

To: All McLaren Trophy, Europe Competitors

CC. The Stewards, The Clerk of the Course, The Secretary of the Meeting

Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING

Date, Time and Location: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 19:30, Le Petit Theatre, Spa

### 1. EVENT PERSONNEL

- 1.1. Race Director: Trevor Williams
- 1.2. Assistant Race Director (Timetable): William Watte (RACB)
- 1.3. Stewards: Adrienne Watson (Chair), Ian Watson (Motorsport UK), Francy Rys (RACB)
- 1.4. Clerk of the Course: Roland Bruynseraede (RACB); Deputy Clerk of the Course: Philippe Godet (RACB)
- 1.5. Technical Delegate: Robert Bassett (Motorsport UK)
- 1.6. Driving Standards Advisor: Thomas Erdos

### 2. <u>CIRCUIT INFORMATION</u>

- 2.1. Lap length: 7.004km, Clockwise
- 2.2. Start line and Finish line are located on the main straight after T19 and are offset by approximately 122m. The finish line is after T19 and before the start line.
- 2.3. Pole position: On the right
- 2.4. Speed limit in pit lane: 50 km/h Please check where the speed limit starts and ends.
- 2.5. Pit Exit: Endurance Pits on driver's right after Turn 4
- 2.6. Pit Entry: T19 on driver's right.
- 2.7. SC initial positions: Turn 18, then pit lane exit
- 2.8. When entering the pits, in accordance with FIA International Sporting Code Appendix L Chapter IV Article 4d, except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the Stewards), or unless otherwise defined by the Race Director, any part of a tyre of a car entering the pit lane must not cross, in any direction, any line painted on the track for the purpose of separating cars entering the pit lane from those on the track. For the avoidance of doubt, crossing means that the outside of any tyre should not go beyond the outside, with respect to the pit lane, of the relevant line painted on the track.
- 2.9. When exiting the pits, in accordance with FIA International Sporting Code Appendix L Chapter IV Article 6c except in cases of force majeure (accepted as such by the Stewards), or unless otherwise defined by the Race Director, any part of a tyre of a car exiting the pit lane must not cross any line painted on the track for the purpose of separating cars leaving the pit lane from those on the track. For the avoidance of doubt, crossing means that the outside of any tyre should not go beyond the outside, with respect to the pit lane, of the relevant line painted on the track
- 2.10. Start lights are on the middle of the gantry over the track.
- 2.11. Warning flags will be shown at the finish line
- 2.12. Practice Start Area: On the right, Endurance Pit Lane Exit
- 2.13. Pit Entry to Pit Exit Time @ 50kph: 72 seconds
- 2.14. Minimum Pit Stop Times: Refer to Series Event Bulletin issued by the Series Coordinator
- 2.15. Stop / Go Penalty Box: Teams Pit Location

# 3. PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

3.1. As per Series Event Bulletin Nr 06. This will be confirmed by Stewards Bulleting No. 1

### 4. PRE GRID / PIT LANE PROCEDURES

- 4.1. For all sessions, please ensure that you are ready In the Pre-Grid area in good time for the start of the session. All sessions except Q1 and Q2 will start from the Pre-Grid.
- 4.2. At all times when in the Pit Lane, and especially when the car makes a pit stop in the working lane, it must be parked parallel to the pit lane















- 4.3. Please do not enter the Fast Lane until the relevant session has started.
- 4.4. When the car makes a pit stop in the working lane, it must be parked parallel to the pit lane
- 4.5. While the car is in the pit lane the engine must not be running unless all four wheels are on the ground

### 5. FREE PRACTICE

5.1. If you consistently breach track limits during Free Practice sessions the Stewards may order that you are shown the Black Flag. You must come in to the Pit Lane where you will be informed by your team of the areas that infringements have occurred and given the opportunity to modify your on-track behaviour.

### 6. OUALIFYING

- 6.1. Practice Starts are NOT allowed during the Qualifying sessions
- 6.2. Please ensure, particularly when you are not on a fast lap, that you use your mirrors and do not impede any driver who may be on a qualifying lap
- 6.3. As per Series Regulation Article 3.2.2. only the main "AM" driver (Driver 1) for each car may participate in the Qualifying sessions

# 7. START PROCEDURE

- 7.1. For this Event only you will leave the Pre-Grid Area and go directly to the Grid. If a driver enters the Pit Lane they will become a Pit Lane Starter
- 7.2. Countdown will start when cars are on the grid from the 15 minute signal
- 7.3. The Countdown will be announced by boards at the Start Line
- 7.4. There will be one Formation Lap led by the Safety Car acting as a Parade Car
- 7.5. The start signal will be given by the red lights being switched off.
- 7.6. If the start is aborted, the red lights will remain on, and yellow flags will be waved on the pit wall.
- 7.7. The main "AM" driver (Driver 1) must start Race 1. The "PRO" driver (Driver 2) must start Race 2 except in the case of an "AM" driver driving solo

