



Brands Hatch Indy – 8th / 9th April 2023

BRIEFING NOTES

Event: British Truck Meeting
Date & Venue: Brands Hatch 8th / 9th April
Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING
Kumho BMW Championship
Senior Clerk of the Course: Vickie MacClinton
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WELCOME

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Brands Hatch for what we will endeavour to make a very enjoyable race weekend for you.

Sign on

As you are aware there will be no sign-on you should have done this electronically.

ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATION & PROCEDURE ONTO CIRCUIT

Please refer to the Final Instructions for the procedure. Please ensure that you get to the Assembly Area in good time before your qualifying session, so that you can be noise tested before going out onto the circuit.

For qualifying you will be released into the pitlane from the assembly area then onto circuit.

For your race you will be released from the assembly area straight onto the grid.

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

Any Driver unable to join the grid in shall be released and then held in the Pit Lane and may only start the race 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.

START LIGHTS – LOCATION

Start Lights, these are located on the gantry above the grid, once the grid is formed a 5 second board will be shown followed by the red lights, the signal to start racing is the lights going out after 2 to 7 seconds. In the case of a light failure the Union Flag will be used.

Starting Grid will be a 2 x 2 formation.

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 your grid box.
- The Penalty is a 10 second race time penalty.

PIT LANE

- When entering the pits drivers must always keep to the right of the line. No part of any car entering the pits may cross the white line.
- The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph.

The exit traffic lights are on the right side of the Pit Lane Exit. When leaving the pits drivers must always keep to the right of the line. No part of any car leaving the pits may cross the white line.

END OF QUALIFYING/RACE - PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE CIRCUIT

At the end of each session Competitors will take the chequered flag, and exit the circuit at the end of Cooper Straight and proceed to Parc Ferme following marshal's instructions. Helmets and seat belts must be kept on until you are in Parc Fermé.



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PARC FERMÉ

Remember that until you are released from Parc Fermé, the following applies:

- No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage.
- No team personnel, except the driver, may enter the area.

RED FLAG

In the event of a Red Flag in Qualifying, slow down and return to the Pit Lane. Should a Red Flag be shown during a Race, return to the Grid, stopping short of the rear of the Grid and await marshal's instructions.

SAFETY CAR

The Safety Car will be deployed as per Championship Regulations, please ensure you have read and understand the procedure.

The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Cooper Straight. The Safety Car will leave the circuit by the Pit Lane Entrance.

Safety car flags and boards will be circulated around the circuit.

Please remember that once a race is resumed after a Safety Car period, you are not allowed to overtake another car until you have passed the Control (Timing) Line.

SIGNALLING BOARDS

In addition to the normal flag signals, there are Signalling Boards at strategic locations around the circuit. These signals have the same meaning as the equivalent flag signals.

CONTROL FLAGS

These flags (Black, Black & White, Black & Orange, etc) are shown from the Pit Wall at the control line on drivers RIGHT. Where possible, messages will also be displayed on the Timing Screens.

TRACK BEHAVIOUR

In qualifying if you are on a slow lap use your mirrors and observe blue flags and do not compromise anyone on their quick lap.

Any driver entering a gravel trap and then re-joining must avoid bringing gravel onto the racing line. Any driver ignoring this instruction may be penalised. In Qualifying, any car that drives through and out of a gravel trap must go directly to the pits to be checked before continuing the session. In the Races, any car that drives through and out of a gravel trap must re-enter the track offline and avoid depositing gravel on the racing line.

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

TRACK LIMITS

Track Limit Cameras are installed at various turns around the circuit. Instances of drivers exceeding track limits may also be reported by appointed Judges of Fact. Motorsport UK guidance is:

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

- Exit of Paddock Hill Bend (Turn 1)
- Exit of Graham Hill Bend (Turn 3)



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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

- 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:

- 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 signalling boards at the Start/Finish line and the 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 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 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. There is only provision for “snatch” at this race meeting under the safety car.

If you receive mechanical outside assistance (tow or snatch) 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.

Circuit Flags & Lights

Please familiarise yourself with the location of the Flag Points and Light Boards around the circuit. Please note some of the Light Boards do not match the location of the Flag Points, however they both carry the same authority.

Yellow Flags/Lights

Competitors are reminded that waved yellow flags or lights 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 a car on or partly blocking the track or marshals working trackside. When either of the above is shown, drivers are required to slow down.



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Blue Flags

A waved blue flag in the race will normally 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 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.

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. Do not use more paddock space than is essential.

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.

TIMETABLE

We will endeavour to run the race meeting to the timetable, but we reserve the right to run up to 15 minutes ahead of schedule. Please keep an eye on the programme and listen out for paddock announcements.

A 6.30pm track curfew exists at Brands Hatch. Please ensure that you are in the right place at the right time for your sessions to help us maintain the timetable.

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.



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- 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.