



Event: BTRC Truck Racing Championship

Date & Venue: BRANDS HATCH, 4th & 5th November 2023

Subject: DRIVERS BRIEFING: BTRC Paddock, 09:00 4th November 2023

Senior Clerk of the Course: Peter Roberts

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1. CIRCUIT INFORMATION

Lap length: 1.944km (1.208 miles), Clockwise

Start line and Finish line are located in front of Race Control

Speed limit in pit lane: 60 km/h (37mph) – Please be aware of where the speed limit starts and ends.

Start and finish line: 30 metre offset

When exiting the pits, drivers MUST be aware of competitors on the track.

Start lights are on the gantry on the right, in front of race Control.

2. TIME SCHEDULE (Times are from timetable version 1.0 (04.10.23) and may be subject to change)

TIMES ARE GREEN FLAG TIMES – Drivers should be ready in the assembly area 20 minutes prior to the starting times. The timetable does not permit us to wait for late arrivals

3. QUALIFYING

All trucks must go to the truck assembly area and enter the circuit via the paddock gate and follow the Course Car into the pit lane. All trucks will be released from the pit lane for the practice and qualifying sessions.

If you wish to travel slowly on the circuit to get a clear lap, this MUST be done without hindering another competitor in any way whatsoever. Please make use of your mirrors.

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

At the end of the session, competitors will take the chequered flag, proceed around the circuit at reduced speed, and go back to the pit lane. Once all trucks are together, they will be released to travel slowly back to the paddock, exiting the circuit via the gate at Turn 1 and proceed directly to the truck parc fermé area.

It is forbidden for mechanics to drive the trucks on track, they must be driven by the drivers. By exception, a mechanic may be permitted to drive a truck back to the paddock from the pit lane, provided the mechanic has a full HGV licence and has obtained the prior permission of the Technical Scrutineer. **Furthermore, the name of the mechanic must have been registered with the Championship Manager on Saturday morning by 9am.**

4. RACE START AND FINISH PROCEDURE

All vehicles must go to the Truck assembly area and enter the circuit at turn 1. **Competitors are reminded of the new article 2.4.1 in Bulletin No. 4 specifically regarding the late arrival of trucks to the Assembly Area.** Trucks will be released from the assembly area behind the Pace Truck and go straight to the grid. After the countdown, the Pace Truck will lead the trucks on a full lap and to the rolling start.

Note that the Pole Position truck in both Division 1 and 2 MUST maintain a CONSTANT speed from the time the Pace Truck Lights are switched off until the Start Signal is given. Breaches of this procedure may entail the imposition of in-race penalties.

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Please note that Trucks out of position before the start signal may be penalised as per Championship Regulations.

As an amendment to CR 2.5.2 and as implemented at previous events this season, the Class 2 trucks will be approximately three (3) grid rows behind the first group and the signal to start will be the same as for the Class 1 trucks, namely the extinguishing of the red lights. No separate light or flag signal will be given for the Class 2 trucks race start.

Drivers are reminded of CR 2.5.5, specifically that all drivers should stay in grid position, at between 2 to 3 truck lengths from the truck in front in the respective class. Any driver observed to have slowed, created a larger gap, and then accelerated to gain a speed advantage or to delay other trucks at the start signal, will be reported to the Stewards.

At the end of each race, competitors will take the chequered flag, proceed around the circuit at reduced speed, and go back to the pit lane. Once all trucks are together, they will be released to travel slowly back to the paddock, exiting the circuit via the gate at Turn 1 and proceed directly to the truck Parc Fermé area.

5. FLAG PROCEDURES - BE AWARE OF WHERE THE FLAG POINTS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO.

RED FLAG / LIGHTS:

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

During the races, return to the Grid, stopping short to enable formation of any revised grid. Follow the directions of the marshals at all times

Any truck that requires repairs must return to the pit lane – repairs are not permitted on the grid.

Noting the short lap length and drivers request to have the opportunity to cool brakes, should circumstance allow, at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course, prior to the red flag being displayed, the Clerk of the Course may instruct for waved yellow flags/panels to be shown at multiple points around the circuit. This will be a signal to the drivers to slow down and prepare for the red flag. This will also be displayed on the Timing Screens as a Full Course Yellow.

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.

BLUE FLAGS / LIGHTS

These will normally be shown to a car that is about to be lapped. This car must give way at the earliest opportunity

BLACK, BLACK & WHITE, BLACK & ORANGE FLAGS / LIGHTS

These will be shown at the Control Line **using the digital panel adjacent to the start lights.**

6. CAMERAS

DO NOT switch off the Truck Electrics until instructed by the Championship Scrutineer. If instructed by the Championship Scrutineer, Truck Electrics MUST be switched back on IMMEDIATELY.

Each driver is to nominate a team member who will be responsible for removing the SD card from the truck and passing it to the Championship Manager in Parc Ferme without delay, when instructed to do so.



