



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.
- The start will be via a rolling start in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulation [Q12.9.11(b)]. The minimum countdown procedures/audible warning sequence shall be:
 - 1 minute to start of Green Flag/Pace lap – Start Engines/Clear Grid
 - 30 seconds – visible and audible warnings for the start of the Green Flag/Pace lap
 - Green Flag/Pace Lap – Complete one lap of the circuit forming into grid order prior to the final corner of the circuit
 - Pace Car will leave the circuit. Red gantry lights will be switched on – maintain speed and grid position
 - Red Lights OFF – Race Start
- **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 Clerk of the Course.**

- **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:
 - 2nd occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown;
 - 3rd occurrence: 5 sec time penalty added;
 - 4th occurrence: 10 sec time penalty added;
 - 5th occurrence: Drive-through penalty;
 - 6th occurrence: Black flag; race disqualification.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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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