

DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES: MASTERS GENTLEMEN DRIVERS

BRANDS HATCH GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT (GBR)

25/26 May 2024

Lap (clockwise)	3916m I1 – 1116m I2 – 2928m	Start Line Offset	20 m BEFORE Finish (Control) Line
Pit In to Pit Out	277 m	Minimum time for 60 km/h	16.6 seconds
Pole Position	Right	Dummy grid line up	In front of the start line
Start	Rolling	Grid Position	Exit of T8 - Stirling
Race Director Signalling	RHS at Finish (Control) line	Safety Openings on track	Orange markings
Exiting Pit Lane, respect	Lights + White Line LHS	Entering Pit Lane, respect	White Line LHS
Stop & Go Area	RHS in front of Race Control	Fire Extinguisher Points	Marshal Posts

PIT LANE SAFETY & PROCEDURES

- 1) **SAFETY @ PIT EXIT:**
 - At all times, the red/green/blue lights at the pit exit must be respected.
 - Access the track only when the pit exit light is green.
 - You must stay right of the white blend line when entering the track from the pit exit.
- 2) **PIT LANE SPEED:**
 - Maximum speed in the pit lane is 60 Km/h. The 60km/h must be respected from the speed restriction boards at Pit-In until reaching Pit-Out at the speed restriction ends board.
- 3) **SAFETY @ PIT ENTRY:**
 - Entrance is RHS after T9.
- 4) **PENALTY BOX:**
 - The PENALTY BOX is on RHS in front of the Race Control towards Pit Out.
- 5) **PIT STOP SAFETY:**
 - No car may stop in either the Fast (outside) or Blend (middle) lane, only on the Inner (working) lane.
 - No pit stop can take place side-by-side with another competing car.
 - Cars in the Fast Lane have priority over those joining from the Inner Lane, who must not unnecessarily impede cars already in the Fast Lane.
 - Cars in the Fast Lane must not be overtaken except in exceptional circumstances.
- 6) **TECHNICAL FLAG:**
 - Will be shown from the Race Director Signalling, RHS at Finish (Control) Line.

DRIVING STANDARDS, INCIDENT PROCEDURES & TRACK LIMITS

- 7) Drivers must respect all other drivers across all classes. Please ensure you read the [Masters Code of Conduct](#).
- 8) Blue flag: a faster car is behind. Slower cars, when being overtaken should keep to the usual racing line. Sudden changes of direction can lead to hazardous situations and accidents.
- 9) Single waved yellow flag: hazard beside or partially on track - reduce speed - DO NOT OVERTAKE.
- 10) Double waved yellow flag: hazard wholly or partially blocking track and/or marshals on the track or trackside - significantly reduce speed - DO NOT OVERTAKE.
- 11) Red flag: cease racing - reduce your speed immediately - DO NOT OVERTAKE.
Qualifying: Return to pit lane | **Race:** Return to the pit lane. No work can take place on the cars on the grid unless it is on the grounds of safety and approved by a Masters Scrutineer.
In YELLOW and RED flag situations, the onus is on the driver to prove he has slowed.
- 12) **If you have a problem on track and stop, it is especially important that you signal to the marshals that you are OK. A 'thumbs up' will be the OK that is understood.**
- 13) Drivers must use the track at all times (REFER to Art 10.4 - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations). Should a car leave the track for any reason, the driver may re-join. However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any

advantage. A driver should give back the whole of any advantage gained by leaving the track.

- 14) If you enter the gravel/run-off area and need mechanical assistance to remove your car, you may not re-join the session.
- 15) Drivers exceeding track limits – whether gaining an advantage or not – may receive time penalties (REFER to Art 9.6 - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations).
- 16) **CIRCUIT SPECIFIC INFO:** Track limits are automatically monitored at the exits of T1, T2 & T3.

