

### DRIVERS BRIEFING

#### Donington Park – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Welcome to Porsche Sprint Challenge Great Britain. The Championship is renowned for close, clean racing, where drivers respect one another and give each other racing room. In addition to the championship regulation's code of conduct, Motorsport UK's "Race with Respect" guidelines should also be followed at all times. Please see the last page of these notes for more information.

Please find below some essential guidelines and rules of etiquette to help ensure we all have an enjoyable season.

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

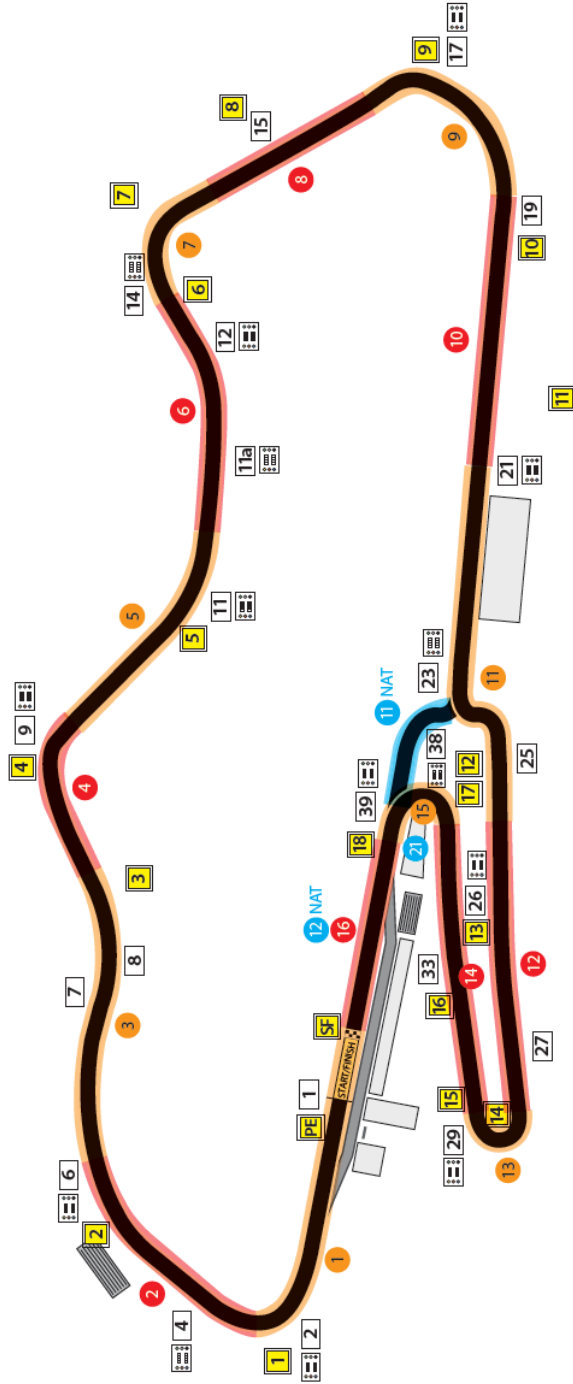
The first part of this briefing is Donington Park specific, the second part is a summary of the general principles to be applied at all meetings this year. I can't emphasise this enough, if you have any doubt about any part of these notes please raise them with me prior to any track activity.

#### Donington Park - Circuit Specific Notes:

- The assembly area is on the right side of the Melbourne Loop. Cars will then follow a lead vehicle to the pit lane for qualifying and to the grid for races. For the races you will then complete one Green light / Flag lap behind the Safety Car
- When leaving the pits drivers must stay to the left of the line at the pit exit. Please note the extent of the line. Cars on the track may cross the solid line from right to left.
- At the end of qualifying and the races, cars will take the chequered flag, slowing down and completing the lap before pulling into the pit entry and passing down the pit lane without stopping (except for those required for ITV interviews), to enter Parc Fermé.
- For the Races Cars will be formed up on the grid after being released from the assembly area. The Countdown will commence and cars will undertake a Green Lap. On completion of the Green Lap there will be no start line marshals on the circuit and it is the driver's responsibility to position their cars correctly for the race start as per GR Q12.9.12iii.
- Track limits will be monitored by sensors (or Judge of Fact) at the following locations:
  - T1 (Redgate)
  - T4 (Old Hairpin)
  - T7 (McCleans)
  - T8 (Coppice Inside)
  - T10 (Esses Out)
  - If you breach track limits here, you will lose both the lap you are on and the lap you are about to start.
- There is Live Recovery available at Donington Park, this will be carried out under local yellow lights.
- The Pit Lane Speed Limit is 30mph (48kph)

- Light panels are installed around the circuit and replace the flag signals, the EM Systems light zones are shown below.

