

COMPETITORS' BRIEFING NOTES

SILVERSTONE (NATIONAL) – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

On behalf of the BRSCC welcome to Silverstone. Please ensure that you read all these Briefing Notes, even if you have raced at the venue before. These notes supplement the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook (Blue Book), Final Instructions, Supplementary Regulations and the Championship Regulations. Reference to Motorsport UK regulations are indicated using [...].

SPECIFIC CIRCUIT NOTES

- This race meeting will be held on the Silverstone National circuit; 1.64 miles (2.64 km) 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.
- Prior to practice, arrive to the Assembly Area in good time for noise testing. Follow marshals instructions on release to the circuit.
- Leaving the circuit - after seeing the chequered flag, slow down and exit circuit into pit lane proceeding to into parc fermé area. Passing the chequered flag more than once may result in a penalty and wastes valuable track time.
- Prior to racing, cars will assemble in the Assembly Area in grid order. You will be released to the circuit when directed to do so to form on the grid. Countdown will commence with the 1 minute board, followed by 30 second board, then the green flag will then be waved. Complete the green flag lap back to the grid for the race start.
- The start will be via a standing start in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulation [Q12.9.11(a)]. The minimum countdown procedures/audible warning sequence shall be:
 - **1 minute** to start of Green Flag lap (on grid).
 - **30 seconds** – visible and audible warnings for the start of the Green Flag lap (on grid).
 - **Green Flag Lap** – Complete one lap of the circuit forming onto the starting grid. Practice starts and excessive weaving (>50% circuit width) are forbidden. If you fall to rear of pack on this lap you must start from the rear of the grid.
 - **5 second** board displayed
 - **Red Lights ON** – between 2 to 7 seconds.
 - **Red Lights OFF** – Race Start
- **Safety Car** - may be used in races only; it will be released from the Pit Lane exit to collect the leader between Turn 1 Copse and Turn 2 Maggots.
- **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 Light Panels** – 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 a Judge of Fact at Turn 1. See following notes for greater detail about exceeding track limits.
- **Leaving Track and Rejoining** – you must use the track as defined by the white lines at all times, If you drive off track you must rejoin the track safely [Q12.21.3]. Drivers deemed to have gained an advantage by leaving the track will be penalised. **Repeated reports of running wide off the track will result in the issuing of a black/white flag for driving standards. Further offences may result in the black flag being issued to you and disqualification from the session.**
- **Pit Lane Speed Limit** - The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph.
- **Results/Notice Board** – all results can be found on the TSL Timing website (<https://www.tsl-timing.com/event/233931>) and event bulletins can be found on the BRSCC Online Noticeboard. <https://noticeboard.brsc.co.uk/>

GENERAL NOTES

Motorsport is strictly 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 limits regulations [Q12.21.2, Q12.22.1, Q12.27] as modified by Motorsport UK with effect from 1 June 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: additional 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 / Lights - 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. Overtaking is forbidden [Q12.24.3].

[Not seeing the flag/light signal is not an acceptable excuse.](#)

Safety Car - The procedures are detailed in [Q App 3]. 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. 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 and overlapping 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.

- 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.
- Track behaviour - reports of abnormal direction changes (weaving) and any other manoeuvres likely to hinder other drivers will also be investigated. [Q12.21.1]
- Any careless driving will be addressed. Driving standards must be faultless.

Onboard Cameras/Protests – Ensure these are working, charged, with clear SD cards and switched on prior to commencing your sessions. Non-production of footage can result in a penalty [C2.1.1] in accordance with Championship Regulation 2.13. **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.**

Stopping on Circuit - Drivers who've stopped on circuit for any reason, if you are OK, must signal to the marshals by a thumbs up. If possible, position your car in as safe a place as possible for the session to continue without intervention.

Marshals - At the end of your races, please wave to thank all the marshals; remember that they (we) are all volunteers and give up their time freely and without remuneration.

RACE WITH RESPECT

Please show the utmost respect and courteousness to everyone here today. Help make motorsport the best hobby and passion for anyone to be a part of. By participating in a Motorsport UK event, in any capacity, you and your team/family members are agreeing to follow the values of the governing body's Respect Code...

Respect - Integrity - Fair Play - Self-Control - Good Manners

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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 after an infringement. Finally, may I wish you a thoroughly enjoyable and successful race meeting!

Andrew Roberts – Clerk of the Course (Licence Number 231368)

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