



## **Croft Circuit – 20/21st May 2023**

### **DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES**

**Event: BARC NW**  
**Date & Venue: Croft 20/21st May 2023**  
**Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING**  
**Senior Clerk of the Course: Ray Sumner**  
**Clerk of the Course: Steve Hill**

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#### **WELCOME**

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

#### **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 your race you will be lead to the grid behind the safety car via the cut through. During the green flag lap you mustn't overtake or do excessive weaving (weaving from one side of the track to the other is not permitted)

#### **PIT LANE**

- When entering the pits drivers must keep to the right of the line at all times. 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 keep to the right of the line at all times. No part of any car leaving the pits may cross the white line.

#### **START LIGHTS – LOCATION**

The Start Lights are on the gantry positioned on the pit wall. Be aware that other signals such as Race Delayed may be shown from the Start line Gantry. Each race will start when the Red Lights go out.

#### **END OF QUALIFYING/RACE - PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE CIRCUIT**

Having taken the Chequered Flag, you should reduce speed, complete 1 lap of the circuit and exit the circuit after the last corner into the pit lane and proceed to the Parc Fermé area.

#### **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.



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#### **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 Pit Lane Exit. The Safety Car will leave the circuit by the Pit Lane Entrance.

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.

#### **CONTROL FLAGS**

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

#### **STOP/GO PENALTY AREA LOCATION**

This area is located in the Pit Lane in front of the Race Control building.

#### **TRACK BEHAVIOUR**

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

- a) In qualifying, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the loss of that particular lap time (note that a black & white flag signal need not be shown). This will occur on each and every occasion
- b) In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:
  - Second occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown to competitor;
  - Third occurrence: 5 second time penalty;
  - Fourth occurrence: 10 second time penalty;
  - Fifth occurrence: Drive-through penalty;
  - Sixth occurrence: Black flag, and disqualification from race.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact either Michelle Harland, Secretary of the Meeting, or Ray Sumner Senior Clerk of the Course via the e-mail addresses in the Final Instructions.



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#### 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 6pm track curfew exists at Croft. 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
- 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.