

LE MANS

28TH TO 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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Race Director Event Notes

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From: Race Director
To: All BTRC Competitors
Cc: The Stewards
The Clerk of the Course
The Secretary of the Meeting

RACE DIRECTOR EVENT NOTES – Amended as shown in red

Drivers' Briefing notes

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the Powerpoint Presentation published on the Digital Notice Board.

REGULATIONS

Drivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to read the Regulations and understand them. In particular the 2024 Season Briefing & Guidance Notes, Motorsport UK Yearbook (Sections J & Q), The Championship Regulations, The Organiser's Supplementary Regulations and any additional Bulletins issued. These Briefing Notes complement the 2024 Season Briefing & Guidance Notes and are deemed to be part of the Drivers' Briefing and is an Official Document.

TRACK LAYOUT

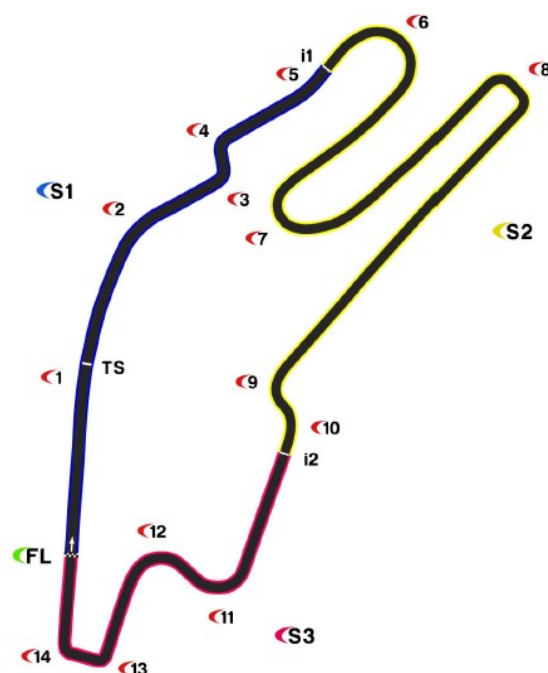
Length: 4.185 km

Pole Position: LEFT

Start line up: T10 to T11

The Race Director's Signalling place is at the finish line on the right hand side.

An additional repeater flag will be displayed between Turn 8 and Turn 9 on the right hand side of the track.





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COMMUNICATIONS

Official communications during the Event will be via the following means;

- Digital Noticeboard via the BARC website where all Bulletins and Decisions will be published;
https://www.barc.net/online_noticeboard/2024-le-mans-september-28-29/
- BTRC Driver Notices WhatsApp Group where all Stewards Summons, Timetable updates and other general updates regarding the event will be published.
- Team Radio will be used by the Race Director during sessions for all Safety and other relevant information. Please ensure that a member of your Team is monitoring the Team Radio from 15 minutes prior to each session commencing and until the end of Parc Fermé.
- Live Timing is available via this link; <http://livetiming.wige.de/etrc.html>

ASSEMBLY AREA / PRE-GRID – FREE PRACTICE, WARM-UP & QUALIFYING

- Please be ready twenty minutes before your session. You must remain in your allocated Paddock Area until called forward (Championship Regulation 2.3.3).
- Trucks will be released from the Assembly Area / Pre-Grid and into the Pit lane as directed by marshals. The session will begin when the Pit Exit light turns to GREEN.
- If there is a red flag in Practice & Qualifying you must slow down to a maximum speed of 60 kph and return to the PIT LANE. Only trucks that are in the final sector of the lap (after Turn 10) may pass through the startline and complete an additional lap in order to cool brakes prior to entering the Pitlane.
- At the end of the session, please complete a slowing down lap, exit the circuit at the Pitlane entry and proceed to the Paddock by turning right through the gate at the Pit Exit.
- Parc Fermé conditions apply in the Paddock after Qualifying and Races until notified via the WhatsApp Group.

PITLANE

- The Pitlane Speed limit is 60kph.
- You must respect the Pit Exit light and stop if it is RED.
- When exiting the Pitlane, you must keep right of the Pit Exit line.
- When entering the Pitlane from the track, please keep right after Turn 12 and give a clear signal to warn any trucks behind you that you are intending to enter the Pitlane.

GRIDS

In accordance with Article 3.4 c) of the 2024 British Truck Racing Championship Regulations the grids for this event will be determined as follows;

- Race 1 = Fastest time set during Qualifying 1
- Race 2 = Result of Race 1 with the top 8 competitors reversed
- Race 3 = Fastest time set during Qualifying 2
- Race 4 = Result of Race 3 with the top 8 competitors reversed

There will be a single grid as detailed in Championship Regulation 2.5.2.



