

Miata Trophy Championship Driver Briefing
Brands Hatch Indy - 26th October 2024

1. Procedure for Qualifying – cars will proceed to the Assembly Area when instructed. On instruction from the marshals proceed into the pit lane. The qualifying starts when the Green Flag is shown at the pit exit. If you stop at your apron allocation you will lose your place in the queue. You must complete a minimum of three laps to qualify.

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 directly to the grid. Any cars turning right into the pit lane will become pit lane starters, any car arriving late to the grid will have to start from the back of the grid. Once all cars are in position on the grid the start countdown will commence at the 1 minute signal followed by 30 seconds. Then the Green Flag will be displayed for the start of one Green Flag lap of the full Indy Circuit. Please complete this full lap of the circuit at a sensible speed. 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. 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, drivers right.

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

If the lights fail, the start will be given by the dropped Union Flag.

4. Qualifying duration will 15 minutes and each Race duration will be 20 minutes.

5. Starting positions for the first race will be determined by 'SuperPole'. Starting positions for the second race will be determined by the finishing order of the preceding race.

6. Practice starts can only be carried out at the pit lane exit. Don't be caught out by a car stopped in that location carrying out a practice start. 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.

7. Track limits: Be aware of the track limit regulations and comply with them in particular at Turn 1 (Paddock), Turn 2 Exit (Druids) and Turn 3 Exit (Graham Hill) where there are sensors.

8. 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 Light/Flag is displayed. Onboard data/video may be analysed for proof of a sufficient reduction in pace.

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

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. Please be aware of cars on a 'hot lap' during qualifying.

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. The same messages may be shown as well as or instead of on the electronic panels adjacent to the start lights.

12. Safety Car: The Safety Car will join the circuit at Turn 3 (Graham Hill Bend). All competing cars, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by the lights/flag signals & "SC" boards) will reduce speed and line up behind the Safety Car, no more than 5 car lengths apart, and maintaining the same speed as it. At the end of a Safety Car period its lights will be extinguished at around Surtees (Turn 4). 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. If necessary, taking cars through the pit lane (with its lights on), in the event of a start line incident. At the end of a Safety Car period when cars are at the exit of Surtees (Turn 4) 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 or overlap 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.

Brands Hatch is no longer licensed for Live Snatch. Which means that any recoveries will be made under the Safety Car.

13. End of sessions. After taking the Chequered Flag after all sessions cars will leave the circuit via the pit lane. In qualifying ALL cars should proceed to Parc Fermé, drivers right at the start of the pit lane, as directed by marshals and officials. The first three cars, possibly

more, in each race will stop as instructed in the pit lane for podium procedures. The remainder should proceed to Parc Fermé as per qualifying. Where in all circumstances and for all cars, Parc Ferme conditions will apply, unless otherwise instructed. Take great care when driving in the paddock being aware of quad bikes, people and tail lifts etc.

The mandatory speed limit in the Pit Lane of 60km/h for all sessions. Please keep the outer lane clear at all times. The Penalty Box is in the Pit Lane adjacent to Race Control.

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. Ensure that your in-car cameras are working and switched on. Camera cards will be requested by the Clerks, in the event of an incident. And all camera cards should be wiped down to clean, before the first session commences.

16. It's a big grid. Where guest drivers should not get involved in the championship outcome.

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

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

Have a good and safe event.

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