



## OT Coupe Cup with Toyo Tires – Drivers' Briefing Notes

**Event:** HQ25 Brands Hatch (Indy)

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### Welcome

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Brands Hatch (Indy). We endeavour to make this an enjoyable day for you. To help us, there are a few points to assist you in your day's racing.

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. 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.
- **Qualifying:** you will be released down to the pit lane and, when ready, you will be released on to the track on display of the green flag.
- **Races:** you will be released onto the grid and, when cars are in position, the countdown of 1 minute and 30 seconds will take place, followed by the green flag lap. On this lap, you must not overtake or do any excessive weaving. If you fall to the back of the pack, you must remain there.

#### 3. The Start

- The start is a **standing start**. At the end of the green flag lap, you will take up your grid position. The 5-second board will be displayed, then the start lights will come on and, when extinguished, the race will commence.
- If the start delayed board is shown after the green flag lap, there will be an additional green flag lap.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. Pit lane discipline

- The speed limit for pit lane is **60 kph**. The pit wall should be clear of all personnel once the countdown has begun.

#### 6. Light signals

- The primary signal 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 flag lap.

#### 7. Yellow Flags:

- You are reminded that yellow signals that a warning of danger, and must be adhered – where yellow signals are displayed you must slow down and no overtaking until passing a green signal

#### 8. Safety Car

- Please ensure you have read and understood the regulations as per Motorsport UK NCRs.
- The safety car will be available for races only.
- In the event of a safety car period, light panels and marshals posts will show **SC**. The safety car will enter track on exit of Graham Hill bend (T3).
- If the safety car is deployed, please do not brake suddenly – this may cause a further incident behind you.



- 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 along **Cooper Straight (between T3 and T4)** – 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 likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart. There should be no overtaking or overlapping until the control line.

#### 9. Red flag

- In the event of a red flag, please slow down. If in qualifying please return to the pit lane, if in a race please return to grid, stopping short of the grid in single file– and await marshals instructions.

#### 10. Control flags

- Control flags with your number may be displayed at the control line on drivers' right and if available on the panel next to the start lights. They may also be supplemented on the light panels around the track.

#### 11. Live snatch

- This is available to the Clerk of the Course at this circuit. If this is taking place, double waved yellow signals will be shown – extreme care is to be exercised.

#### 12. Track limits

- Track limits will be monitored at exits of T1, T2 & T3 via sensors/judges of fact as per the latest MSUK NCR.
- **Qualifying:** exceeding limits will result in lap time deletion.
- **Race:** escalating penalties will apply:
  - 2nd occurrence – Black/White warning signal with your number at the control line
  - 3rd – 5 second time penalty
  - 4th – Further 10 second time penalty (in addition to the 5 second penalty)
  - 5th – Drive Through Penalty
  - 6th – Black flag and disqualification

#### 13. Exit from the circuit

- Once you have taken the chequered flag, you will exit the track at pit lane entrance and proceed to Parc Fermé either in inner or outer paddock as directed.

#### 14. General points

- If you enter a gravel trap during racing, please ensure when rejoining you avoid bringing gravel back onto the racing line. In qualifying, if you go through a gravel trap you should return to the pits to check for gravel before continuing. In a race you must rejoin offline to avoid depositing gravel on the racing line
- 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. Signal to a marshal you are OK via a thumbs-up.
- 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 called to see the Clerk of the Course, please bring any video footage available queued on a laptop/tablet if possible.
- If you are involved in an incident, do not leave the circuit without checking with the Clerk of the Course.



### **15. 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 competitors, teams, officials, marshals or spectators. Further information can be found on the Motorsport UK website.

**Finally, have a great days racing!**

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