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MINI Challenge Clubsport – Silverstone National 17th & 18th May 2025

Subject: DRIVERS' BRIEFING NOTES

Event: BARC HQ7

Date & Venue: 17th & 18th May – Silverstone National

Senior Clerk of the Course: Ian Watson

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Qualifying 11:40 – 15 minutes

Race 16:00 Saturday– 15 minutes and 10:25 & 14:45 Sunday – 15 minutes

WELCOME

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Silverstone for what we will endeavour to make a very enjoyable race day for you.

ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATION & PROCEDURE ONTO CIRCUIT

Please refer to the Final Instructions section 1.8 and section 5 paddock plan. Please ensure that you get to the Assembly Area (behind medical centre) in good time before your qualifying session, so that you can be noise tested before going out onto the circuit.

For qualifying you will be released onto the circuit at the start of the session at Brooklands corner.

For Races you will be released to the grid prior to the Green Flag lap

At the end of all qualifying and race sessions, all cars that take the chequered flag will complete a slowing down lap enter the parc ferme area via pit lane under direction of the marshals.

Please remember to wave back to the marshals on your in lap recognising their support of you.

PIT LANE

- The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph. Please ensure you keep to this.
- Please note exit traffic lights at Pit Lane Exit.

START LIGHTS – LOCATION

The Start Lights are on the gantry positioned to the above of the start line. Be aware that other signals such as Race delayed may be shown from the Start line Gantry. On completion of the Green flag lap, each race will start with a 5 second board, red lights on and when the Red Lights go out racing starts. All Races will be standing starts.

CONTROL FLAGS

Light signals will take priority and may be supplemented with flags. Drivers must comply with the requirements of the signals in accordance with the Motorsport UK NCR definitions.

These flags (Chequered, Black, Black & White, Black & Orange, etc) are shown from the Pit Wall at the control line on drivers **RIGHT** after Woodcote corner. Chequered repeater will be on drivers left at turn 1.

END OF SESSION

After taking the chequered flag at the end of any session, you will complete one slowing down lap and enter the pit lane. You then proceed to the exit end of the pit lane, without stopping and enter the Parc Fermé where the customary check will be undertaken along with interviews for the live stream TV.



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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.

TIMETABLE

- We will endeavour to run the race meeting to the timetable, but we reserve the right to run up to 20 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.

SAFETY CAR

The safety car will be based at the pit exit on the right and will join the circuit after turn 1 except for the opening lap of each race when it will be positioned at the pit entry lane and join at the final corner. The lights will go out after turn 3 prior to a restart at which point the leader is responsible for setting the pace back to the restart signal and there must be no overtaking or overlapping before crossing the control line.

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 in single file and await marshal's instructions.

TRACK BEHAVIOUR

On the opening lap of any race things can get very tight going into turns 1, 3 and 4 here at Silverstone, with everyone fighting for the same piece of track, but please show consideration to your fellow competitors, giving them racing room at all times.

Track limit regulations apply as usual, so for clarity you can use the black and white painted kerbing but nothing beyond that. These limits will be enforced by nominated Judges of Fact and penalties will be applied in accordance with the NCR. Therefore, in qualifying any breaches will have that lap time removed and for repeated offences in races time penalties will be applied after one initial warning. Anyone who does go beyond the kerb accidentally must not gain either a positional or time advantage by doing so, any advantage during a race should be surrendered or penalties will be applied.

See Final Instructions 1.15 for further information.

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.

We therefore ask all members to pledge to #RaceWithRespect

Have a great time and enjoy your racing!

Martin Brinkworth
Clerk of the Course