

GB4 Entrants and Drivers Briefing Oulton Park, 30 March & 1 April 2024

These Briefing Notes are issued primarily for your safety and the safety of others including the marshals and officials.

You should by now have read the comprehensive Season Briefing Notes which contains information for your safety and wellbeing in the coming season. These include, among other things, Motorsport UK Race with Respect, use of Social Media, Drugs & Alcohol, Safety Car starts and potential for the Safety Car to lead you through the pit lane.

At future briefings I will concentrate procedures specific to the circuit or items of concern from the previous event.

1. **Procedure for Qualifying** – cars will proceed to the Assembly Area when instructed and assemble in the correct order. On instruction cars will proceed into the pit lane and qualifying will start when the pit exit lights go to green

2. **Procedure for Racing** – proceed to the Assembly Area when instructed to do so by the coordinator. Assemble in the correct order as instructed by the marshals.

On instruction from the marshals proceed **via the short Fosters Circuit behind a Course Car**. Once all cars are in position on the grid the start countdown will commence at the 1 minute signal followed by 30 seconds. A display on the gantry may indicate this as well as or instead of boards. Then the Green Flag will be displayed for the start of **one Green Flag lap** of the full International circuit. Please complete this full lap of the circuit at a sensible speed – approx. 3 minutes. Remember, if you have a problem on this lap and fall to the back you cannot take your grid position and must stay at the back. No team personnel are permitted on the grid.

3. On returning to the grid, when all cars are in position, the 5 second board will be shown. A display on the gantry may indicate this as well as or instead of boards. 5 seconds later the Red Lights will ALL be switched on. When the Red Lights are extinguished the start is given. The start lights are mounted on the gantry.

Please pay particular attention to ensure that your car is correctly positioned in the start box and comply with the start procedure.

4. Race duration will be **18** minutes.

5. **Practice starts** can only be carried out at the pit lane exit. **Do not stop on the track to practice your start or when approaching the starting grid where there will be other cars and, probably, marshals.**

6. **Track limits: See Motorsport UK Yearbook Q12.21.2.** Be aware of the track limit regulations and comply with them in particular at Turn 1 (**Old Hall**), Turn 3 (**Cascades**) and Turn 16 (**Lodge**). There are sensors with cameras at these turns.

7. **Flag signals:**
Motorsport UK Regulation Q12.24

12.24. Signals shall be in accordance with the following. At venues where light panels are operational these light signals will take priority and may be supplemented with flags.

Yellow – For the safety of my marshals, please respect them. A SINGLE Waved Yellow means ‘danger, slow down sufficiently to ensure that full control of the vehicle can be retained. No overtaking.

A Double Yellow means ‘great danger. Slow down considerably. Be prepared to suddenly change from the projected racing line, or take other evasive action including stopping if necessary. No overtaking.

Overtaking or not slowing down is an offence from the point of passing the Yellow signal(s) until the Green signal is passed. It must be evident that a driver has reduced speed; this means a driver is expected to have braked earlier

and/or noticeably reduced speed where a Yellow Flag is displayed. **Individual sector times &/or onboard data/video may be analysed for proof of a sufficient reduction in pace.**

RED Flag: Immediately cease driving at racing speed and proceed slowly, without overtaking, and with maximum caution to pits or start line obeying marshal's instructions, and being prepared to stop should the track be blocked.

8. Blue: Please watch for Blue signals. The onus is on the faster car to pass safely and the slower car should not suddenly change direction.

9. Contact: Avoidable contact will NOT be tolerated. Penalties may be applied in the event of any avoidable contact.

10. Excessive and aggressive defending will not be tolerated. The Motorsport UK Regulations state "*In response to each attempted overtaking manoeuvre no more than one change of direction to defend a position is permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line having earlier defended his position off-line should leave at least one cars width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner*". Q12.21.1 goes on to state: '*However, manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited. Any driver who appears guilty of any of the above offences may be reported to the Clerk of Course.*'

11. Control Flags: Control flags (Black/White, Black/Orange etc) with car numbers will be shown at the finish line on drivers **RIGHT**. This information may also be displayed on the info panels adjacent the start lights.

12. Safety Car: The Safety Car will join the circuit at the Pit Exit. At the end of a Safety Car period its lights will be extinguished at around the Druids (Turn 15). There may be occasions where they will be turned out later. For race start, the Safety Car may be positioned so that it can be deployed directly onto circuit if required. At the end of a Safety Car period when cars are at the exit of Turn 16 (Lodge) drivers must proceed at a pace which involves no erratic acceleration or braking nor any other manoeuvre which is likely to endanger other drivers or impede the restart. Remember, you can't overtake another car until you pass the Green Flag AT THE CONTROL LINE (the Finish Line). **All laps under the Safety Car count and the race duration will remain unchanged.**

13. End of sessions. After taking the Chequered Flag after all sessions cars will complete a full lap and enter Parc Ferme by turning **SHARP RIGHT** just before the pit lane entry. The first three cars will stop as instructed for podium procedures and the rest should proceed through Parc Ferme to enter the Paddock and proceed with care to the GB3 paddock where **Parc Ferme** will continue in Race Awnings. Take great care when driving in the paddock being aware of quad bikes, people and tail lifts etc.

14. AT ALL TIMES drive within the limit of your capability and that of the car. Be **AWARE** of what is happening around you. Give each other racing room as required by the regulations. There is only one 'racing line' and that is when yours is the only car on track. Do not attempt overtaking manoeuvres that are marginal and likely to result in contact.

15. Only an official protest, correctly lodged, will be considered. Unless advised do not assume that Race Control are aware of 'your' issue.

16. The Driving Standards Advisor to the Clerk of the Course is Rob Barff.

17. Please adhere to the Motorsport UK **#RaceWithRespect** policy. **RESPECT** each other, **RESPECT** the marshals, **RESPECT** the officials.

Have a good and safe event.

David Scott
Clerk of the Course

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