START OF QUALIFYING PRACTICE and RACES

- 17) **QUALIFYING PRACTICE & RACES:** Please listen for announcements over the paddock PA system and be ready in the Assembly Area in good time. Cars and drivers are required in the Assembly Area 20 minutes before the session is due to commence. The Assembly Area is at the far end of the GP Paddock accessed through the tunnel. Cars will be released into the pit lane, where all sessions will commence from.

END OF SESSIONS PROCEDURES & CLASSIFICATION

- 18) **QUALIFYING PRACTICE & RACES:** Slow down progressively and enter the pit lane by pulling off the circuit on RHS at T4 (MP9) Cars for the Podiums will be stopped at the end of the Pit Lane under the Podium for the Podium Ceremonies. All other cars will proceed down the pit lane and enter Parc Ferme, which will be in the Outer Paddock Scrutineering Bay.
- 19) **PODIUMS:** the drivers of the top 3 in both the Over 2-litre and Under 2-litre Classes are kindly requested to stop underneath the Podium, located at the end of the pit lane, for the ceremonies which will take place as soon as practical after the race.

RACE STARTS: 2 x 2 Rolling

- 20) Please listen for announcements over the paddock PA system and be ready in the Assembly Area in good time.
- 21) Cars and drivers are required in the Assembly Area 20 minutes prior to the race.
- 22) Marshals will line up cars in grid order in the Assembly Area.
- 23) Cars will be released directly to the grid.
- 24) The Official Car (a grey BMW i4) will be in position in front of the grid; Pole Position is right hand side.
- 25) Green flag: start of pace lap behind the Official Car. The Safety Car will also act as the Official Car and will be a grey BMW i4
- 26) Official car will slow from T8 (Stirling) to allow the grid to set a 2x2 formation.
- 27) Competitors must maintain no more than **five** car lengths from the car in front of them once they have reached T8 (Stirling).
- 28) Official car will pull into Pit Lane to the right at T9 (Clark).
- 29) Head towards the Start line maintaining your speed, formation, and position.
- 30) Start of the race will be signalled by green replacing red lights on the gantry on the right above the pit wall - **cars may accelerate as soon as the start signal is given but may not overtake, nor break formation until they have crossed the Start Line.**

MANDATORY PIT STOP – RACE (80 MINUTE DURATION)

- 31) **CARS UP TO 4,000CC** - Minimum total time for this stop, **including 60.0 seconds stationary, is 76.6 seconds.**
- 32) **CARS OVER 4,000CC** - Minimum total time for this stop, **including 73.0 seconds stationary, is 89.6 seconds.**
- 33) Pit Stop must be carried out by passing the Pit IN timing line **between 35.0 and 45.0 minutes of the Race time** (i.e., not before 35m 00secs.000 and not after 44m59secs.999).
- 34) Mandatory Pit Stop duration is timed from the Pit IN timing line until the Pit OUT timing line.
- 35) **Remember:** you must notify a Masters Team member of the starting driver at least 90 minutes before the race.
- 36) **Reminder:** in accordance with Art 12.7 – 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations, in the event of a driver change taking place at the pit stop, engines must be stopped before the driver exits the car and can only be restarted once the new driver is seated with belts fastened.
- 37) It is forbidden to change any tyres during the mandatory pit stop, unless a tyre is damaged and authorised by a Masters Scrutineer.
- 38) **ELITE DRIVERS:** in accordance with Art. 12.12 - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations, the following cars must REMAIN STATIONARY FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME during the mandatory pit stops:

ELITE DRIVER SHARED (13 Secs)

- #14 John SPIERS / Nigel GREENSALL
- #23 Gary PEARSON / David BRABHAM
- #27 Roy ALDERSLADE / Andrew JORDAN
- #61 Simon OREBI-GANN / Calum LOCKIE
- #75 Simon EVANS / James LITTLEJOHN

