



To: All Caterham Seven Championship UK Competitors

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

Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING

Date, Time and Location: 22nd July 2023, 09:30, Location Driver Briefing Room

1. EVENT PERSONNEL

- 1.1. Race Director: Trevor Williams
- 1.2. Stewards: Greg Masters (Chair) (Motorsport UK), Bob Kettleboro (Motorsport UK), Ricardo Hipólito (FPAK), Ramiro Brito (FPAK)
- 1.3. Clerk of the Course: Ana Beatriz Águas (FPAK); Deputy Clerk of the Course: Luis Azevedo (FPAK)
- 1.4. Eligibility Scrutineer: Ian Millar (Motorsport UK)
- 1.5. Championship Coordinator: Kirsty Durrant (Caterham Motorsport)

2. CIRCUIT INFORMATION

- 2.1. Lap length: 4.653km, Clockwise
- 2.2. Start line and Finish line are located on the main straight after T15 and are offset by approximately 266m. The finish line is after T15 and before the start line.
- 2.3. Pole position: On the left
- 2.4. Speed limit in pit lane: 50 km/h Please check where the speed limit starts and ends.
- 2.5. Pit Exit: On driver's right before T1, 284.10m after the Line
- 2.6. Pit Entry: On driver's right after T15.
- 2.7. SC initial positions: Turn 15 (Motorbike Pit Entry), 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. Stop / Go Penalty Box: At the end of the Pit Lane on the right hand side.

3. PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE

3.1. As per Timetable Issue One dated 12th July 2023

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 the Races will start from the Pre-Grid via the Pit Lane Exit.





- 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. While the car is in the pit lane the engine must not be running unless all four wheels are on the ground
- 4.4. Trolleys must enter the Pit Lane via the gate at Pit Entry and leave via the gate at Pit Exit.
- 4.5. Pit Lane Speed Limit for this Event is 50kph

5. OUALIFYING

- 5.1. You will be released from the Pre-Grid directly in to the Pit Lane and on to the Track.
- 5.2. 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. SUPERPOLE (Refer to Championship Regulation 2.3.10)

- 6.1. The top 5 cars in Qualifying will take part in Superpole.
- 6.2. You will be released individually from the Pre-Grid directly in to the Pit Lane and on to the Track

7. START PROCEDURE

- 7.1. You will leave the Pre-Grid Area and go directly to the Grid. Grid will be 1 x 1 staggered.
- 7.2. Countdown will be as per Championship Regulation
- 7.3. The Countdown will be announced by the "Digiboard" at the Start Line
- 7.4. There will be one Formation Lap.
- 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, yellow lights will be switched on at the gantry, and yellow flags will be waved on the pit wall.

8. FLAG SIGNALS

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. There are no FIA Light Panels.
- 8.3. Full Course Yellow will NOT be used at this Event.

9. SAFETY CAR PROCEDURES

- 9.1. As per Series Regulations Article 3.11 and in accordance with Appendix H of the FIA International Sporting Code, Article 2.10
- 9.2. If the Safety Car has to bring the field through the Pits a message will be displayed on the Timing Screens.
- 9.3. Follow the Safety Car at all times that it has it's lights on.
- 9.4. Safety Car Lights Out between T 12 and T13. No overtaking until you have passed the Control Line.
- 9.5. 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.



10. RED FLAG PROCEDURE

- 10.1. As per Championship Regulations Article 2.6
- 10.2. During Qualifying and Superpole: SLOW DOWN, NO OVERTAKING, return to the Pit Lane parking parallel in the working lane of the Pit Lane following the directions of the Marshals





- 10.3. During the Races: SLOW DOWN, 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.
- 10.4. If the leader has not completed 2 laps the race will be restarted with all cars that are able to take the start in their original Grid Positions.
- 10.5. If after the leader has completed 2 laps the race is to be resumed and 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.

11. END OF SESSION PROCEDURES

- 11.1. Qualifying all cars that are on track and able to will take the chequered flag, slow down and enter the Pit Lane after T15 and proceed to Parc Fermé in their awnings via the Pit Exit gate.
- 11.2. At the end of the Race after taking the chequered flag, all cars slow down and enter the Pit Lane just after T15. Top three cars proceed to the podium, all other cars follow the directions of the marshals and proceed directly to Parc Fermé in their awnings via the Pit Exit gate. Team personnel of the Top 3 cars should take their cars to Par Fermé if requested to do so by an official.
- 11.3. After all sessions and races drivers and team members must respect Parc Fermé regulations.

