



## **Subject: CATERHAM ACADEMY – DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES**

Event: HQ06 Thruxton Tops Down Weekender

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### **Welcome**

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Thruxton. We endeavour to make this an enjoyable weekend for you. In order to help us, there are few points to assist you in your weekends racing.

### **Upgrade cards**

Please leave these with the Secretary of the Meeting with the photo attached. These can then be collected 30 minutes after your race has finished.

### **Assembly area/Entrance onto the track**

Please ensure you get to the Assembly area in good time - we reserve the right to run up to 20 minutes ahead of schedule.

For qualifying: once assembled and when the track is ready, you will be released straight onto the track for your qualifying session.

For racing: the countdown (1 minute and 30 seconds), and green signal lap will commence from the assembly area, there will be a single green signal lap unless conditions have deteriorated since qualifying. On this green signal lap, you must not overtake or do any excessive weaving. If you do fall to the back of the pack, you must remain there.

**Please ensure this green signal lap is completed at a good speed, the green signal lap at Brands Hatch took a very long time for such a short lap.**

When arriving at the grid, you will go straight into your race start so please be aware of what side of the grid you will start from. When the grid is completed, a 5 second board will be displayed from the starter's gantry (to the right of pole position) and after this once the lights have been turned on and then extinguished – your race will begin.

Should the start delayed board be shown for any reason – there will be 1 additional green signal lap.

### **Start lights**

The start lights are positioned to the right of the start line. In the event that the start lights fail, the start will be signalled by the drop of the Union flag.

### **Pit lane discipline**

The speed limit for pit lane is 60kph.

### **Control flags**

Control flags with your number may be displayed at the control line on drivers right They may also be supplemented on the light panels around the track.

### **Light signals**

The primary signal to all competitors will be the light panels around the track. These may also be supplemented with flags. Please take time to make a note of where these light panels are on your green signal lap.

For reasons of safety, in case of conflicting signals between the light panels and any flags displayed by marshals, drivers must comply with the requirements of the signal with the highest level of safety. In order of precedence:

Red Signal, Double Yellow Signal, Single Yellow Signal, Safety Car Signal, Green Signal.



## Safety Car

Please ensure you have read and understood the regulations as per Motorsport UK NCR.

The safety car will be available for races only. In the event of a safety car period, light panels will show SC. This is the signal that the safety car has been deployed, the safety car will generally be deployed from pit exit, unless it is the first lap – in which case it may be deployed from pit entry.

Should you not be the leader, and you meet the safety car, you may be waved past – you should speed up (safely) and pass the safety car in order to reach the back of the pack. If necessary, such as in the event of an incident along the start/finish straight, the safety car may lead the field through the pit lane (with its lights on).

For the restart, the safety car will turn its lights out at around Turn 9 (Church) – this is the signal that the safety car will be in on this lap. At this point the leader can dictate the pace, which must involve no erratic acceleration or braking nor any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart. There should be no overtaking or overlapping until the control line – this is where the green flag at the control line is displayed.

There were a few instances of some overtaking and overlapping before the control line at a safety car period at Brands Hatch, please be aware that overtaking or overlapping on a safety car restart prior to the control line is not permitted as per Chapter 12, Appendix 8, Article 2.12 of the NCRs.

## Red flag

If there is a red flag in qualifying, please slow down and return to pit lane.

If there is a red flag in the race please return to the grid, stopping at pit entry to allow marshals to assist in reforming the grid. If more than 2 laps have been completed, the restart will be behind the safety car as per championship regulations.

**If safety car signals or a red flag are shown, please do not slam on the brakes but slow carefully – slamming on the brakes may cause a further incident behind you.**

## Track limits

Track limits will be monitored around the circuit via judges of fact.

In qualifying, running over track limits will render you liable to losing your lap time.

In the race you will be liable to the following penalties:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence – Black/White warning signal displayed with your number at the control line
- 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence – 5 second time penalty
- 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence – 10 second time penalty (in addition to the 5 second penalty)
- 5<sup>th</sup> occurrence – Drive Through Penalty
- 6<sup>th</sup> occurrence – Black signal, and disqualification from the race

## Exit from the circuit

Once you have taken the chequered flag, you will exit the track at pit lane entrance.

## General points

In the event of an issue with your car, please pull as far off the circuit as possible – ideally close to a marshal's post. Please signal to a marshal you are OK via a thumbs up signal.

In the event of a heavy accident - please stay in your car. Wait for the doctor and, if necessary, the rescue crew will take care of you.

Any reported incidents of contact will be investigated. If you are involved in an incident – please do not leave the circuit without checking with the Clerk of the Course.



### **Race with respect**

Please be aware that all Motorsport UK meetings are run in accordance with Race with Respect guidelines to encourage a positive environment for everyone involved in race meetings whether it be competitors, teams, officials, marshals or spectators. Further information can be found on the Motorsport UK website.

We hope you have an enjoyable race meeting.