



COMPETITORS' BRIEFING NOTES

Silverstone 18-19th March 2023



On behalf of the BRSCC welcome to Silverstone. Please ensure that you read all of these Briefing Notes, even if you have raced at the venue before.

These notes supplement the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook (Blue Book) and the Championship Regulations. Any regulations quoted from the Motorsport UK Year Book are shown in [square brackets].

SPECIFIC CIRCUIT NOTES- SILVERSTONE (GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT)

- This race meeting will be held on the GP circuit using the National Pits; 3.67 miles in length.
- Unless actually on the circuit, a speed limit of 20 mph is in force in all areas of the venue, except the paddock where a 5 mph speed limit is in force. Internal or service roads may not be used to test race cars. The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph.
- Prior to **qualifying**, get to the Assembly Area (from the paddock turn right after the medical centre) in good time for noise testing. Once released, join the circuit at Brooklands corner.
- **Leaving the circuit** - after seeing the chequered flag, continue for one full lap then exit the circuit into the pit lane and thence into parc fermé. Passing the chequered flag more than once may result in a penalty, and wastes valuable track time.
- Prior to **racing**, cars will be released straight onto the circuit from the assembly area in grid order and will proceed straight to the grid. The countdown will begin at 1 minute, before being given the signal to commence the green flag lap.
- **Green Flag Lap** - Note that during green flag laps, practice starts [Q12.12] and excessive weaving (more than 50% circuit width) are specifically **forbidden**. Additionally, on green flag laps if you stall or spin off and fall behind all other competing cars, you must remain behind those cars and start the race from the rear of the grid. **Unnecessarily slow** green flag laps may result in the race duration being reduced.
- **Start Lights** - these are located on a gantry above the grid. Once the 5 second board has been shown, the red lights will come on; the signal to start racing is the lights going out. In the case of light failure, the Union flag will be used instead. No team personnel are allowed on the pit wall for the start of the race.
- **Safety Car** - may be used in qualifying and racing; it will be released from the pit lane exit.
- **Live Recoveries** - are permitted at Silverstone, which means that if there is a requirement to move a stranded car, that may take place under 'local' yellow flags / lights - negating the need for a Safety Car period.
- **Circuit Lights** – Flashing Lights and light panels are used at Silverstone to supplement flag signals around the circuit; they carry exactly the same authority and jurisdiction as flag signals.
- **Track Limits** - are monitored at Silverstone by Judges of Fact at designated corners. See overleaf for greater detail about exceeding track limits.
- **Pit Lane Speed Limit** - The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph.
- **Notice Board** – all results can be found on the TSL timing website and event bulletins can be found on the BRSCC website event page under Noticeboard.

GENERAL NOTES

Motorsport is a **non-contact** sport. All reports of contact will be investigated, using video evidence if necessary. **Any driver involved in any incident may not leave the circuit without the consent of the Race Director.**

