

## Thruxton, 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Drivers' briefing notes for Bernie's V8s and Civics.

#### Signing on

Signing on is entirely online – if you haven't already done it, please do so now. In case of issues with the system, please talk to race admin ASAP. Please also check your registered email address is current as this is where any Judicial paperwork will be sent.

#### Scrutineering

As per finals, only specific vehicles/kit. If you find the allocated timings clash with paid practice, please talk to scrutineers as soon as you can. I don't mind when you are scrutineered as long as it's before your first session 😊

#### Upgrade cards

Need to be with race admin before your first session – with a photo (of you!) attached.

#### Timetable

We may run ahead of the advertised times in the program by up to 20 minutes. Please pay attention to paddock announcements and your series coordinator.

#### Light panels

Thruxton has these. As per NCRs, these are the primary signalling method. Please note the location of panels on your out lap / green flag lap. They're generally better located than the old flag points. Please also note the pictures provided in finals – in particular how a waved yellow is represented on the panels.

Flags may be used as supplementary signals. If there is a mismatch between panels and flags, the more serious signal applies.

#### Qualifying

Make sure you get three laps completed! There's no point setting a pole position time on lap 2 if you don't do enough laps to qualify. Given the timetable, it's unlikely we will be able to find a slot for additional laps later. As many of you won't have been to Thruxton in the last 24 months, this is particularly important.

Watch out for speed differentials and keep a consistent line. It's for the closing car to get around you, but they need you to move predictably to do that safely.

#### Race start procedure

As per final instructions, countdown is in the assembly area and you will go straight into a green flag lap when released from there.

#### Track limits

Please stay on the circuit. We have a number of judges of fact for track limits. Excursions at Thruxton rarely gain you time (and certainly won't if they are noticed). Given the speed of the circuit you really should avoid the grass.

### **Pit lane**

It has a speed limit (60kph) and we have a marshal with a speed gun. If you have to use the pit lane, please bear in mind both these facts.

### **Safety car**

Will be available for use during races. There is nothing unusual about Safety Car deployment at Thruxton – it goes out from and returns to the pit lane.

### **Start / finish line**

This is one of the tracks where the start & finish lines are in the same place. So no confusion about where you can restart racing after a safety car period. The line is right outside race control, so it will be very obvious if you overtake before you should.

### **On board cameras**

If you have one fitted, please make sure it is working. If you bring footage to race control it is advisable to have something to play it on, or at least a USB cable to connect your camera to a laptop. The Clerks have laptops, but compatibility with memory cards varies.

### **Trucks – circuit setup**

For trucks we have to relocate the marshals to a safer distance and then radio all posts to check that everyone has moved. And then move everyone back at the end of the session - and check again. This means there may be time at either end of a truck session when it looks like nothing is happening. Please bear with us.

### **Track conditions**

Trucks can lay down a lot of rubber, and also throw lots of water around to cool their brakes. Don't be surprised if the surface of the circuit varies over the weekend or compared to any other times you have been here. Use your out lap / green flag lap to get the feel of it.

### **Grid reversal (V8's only)**

Changes to the grid for race 2 will be confirmed by the series coordinator when the likely weather on Sunday is known.

And finally, please enjoy your event at Thruxton.

In case of questions, there is always someone available at race control.

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