



# 2023 BRSCC FORMULA FORD FESTIVAL

## Sporting & Technical Regulations



The British Racing and Sports Car Club Limited will organise the BRSCC Formula Ford Festival at **Brands Hatch** on the **Indy Circuit** on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 under Motorsport UK Permit No(s): **131074 (Interclub)**. The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Sporting & Technical Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations and any ASR's or written instructions the organising club may issue for the event. Please read Final Instructions or subsequent bulletins issued to you for these events. The Organisers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the meeting or any part thereof. In this event the competitor or entrant has no right to claim against the Organisers in respect of any loss or expense he may thereby incur.

## 1 Rights of Organisers and Promoters

The organisers rights are :-

- 1.1 As per Motorsport UK Regulation [D 25].
- 1.2 As per written Final Instructions issued to competitors, which shall have the same force as these Standing Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations
- 1.3 To allow a reserve to take part in a race even though a place has not been made by the withdrawal of a primary entry.
- 1.4 To reserve the right to substitute any driver or car in any event for those printed in the programme.
- 1.5 The organisers and promoters reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the meeting, or any part thereof. In the event of the postponement, abandonment or cancellation the competitor or entrant has no right to claim against the organisers in respect of any loss or expense he may thereby incur.

## 2 Jurisdiction

The organisers reserve the right to amend or cancel the programme/competition or regulations without notice. The meeting will be governed by the General Competition Rules, Standing Supplementary Regulations of Motorsport UK, incorporating the provisions of the FIA, the additional Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions subsequently issued by the organisers. Motorsport UK Judicial Procedures Section C will apply.

## 3 Access to the Circuit

See Final Instructions

## 4 Paddock/Circuit Regulations

Entrants/Competitors should note that they are responsible for all persons connected to their teams. (Motorsport UK Regulation [H 1]). Specific parking areas may be notified in the Final Instructions or as instructed by the paddock marshals.

**Parking in areas not allocated to your team will require you to move & further action may be taken against any offenders.**

The following is forbidden:

- 4.1 Making any holes of any type in any permanently surfaced area.
- 4.2 The use of any utility supplied in a manner not compatible with the laws & regulations of the service provider.
- 4.3 The use of any motor vehicle by a person not having the appropriate full licence for its use.
- 4.4 The use of any motor vehicle in a public area, other than the paddock
- 4.5 The use of any motor vehicle, not being used for team business.
- 4.6 The use of any motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 10mph, other than the circuit. Any reports of incidents of this nature will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may take action against the offending Entrant/Driver/Team. The report may also be passed to the circuit owners/management who may wish to take further action.

## 5 Noise Regulations

All cars must comply with Motorsport UK Regulation [J 5.17].

## 6 Officials of the Meeting

Officials will be advised in the Final Instructions.

## 7 Circuit and Length

This event will be held on the Brands Hatch Indy Circuit (1.1994 miles) in a clockwise direction. The maximum number of starters in any race will be 30. The maximum number of starters in any practice/qualifying will be 36.

## 8 Entries

Open from date of publication of these regulations. Closing date Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Entry fee for the Formula Ford Festival – **£395.00**.

Entries will be accepted strictly in the order of receipt and the allocation of numbers and the selection of entries into heats will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Acceptance of your entry will be confirmed to the e-mail address stated on your entry form once payment has been made in full.

It will not be possible to accept entries where a car is driven by more than one driver. Competitors may not drive more than one car in the event.

**World Cup:** Competitors entering the Formula Ford Festival may be selected at the organiser's discretion to represent their home country or a suitable geographical area.

## 9 Eligible Competitors

9.1 All Entrants must be in possession of a valid Entrants Licence.

9.2 All Drivers/Entrant Drivers must be in possession of

- a valid **Motorsport UK Competition Race Club or above licence, or**
- **be a professional driver in possession of a valid Licence (featuring an E.U. flag) and medical, issued by the ASN of a member country of the European Union or a comparable country designated as such by the FIA, or**
- **as the event is sanctioned by the Motorsport UK for foreign Participation, non professional drivers from foreign ASNs. We will require, with a completed entry form, a letter from your ASN authorising your participation in this event in accordance with Article 2.3 of the International Sporting Code**

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any driver or team on any grounds. Such refusal is at the total discretion of the organisers and is not subject to appeal or protest. Any driver deemed to have brought the Festival and/or The World Cup into disrepute by his or her actions may be refused the right to enter or be excluded from the meeting. Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout qualifying and racing.

