**Track Limits,** Judges of fact will be positioned at the exit of Copse, exit of Stowe and exit of Club.

In qualifying you will have the lap time removed, regardless of whether or not it is your fastest.

In the race on the 3rd offence Black and White warning flag will be shown. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> offence after that a Drive Through penalty will be imposed.

**Live snatch** is available at this circuit. Please pay attention to light and flag signals.

**Flags** are supplemented with digital lights at this circuit, digital lights have the same meaning and authority as flags.

**Timing.** There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event and you are advised that these can be found on the TSL website at <a href="www.tsl-timing.com">www.tsl-timing.com</a>. You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the grid.





**Judicial/Camera cards.** Please remember to deposit camera cards with the designated Britcar official in Parc fermé.

If you are requested to come and see me or want me to look at your camera footage, I will be in the clerk's office 2nd floor of race control.

**Protests/Appeals** must be lodged electronically to me <a href="mailto:coakley.barc@gmail.com">coakley.barc@gmail.com</a> or the secretary of the meeting, Nicole Cummings at <a href="mailto:ncummins.barc@gmail.com">ncummins.barc@gmail.com</a>

## Things to note.

At Silverstone the Start line is under the gantry lights. Control/finish line is in front of race control.

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.

If you stop trackside please park your car as close to a marshals post and as close to the barrier as possible and give a "thumbs up" signal to any approaching marshal 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.

For the endurance races we will make all reasonable efforts to return cars which stop out on the circuit during a race due to mechanical or incident damage to the team to enable them to effect repairs and return the car to the race after being checked by Eligibility Scrutineer or their assistant. If you have broken down, and are being towed back, then you must keep your helmet on and your belts secured.

The paddock is an area of danger and a 10mph speed limit is in place at all times. Competitors are responsible for the actions of people associated with their entry so please ensure everyone is following the rules and regulations which are in force at the time.

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

The Stop and Go penalty box is on the right under race control as you enter the pitlane.

Judicial inquiries will take place as normal. Judicial paperwork will be emailed to the driver.

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

The timetable is very tight, 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.

Thank you in advance for following these guidelines and we all hope that you have an enjoyable event.

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