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RACE START PROCEDURE

Prior to each race, trucks will be called to the Assembly Area / Pre-Grid. Please remain in your allocated Paddock Area until called forward (Championship Regulation 2.4.1). Approximately 10 minutes prior to the Formation Lap commencing trucks will leave the Assembly Area / Pre-Grid, passing through the Pitlane to complete one lap of the track to form up on the starting grid. The red/green light at the Pitlane Exit must be respected. Only one reconnaissance lap to the grid is permitted, any truck entering the Pitlane at the end of the reconnaissance lap must remain in the Pitlane, even if the Pitlane Exit is still open (green light). The Pitlane Exit will close (red light) 5-minutes prior to the Formation Lap commencing. Any trucks remaining in the Pitlane after the Pitlane Exit closes must remain in the Pitlane and will be permitted to start the race from the Pitlane at the rear of the grid on either the Formation Lap or first racing lap as determined by the Race Director.

As an exception to the above, for Race 1 only, Race 1 is preceded by a presentation of trucks on the starting grid. Trucks will be released from the Assembly Area / Pre-Grid and will proceed directly to the starting grid by turning left (wrong direction in the Pitlane) to the Pitlane entry before performing a U-Turn to join the starting grid. Following the conclusion of the presentation all trucks will complete one reconnaissance lap of the track to return to the starting grid where the start procedure will commence as detailed below.

Prior to the start of the Formation Lap, 5-minute, 3-minute, 1-minute and 30-seconds boards will be displayed at the Start line. Team personnel and equipment will be permitted to enter the Starting Grid area once the majority of trucks are in position and have stopped on the grid. All personnel and equipment must clear the Grid no later than the display of the 1-minute board. Following display of the 1-minute board the start procedure will continue in accordance with Championship Regulations 2.5.4 excepting that the start signal will be red lights turning to green to be consistent with other series at this event.

LIGHT PANELS

FIA specification light signalling panels are installed around the track. Their use will be in accordance with the Season Briefing Notes and Powerpoint presentation.

VIRTUAL SAFETY CAR (VSC)

Please refer to the Season Briefing Notes for details of the Virtual Safety Car procedure.

SUSPENDING A SESSION / RACE

Should the need arise to suspend a session or race, red signals will be shown around the track. Drivers should slow progressively without any excessive braking and without overtaking and maintain a speed of 60kph.

During Free Practice, Warm-Up and Qualifying drivers should return to the Pitlane. During races drivers should stop at the Pitlane Entrance (Turn 13) and follow the instructions of the officials. Trucks in the final sector (after Turn 10) at the showing of the red signal may pass once through the startline and complete an additional lap at maximum 60 kph in order to cool brakes.



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TRACK LIMITS

For consistency of reporting, at this event the track limits will be defined in accordance with Appendix L, Chapter IV, Article 2c) of the FIA International Sporting Code which states “For the avoidance of doubt, the white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not. Should a car [truck] leave the track for any reason the driver may rejoin. However this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any lasting advantage. A driver will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car [truck] remains in contact with the track. A driver may be reported to the Stewards should they perform any act which results in debris being brought onto the track.”

It is prohibited to make contact with the marker **bollards** located at the **edge of the track Turns 3/4, Turns 9/10 and Turn 14**. Contact with **any of** these marker **bollards** will be deemed to be a breach of the track limits.

Drivers exceeding the track limits will be warned and may be shown the Black signal during Free Practice & Warm-Up. During Qualifying the lap on which the breach occurred will be disallowed for the purposes of establishing grid order for the relevant race but will still count towards the minimum number of laps required to qualify for the relevant race. Exceeding the track limits at Turn 14 will result in both the current and next lap being disallowed. Drivers persistently exceeding the track limits during Qualifying will be warned and may be shown the Black signal and reported to the Stewards.

During races the scale of penalties will be in accordance with the Season Briefing Notes.

SPECIFIC TRACK NOTES

TURN 3 – If you overshoot Turn 3 to the extent that no part of the truck remains in contact with the track then you must keep to the right hand side of the run-off area adjacent to the gravel bed and rejoin the track safely after Turn 4.

TURN 6 – If you overshoot Turn 6 to the extent that no part of the truck remains in contact with the track then you must continue onto the 24 hour circuit and follow the escape road which runs behind the gravel bed to rejoin before Turn 7.

TURN 9/10 – If you overshoot Turn 9 to the extent that no part of the truck remains in contact with the track then you must proceed along the escape road, negotiate the cone chicane and rejoin the track safely before Turn 11.

In all cases trucks must rejoin the track safely and without gaining any lasting time or position advantage. Drivers failing to follow this procedure may be reported to the Stewards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Burns', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Burns
Race Director, licence number 85348
British Truck Racing Championship