



**Event: British Truck Racing Championship**  
**Date & Venue: BRANDS HATCH, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING: 08:30 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**Senior Clerk of the Course for this event: Vickie MacClinton**  
**BTRC Clerks of the Course for this event: Steve Burns and Peter Roberts**

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## **CIRCUIT INFORMATION**

Lap length: 1.944km (1.208 miles), Clockwise  
Start line and Finish line are located in front of Race Control  
Pole Position: Right Side  
Speed limit in pit lane: 60 km/h (37mph) - Please be aware of where the speed limit starts and ends.  
Start and finish line: 30 metre offset.  
When exiting the pits, drivers MUST be aware of competitors on the track.  
Start lights are on the gantry on the right, in front of Race Control.

## **TIME SCHEDULE**

TIMES ARE GREEN FLAG TIMES - Drivers should be ready in the assembly area 20 minutes prior to the starting times. The timetable does not permit us to wait for late arrivals.

## **QUALIFYING**

All trucks must go to the truck assembly area and enter the circuit via the paddock gate and follow the Course Car into the pit lane. All trucks will be released from the pit lane for the practice and qualifying sessions.

If you wish to travel slowly on the circuit to get a clear lap, this MUST be done without hindering another competitor in any way whatsoever. Please make use of your mirrors.

Weaving using more than 50% of the track to heat tyres is not permitted.

At the end of the session, competitors will take the chequered flag, proceed around the circuit at reduced speed, and go back to the pit lane. Once all trucks are together, they will be released to travel slowly back to the paddock, exiting the circuit via the gate at Turn 1 and proceed directly to the truck parc fermé area.

It is forbidden for mechanics to drive the trucks on track, they must be driven by the drivers. By exception, a mechanic may be permitted to drive a truck back to the paddock from the pit lane, provided the mechanic has a full HGV licence and has obtained the prior permission of the Technical Scrutineer.

## **RACE START PROCEDURE**

The trucks will be called forward to the assembly area and will then be released behind the Pace Truck and go to the grid. After the countdown, the Pace Truck will lead the trucks on a full lap and to the rolling start.

Note that the Pole Position truck in both Division 1 and 2 must maintain a constant speed from the time the Pace Truck lights are switched off until the Start Signal is given. Breaches of this procedure may entail the imposition of in-race penalties.

Please note that Trucks out of position before the start signal may be penalised as per Championship Regulations.

## **FLAG PROCEDURES**

**BE AWARE OF WHERE THE FLAG MARSHALS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED TO.**

### RED FLAG / LIGHTS:

If red flags are shown in qualifying, return to the Pit Lane, follow the directions of the marshals at all times.

During the races, return to the Grid, stopping short to enable formation of any revised grid. Always follow the directions of the marshals

### YELLOW FLAGS



You are reminded that Yellow Flags are a warning of danger, slow down and be prepared to take avoiding action or stop.

#### BLUE FLAGS

These will normally be shown to a car that is about to be lapped. This car must give way at the earliest opportunity.

#### WARNING FLAGS

Warning flags (Black, Black & Orange, Black & White) will be shown at the Control Line.

#### **RACE FINISH**

At the end of each race, competitors will take the chequered flag, proceed around the circuit at reduced speed and return to the pit lane. Once all trucks are together, they will be released to travel slowly back to the paddock, exiting the circuit via the gate at Turn 1 and proceed directly to the truck parc fermé area.

If required after the races, the top three finishers will be directed to an area for interviews. Once these interviews have finished, the top three finishes will be directed to the podium ceremony.

At all times, follow the directions of the marshals.

#### **TRACK LIMITS**

Track Limits will be enforced using the circuit sensors at turn 1 (Paddock), turn 2 (Druids) and turn 3 (Graham Hill) and appointed Judges of Fact. If you set a fast lap time whilst exceeding track limits, during practice and qualifying, the relevant lap time may be removed.

Details of the penalties for track limits violations are described in the Season Briefing notes.

#### **CAMERAS**

**DO NOT** switch the Truck Electrics off until instructed by the Championship Scrutineer. If instructed by the Championship Scrutineer, Truck Electrics **MUST** be switched back on **IMMEDIATELY**.

#### **IN RACE PENALTIES / INSTRUCTIONS**

Stop / Go & Drive through penalties **MUST** be taken within 3 laps. For the avoidance of doubt, you cannot take a Stop / Go penalty or Drive through Penalty on the last lap.

Black / Orange Flag: You must come into the pits on the next lap.

#### **ACCIDENT / INCIDENT**

If you come to a stop on the circuit, or after an accident, if you are ok you should give a 'thumbs-up' signal to the marshals, stay in your truck until it is safe to get out, then get to a position of safety behind the barriers. Follow the directions of the marshals. If you are injured, do not attempt to leave your truck on your own. Wait for the arrival of the doctor and if necessary, the extrication team.

#### **MECHANICAL PROBLEMS**

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit with the risk of leaving oil or other fluids on the track as this will affect other races. If you are ok you should give a 'thumbs-up' signal to the marshals, and when safe to do so, get out of the truck and walk to a place of safety behind the barriers. If you receive **OUTSIDE MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE**, you cannot continue in the session.

#### **DRIVING CONDUCT**

Track limits will be monitored by track side sensors and appointed Judges of Fact. Lap times may be removed (in qualifying) and penalties (in races) may be applied for breaches.

All reported incidents will be investigated. Please make sure you are aware of the time limits regarding the reporting of in-race incidents.

If you are involved in an incident, **DO NOT** leave the circuit before checking with the Stewards.

#### **INQUIRIES AFTER A SESSION**

Drivers are reminded that they must remain at the circuit for a minimum of 30 minutes after the time of



issue of any provisional results.

Any driver summoned to attend an inquiry should go to the first floor of race control. Should a driver fail to attend an inquiry, then the inquiry will be held in their absence.

The attention of Competitors is drawn to the recent update of the BTRC Championship Regulations and Bulletin No. 2 regarding inquiries into incidents and the imposition of penalties.

Drivers may be summoned by the Stewards to an inquiry and any subsequent penalties will be issued by the Stewards. The Stewards' office is located on the first floor of the race control building near to the pit exit.

### **PROTESTS / APPEALS**

You are reminded of the time limits which are set out in the Season Briefing notes and the International Sporting Code. Documents must be submitted within the time limits stated.

### **RACE WITH RESPECT**

The National Governing Body's Respect Code champions a high standard of behaviour from everyone within the motorsport community underpinned by our commitment to make motorsport an inclusive and safe sport for everyone, across all levels of motorsport. The Respect Code will help to grow and strengthen the sport by making it accessible and welcoming for everyone and we cannot stress enough how important it is that it is embraced by all participants. **By participating in a Motorsport UK event, in any capacity, you are agreeing to follow the values of the governing body's Respect Code:**

- Respect
- Integrity
- Fair Play
- Self-control
- Good Manners

We therefore ask all members to pledge to **#RaceWithRespect** and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or socio-economic background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Whether you are a Competitor, Parent, Official, Marshal, Team Manager, Mechanic, Spectator, or any other participant in the Event it is incumbent on us all to Respect our fellow participant and to 'call out' poor standards of behaviour. Breaching the above obligations may result in disciplinary action.