



Welcome

On behalf of CSCC, BARC and Caterham cars, welcome to Donington Park Circuit for the 50th Anniversary of Caterham Festival weekend.

Circuit

Note that we are now running the National Circuit. The GP loop will only be used for assembly.

Please also note the 5mph speed limit in the paddock, and that race engines cannot be run after 8pm or before 9am.

Sign on

Is on line – I believe everyone has already done it. If you haven't, now would be the perfect time.

Scrutineering

In person at the scrutineering bay. You may have already done it – if not, please see finals for your group's allocated time.

Assembly / track entry

On the Melbourne loop – see updated paddock plan in finals v2.

Please ensure that you allow time for noise testing before your qualifying session.

For mid-session entry, please go to assembly, from where you will be sent to the pit lane.

Track exit

Via pit lane. Please obey the speed limit and note that helmets, harnesses gloves etc must be in place until you reach parc ferme.

Parc Ferme

Turn left in pit lane at the scrutineering bay.

Track Limits

The new limits rules (as of June 2023) are applicable at this event: "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."

We have both electronic monitors and judges of fact at this circuit.

Lights and Flags

Donington has light panels to supplement flag signals. The lights have the same meaning as flags - and the same potential penalties for ignoring them.

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.

Series specific penalties

As you are no doubt aware, your series has defined penalties. Yellow flag infringement is the one most likely to be triggered at this event – please pay attention to the flags as a 30 second penalty will really not help your final position.

Stop / go penalty area

In pit lane, in front of race control.

Pit lane

Is available for use during sessions – please obey the speed limit and the markings for fast/slow lane.

Camera footage

If you need to bring footage to be viewed by a Clerk at Race Control, please bring something suitable to view it on. We don't have readers for all formats, and it's quicker to find the relevant footage if you're using a device you're familiar with.

Speed differentials

There is a considerable difference in performance between the cars in your sessions. If you're in a faster car, please remember that your closing rate may not be anticipated by the car in front. If you're in a slower car, please check your mirrors before turning in – there may be unexpected arrivals!

The same applies if you are making space in qualifying – others may be on hot laps at the time, so please use your mirrors.

Start procedure

As per finals v2: due to the tight timetable, countdown will be in the assembly area, straight into green flag lap without stopping on the grid. Then form on the grid for a standing start.

Timetable

As just mentioned, the timetable is tight. Please be ready for your session on time, and be aware that we may run up to 20 minutes early (just in case of problems later in the day)

The usual reminder – if you have to stop on circuit, please try to do it in a safe place so that we don't have to red flag the session or deploy the safety car. And if you are dropping fluids, please get off the tarmac as soon as you can safely do so.

Also, please leave the gravel where it is! We don't want gravel on the racing line as that can also lead to a stoppage. Any car entering a gravel trap and then re-joining must run along the grass / circuit edge until all gravel has cleared. 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.

Safety Car

May be used. It may even be a Caterham, so be prepared for that!

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

In case of 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 on the approach to Coppice (Turn 8). 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.

Any questions?

If any occur later, please ask at race control / race admin as appropriate.