



BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB - NORTHWESTERN CENTRE
SATURDAY 12th October 2024
Oulton Park International Circuit
BRIEFING NOTES



Welcome to Oulton Park. On behalf of BARC NW, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with this weekend's meeting. Please could you also pass on my thanks and this information to your marshals on post. These notes are not exclusive for Post Chiefs so please print them off and use them to brief all your Flag and Incident Marshals.

Please always listen to the radio and keep your messages brief and to the point. Priority should always be given to Post Chiefs who may be reporting incidents of a more serious nature.

Reports

Track Limit Reporting – Qualifying and Racing

The three corners at Oulton Park where a competitor is considered by the Clerk of the Course to be gaining a time advantage by running off the circuit are Old Hall, Cascades/Lakeside and Lodge/Deer Leap.

- 1/ Post Chiefs on Circuit at Old Hall, Cascades/Lakeside and Lodge/Deer Leap are not required to call in instances of track limits as these will be recorded by the circuit camera system.
- 2/ In the event of the camera system failing, Post Chiefs on Circuit at Old Hall and Lodge/Deer Leap will be nominated as Judge of Fact and be notified that they should reporting "track limits".
- 3/ If the camera system is not operational, track limits reports should not be called in during:
 - The first lap of the race
 - The first lap following the safety car intervention
- 4/ At all other posts: track limits do not apply, cars leaving the circuit by putting two wheels or more beyond the white lines and/or the kerbing should be reported as 'Car (number) Ran wide and continued'.
- 5/ If mitigating circumstances exist for both Track Limits and Running Wide or any other example of cars running off circuit they must be reported. E.g.:
 - A car is out of control.
 - A car is avoiding an incident.
 - A car is forced off the circuit

Knickerbrook Out and Brittens Chicanes

Cars missing or cutting the chicane should be reported to Race Control as soon as possible. Please also note if the car rejoined the circuit in an unsafe manner e.g. 'Car X missed chicane and continued'.

During Qualifying whether the car did/did not gain an advantage will be judged by the timekeepers at the time they receive the report from the Post Chief

During racing, please report to Race Control if a competitor has gained a position advantage as a result of missing / cutting the chicane.

Contact

Every instance of contact between cars and with barriers/tyre walls should be radioed in and followed up with a written report. **There is no exception to this procedure.**

Circuit Lights

The circuit light system will be operated by flag marshals on post except for:

- Safety Car deployment and
- a red flag situation when the lights will be operated by Race Control

At the end of the safety car intervention flag marshals should wave a green flag only, Race Control will operate the circuit light system.

Light panel signals will take priority , and may be supplemented with flags.

Flag Marshal Locations

These locations offer the best available protection to comply with the insurance requirements and offer the best line of sight as agreed by the Chief Marshal in conjunction with the Chief Flag Marshal and the Chief Observer.

NOTE: The flag marshal position photos shown in the folders may be out of date. If there is any doubt as to where a flag marshal should stand, please refer to Race Control.

On behalf of the Chief Marshal: please remind all flag marshals of the procedure regarding the deployment of safety car flags and boards, and similarly the deployment of green flags after the Safety Car period . Flags should flow in both directions around the circuit from the start line. Flag marshals can react to circuit lights but should not react to information received on scanners.

Safety Car (Racing Only)

The Safety Car is available for all races. There is no "live snatch" at this event.

Course Car Procedures

The Course Car may not circulate after each practice/qualifying session. If you require the Course car at your post between sessions, please radio the request via Race Control. On some occasions you may be asked to send reports or information electronically. If this is the case, the email address that they need to be sent to is

rlie.barc@gmail.com

Post Chief manning sheets.

Please ensure that the Post Chief manning sheets are ready for collection after the first session of the day. If for whatever reason they are not collected it is the Post Chiefs responsibility to keep them safe and hand them direct to the Chief Observer/Clerk when possible.

Car Recoveries – Tyre Wall Rebuilds

Please ask your marshals to prepare cars and drivers for quick recovery. Tyre wall and barrier damage should be reported as soon as possible with the relevant information to assist the Oulton Park Circuit staff in preparing for repairs.

Circuit Access – Practice/Qualifying

For all practice and qualifying sessions competitors will be released into the pit lane. They will proceed down the pit lane to pit exit and be released onto the circuit when given the green light from the Clerk of Course.

Race Start Procedures - Please listen to your radio for any amendments to these procedures.

All races will be standing starts.

Cars will be released from the assembly area, proceeding to the grid behind the Safety Car via the Fosters Loop where they will then take their grid positions and will be given the countdown.

At the end of the countdown, they will undertake a green flag lap of the circuit prior to gridding up and taking a standing start. All classes must undertake the green flag lap at an appropriate speed.

The race start will be signalled by the extinguishing of the red lights on the gantry.

At the end of all practice, qualifying and races cars will take the flag, and complete a full lap to leave the circuit via Parc Ferme as directed by the marshals.

Hazard Board

It is very important that you notify Race Control once you have displayed the Hazard Board as this action needs to be recorded in the race log.

Awards on the day

Awards are nominated by all the marshals on your Post. Voting forms are in the PC folders.

CNC Heads Driver of the Day £50 to the winner, however you have to be in it to win it so please VOTE!

Return the form(s) in the Post Chief folder and they will be collected at the end of the weekend. Please complete one form per race

Thank you very much for all your assistance, it is greatly appreciated. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend marshalling. Please join us at the end of each day for a well-deserved drink.

John Edwards –Chief Observer (BARC NW)