



## **Britcar Trophy Championship.**

### **Driver Briefing Notes.**

**Brands Hatch 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.**

**Indy Circuit 1.208 miles**

Welcome, my name is Vickie MacClinton and this is Garry Manning, we are your Championship Clerk of the Course for this weekend.

The notice board is online at: [2023: Brands Hatch Indy – April 22/23 – Welcome to the BARC](#)

Please read BARC's Standing Regulations, Health and safety Guidance Notes and New Driver Briefing Notes. Latest versions are available on BARC's website.

**Sign on** is at **8.00** in race administration, 1st floor of race control. Race licence is required.

**Driver Briefing** is at **8.45** in the briefing room next to café by race admin.

**Noise Testing**, you will be required to position your vehicles in front of your garage so noise testing can begin at **9.40**. Please consider that the session before will be using the pitlane.

**Circuit entry**, for all sessions you will enter the circuit from your garage.

**Exiting the circuit.** For all sessions. After taking the chequered flag do a complete lap and exit the circuit into the pit lane.

**Practice.** After practice and qualifying all cars go to Parc Ferme

**Race.** After racing all cars go to Parc Ferme

**All cars from all sessions will go into Parc fermé conditions at the showing of the Chequered Flag.**

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

### **Qualifying.**

Fastest times will determine the grid for race one.

All drivers must complete a minimum of 3 laps, in the vehicle to be raced, during this 20 min practice/qualifying session.

**Grid procedure**, the pit lane will open and cars will proceed to the grid. 3 minutes after the pit lane opens the pit lane will close, cars still in the pit lane after this time, will be a pit lane starter. The green flag lap will commence 7 minutes after the pit lane opens, any car not in its 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.

Team members going onto the grid, please be at the gate (under the gantry lights) 5 minutes before the pit lane is due to open.



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 race. Be ready 20 minutes before the program time as we can run 20 minutes early.

**Race Starts.** All starts are a rolling start, the safety car will leave the grid and continue at a moderate pace until its 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way around the track (Surtees) where it will begin to slow down. All cars should start to form up behind the safety car ready for the start. Entering Clearways the grid should be set and ready for the start. The safety car will exit into the pitlane. Cars should be in two rows, traversing across the grid boxes as per the grid sheet, following the car in front. Position and speed should be maintained until the start lights go out. Failure to maintain position and speed may 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 timing 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 will reduce their speed immediately. Safety car will enter the circuit from Cooper Straight 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 304/305 of the Blue Book.

When the safety car flags and boards go out, drivers are required to slow down 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. (CR 2.12.2)

**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.

Minimum pitstop time is **235 seconds** each, taken from the pit in timing line to pit out timing line.

**Pitlane speed limit** is **40Kph**.

Beam to Beam time is **28.4** seconds at 40Kph.

Britcar will be issuing a bulletin to remind you of the pit stop and refuelling rules.

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

For your 3 mandatory pit stops, at 235 seconds each the pit lane opens after 20 mins and closes 100 min after the race start.



**Track Limits**, Judges of fact will be positioned at turns 1 (Paddock), 2 (Druids), and 3 (Graham Hill).

In qualifying you will have the lap time removed, if it's your quickest.

In the race the following penalties will be applied. First and second offence no action, third offence you will receive a Black and white warning flag. Every third offence after this you will receive a drive through penalty. Track limits are per car, not individual driver.

**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 [Home :: Timing Solutions Ltd. \(tsl-timing.com\)](http://Home::TimingSolutionsLtd.(tsl-timing.com))

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 in the dedicated box 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 1st floor of race control.

**Protests/Appeals** must be lodged electronically to me [vmacclinton.barc@gmail.com](mailto:vmacclinton.barc@gmail.com) and the secretary of the meeting, Nicole Cummins at [ncummins.barc@gmail.com](mailto:ncummins.barc@gmail.com)

**Things to note.** Start line is under the gantry lights. Control/finish line is in front of race control.

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

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

**Fire Extinguishers.** You should be bringing your own Fire Extinguishers for pit stops and not using the circuit ones.

Stop go penalty box is on the right, under race control at the end of the pitlane.

Judicial's will take place as normal. Judicial paperwork will be emailed to the driver/entrant.

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

**RACE WITH RESPECT**



Motorsport UK's Respect Code champions a high standard of behaviour from everyone within the motorsport community underpinned by MSUK's commitment to make motorsport an inclusive and safe sport for everyone.

The Respect Code applies to all participants in an event, competitors, parents, officials, marshals, team managers, mechanics, spectators, or any other participant. It is incumbent on us all to Respect our fellow participant and to 'call out' poor standards of behaviour. Breaching the obligations may result in disciplinary action.

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

Motorsport UK 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

The timetable could become 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 reasonable pace so as to clear the circuit as soon as possible.

Thank you and have an enjoyable meeting.

Vickie and Garry