



THRUXTON CIRCUIT

8/9 July 2023

GENERAL DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES

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WELCOME

On behalf of the officials, marshals, and the BARC, welcome to Thruxton Circuit for the 2023 Convoy on the Plain. Our role is to ensure that the event is managed in a safe and fair manner whilst ensuring you have a very enjoyable and safe race weekend.

REGULATIONS & FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

This briefing assumes you are aware of the individual regulations pertaining to your championship as well as the event Final Instructions. If you have any questions or queries, please speak with your coordinator at the earliest opportunity or your dedicated Championship Clerk of the Course as outlined in the Final Instructions.

THRUXTON CIRCUIT

Circuit Length: 3.793km / 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.

Parc Ferme: Turn right in pit lane after Race Control (adjacent 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.

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, in order to be noise tested before going out onto the circuit.

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 exit traffic lights are on the left side of the Pit Lane Exit. When leaving the pits drivers must keep to the right of the blend 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 on drivers right. Be aware that other signals such as Race Delayed may be shown from underneath the Start line Gantry. Each race will start when the Red Lights go out.





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RACE START PROCEDURE

Please refer to the Final Instructions for your individual championship start procedure for this event. All Standing Starts will undertake their Green Flag lap from the Assembly Area.

Rolling Starts will have a formation lap from the Assembly Area to the grid followed by the Rolling Lap behind the Safety Car.

END OF QUALIFYING/RACE - PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE CIRCUIT

Having taken the Chequered Flag, you should reduce speed, complete a full lap of the circuit, and exit the circuit in to 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, this includes 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.

LIVE SNATCH

There is the capability to do Live Snatch at this meeting but only under the Safety Car.

SAFETY CAR

The Safety Car will be available for all races as per Championship Regulations and will be used at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course, please ensure you have read and understand the Motorsport UK Safety Car Regulations.

The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Pit Lane Exit. The Safety Car will leave the circuit via the Pit Lane Entrance.

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 pace. The leading car may increase speed in a smooth and progressive manner, without braking or sudden changes.

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.

The Safety Car will not be used in any truck sessions.





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LIGHT PANELS

Thrupton is fitted with FIA approved light panels which have the same meaning and regulatory value as flag signals. Please refer to the Final Instructions to see what signals these panels can display.

For reasons of safety, in case of conflicting signals between the flags displayed by marshals and the light panels, drivers must comply with the requirements of the signal with the highest level of safety. In order of precedence: Red Flag, Safety Car, Double Yellow Flag, Single Yellow Flag, Green Flag.

For Truck sessions the lights will be the primary communication channel to competitors, for all other sessions, flags will be the primary communication route.

A map showing the light panel positions at Thrupton is included at the end of this briefing.

CONTROL FLAGS

These flags (Black, Black & White, Black & Orange, etc) are shown from the Pit Wall at the control line on drivers RIGHT. 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 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.

- a) In qualifying, the lap on which the breach occurred will be disallowed, however the lap will still count towards the three laps to qualify for competition.
- b) In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:
 - 2nd Breach: Black & white warning flag shown to competitor;
 - 3rd Breach: 5 second time penalty added to race time;
 - 4th Breach: a further 10 second penalty added to race time;
 - 5th Breach: drive through penalty in addition to preceding time penalties
 - 6th Breach: Black flag, and disqualification from race.

TRACK BEHAVIOUR / DRIVING STANDARDS

Please ensure that you show your fellow competitors respect and consideration, do not flaunt Track Limit regulations (see below), and always follow the instructions of the marshals and officials.

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.





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Should your vehicle develop a mechanical fault whilst on circuit, and particularly if it is dropping fluids, please leave the tarmac as soon as 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.

If you have any questions, please contact either Nicole Cummins, Secretary of the Meeting, or me via the e-mail addresses in the Final Instructions.

NOISE

Your attention is drawn to the noise limits that are prescribed by Motorsport UK for this event.

We have one qualifying session on Sunday morning prior to the Church Break, it is imperative that racing engines are shut down during the Church Break.

TIMETABLE

We will endeavour to run the race meeting to the timetable; however, we reserve the right to run up to 20 minutes ahead of schedule. Please keep an eye on the programme and listen out for paddock announcements.

Please ensure that you are in the right place at the right time for your sessions to help us maintain the timetable. But please be ready to go early!

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APPENDIX 1: THRUXTON LIGHT PANEL PLAN

