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Welcome

On behalf of the BARC, welcome to Donington Park for what we will endeavour to make a very enjoyable race day for you.

Upgrade cards

Need to be with race admin before your first session – with a photo attached. They can then be collected 30 minutes after the respective race has concluded.

ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATION & PROCEDURE ONTO CIRCUIT

Please refer to the Final Instructions section 5 for the procedure. Please ensure that you get to the Assembly Area in good time before your qualifying session, so that you can be noise tested before going out onto the circuit.

For qualifying you will be released onto the circuit at the start of the session.

During the out lap for qualifying and Green flag lap for races, please take time to familiarise yourselves with the lights and flags as they may be different to testing.

For racing you will be directed from the assembly area on the loop onto the grid. During the green flag lap you mustn't overtake or do excessive weaving (weaving from one side of the track to the other is not permitted).

At the end of all qualifying and races vehicles will take the chequered flag complete a slowing down lap enter the parc ferme area via pit lane under direction of the marshals.

Qualifying 9:35 - white / 11:00 - Green

Please remember to wave back to the marshals on your in lap

PIT LANE

- The speed limit in the pit lane is **60 kph**.
- The exit traffic lights are on the right-hand side of the Pit Lane Exit.

START LIGHTS – LOCATION



The Start Lights are on the gantry positioned to the left of the startline. Be aware that other signals such as Race delayed may be shown from the Start line Gantry. Each race will start with a 5 second board, red lights on and when the Red Lights go out racing starts. All Races will be standing starts. Reminder - start and finish(control) lines are in different places.

PARC FERMÉ

Remember that until you are released from Parc Fermé, the following applies:

- No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage;
- No team personnel, except the driver, may enter the area.

RED FLAG

In the event of a Red Flag in Qualifying, slow down and return to the Pit Lane. Should a Red Flag be shown during a Race, return to the Grid, stopping short of the rear of the Grid in single file and await marshal's instructions.

If 2 laps have been completed, we will re-start a race single file behind the Safety Car, the Safety Car would usually only complete 1 lap. For races less than 2 laps, cars will start from their original grid positions.

SAFETY CAR

- The Safety Car will be deployed as per Championship Regulations, please ensure you have read and understand the procedure.
- The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Pit Lane Exit. The Safety Car will leave the circuit by the Pit Lane Entrance.
- Please remember that once a race is resumed after a Safety Car period, you are not allowed to overtake another car until you have passed the Control (Timing) Line Different to start line.
- Can all drivers please ensure that you bunch up behind the safety car as quickly and as safely as possible. (incident at Brands)

CONTROL FLAGS

Light signals will take priority and may be supplemented with flags. Drivers must comply with the requirements of the signals

These flags (Black, Black & White, Black & Orange, etc) are shown from the Pit Wall at the control line on drivers LEFT. Where possible, messages will also be displayed on the Digital Timing Screens on the start gantry.

STOP/GO PENALTY AREA LOCATION

This area is located in the Pit Lane nearest to the Pit lane entrance.

TRACK BEHAVIOUR



Track Limit Cameras and sensors are installed at various turns around the circuit. Instances of drivers exceeding track limits may also be reported by appointed Judges of Fact. Motorsport UK guidance is:

a) In qualifying, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the loss of that particular lap time (note that a black & white flag signal need not be shown). This will occur on each and every occasion

b) In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties:

- Second occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown to competitor;
- Third occurrence: 5 second time penalty;
- Fourth occurrence: 10 second time penalty;
- Fifth occurrence: Drive-through penalty;
- Sixth occurrence: Black flag, and exclusion from race.

Any driver entering a gravel trap and then rejoining must avoid bringing gravel onto the racing line.

Any driver ignoring this instruction may be penalised. In Qualifying, any car that drives through and out of a gravel trap must go directly to the pits to be checked before continuing the session. In the Races, any car that drives through and out of a gravel trap must re-enter the track offline and avoid depositing gravel on the racing line.

Please remember this is a non contact sport, don't go for a gap from too far back that is always going to close, respect your fellow racer and give them racing room, don't make mad lunges, or crowd cars off the track.

If you have an issue with the car, try and pull over to the barrier, thumbs up to the marshals if you are ok, out of the car and behind the barriers as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact either Secretary of the Meeting or Vickie MacClinton Senior Clerk of the Course via the email addresses in the Final Instructions.

TIMETABLE

- We will endeavour to run the race meeting to the timetable, but we reserve the right to run up to 20 minutes ahead of schedule. Please keep an eye on the programme and listen out for paddock announcements..
- Please ensure that you are in the right place at the right time for your sessions to help us maintain the timetable.



RACE WITH RESPECT

The National Governing Body's Respect Code champions a high standard of behaviour from everyone within the motorsport community underpinned by our commitment to make motorsport an inclusive and safe sport for everyone, across all levels of motorsport. The Respect Code will help to grow and strengthen the sport by making it accessible and welcoming for everyone and we cannot stress enough how important it is that it is embraced by all participants. By participating in a Motorsport UK event, in any capacity, you are agreeing to follow the values of the governing body's Respect Code:

Respect
Integrity
Fair Play
Self-control
Good Manners

We therefore ask all members to pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or socio-economic background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Whether you are a Competitor, Parent, Official, Marshal, Team Manager, Mechanic, Spectator, or any other participant in the Event it is incumbent on us all to Respect our fellow participant and to 'call out' poor standards of behaviour. Breaching the above obligations may result in disciplinary action.

Have a great time and enjoy your racing!