



DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES

Thruxton 17th /18th June 2023

On behalf of the team of officials and marshals, I would like to welcome you to the 2023 Thruxton Historic event. Our role is to ensure that the event is managed in a safe and fair manner and as far as is possible to ensure that you enjoy your racing, and that we all continue to enjoy our sport.

1. REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please ensure that you are familiar with the regulations for your particular event, the event final instructions and these briefing notes. Listen for Tannoy paddock announcements, follow the instructions of the marshals, and make sure that you are ready on time for your particular sessions. Having read all the paperwork, if you have any questions, please let your coordinator know at the earliest possible time.

2. THRUXTON CIRCUIT

- Circuit Length: 3.793 km/2.356 miles. average width 14 metres.
- Pole position: Right hand side for both standing and rolling starts.
- Assembly area: At the end of the paddock feeding into the pit lane exit.
- Parc Fermé: Turn right in pit lane after Race Control (next to assembly area).
- Pit Entry: On Drivers Right after the club chicane. Please signal your intention to enter the pits as early as possible and keep well to the RIGHT exiting the chicane.
- Pit Exit: On Drivers Right after the exit of Allard Corner. When exiting the pits do not cross the blend line and do not move across on to the racing line until it is safe to do so.
- Start Lights: Drivers Right on the gantry.
- Clerk's Flags: On the pit wall near pole position (Black, Black & White, Black & Orange flags).
- Pit Lane Speed Limit: 60 KPH

3. DRIVING STANDARDS

Ensure that you show your fellow competitors respect and consideration, do not flaunt track limit regulations, and always follow the instructions of the marshals and officials.

Should your vehicle develop a mechanical fault whilst on circuit, and particularly if it is dropping fluids, please leave the tarmac as soon possible and, if able to do so, park your car in a safe position. Vacate the car and move behind the barrier – do not stand by your car.

During qualifying sessions, drivers on slow laps are reminded to use their mirrors and not block another driver who may be trying to set a fast lap time.

4. START AND FINISH OF ALL SESSIONS

All sessions will start and finish as outlined in the final instructions please ensure that you fully understand the procedures.

5. RACE STARTS

The method of starting for each race is clearly stated in the Final Instructions, please ensure you have read the latest version and noted this.

For standing starts, cars will be placed in grid order in the Assembly Area. Cars will then be released to go round the circuit and to form up on the grid, where the marshals will place the cars in the correct grid positions. After receiving the 'countdown' and 'green flag' all cars will proceed on a full lap of the circuit and return to the grid. Once all cars are stationary in the correct grid positions the 5 second board will be shown, after the 5 seconds all red lights will come on and the start will be signalled by all of the lights going out.

For rolling starts the Safety Car will lead the cars round from the pit lane, on the approach to Brooklands (turn 10) the Safety Car will switch its roof lights off, accelerate away from the field and stop, off track at the Club Chicane (turn 12). The pace previously set by the Safety Car will be maintained by the pole position car who will not accelerate until the red lights are extinguished. Overtaking is permitted once the lights have gone out.

6. TRACK LIMITS

The attention of Competitors is drawn to the current Motorsport UK regulations regarding track limits which came into place on 1st June 2023. Track limits will be monitored around the circuit and particularly at the exit of Church (turn 9) and in the Club Chicane (turn 11/12). A driver will be judged to have left the track if any part of the contact patch of any tyre of the vehicle goes beyond either the outer edge of any kerb or the white line where there is no kerb.

7. SAFETY CAR

A Safety Car will be available for all races and will be used at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course to standard Motorsport UK Safety Car Regulations. The Safety Car will be positioned off track at the Club Chicane (turn 12) for the start of each race and will then relocate to the pit lane. It will be deployed in front of the leader, wherever possible.

If the signal 'Safety Car' is given around the track, then the race leader must slow down and lead the cars at reduced speed until the Safety Car is in front.

Should there be an incident on the starting grid, the Safety Car may lead the cars through the pit lane.

Once the incident is cleared the Safety Car will extinguish its lights approaching Turn 9. The Safety Car will then increase speed and enter the pit lane. Once the Safety Car speeds up it is then the responsibility of the leading car to control the pack. The leading car may increase speed in a smooth and progressive manner, without braking or sudden changes. All cars following may do the same.

Once the Green Flag is waved to signify the resumption of the race, drivers are reminded that there is no overtaking or overlapping until they have crossed the Timing / Control line.

8. COMPETITOR LIAISON

Please do not enter the race control. Should you wish to contact any of the Clerks of the Course please do so via your coordinator or the secretary of the meeting.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend, and that we all enjoy some good, competitive and clean racing.

Peter Roberts - Senior Clerk of the Course