## 10 New Drivers

Competitors who are taking part in their first race on the Brands Hatch Indy Circuit in its current layout must report to the Clerk of the Course before their Qualifying session.

## 11 Signing-on

Signing on will be completed via sign on declarations before the event. All competitors must provide copies of their licences in advance via the online system.

Drivers should still bring their licence and any supporting documents to the event, as spot checks may be carried out at the organisers discretion. Failure to produce any of the correct documentation may result in you not being allowed to compete in the event.

## 12 Driver Changes

Competitors should note that entries cannot be transferred from one race to another.

Any change of car or driver can only be made following a written application to the Clerk of the Course by the Entrant. Where the driver of a car is subject to nomination, the Entrant must inform the Secretary of the Meeting in writing before the car goes to practice which driver is nominated for the car. (Motorsport UK Regulation [D 25.1.12]).

## 13 Licence Upgrade Cards

Those drivers who require a signature for upgrading must hand in their Licence Upgrade Card to the secretary of the meeting before they go out to qualify. Completed Upgrade Cards will be available for collection at the end of the event. Any Upgrade Cards not collected will be forwarded to the address supplied by post – please note that the organisers cannot take responsibility for any Upgrade Cards which may be lost in transit.

## 14 Interviews

Drivers may be required to attend pre and post qualifying/racing promotional/press interviews. Attendance is compulsory.

## 15 Scrutineering

See final instructions.

## 16 Clothing

During practice and racing all drivers must wear: A Crash Helmet, Goggles or visor of splinter-proof material and clean flame resistant clothing that shall cover arms, legs and torso up to the neck (Motorsport UK Regulation [K 9]). Flame resistant gloves and shoes are mandatory (Motorsport UK Regulation [Q 12.1.1(c)]). An FIA approved FHR device, fitted in accordance with FIA regulations, is mandatory for drivers in circuit racing with the exception of period defined cars (pre-1977) (Motorsport UK Regulation [Q 12.1.1(e)]). The use of flame resistant balaclavas, socks, and underwear is strongly recommended (Motorsport UK Regulation [K 14.3] applies).

## 17 Eligibility

One or more members of the Technical Commission may check eligibility. The technical commissioners are: C.S. Barnett, R.E. Bassett, G. Doe, W.G. Greig, M. Harris, P. Hewer, J.C. Hopwood, N.E. Jones, P.H Loveridge, R.J. McDonald, C.A. Mount, R.W. Ratley, P.C. Riches and S. Riches. Robert Bassett and Ian Billet are the Eligibility Scrutineers for the Formula Fords competing in the Festival.

## 18 Safety Car/Stopping of a Practice Session or Race

The Safety Car will be brought into operation and run in accordance with Section Q Appendix 2 of the Motorsport UK General Regulations.

Should the need arise to stop any race, RED LIGHTS will be switched on at the Start Line and RED FLAGS will be displayed at the Startline and at all Marshals Signalling Points around the circuit.

This is the signal for all drivers to cease circulating at racing speeds and to slow to a safe and reasonable pace. In practice cars should return slowly to the pits. In race situations they should return slowly to the start line which will automatically become a Parc Fermé area.

During race stops cars may not enter the pits unless directed to do so. Work on cars already in the pits must cease when a race is stopped.

### **Case A – Less than two laps completed by the race leader.**

Any race stopped before the leader has completed two laps will be declared a “No Contest” and available cars will restart from their original grid positions. Competitors unable to take the restart may be replaced by reserves who will start at the back of the grid in reserve order. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course.

### **Case B – More than two laps completed by the race leader but less than 75% of the scheduled distance**

Any race stopped after the leader has completed more than two laps but less than 75% of its duration will be considered as the first part of a two part race. Cars will be restarted from a grid set out in the finishing order, which shall be based upon the order of crossing the finish line at one lap less than at the time of first showing the Red flag. Only cars which are under their own power at the showing of the Red flag will be classified. The result will be the order of finishing at the end of the re-started race. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course.

### **Case C - More than 75% of race completed**

Any race stopped after the leader has completed 75 % of its duration may be considered to have finished, unless the Clerk of the Course, in consultation with the Stewards of the Meeting, deems it appropriate to restart the race. If not restarted the result will be based on the order of crossing the finish line at one lap less than at the time of first showing of the Red Flag. Only cars which are under their own power at the showing of the Red Flag will be classified.

