



Thruxton Circuit 8/9 July 2023 KBMW BRIEFING NOTES v1

EVENT: Convoy on the Plain

DATE & VENUE: 8/9 July 2023 / Thruxton Circuit

SUBJECT: DRIVERS BRIEFING: Kumho BMW Racing Drivers Club

SENIOR CLERK OF THE COURSE: Josh Bennett

DRIVERS' BRIEFING: Whilst no in person drivers briefing is currently planned. The Clerk of the Course reserves the right to call a briefing at any time.

Penalties will be applied for any non-attendance at mandatory briefings and a roll call may be taken in compliance with the Motorsport UK General Regulations.

NOTE: This briefing note assumes you have read the Final Instructions and Supplementary Regulations. It does not replace them. If you need to access these documents, they are published on the BARC event page which can be found by visiting the link below:

[BARC - 8th/9th July - Thruxton: Timing Solutions Ltd.](#) This page also includes links to the Timetable, Paddock Plan and the Online Noticeboard. The Noticeboard will display Bulletins, Results and Judicial Decisions.

The link to the TSL Timing page for this meeting is: [Event Details - BARC - 8th/9th July - Thruxton](#)

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

Lap length: 1.233 miles (2.98km)

Direction: Clockwise

Pole Position: Right

Start line and Finish line are located on the main straight adjacent to the in front of Race Control, just before the white start light gantry.

Speed limit in pit lane: 60 km/h (38mph) – Please be aware of where the speed limit starts and ends.

SC initial positions: Pit exit

Pit Exit: When exiting the pits, drivers MUST be aware of competitors on the track. Please keep to the left of the white line. Obey any light signals or marshal instructions when leaving the pit lane.

Start Lights: Start lights are on the gantry above the track on drivers right.

Flag signals: Flags controlled by race control as communication to the drivers, will be shown at the finish line and will be replicated where possible on the light panels

TIME SCHEDULE

Scheduled Timings are as follows:

Scrutineering – 07:30

Qualifying – 08:30

Race 1 – 13:45

Race 2 – 17:00

Make sure you are in assembly area in good time (20 minutes before). It is your responsibility to listen to all Public Address announcements and / or monitor live timing data to keep up to date with how the event is progressing. Every effort will be made to ensure that you are not disadvantaged however, we will not wait for late arrivals.



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SCRUTINEERING

All cars and drivers must present themselves in a race ready condition at 07:30 Saturday morning in the Scrutineering Bay.

On arrival to the assembly area for qualifying, you are to be noise tested. Any car not noise tested that enters circuit may be black flagged. Noise limits for this event are 105db Static.

CIRCUIT ENTRY

When exiting do not cross the blend line, and do not move across on the racing line until it is safe to.

Weaving using more than 50% of the track to heat tyres is not permitted.

CIRCUIT EXIT

Circuit Exit: At the end of all sessions, after seeing the chequered flag, you are to complete another lap and leave the circuit via the pitlane.

QUALIFYING

You will need to go to the assembly area which is marked on the paddock plan.

You will be released through the pit lane to start your qualifying session.

Access roads are to be always kept clear to ease congestion.

RACE STARTS

Once you have assembled in the assembly area in grid formation you will go in to the countdown as shown below:

The minimum countdown procedures/visible/audible warning sequence shall be:

- 1 minute to start of Green Flag Lap.
- 30 Seconds - Visible and audible warnings for the start of Green Flag Lap.
- Cars will then be released behind a parade car for the Green Flag Lap – From Assembly.
- All cars will then form a 2x2 grid for a STANDING START.
- A five second board will be used to indicate the grid is complete
- The red lights will be switched on five seconds after the board is withdrawn.
- When red lights are extinguished, the race will commence.

If you have any problems on the grid, please try and wave your hand out of the window so the marshals can see you. If for any reason the lights fail or have technical issues the national flag will be used instead. The flag will be raised and as soon as you see downward motion, this indicates a race start.

NOTE 1: During your green flag formation lap you are to remain in your allocated formation for the duration. Where possible, you are to try and stay together and not spread out.