**EM MOTORSPORTS TRACK LIGHTS SYSTEM - v3**



KEY	
	Start/Finish
	Marshals Post
	Light Panel
	Light Remote
	Circuit

### Generic Requirements applicable at all rounds:

#### Track activity

Please ensure that you are ready in your car to be called to the assembly area at the advertised time in the timetable. The Pit Lane speed limit is 30mph (48.3kph) and will be strictly enforced. The start and end points are marked with boards.

For races during the formation laps and the Green Flag the Safety Car will set the pace:

- 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.
- No practice starts may be executed during the course of the Formation Lap.

Any Driver unable start or complete the green light /flag lap may start the race from the pit lane after the last car to take the start has passed the Pit Lane exit on the first lap, but shall only do so under the instructions of the Marshals of the Pit Lane.

For the race start a five-second board will be shown to indicate that the grid is complete after the Green Flag Lap(s) and the start light sequence is imminent. The red lights will be switched off to signal the start of the Race not less than four seconds, or more than 10 seconds, after the red lights have been shown.

False Starts are deemed as:

- Moving before the red light goes out
- Out of grid box markings i.e. In front of, or to the side of it

The Penalty is a 10 second race time penalty

At the end of the session Competitors will take the chequered flag and return to Parc Ferme, helmets and seat belts must be kept on until you are in Parc Fermé. Please remember to replace your steering wheel after vacating the vehicle.

#### Track Limits

Track limits are to be respected at all times, they will be monitored by Track Sensors or Judge of Fact. 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.

For the avoidance of doubt and if guidance on specific corners has not been given:

- 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.
- During Qualifying, all times set on a lap where a track limit infringement occurred will be deleted.
- If Track Limits occur in a Race, the following penalties will be applied:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence – black and white warning flag.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence – A 5 second time penalty will be applied.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence – A 10 second time penalty will be applied.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> occurrence – A Drive-Through penalty will be issued.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> occurrence – a black flag will be shown (race exclusion).

- Penalties will be shown via the signalling boards at the Start/Finish line and where available, the startline Digiflags.

### 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 VBOX cameras and data logging.
- 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 these instructions;

- a) park your car as close to the marshals 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 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 and your belts secured.

### Circuit Flags & Lights

#### Yellow Flags

Competitors are reminded that waved yellow lights / flags are a warning of danger and may mean that there is a car stopped beside or partly on the track.

A double waved yellow means that there is car on or partly blocking the track or marshals working trackside.

**When either of the above is shown, drivers must slow down.**

#### Blue Flags

A blue light / flag in the race will usually only be shown to a car about to be lapped.

With mixed classes it is important that slower cars use their mirrors to monitor fast approaching cars especially when Blue lights / Flags are displayed.

The slower car must give way at the earliest opportunity. All drivers should remember that it is the faster driver who needs to find a way around the slower driver – i.e. the slower driver SHOULD NOT deviate from their usual racing line.

#### Cameras

Where a circuit has full camera coverage, these images will be used to monitor driving standards during the qualifying session & races.

### **Safety Car**

When the Safety Car is to be deployed waved yellow lights/ flags with stationary 'SC' boards will be displayed around the circuit. All cars must slow down immediately upon reaching the lights / 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, and, unless specified in the "Circuit Specific" Instructions, 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 light / 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.

### **Off-Track**

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 this time, including any one-way signage. Do not use more paddock space than is essential.

### **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 [www.tsl-timing.com](http://www.tsl-timing.com). You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the assembly area.

Because all of the timing is done automatically you must have a working transponder fitted or you will not be able to be timed. If your transponder is not working it is your responsibility to get it fixed in time for the next session.

### **Judicial Process**

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.

### **Health & Safety**

You should follow the BARC Health & Safety Guidelines, which can be found on the BARC website within each of the championship pages, along with any regulations issued by the venue.

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

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A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)  
#RaceWithRespect

## The Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Self-Control
- Fair play
- Good Manners

I 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 my part in keeping the sport safety through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social 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, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.