- **Track behaviour** - reports of abnormal direction changes (weaving) and any other manoeuvres likely to hinder other drivers will also be investigated. [Q12.21.1]
- **Track limits** regulations [Q12.21.2, Q12.22.1, Q12.27] are summarised here:
 - In qualifying, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the loss of that particular lap time (note that a black & white flag signal need not be shown). This will occur on each occasion.
 - In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown; • 3rd occurrence: 5 sec time penalty added; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th occurrence: 10 sec time penalty added; • 5th occurrence: Drive-through penalty; • 6th occurrence: Black flag; race disqualification.
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- **Yellow Flags / Lights** - Yellow flags / lights are used to warn you of a hazard or danger ahead, and are there primarily for the protection of my marshals. Overtaking is strictly forbidden between the first yellow flag and the green flag - even if you are lapping a slower car [Q12.24.5].
- **Red Flags** - As soon as these are displayed, reduce speed and stop racing. In qualifying return to the pits; in races return to the grid unless indicated otherwise. Again overtaking is forbidden [Q12.24.3j].
- **Blue Flag signals** - With the speed differential of some cars please respect the blue flags, and give other competitors room. However slower cars are both entitled and encouraged to take the racing line at all times, so as to be as predictable as possible.
- **Safety Car** - The Clerk of the Course will have the facility for the use of the safety car in accordance with the Championship / Series regulations. It is the driver's responsibility to make sure they are fully aware of these regulations. **The Safety Car will join the circuit from the pit lane.** Please ensure that you understand this fully before competing. In particular ensure that you bunch up as rapidly as possible, giving marshals time to sort out any on-track problems. Also note that during the restart, overtaking is prohibited until the start/finish line is crossed - this is very easy to check.
- **Parc Fermé** - after qualifying and/or racing, competing cars may be directed into the parc fermé (including retired cars). Whilst in 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.
- **In-Car Cameras** - referred to at Yearbook [J5.21] and Championship Regulations 2.13; please review these sections. Note that failure to provide in car camera footage may lead to disciplinary measures. The onus is on **you** to ensure that the system is working correctly; and to clearly identify any data cards used.
- **Driving Standards** - ALL drivers to take care whilst on track during all sessions. **NO CONTACT!** There need not be any contact caused by careless driving, last minute lunges, or by not giving each other racing room.
 - Slower drivers / cars must pay attention and look in mirrors before overtaking cars in front, checking that no faster cars are approaching,
 - Faster drivers / cars must take care when overtaking slower cars. Remember if you are the faster drivers / car, it's your responsibility to find a way around the slower car.
 - Slower drivers / cars must hold their line, which may not need to be the optimum racing line.
 - Any careless driving will be addressed. Driving standards must be irreproachable.
- **PIT STOP**
 - Each car is required to make a single mandatory pit stop, which must only commence after the Pit Open board is shown, and before the Pit Closed board is shown.
 - The Pit Open board will be displayed on the start/finish line for 5 minutes once 15 minutes of the scheduled race duration has lapsed. The Pit Closed board will then be displayed once 30 minutes of the scheduled race duration being lapsed.
 - Each mandatory Pit Stop must be for a minimum duration of 2-minutes; this will be timed from a pitstart marker on the pit lane entrance to a pit-end marker on the pit lane exit. The Pit lane speed limit for each individual venue will be published in the event Final Instructions.
 - If performing a driver change, the incoming driver must not loosen or remove their harness, FHR device, helmet or gloves until the vehicle is fully stopped in the pit lane.
 - Physical vehicle inspections or repairs may be performed only when the vehicle is fully stopped, refuelling is not permitted in the pit lane.

- It is not permitted to reverse a car in any part of the pit lane whilst a qualifying or race session is live. Should any car need to be moved backwards, this must only be done by someone manually pushing the car whilst the driver is in control of the vehicle from the driver's seat.
 - Subject to being within the 15 minute Pit Open period and the pit lane entry being open, it is permitted to make mandatory pit stops whilst the race is running under safety car conditions.
 - A maximum of 4 people can work on the car at any pit stop. This number excludes the driver, but includes anyone touching the car or driver in any way, including but not limited to such actions as cleaning windows, assisting the driver with belts, operating jacks, or opening / closing bonnets, doors, boots.
 - Additional pit stops are not subject to the 2-minute minimum duration.
 - To maximise use of pit lane space, when making a pit stop it is strongly advised that the car should stop at a 45 degree angle facing the pit garage. On completion of a pit stop where the car is positioned as such, it is not permitted for the car to reverse back into the pit lane. This must only be done by someone manually pushing the car whilst the driver is in control of the vehicle from the driver's seat.
 - Failure to make a mandatory pit stop (as per 3.2.1 – 3.2.2 championship regulations) will result in a 4-minute time penalty being applied after the race.
 - Commencing a pit stop BEFORE the Pit Open board has been displayed, or AFTER the Pit Closed board has been displayed will result in that pit stop being considered as a non-mandatory stop.
 - Where the duration of a mandatory pit stop falls below the 2-minute minimum, a time penalty of 30 seconds plus the timed shortfall shall be applied after the race.
 - Any car exceeding the pit lane speed limit at any time during the race will have a time penalty of 60 seconds applied after the race.
 - Any car judged to have impeded the progress of another car whilst in the pit lane will have a time penalty of 60 seconds applied after the race. This includes obstructing the path of a car that is attempting to enter or exit their pit stop area, or holding up another car whilst driving through the pit lane.
 - Any car judged to have been culpable of an unsafe pit stop release, whether this results in contact with another car or person, or that causes another car to take avoiding action, will result in disqualification from the race.
 - Any car judged to have reversed in the pit lane will have a time penalty of 60 seconds applied after the race.
- **Only footage from cameras requested by the Clerk of Course will be viewed.** Drivers wishing to protest other competitor's actions must do so officially in accordance with C5.1.
 - Drivers who've **stopped on circuit** for any reason, if you are OK, to signal to the marshals by a thumbs up
 - At the end of your races, please **wave to thank all of the marshals**; remember that they (we) are all volunteers and give up their time freely and without remuneration.
 - If you have any questions about these notes, or anything else concerning the race meeting, please come along to Race Control to talk to me. I would much rather answer what might seem to be a silly question, than to have to summon you post race.

Finally, may I wish you a thoroughly enjoyable and successful race meeting!

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Clerk of the Course

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