### 8. MANDATORY PIT STOP PROCEDURES

- 8.1. Please refer to Series Regulation 3.6
- 8.2. Make sure you change the Driver ID Switch
- 8.3. Minimum Pit Stop Time per Class:
  - 8.3.1.570S Am 2 minute 12 seconds
  - 8.3.2.All others 2 minute 22 seconds

# 9. FLAG SIGNALS

- 9.1. As per Appendix H of the FIA International Sporting Code Article 2.5. Please respect all signals. Please ensure you familiarise yourselves with the Flag Positions.
- 9.2. Lights may be used to supplement flag signals and have the same regulatory value.

# 10. FULL COURSE YELLOW (FCY) PROCEDURE

- 10.1. The Full Course Yellow procedure may be used at this Event in Free Practice 1 and 2 only.
- 10.2. A message will be put on the Timing Display stating at what time the FCY procedure will be imposed.
- 10.3. It will be the Team's responsibility to communicate to their drivers that the FCY is being imposed
- 10.4. The end of the FCY will be signalled by Green Flags and Green Light Signals















### 11. SAFETY CAR PROCEDURES

- 11.1. As per Series Regulations Article 3.11 and in accordance with Appendix H of the FIA International Sporting Code, Article 2.10
- 11.2. If the Safety Car has to bring the field through the Pits a message will be displayed on the Timing Screens and it is the responsibility of the Teams to communicate this to their Drivers.
- 11.3. Follow the Safety Car at all times
- 11.4. Safety Car Lights Out at Turn 15. No overtaking until you have passed the Control Line.
- 11.5. In order to avoid the likelihood of accidents before the safety car returns to the pit lane, from the point at which the lights on the car are extinguished, drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration, braking, or any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart.

# 12. RED FLAG PROCEDURE

- 12.1. As per Series Regulations Article 3.12
- 12.2. During Free Practice and Qualifying: Reduce speed, NO OVERTAKING, return to the Pit Lane parking at an angle of 45 degrees to the pit lane with the rear of the car to the garage and nose facing towards the pit exit within its allocated area
- 12.3. During the Races: Reduce speed, NO OVERTAKING, return to the Red Flag Line, which for this Event is the just before the Start Line, stopping short of the Red Flag Line in single file.
- 12.4. If the Race is stopped during the Pit Stop Window, the provisions of Series Regulation 3.12.3. will apply
- 12.5. If the race is to be resumed you will be directed to form up in single file behind the Safety Car and the Start Procedure will be in accordance with Appendix H of the FIA International Sporting Code, Article 2.10.20, Safety Car restart. Countdown from 5 minutes.

### 13. END OF SESSION PROCEDURES

- 13.1. Free Practice 1 and 2 all cars that are on track and able to will take the chequered flag, slow down and enter the Endurance Pits just after T1 (La Source) leaving the pit lane at Eau Rouge Gate and proceed to Parc Fermé in their awnings.
- 13.2. Free Practice 3 and 4 At the end of Free Practice 3 or 4, after taking the chequered flag, slow down and complete a cool down lap. All cars will enter the Pitlane and park parallel at their allocated pit box prior to the start of Qualifying 1 and 2 respectively
- 13.3. Qualifying 1 and 2 all cars that are on track and able to will take the chequered flag, slow down and enter the Endurance Pits just after T1 (La Source) leaving the pit lane at Eau Rouge Gate and proceed to Parc Fermé in their awnings.
- 13.4. At the end of the Race after taking the chequered flag, all cars slow down and enter the Endurance Pits just after T1 (La Source). Top three points scoring drivers in Artura Trophy, 570S Pro/Am and 570S Am proceed to the podium, all other cars follow the directions of the marshals and proceed directly to Parc Fermé
- 13.5. After all sessions and races drivers and team members must respect Parc Fermé regulations
  Series Regulations Article 3.8

# 14. GENERAL NOTES

- 14.1. Driving Standards: Refer to Series Regulations Article 4.1 and Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code, Chapter IV
- 14.2. You are reminded that this is a non-contact sport
- 14.3. Give each other the respect on the track that you would expect to receive, particularly Prodrivers respect the Am Drivers. Don't cause damage that may affect participation in Race 2.
- 14.4. Track Limits: Refer to Series Regulations Article 3.14.4 and Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code, Chapter IV. These will be monitored by Judges of Fact at T4, T17 & T19 During Qualifying, lap times will be disallowed if track limits are breached. Post-race time penalties may be applied. At T19, you will lose that lap time and the next lap time.















