

DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES: MASTERS SPORTS CAR LEGENDS

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
Yellow Start	Single file through T1 (Paddock) + T2 (Druids)	Yellow Start End	MP6 – LHS T2 (Druids) exit
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 9.6 - 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 PRACTICES 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 SESSION PROCEDURES & CLASSIFICATION

Enter the pit lane after a full slowing-down lap. Then follow the officials’ instructions:

- 18) **QUALIFYING PRACTICE & RACES:** a number of cars will be selected to go into Parc Ferme at the Scrutineering Bay situated immediately on the right at Pit Lane Entry. All other cars will return to the Outer Paddock area and remain under PF conditions (please refer to Art 8.5 - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations) until released through a message on the Masters App.
- 19) **PODIUMS:** The top 3 drivers overall are kindly requested to attend the Podium as soon as possible. The podium is accessed through the Race Control building.

RACE STARTS: 2 x 2 Rolling

- 20) **NOTE:** please refer to Art 10.4.c - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations. Permission must be granted by the Race Director for the actions foreseen by Article 10.4 c). **ALL ENGINES MUST BE RUNNING BEFORE THE 1-MINUTE BOARD IS PRESENTED.**
- 21) 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.
- 22) Official car will slow from T8 (Stirling) to allow the grid to set a 2x2 formation.
- 23) Competitors must maintain no more than **five** car lengths from the car in front of them once they have reached T8 (Stirling).
- 24) Official car will pull into Pit Lane to the right at T9 (Clark).
- 25) Head towards the Start line maintaining your speed, formation, and position.
- 26) Start of the race will be signalled by green replacing red lights on the gantry on the right above the pit wall.

YELLOW START PROCEDURE (REFER to Art 10.7 - 2024 Technical and Sporting Regulations)

- 27) Cars must accelerate as soon as the start signal is given – **NO OVERTAKING.**
- 28) As soon as the Start Line is crossed by the pole position car the second-place car must fall-in behind the first-place car in **SINGLE FILE into T1 (Paddock)** and each following car must accordingly do the same (place 4 behind place 3, place 6 behind place 5, etc.) until the exit of T2 (Druids) where on LHS of track at MP6 a green flag / light panel will be shown at which point you may start overtaking. **Cars must remain in single file until arriving perpendicular to the green flag / light panel at MP6.**

MANDATORY PIT STOP – RACE (40 MINUTE DURATION)

- 29) Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop, **including 60-seconds stationary**, is **76.6 seconds**.
- 30) Pit Stop must be carried out by passing the Pit IN timing line **between 15.0 and 25.0 minutes of the Race time** (i.e., not before 15m 00secs.000 and not after 24m59secs.999).
- 31) Mandatory Pit Stop duration is timed from the Pit IN timing line until the Pit OUT timing line.
- 32) **Remember:** you must notify a Masters Team member of the starting driver at least 90 minutes before the race.
- 33) **Reminder:** In accordance with Art 11.6 – 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.

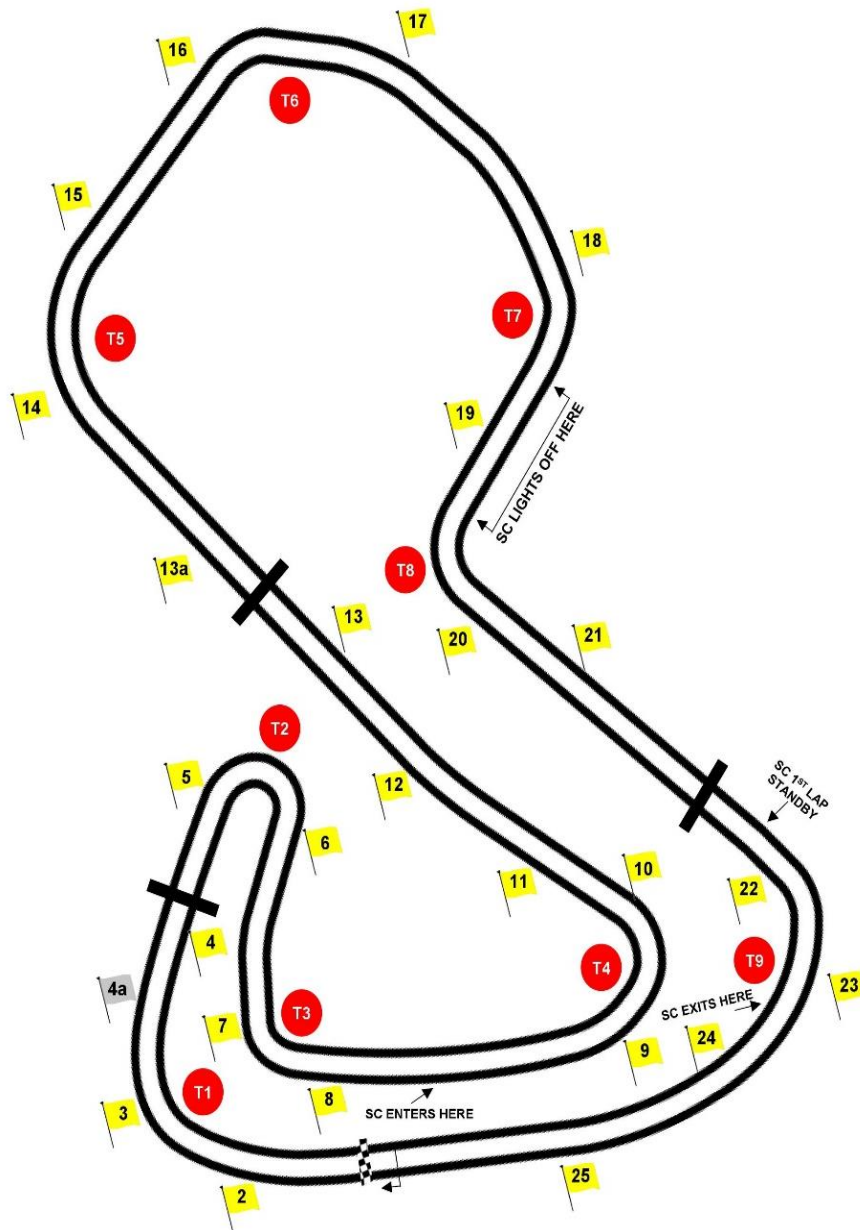
MANDATORY PIT STOP – RACE (30 MINUTE DURATION)

- 34) Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop, **including 60-seconds stationary**, is **76.6 seconds**.
- 35) Pit Stop must be carried out by passing the Pit IN timing line **between 10.0 and 20.0 minutes of the Race time** (i.e., not before 10m 00secs.000 and not after 19m59secs.999).

- 36) Mandatory Pit Stop duration is timed from the Pit IN timing line until the Pit OUT timing line.
- 37) **Remember:** you must notify a Masters Team member of the starting driver at least 90 minutes before the race.
- 38) **Reminder:** In accordance with Art 11.6 – 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.

CIRCUIT MAP

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



Bas Hennick, Masters Race Director. 24 May 2024