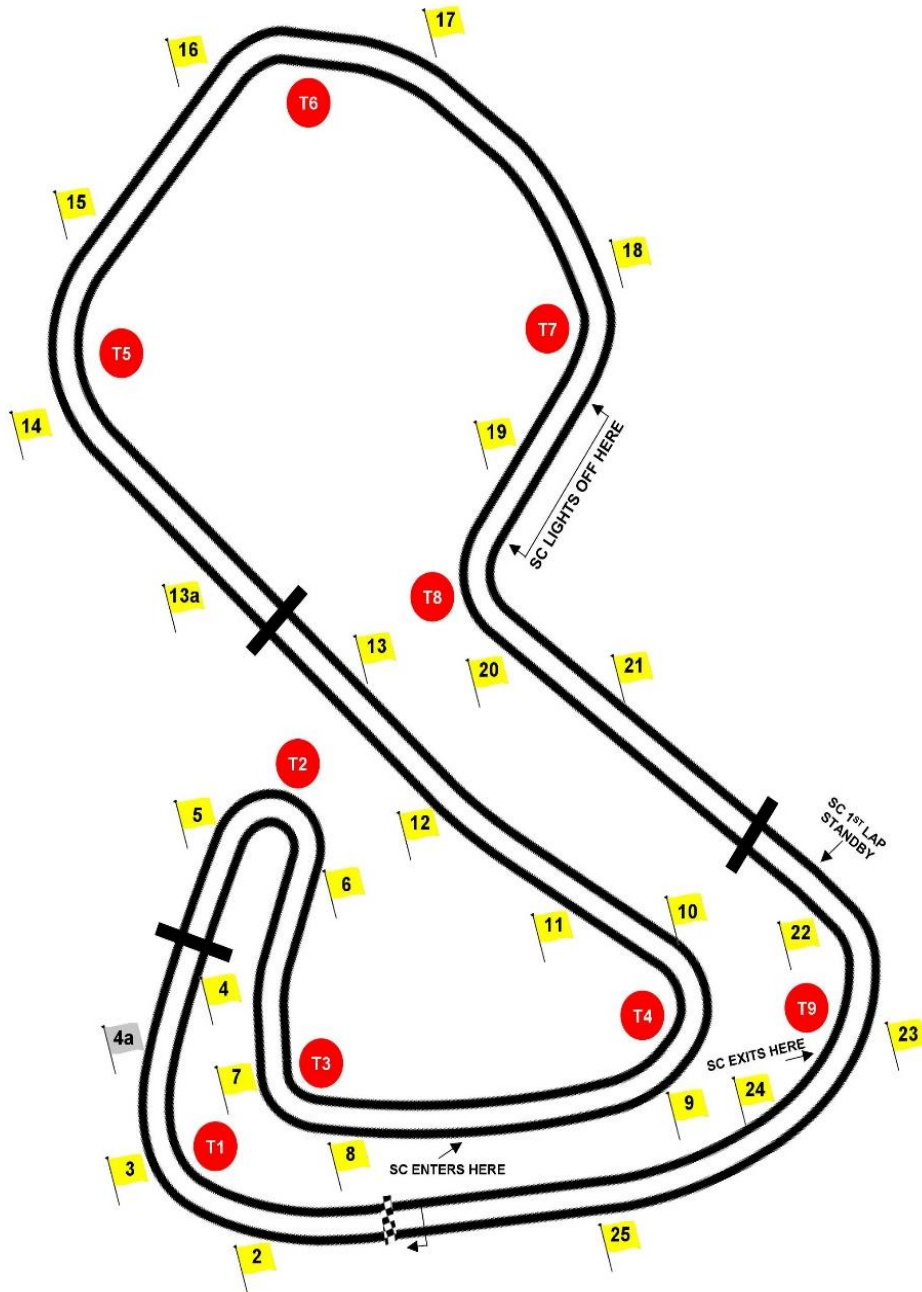
- #165 Alex THISTLEWAYTE / Nick PADMORE

ELITE DRIVER PLUS SHARED (18 Secs)

- Sam TORDOFF / John TORDOFF

CIRCUIT MAP

9) The Turn (T) numbers are on a red background, the Marshal Posts (MP) a yellow background.



Bas Hennick, Masters Race Director. 24 May 2024