NOTE 2: If you stall or have **all** cars overtake you on the green flag you must stay at the back of the grid for your race start. If you get away before the last car leaves the grid and they **all** haven't overtaken you, you can retake your grid position.



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FLAGS/ SAFETY CAR PROCEDURES

Red flag / lights:

If in qualifying, return to the Pit Lane, follow the directions of the marshals at all times

During races, return to the Grid, stopping short to enable formation of any revised grid. Follow the directions of the marshals at all times. You may be stopped between Bobbies and Camp Corner by the marshals – be prepared for this.

Yellow flags / lights

You are reminded that Yellow Flags are a warning of danger, slow down and be prepared to take avoiding action or stop. Lights have the same meaning as flags

Blue flags

These will normally be shown to a car that is about to be lapped. Use your mirrors and be aware that faster cars are approaching and may be racing whilst trying to navigate their way past you. Give way at the earliest safe opportunity

Mechanical Warning Flag

Black / Orange Flag: Must come into the pits on the next lap. It may not be apparent what is wrong with your car.

Safety car

The Safety Car, if deployed, will enter the circuit from the pit exit. Waved yellow flags and “SC” boards will be displayed around the circuit. All cars must reduce speed. The Safety Car will endeavour to pick up the leader. All cars must remain within five metres of the car on front.

When the Safety Car is about to be withdrawn, the lights will be switched off when coming through Church Corner to indicate the race is ready to restart. It is then the leader's responsibility to dictate the pace of traffic before the restart. **No overtaking or overlapping until you have passed the green flag at the finish line.**

When under safety car conditions, care must be taken to not drive in an erratic nature that could cause other competitors to take avoiding action. This includes but is not limited to excessive braking and accelerating.

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit, you do not know what has caused your issue and there is a risk of leaving oil on the track. This will affect other races and may affect yours later in the day.

Ensure, that as soon as you are able you provide the on track marshals an indication that you are okay by showing them a thumbs up. This small gesture will ensure that the session carries on with minimal disruption.

CAMERAS

Camera footage will be used as first point in any judicial. Other forms of evidence, if available may be requested by the organiser and used in a judicial capacity.

If called to see the Clerk of the Course, please try, and bring any video footage queued on a laptop ready to show the Clerk.

DRIVING CONDUCT

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

DRIVING STANDARDS

Any official reports of contact or poor driving standards will be investigated by the Clerk of the Course after each session. If you believe an incident has occurred and not been reported please come and see me. I will provide you with options of how to proceed and what can be done.



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You are reminded that prior to every corner you can decide the line you wish to take, but once you have selected this line, if you chose to change it you must ensure that you allow at least a cars width to any other vehicles around you. Unnecessarily changing direction in the braking areas is strictly prohibited.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

These must be submitted electronically to one of the following:

Josh.bennett@barc.net

Please ensure the Secretary of the Meeting is also copied – ncummins.barc@gmail.com

You are advised to bring a suitable laptop computer to enable submission of protests or appeals. Please note time limits apply and the recent amendment to (C) 5.2.1. of the MSUK Yearbook is that “A Protest against another Competitor must be made within 30 minutes of the finish of the competition”.

TRACK LIMITS

Drivers must use the track at all times and may not leave the track without justifiable reason. As at the 1st of June, you are deemed to have left the track if any part of the contact patch of the tyre breaches the outer edge of a kerb or white line around the circuit.

Qualifying

During qualifying any lap where you have a track limit violation will result in that lap being disallowed, regardless of it was faster or not.

Race Penalties

1st Offence- Noted – no action taken

2nd Offence- Black and white warning flag

3rd Offence- 5 second time penalty

4th Offence- a further 10 second time penalty

5th Offence- a drive through penalty in addition to the previous time penalty

6th Offence- Black Flag



RACE WITH RESPECT



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All Motorsport UK permitted meetings are run in accordance with the Race with Respect guidelines. This encourages a positive environment both on and off track to all involved at the meeting be those fellow competitors, officials, marshals and spectator. Further information can be found at the Motorsport UK website.

Ensure you uphold the following at all times:

RESPECT, INTEGRITY, FAIR PLAY, SELF CONTROL and GOOD MANNERS.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend and if you have any questions or concerns, please report them to us.

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