## **19 Incidents**

- 19.1** In the event of an accident or collision occurring during a race or practice, the car or cars involved may be required to come into the pits for examination (Motorsport UK Regulation [J 3]).
- 19.2** No one, unless specifically approval by the Clerk of the Course shall touch any car involved in an accident if the car is rendered unable to proceed. (Motorsport UK [Q 11.2.6]).

## **20 Rejoining the Track**

Drivers “going off” the circuit are reminded that all competitors should rejoin the track in a manner compatible with safety. (Motorsport UK Regulation [Q 12.21.3]).

## **21 Hazard Warning Sign**

A Hazard Warning Sign will be displayed at flag marshal’s posts to warn of a semi-permanent hazard (i.e. parked car) present on, or adjacent to the track, which is no longer indicated by waved or stationary Yellow warning flags. The Hazard Warning Sign does not prohibit overtaking.

## **22 Qualification Process**

The Formula Ford Festival will be run as a 'knockout' contest through qualifying Heats and last chance races, culminating in the Final. Finishing positions, not overall race times, dictate qualification through to the next round. See separate bulletin for details.

## **23 The World Cup**

The World Cup is a team competition with points awarded in relation to finishing positions in the Heats, Semi-Finals and Final of the Formula Ford Festival. All drivers and entrants are reminded that nominations for the teams cannot be changed after the commencement of qualifying. The nominated drivers in each team will score World Cup points as follows in the above races: 1<sup>st</sup> – 30 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 29 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28 points and so on. The team accruing the highest number of points will be declared the winners.

## **24 Practice/Qualifying**

There will be timed qualifying sessions for each driver. Starting positions will be determined by qualifying times.

## **25 Heats and Final**

After the closing date and depending on entry levels, the format of the heats for each class of the Festival will be advised via bulletin or in the final instructions.

## **26 Grids**

All races will use a staggered 1 - 1 formation.

## **27 Start**

A standing start will be used for all races. All races will be given a green flag/warm-up lap commencing after the 30-second signal, following a minimum of a 1 minute countdown procedure. Cars will form up on the grid at the end of the green flag/warm-up lap and when they are in position to the satisfaction of the starter a 5 Second Board will be shown to indicate that the Grid is complete. The red lights will be switched on five seconds after the board is withdrawn. When the lights go off that is the signal to race. In the event that the starting lights fail, the Starter will revert to using the National Flag.

## **28 Prizes and Awards**

Trophies will be provided by the BRSCC to the top 3 overall finishers in the Formula Ford Festival Final, the top 3 overall finishers for the Historic Final, and the over winner of each Heat, Progression Race and Semi-Final. Class trophies may also be awarded in the Historic Final. The organisers reserve the right to provide additional awards. Trophies will be presented at the end of each race. Garlands may also be presented to the winner at the end of each qualifying Heat, Semi Finals, Historic Final and Final.

## 29 Penalties

As it may prove impractical to hold a full Clerk of the Course or Stewards Inquiry, and to consider a formal appeal into penalties imposed by the Clerk of the Course for driving offences etc. in the qualifying races, the Stewards of the Meeting reserve the right to eliminate any competitor from continuing in the competition, or apply an appropriate penalty. (Motorsport UK Regulation [ G 2])

## 30 Stop-Go Penalty

Competitors should note that the Clerk of the Course may impose a Stop-Go/Drive Through Penalty. (Motorsport UK Regulation [Q 12.26]) The penalty must be taken in the specified area in the pit lane at the foot of the Race Control Building.

## 31 Judges of Fact

Judges will be appointed in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations [Q 3].

## 32 Testing

All pre-event testing is available direct through Motor Sport Vision. The BRSCC is not responsible for organising the test sessions. For full details of all sessions please contact: Alan Tapson - Event Co-ordinator  
MotorSport Vision Limited , Brands Hatch, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent DA3 8NG  
Tel: 01474 875340  
Fax: 01474 875290  
Email: [alan.tapson@motorsportvision.co.uk](mailto:alan.tapson@motorsportvision.co.uk)  
Web: <http://www.brandshatch.co.uk/testing.aspx>

## 33 Advertising

All advertisements carried must adhere to the requirements laid down by the Motorsport UK and must be clear of competition numbers. Please adhere to Motorsport UK Regulations [H 28].

