



## **Thruxton Circuit – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### **DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES**

**Date & Venue: Thruxton 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Subject: Drivers Briefing**

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#### **WELCOME**

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Thruxton for what we will endeavor to make a very enjoyable race meeting for you.

#### **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, so that you can be noise tested before going out onto the circuit. To access the circuit for qualifying you will exit the assembly area straight onto the circuit for your session.

Please ensure you get your 3 laps in, this really helps us to get you onto the grid for racing as the timetable is always tight. Plus your qualifying sessions are right at the end of the morning so lunchtime is the only viable option.

For Racing you will be released from the Assembly Area straight into your formation / green flag lap, you will then come round to the grid, take your grid position, be shown the 5 second board, red lights on / red lights off, when the lights go off that is the start of the race.

During the green flag lap, you mustn't overtake or do excessive weaving (weaving from one side of the track to the other is not permitted)

#### **PIT LANE**

- When entering the pits drivers must keep to the right of the blend entry line at all times. The pit lane entry here is quite tight once exiting the final corner, please ensure your intentions are clear either by indication, a raise of the hand or clear track positioning.
- The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph.
- The exit traffic lights are on the left of the Pit Lane Exit. When leaving the pits drivers must keep to the right of the line at all times. No part of any car leaving the pits may cross the white line.

#### **STARTLINE POSITIONING**

Please ensure you take your position on the grid as per Caterham Championship Regulations 2.5.3. Out of position will incur a time penalty.



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#### **START LIGHTS – LOCATION**

The Start Lights are on the gantry positioned on the pit wall. Be aware that other signals such as Race Delayed may be shown from the Start line Gantry. Each race will start when the Red Lights go out.

#### **END OF QUALIFYING/RACE - PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE CIRCUIT**

At the end of all practice, qualifying and races all vehicles will take the chequered flag, please reduce speed and then leave the circuit via the pit lane entry after completing a slowing down lap.

#### **PARC FERMÉ**

Remember that until you are released from Parc Fermé, the following applies:

- No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage; •
- No team personnel, except the driver, may enter the area.

Please note the location of Parc Ferme prior to you entering the circuit for any sessions.

#### **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.

#### **SAFETY CAR**

The Safety Car will be deployed as per Championship Regulations, please ensure you have read and understand the procedure this will be for racing only, not qualifying.

The Safety Car will be based at the pit entry for the first ½ lap in case of a start line incident, from then on it will join the circuit from the Pit Lane Exit. The Safety Car will leave the circuit by the Pit Lane Entrance.

Please remember that once a race is resumed after a Safety Car period, you are not allowed to overtake another car until you have passed the Control (Timing) Line.

At venues where light panels are operational, these light signals will take priority and may be supplemented with flags. Drivers must comply with the requirements of the signals.

#### **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.



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#### TRACK BEHAVIOUR

Cameras are installed around the circuit. Instances of drivers exceeding track limits may also be reported by appointed Judges of Fact. Motorsport UK guidance is:

- a) In qualifying, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the loss of that particular lap time (note that a black & white flag signal need not be shown). This will occur on each and every occasion
- b) In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:
  - Second occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown to competitor.
  - Third occurrence: 5 second time penalty.
  - Fourth occurrence: 10 second time penalty.
  - Fifth occurrence: Drive-through penalty.
  - Sixth occurrence: Black flag, and disqualification from race.

#### TIMETABLE

We will endeavor to run the race meeting to the timetable, but we reserve the right to run up to 15 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.

If you have any questions, please contact either Nicole Cummins, Secretary of the Meeting, or Steve Hill who is the Senior Clerk of the Course via the e-mail addresses in the Final Instructions.

#### RACE WITH RESPECT

The National Governing Body's Respect Code champions a high standard of behavior 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



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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.

Have a great weekend racing.

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