

Drivers' Briefing – Thruxton July 2023

These notes should be read in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations for this meeting. They can be found on the on BARC noticeboard along with the Final Instructions.

Noise Testing

All cars will be noise tested on their entry to the Assembly Area.

Circuit Entry

For all sessions, you will enter the circuit from the Assembly Area.

Circuit Exit

At the end of all practice, qualifying and races, all vehicles will take the chequered flag, slow down, complete a further lap and then leave the circuit via the pit lane after the final chicane and back into the Parc Fermé area.

Qualifying

All competitors must go to the Assembly Area at least 20 minutes before the start of the session ((please remember to allow time to be noise tested when entering the assembly area). Engines must not be run before 08:40hrs on Saturday, before 08:35hrs or between 09:20hrs & 10:45hrs on). If you do not make the assembly area in time, you may be permitted to join the track via the pit lane.

Racing – Standing Start Procedure

All competitors must go to the Assembly Area at least 20 minutes before the start of the session. If you do not make the assembly area in time, you may be permitted to join the track via the pit lane on the first racing lap.

Countdowns will be from the assembly area, there will be NO Green Flag lap from the Grid.

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 the race, slow down and return to the grid, **stopping short of the rear of the grid and await instructions from the marshals.**

Safety Car

When the yellow flags and S/C boards are displayed, drivers are required to **slow down significantly.** The lead car must allow a reasonable gap to any car in front, so that the safety car can be deployed. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being applied. Cars behind the lead car should catch up with the car ahead, with a gap of no more than five car lengths between each vehicle. If the safety car does not pick up the leader the safety car observer may indicate cars may overtake the safety car.

Once the safety car extinguishes its lights, the lead driver will control the pace of the field. **There is no overtaking or overlapping of another car until you have passed the control/finish line.** Competitors are permitted to make their mandatory pit stop during a safety car period.

Track Specific Matters

Engines must not be run before 08:40hrs on Saturday, before 08:35hrs or between 9:20hrs & 10:45hrs on Sunday & after 18:30hrs on both days.

Stopping Trackside

If you stop trackside, please follow two simple instructions:-

- Park your vehicle as close to a marshal's post and as close to the barrier as possible 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.

Live snatch

There is NO facility for "live snatch" at the meeting.

Flags

Are supplemented with digital lights at this circuit, digital lights have the same meaning and authority as flags.

Timing

Please make sure you have a working transponder. There is no guarantee that if your transponder does not work that you will be classified. There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event. You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the grid.

In Race Penalties

Penalties applied during the race, such as false start, drive-through and stop/go penalties, will be advised by signalling from the pit wall at the finish line.

Stop/Go penalties will be served by race control and will be administered by the marshals.

The penalty box is the white box marked in front of race control

GENERAL NOTES

Driving Standards

This is a non-contact sport. A high standard of driving is expected. Any contact brought to the attention of the Clerk (via Race Control or a Competitor) will be investigated. Be aware of cars around you by use of your mirrors. It is the responsibility of the faster car to find a safe way past a slower vehicle. Make allowances for less experienced drivers and less experienced drivers should make use of their mirrors so they are fully aware of a faster vehicle approaching and making a pass. Please note that when applying for your race licence you agreed to follow the values of the governing body's Respect Code - <https://www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect/>

Technical Problems

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off the circuit in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit with the risk of leaving oil on the track. This will affect other competitors.

Noise

Be aware of the curfew – no engines may be run before 08:30 or after 18:45.

Accidents

If you have 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. They will take care of you.

Driving Conduct

All reported incidents will be investigated. If you are involved in an incident, DO NOT leave the circuit before checking with the Clerk of the Course.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any protests or appeals must be lodged electronically to the Secretary of the meeting, fees can be paid up to 48 hours after the meeting, no cash.

You are advised to bring a Windows based laptop computer with you to enable submission of any protests or appeals and the viewing of any onboard camera footage.

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If you have any questions or queries during the I can be contacted via the Secretary of the Meeting or in Race Control.

Thank you, and I wish you an enjoyable meeting.

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