

Pre War Sports Cars - Drivers Briefing

Snetterton 300 – 29/30 June 2024

1. Procedure for Qualifying – cars will proceed to the Assembly Area 20 minutes before your qualifying. The qualifying starts when the Green Flag is shown in the Assembly Area.

2. Procedure for Racing – proceed to the Assembly Area 20 minutes before your race. Assemble in the correct order as instructed by the marshals.

On instruction from the marshals proceed directly to the grid.

The start is a **Rolling Start**.

Once all cars are in position on the grid the start countdown will commence at the 1 minute signal followed by 30 seconds and then the Green Flag will be displayed for the start of one Pace lap behind the Pace Car.

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. The Pace Car will extinguish its lights at around the exit of The Bomb Hole (Turn 10), prior to pulling off into the Pit Lane. Please maintain a tidy 2 x 2 formation passing over the grid boxes. The start is given when the Red Lights on the gantry are extinguished. Racing is permitted when the start is given.

3. Race duration will be 40 minutes.

4. Each race will feature a **compulsory pit stop** and, where relevant, driver change. The Pit Stops **MUST**:

- Be made in the Pit Stop Window which is 15 – 30 minutes
- Be stationary for 15 seconds. The time to transit the pit lane at Snetterton at 60 kph is 14.7 seconds. The total pit stop will be measured by TSL.

Penalties: If a competitor fails to stop for the correct amount of time for any of the above races, a stop/go penalty for the amount of time the stop was short by will be issued. If a competitor fails to stop, they will receive a stop/go penalty for the full pit stop time.

5. Track limits: Be aware of the MSUK track limit regulations and comply with them. There are sensors at Riches (T1), Palmer (T3), Hamilton (T5) and Williams (T7), Nelson (T9) and Murrays (T12). There will also be a Judge of Fact positioned at the exit of Turn 4 (Marshals Post 9). Be aware of the tyre stack at Turn 5.

6. 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. In the event of a failure of a light panel or panels posts affected will revert to flag signals.

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. For a Double Yellow the Light Panels ‘wig-wag’.

Overtaking or not slowing down is an offence from the point of passing the Yellow signal(s) until the Green signal is passed.



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.

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.

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

8. 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.'

9. **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.

11. **Safety Car:** The Safety Car will join the circuit at the Pit Exit. All competing cars, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by the flag signals, "SC" boards, or by any other means) 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 the exit of The Bomb Hole. There may be occasions where they will be turned out later.

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.

12. End of sessions. After taking the Chequered Flag after all sessions cars will complete a full lap and enter Parc Ferme by the pit lane entry. Take great care when driving in the paddock being aware of quad bikes, people and tail lifts etc.

13. 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.

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

Finally, a reminder to watch the excellent PowerPoint presentation which has extra information to this briefing. It's available on the MSVR website. www.MSVR.co.uk/car

Have a good and safe event.

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