12. GENERAL NOTES

- 12.1. Driving Standards: Please acquaint yourselves with Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code, Chapter IV.
- 12.2. You are reminded that this is a non-contact sport. Give each other the respect on the track that you would expect to receive.
- 12.3. Track Limits: Refer to Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code, Chapter IV Article 2c. These will be monitored by Judges of Fact at T1, T4, T5 & T15 During Qualifying, lap times will be disallowed if track limits are breached. Post-race time penalties may be applied. At T15, you will lose that lap time and the next lap time.
- 12.4. Track Limits penalties during the Race:
 - 12.4.1. During Qualifying: The lap on which Track Limits were breached will be disallowed. If the breach was at T15 the next lap will also be disallowed
 - 12.4.2. During Superpole: The lap on which Track Limits were breached will be disallowed. If the breach was at T15 the next lap will also be disallowed
 - 12.4.3. During the races: Penalties will be applied as follows:

1st breach – no penalty

2nd breach - warning flag

3rd breach – 5 second penalty added to race time

4th breach - a further 10 second penalty added to race time

5th breach – drive through penalty in addition to the preceding time penalties

6th breach – black flag

- 12.5. 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.
- 12.6. If you have a mechanical problem, move off the racing line and pull off in a safe location.
- 12.7. Gaps in the barriers are denoted by orange panels. Fire extinguisher locations are denoted by a red Fire Extinguisher symbol on a white background.
- 12.8. Do not continue around the circuit with the risk of leaving oil or other fluids on the track.
- 12.9. 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.





- 12.10. During the Qualifying sessions and the Races, after receiving mechanical assistance, you will not be allowed to continue except as provided for in CR 2.3.5.
- 12.11. 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 you.

13. EVENT SPECIFIC NOTES

- 13.1. The Official Notice Board is the McLaren Trophy Europe Digital Notice Board which can be found at: https://www.barc.net/online_noticeboard/2023-portimao-july-22-23/
- 13.2. Location of Parc Fermé after Qualifying sessions, Superpole and the races: In the Team awnings
- 13.3. Location of Race Director's Office: 2nd Floor, Race Control, Room 6
- 13.4. Location of Stewards Office: 1st Floor, Room 4 (British GT Stewards)

Trevor Williams Race Director

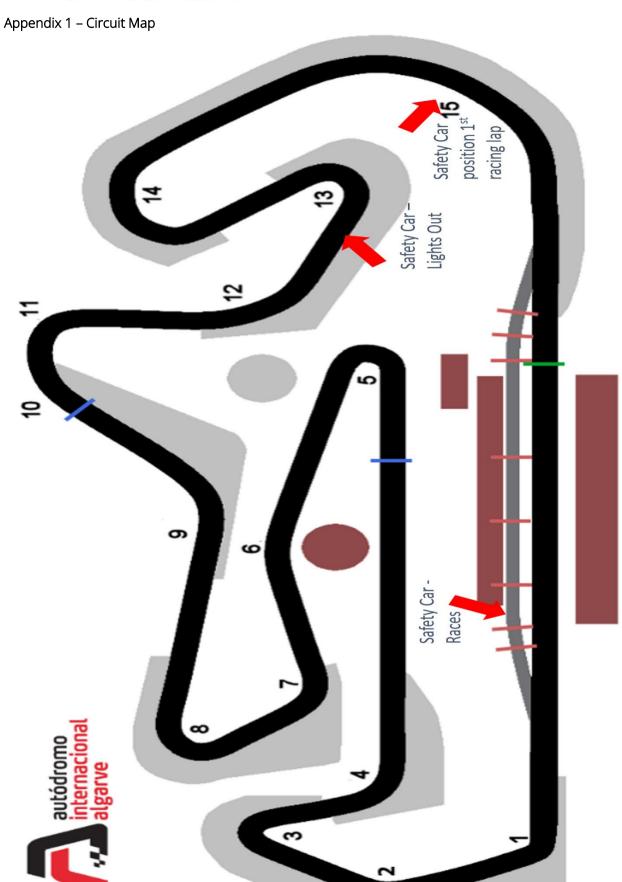
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Appendix 2 – Routes to Pre-Grid and Parc Fermé