7. IN RACE PENALTIES / INSTRUCTIONS

Stop / Go & Drive through penalties MUST be taken within 3 laps. For the avoidance of doubt, you cannot take a Stop / Go penalty or Drive through Penalty on the last lap.

Black / Orange Flag: You must come into the pits on the next lap.

8. TRACK LIMITS

Competitors are reminded that they must respect the track limits, as defined by Motorsport UK.

Track Limits will be enforced using the circuit sensors at turn 1 (Paddock), turn 2 (Druids) and turn 3 (Graham Hill) and appointed Judges of Fact elsewhere around the circuit. If you set a fast lap time whilst exceeding track limits, during practice and qualifying, the relevant lap time may be removed.

The attention of competitors is drawn to the latest note in the Final Instructions, as follows:

***In race sessions:** A first breach will be noted. A second breach will result in the driver being shown the Black & White flag. A third breach will result in the driver receiving a 5-second time penalty. A fourth breach will result in a further 10-second penalty being added to your race time. A fifth breach will result in a 'Drive Through Penalty' Q 12.26 (h) in addition to the preceding time penalties. A sixth further breaches will result in a Black Flag.*

Should the number of breaches or the timing of the receipt of the Judge of Fact reports in race control, prevent the above procedure from being implemented, the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards (where they are the designated authority to impose such a penalty), may, at their discretion and after the race, invoke article Q.12.21.4 of the Motorsport UK Regulations and impose a post-race penalty.

9. ACCIDENT / INCIDENT

If you come to a stop on the circuit, or after an accident, if you are ok you should give a 'thumbs-up' signal to the marshals, stay in your truck until it is safe to get out, then get to a position of safety behind the barriers. Follow the directions of the marshals. If you are injured, do not attempt to leave your truck on your own. Wait for the arrival of the doctor and if necessary, the extrication team.

10. MECHANICAL PROBLEMS

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit with the risk of leaving oil or other fluids on the track as this will affect other races. If you are ok you should give a 'thumbs-up' signal to the marshals, and when safe to do so, get out of the truck and walk to a place of safety behind the barriers. If you receive OUTSIDE MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE you cannot continue in the session.

11. DRIVING CONDUCT

Track limits will be monitored by appointed Judges of Fact. Lap times may be removed (in qualifying) and penalties (in races) may be applied for breaches.

All reported incidents will be investigated. Please make sure you are aware of the time limits regarding the reporting of in-race incidents.

If you are involved in an incident, DO NOT leave the circuit before checking with Clerk of the Course.

12. INQUIRIES AFTER A SESSION

Drivers are reminded that they must remain at the circuit for a minimum of 30 minutes after the time of issue of any provisional results.

Any driver summoned to attend an inquiry should go to the ground floor of race control. Should a driver fail to attend an inquiry, then the inquiry will be held in their absence.

Drivers may be summoned by the Stewards to an inquiry and any subsequent penalties will be issued by the Stewards. The Stewards' office is located on the first floor of the race control building near to the pit exit.

Summons will be issued using the WhatsApp messaging group. Refer to section 14 of these notes.

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13. RACE WITH RESPECT

The National Governing Body's Respect Code champions a high standard of behaviour from everyone within the motorsport community underpinned by our commitment to make motorsport an inclusive and safe sport for everyone, across all levels of motorsport. The Respect Code will help to grow and strengthen the sport by making it accessible and welcoming for everyone and we cannot stress enough how important it is that it is embraced by all participants. **By participating in a Motorsport UK event, in any capacity, you are agreeing to follow the values of the governing body's Respect Code:**

- Respect
- Integrity
- Fair Play
- Self-control
- Good Manners

We therefore ask all members to pledge to **#RaceWithRespect** and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions.
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or socio-economic background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status.
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters.
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK.

Whether you are a Competitor, Parent, Official, Marshal, Team Manager, Mechanic, Spectator, or any other participant in the Event it is incumbent on us all to Respect our fellow participant and to 'call out' poor standards of behaviour. Breaching the above obligations may result in disciplinary action.

14. RACE CONTROL INFORMATION TO TEAMS

Using the main WhatsApp group, Race Control will endeavour to send 'in time' messages to the teams, for example:

- 'Session start delayed by 10 minutes' – to inform you of any delay from previous sessions.
- Track limit infringements e.g., #5 last lap deleted TL turn 6 – to inform drivers, via their teams, of any track limit infringements
- Incident involving track 97 and 99 noted – to confirm that Race Control has made a note of the incident and will review it.
- Incident involving truck 97 and 99 under investigation – where any incident has been reviewed and has been referred to the Stewards.
- Red flag – original starting grid for re-start. Revised race distance xx minutes.

In addition, all summons from the Stewards to the competitors will be made using the WhatsApp group.

It is important **and also an absolute requirement** that each team has a **designated team member** watching the WhatsApp message board during the event and particularly from a **time 20 minutes before the published start time** for each session, through to 1 hour after **the chequered flag at the end of** each session.

This is a trial for this event and, if successful, incorporating your feedback, will be used in 2024.

Peter Roberts
Clerk of the Course