

Date: Saturday 16 May 2026
Venue: Thruxton
Senior Clerk: Dorothy Uwota
Clerk of the Course: Carol Glenn

Welcome to Thruxton, my name is Carol Glenn, and I am your Clerk of Course today.

Thruxton is the fastest circuit in the country; it is particularly important that you show your fellow driver's respect. Every driver has an equal right to set a fast time in qualifying. In the interests of reducing contact, do not force a pass at a point where cars are already on the limit of cornering grip, such as at Church.

This briefing is for Coupe Cup Series, if you are also in another race today, please read your final instructions or stay behind for clarification. Also, if this is your first-time racing at Thruxton, please stay behind at the end of this meeting.

Lap length: 2.35miles, clockwise.

Start/Finish line is located in front of Race control. Pole position: On the right.

Pit lane speed limit for this season will be 31.06mph/ (50 kph). Please ensure you are aware of where the speed limit starts and ends in the pit lane. As per your Final instructions

Flags/Light Boards –**Lights take precedent and will be supplemented by Flags.**

When exiting the pits, drivers **MUST** be aware of competitors on the track. Beware of the pit exit blend line on drivers left. Please keep to the right and do not move on to the racing line until it is safe to do so. Start lights are on the right-hand side of the track. Warning flags will be shown at the start/finish line.

1. PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS The latest version of the Final Instruction is available on BARC's event site. – we are now on Version 1. We are on version 1 of the Timetable. We intend to try and run up to 20 minutes ahead of timetable, please listen to paddock announcements and keep an eye on TSL Timing and the virtual noticeboard on the BARC website.
2. **For qualifying:** All vehicles will go to the assembly area marked on the paddock plan in section 5. For qualifying, competitors will be released directly onto the circuit at the start of their session. At the end of all qualifying and races, vehicles will take the chequered flag, slow down, and leave the circuit via the pit lane and into Parc Fermé. Cars required for post session checks will be guided to the Scrutineering Bay.

Standing Start: Cars will be formed up in grid order in the assembly area and after receiving the “countdown” sequence will be shown the “green” flag. Cars will then be released to undertake their green flag lap. Once the cars come round to grid, they will line up in order and then start. All classes must undertake the green flag lap at an appropriate speed. The Organisers reserve the right to commence the race clock 3 minutes after the start of the green flag lap if competitors travel unnecessarily slowly.

3. The first corner is a natural pinch point, please check your right-hand mirror as you turn, in case you have a car overlapping you to the right. Thruxton has very high average speeds but no real straights. Any kind of contact is likely to lead to tears, so please respect the circuit and each other.
4. The Safety car will be used during the Race only. Safety car, we say it regularly, but if we use the safety car, no overtaking and reduce your speed to maintain full control but drive fast enough to catch the car in front. If you think you may have accidentally overtaken under a safety car you should consider giving

the place back. If the Safety Car is deployed, it will be released from the pit-exit. Waved yellow signal which will be supplemented by flags and SC boards will be displayed around the circuit. All cars MUST slow down immediately. The Safety Car will endeavour to pick up the leader. All cars must be no more than 5 car lengths apart and maintain the same speed as the Safety Car. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the competitor concerned is signalled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car. At the end of a safety car period, you will see green light/flags. You may increase your pace, but no overtaking or overlapping until you pass the control line, which is where the car specific warning flags are shown.

5. Track Limits will be enforced. All green-painted tarmac and kerbs are not to be treated as grass. These areas are considered part of the track limits and will be monitored accordingly. Infringements will be monitored by appointed Judges of Fact. During Qualifying your lap times will be deleted if Track Limits exceeded. During Racing 1st – Logged, 2nd - Black/White Flag, 3rd -5 Sec Penalty, 4th -10 Sec Penalty, 5th -Stop Go Penalty, 6th- Black Flag
6. Judicial procedures remain unchanged, but all paperwork will be handled electronically. Protests or appeals must be submitted to the Secretary of the Meeting or the Clerk of the Course via email. Decisions will be issued in writing, either in person, electronically, or posted on the Official Noticeboard. The appeal period begins from the earliest time of issue.
7. Driving Etiquette - Motorsport is a non-contact sport. Driving standards must be always maintained. Please make use of your mirrors... Be aware of what's around you. Excessive weaving - using more than 50% of the track to heat tyres - is prohibited. All reported incidents will be investigated. No practice starts on parade/green flag lap/behind Safety Car. No overtaking under yellow or red signal/flags. RACE WITH RESPECT. You have all signed up to this when you enter this meeting. Treat fellow competitors, marshals, officials, championship staff and tea members with it.

Thank you for listening.

HAVE A NICE WEEKEND!

STAY SAFE!!

Carol Glenn
Clerk of the Course