

British Endurance Championship.

Driver Briefing Notes.

Donington National Circuit (1.95 miles)

10 August 2024.

Welcome, my name is Gary Manning, I am your Clerk of the Course for this weekend.

1. Event on line notice board is at https://www.barc.net/online_noticeboard/2024-donington-park-national-august-10-11/
2. You should all sign on before the meeting.
3. **Driver Briefing will** be at **09.30** in the BEC Hospitality unit.
4. **Noise Testing**, you will be noise tested in front of your garage at 10.20. Please remember the session before will be using the pit lane.
5. **Circuit entry**, for all sessions you will enter the circuit from your garage.
 - 5.1 **Exiting the circuit.** For all sessions exit the circuit into the pit lane, Parc Ferme is at the far end of the pit lane on the left. You will be guided in by marshals, follow marshal's instructions.
6. **Qualifying.**

There will be a 30-minute free practice session before qualifying begins. After this session a 10-minute qualifying session will begin immediately, the chequered flag will be waved at the control/timing line to signal the end of free practice and the start of qualifying. There will also be a notice on timing screens.

 - 6.1 No refuelling is allowed during this 40-minute session.
 - 6.2 All drivers must complete a minimum of 3 laps, in the vehicle to be raced, during the 40-minute free practice/qualifying session.
7. **Grid procedure**, the pit lane will open and cars will proceed to the grid. 3 minutes after the pit lane opens the pit lane will close, cars still in the pit lane after this time, will be a pit lane starter. Once all cars are in position on the grid, the grid will open for a 10-minute grid walk. There will be a 1-minute countdown to the formation laps, this is the signal to clear the grid. There will be 2 formation laps and the race clock will start when the lead car crosses the timing line for the start of second formation lap. Cars in the pit lane will be allowed to join the formation laps, but must remain at the rear of the grid.
 - 7.1 **One** team member per car must be at the gate 5 minutes before the pit lane is due to open. This team member is **only** to help/assist them to be in the correct grid position. Once all cars are in position, other team members are allowed onto the grid.

7.2 Approximately 30 minutes before the program time, a message on the official WhatsApp and timing screens will give the approximate time the pit lane will open for the race. Be ready 20 minutes before the program time as we can run 20 minutes early.

8. Race Starts. All starts are a rolling start, the safety car will leave the grid and continue at a moderate pace, on the second formation lap it will begin to slow down exiting Coppice, all cars should start to form up behind the safety car ready for the start. Exiting Roberts, the grid should be set and ready for the start. The safety car will exit into the pitlane. Cars should be in two rows, traversing across the grid boxes as per the grid sheet, following the car in front. Position and speed should be maintained until the start lights are extinguished. Failure to maintain position and speed may result in a false start penalty being issued.

8.1 Aborted Start, if the lights stay on, this will indicate an aborted start. Drivers will go round again following the same procedure as before but with no safety car, pole position will control the Grid.

9. Safety Car will be used for the races only. When the yellow lights/flags and S/C boards are displayed, all drivers will reduce their speed. Safety car will enter the circuit from the pitlane and will exit into the pitlane. Once the safety car extinguishes its lights, the lead driver will control the restart. There is to be no overtaking or overlapping of another car until you have passed the control/finish line. Safety car regulations are page 304/305 of the Blue Book.

9.1 When the safety car lights/flags and boards are displayed, drivers are required to slow down immediately, not when they meet the safety car.

9.2 The pitlane will remain open during safety car periods. No refuelling can take place during safety car periods.

10. Mandatory Pit Stop. It is your responsibility to know the pit stop regulations. The BEC staff are allowed to answer your questions on pit stop regulations. They are also Judges of Fact for pit stops.

10.1 For your two mandatory pit stops, the pit lane opens after 20 mins and closed 100 min after the race start.

10.2 The mandatory pit stop time is **133 seconds**. Pit stop time is taken from the pit in timing line to pit out timing line, beam to beam time is **23 seconds @ 40kph**. Pitlane speed limit is **40Kph**.

11. Track Limits. Judges of Fact will use the MSV camera system positioned at the exits of Redgate, Old Hairpin, McLeans and Roberts.

11.1 In qualifying you will have the lap time removed, if it's your quickest.

11.2 In the race the following penalties will be applied. First and second offence no action, third offence you will receive a Black and white warning flag. Every third offence after this you will receive a drive through penalty. Track limits are per car, not individual driver.

12. Live snatch is available at this circuit. Please obey light/flag signals.

13. Light Panels will take priority and can be supplemented with flags at this circuit.

14. Timing. There will be no grid sheets or results produced on paper at the event and you are advised that these can be found on the TSL website at <https://www.tsl-timing.com> You should make sure that you are aware of your grid position before going to the grid.

15. Judicial/Camera cards. Please remember to deposit camera cards in the dedicated box in Parc fermé.

If you are requested to come and see me or want me to look at your camera footage, I will be in the clerk's office 1st floor of race control.

16. Protests/Appeals must be lodged electronically to me garrymanning880@gmail.com and the secretary of the meeting, Michelle Harland at mharland.barc@gmail.com

17. Things to note.

17.1 Control/finish line is in front of race control, start line is approx 100m further up the track next to the start lights.

17.2 There is a digi-board on the gantry next to the start lights.

17.3 When lapping is being done, it is the responsibility of the driver doing the lapping to execute it safely.

17.4 Stop go penalty box is on the left near the pit exit.

17.5 Judicial's will take place as normal. Judicial paperwork will be emailed to the entrant/Driver.

17.6 Pay attention to the official WhatsApp page, as this is where we will give you information during the weekend.

Thank you and have an enjoyable meeting.

Garry Manning Clerk of the Course.