- 14.5. Track Limits penalties:
  - 14.5.1. Free Practice are per driver
  - 14.5.2. Qualifying and Races per car
- 14.6. If you leave the track, you may re-join the track only when safe to do so and without gaining an advantage. At the absolute discretion of the Race Director a Driver may be given the opportunity to give back the whole of any advantage they gained by leaving the track.
- 14.7. If you overshoot at T5 you should use the escape road to safely re-join before T7 without gaining any advantage. Be aware of the tyre bundles.
- 14.8. If you have a mechanical problem, move off the racing line and pull off in a safe location.
- 14.9. Gaps in the barriers are denoted by orange panels. Fire extinguisher locations are denoted by a red Fire Extinguisher symbol on a white background.
- 14.10. Do not continue around the circuit with the risk of leaving oil or other fluids on the track.
- 14.11. If stopped on the track and unable to continue, or instructed by officials, drivers must move behind the first line of protection immediately it is safe to do so. The Car must be left in neutral (unless on an incline) with the steering wheel in place. Drivers should remain with the marshals to assist with the recovery of the car.
- 14.12. During the Qualifying sessions and the Races, after receiving mechanical assistance, you will not be allowed to continue.
- 14.13. Accident: After a heavy accident stay in your car. Do not attempt to leave it on your own. Wait for the arrival of the doctor and if necessary the extrication team. We will take care of
- 14.14. Please be aware that in order to clean the track, recover cars and start the next session on time, drivers should be aware that during red flag, cooling down laps, "reconnaissance" laps when going from pit to the grid, SC or FCY they might see the blowing tractor or recovery cars/trucks on track

### 15. EVENT SPECIFIC NOTES

- 15.1. The Official Notice Board is the McLaren Trophy Europe Digital Notice Board which can be found at: https://www.barc.net/online\_noticeboard/2023-mclaren-trophy-spa-francorchampsjune-29-july-1/
- 15.2. Success Penalties will be applied for Race 2 and these will be confirmed in an Event Bulletin issued by the Series Coordinator
- 15.3. Practice Starts are only allowed during Free Practice Sessions and may be carried out at the end of the Endurance Pit Lane on the right-hand side
- 15.4. Location of Parc Fermé after Free Practice sessions: In the Team awnings and McLaren Trophy Technical Area
- 15.5. Location of Parc Fermé after Qualifying sessions and the races: In the Team awnings and McLaren Trophy Technical Area
- 15.6. Location of Race Director's Office: 1st Floor Pit Building, Room 127 bis
- 15.7. Location of Stewards Office: 1st Floor Pit Building, Room 127 bis

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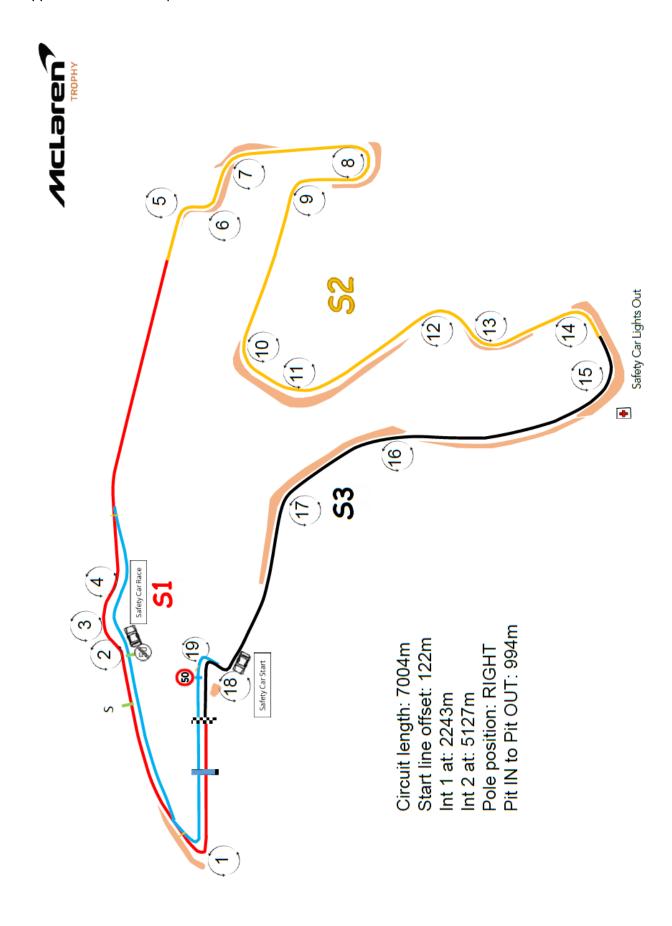
























Appendix 2 - Routes to Pre-Grid and Parc Fermé

























