



North Western  
Centre

## Oulton (Int) October 14th 2023

Driver Briefing Notes – Kumho BMW

09:40 Media Suite Race Control



On behalf of the BARC NW Centre, welcome to Oulton Park and I wish you a safe, enjoyable, and rewarding weekend.

These briefing notes should be read in conjunction with the general notes provided for this event (BARC Noticeboard for This Event), the BARC Standing Regulations (BARC Website) and your own Championship regs.

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You have 15 min qualifying later scheduled for 10:55. Your races are scheduled for this afternoon at 14:40 and 17:40, but listen out for paddock announcements, as these times may change.

Pertinent information for this event: -

- Please ensure that your car number and class reflect what is on the entry list – if it doesn't, please let me know before you leave this briefing this morning. Failure to do so may result in you being Black-Flagged, and consequently losing qualifying time until it's corrected.

Last time out at Silverstone, a few incidents of nose to tail contact have been passed on to me – nothing major, but please remember that we are a non-contact sport! I will be looking out for contact and all instances will be investigated.

If you are asked to come to race control to see the Clerk, if possible, bring your video footage and SD card with you.

- Track Limits - You will be judged to have left the track if ANY PART OF THE CONTACT PATCH OF THE TYRE goes beyond the white line or outer edge of any kerb.
- Track limits will be monitored by Judges of Fact at the following points.
- Old Hall Corner - Left Hand Side
- Cascades - Right Hand Side
- Lodge/Deer Leap – Left Hand Side

- Penalties are as follows:  
**QUALIFYING** - the lap on which the breach occurs will be disallowed.
  
- **RACING** -
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offence, No penalty
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence, Black & White Warning Flag
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence, 5 second time penalty
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Offence, Further 10 second time penalty
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Offence, Drive through in addition to preceding penalties.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Offence, Black Flag (Disqualification)
  
- **Qualifying** – Please be at the assembly area in good time for your session
  
- The Assembly area here at Oulton Park is between Chequers Restaurant and the back of the pit garages on the right.
  
- Noise testing will be carried out at the entrance to the assembly area.
- No engines before 08:15 or after 18:30
- Be aware that the speed limit in the Paddock is 10mph.
  
- For Qualifying, you will be released from the assembly area & straight out onto the circuit for your session.
- In qualifying if you are on a slow lap use your mirrors and observe blue flags and do not compromise anyone on their quick lap.
- You must complete a minimum of three laps in qualifying to guarantee qualification for your race.
  
- The Pit Lane speed limit is 60kph and will be checked and penalties applied.
  
- **Race Start Procedure**
  - All cars must go to assembly when called. All races will go from assembly to the grid behind the safety car and will short-cut via the Fosters loop. When the grid is complete the 1 minute, 30 second boards will be shown prior to the flag for the green flag lap. Please drive at a reasonable pace on the green flag lap. On return to the grid and all are in position a 5 second board will be displayed prior to the red lights going on and after 2 to 7 seconds they will go out for the start.
  - You are racing when the red lights go out – wherever you are on the grid. You do not need to have passed the start line in order to overtake!
  - Pole Position at Oulton is on the right-hand side of the grid.
  - The grid is of a 2x2 formation.

**False Starts, these are deemed to be: -**

- **Moving before the red light goes out.**
- **Out of grid box markings i.e. In front of or to the side of it**
- **The Penalty is a 10 second race time penalty.**

- **End of All Sessions**

**After chequered flag do a full lap to Pit Entrance and slowly enter Parc Ferme under marshal guidance**

- **Flags & Lights**
- **Please familiarise yourself with the location of the Flag Points and Light Boards around the circuit. Please note some of the Light Boards do not match the location of the Flag Points, however they both carry the same authority.**
- **Flags and lights are there for a purpose and must be obeyed.**
- **The yellow flag/light must be adhered to for your own, fellow competitors and marshals' safety. NO OVERTAKING IN THE YELLOW FLAG/LIGHT ZONE until the green flag/light**
- **Red flag/light - slow down progressively, in qualifying return to pits, in race the grid**
- **The light panels here at Oulton and these have the same meaning as flags! Not all light panels will be in the same place as the flags – however, the FIRST signal you pass – Flag or Light – marks the start or end of a restriction.**

**Incidents and Accidents**

- **If you break down, or have an accident whilst out on track, please try to park your car as close as possible to a Marshals Post and as tight up to the barrier as you can.**
- **Please give the attending marshal a “Thumbs Up” to signal that you’re Ok!**
- **If possible, please switch your own electrics off at the master switch.**
- **If you are involved in contact with another competitor, it will be reported and investigated.**

- **Safety Car**

Safety Car will be stationed in the Pits and if deployed will go from the Pit Lane. There is to be NO overtaking and NO overlapping during the SC period.

When the Safety Car is to be deployed waved yellow flags with stationary 'SC' boards will be displayed around the circuit, along with flashing "SC" on the light panels. All cars must slow down immediately on reaching the flags and boards. The Safety Car will then pick up the leader and all cars must remain within five metres of the car in front.

When the Safety Car period is ending it will return to Pit Lane then the leader will set the pace. There must be no overtaking/overlapping until after the start/finish line, even if you see green flags and lights prior to the start line.

- **Race with Respect**

All BARC NW meetings are run in accordance with the Motorsport UK's Race with Respect which encourages a positive environment on & off the track.

**RESPECT, INTEGRITY, FAIR PLAY, SELF CONTROL, GOOD MANNERS**

to all in the meeting, fellow drivers, officials, marshals & spectators

**On a final note....today marks the final races for Trevor Ford, who's following in the footsteps of Sebastian Vettel and retiring. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Trevor all the best for the future.**

Thankyou

Mark Mitchell  
Clerk of the Course