## 34 Personal Accident (medical expenses) Insurance.

The National Health Service has financial restrictions on treating some foreign nationals after an accident. Unless the country of origin has an agreement with the UK, foreign competitors are strongly recommended to take out medical insurance before competing in the event.

## 35 Eligible Cars

### 35.1 Kent

All cars must comply with the 2023 Formula Ford with 1600cc Kent Engine Technical Regulations, as issued by Ford Motor Company, plus any amendments published as part of the 2023 BRSCC National or Super Classic Formula Ford 1600 championships.

## 36 Eligibility and Conformity with Regulations

**36.1** All competitors' and entrants attention is drawn to Motorsport UK Regulations [H 32 & 33] regarding responsibility for eligibility throughout the meeting.

**36.2** Any engines selected for sealing/examination must be made available to the organisers at a premises and date nominated by the BRSCC. The costs of an engine examination will be the responsibility of the entrant.

## 37 Wheels & Tyres

**37.1** Kent vehicles must use only Avon tyres as specified in the 2023 BRSCC National or Super Classic Formula Ford 1600 championship regulations. The exception to this is for Pre 82 models that have the option to use approved Dunlop FF1600 tyres.

**37.2** No tyre changes will be permitted after the car has entered the Assembly Area, unless approved by the Eligibility Scrutineer on safety grounds.

**37.3** The use of heating equipment in the pits is expressly forbidden on grounds of safety, and the pre-heating of tyres or use of tyre warmers is forbidden. For the whole duration of the official practice during the period of the race meeting, no artificial cooling of the wheel, tyre or other component of the inflated wheel assembly is permitted. Artificial cooling will include any means of transferring heat away from the wheel and tyre assembly other than by natural convection. Any tyre protection cover used during transit of the car within the confines of the circuit must be a loose fit onto the tyre; they must not be of a temporary construction and must be

capable of being reused many times. No cleaning or removal of rubber pick-up, from the tread area of the tyres is permitted using any form of other mechanical aid.

- 37.4** During this event a maximum of **8** tyres, comprising 4 front and 4 rears, will be allowed for **Kent** competitors racing in the Pro Class. They will be nominated to each specific driver only. Competitors are responsible for declaring these tyres to the Eligibility Scrutineers via email to [nationalff1600tyres@gmail.com](mailto:nationalff1600tyres@gmail.com) before 8AM on SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023. Failure to comply with this may render the car ineligible for the event. The replacement of tyres is subject to the prior agreement of the Event Eligibility/Safety Scrutineer and a representative of Avon. Only tyres nominated for that event are permitted in the pit lane during official qualifying sessions and races. There will be no restriction on the number of tyres competitors racing in the Super Classic classes (A, B, C & D) can use.
- 37.5** The Eligibility Scrutineer and the event organisers reserve the right to impound and/or replace event nominated tyres at any time before, between and after qualifying and races.
- 37.6** Any competitor who contravenes the above tyre regulations is liable to exclusion.

## **38 Fuel**

All competitors must use Pump Fuel as defined by Motorsport UK Regulation Section B. The addition of any additives, for whatever reason, to this fuel is prohibited. Samples may be taken from competitor's vehicles at any time and be subjected to testing.

## **39 Competition Numbers**

You will be informed of your competition number prior to the meeting. Before your car is scrutineered, please ensure that your number complies with Motorsport UK Regulation [J 4]. Front numbers should face directly forwards. The Timekeepers will not time any cars, which are displaying numbers incorrectly. It is the responsibility of the Entrant to ensure that the numbers remain clearly visible during practice and racing. Requests to make changes to competition numbers on race days will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

## **40 Decals**

Event sponsors decals together with overall badges must be carried in a bold manner by all competitors taking part in the Formula Ford Festival & World Cup events if required by the organisers. Competitors are also required to carry two large BRSCC decals in an unobscured manner. Failure to do so may render the competitor ineligible for any prizes or awards in the competition. Details of exact positions of decals may be issued to all drivers. It is mandatory to use these positions.

## **41 Tickets and Event Paperwork**

All competitors will receive four 'e-tickets' sent to the email address indicated on entry form. Final Instructions will be also be sent separately to the same email address.

## **42 Contact Details**

### **Sporting Manager:**

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