

## Drivers Briefing Donington, 2 – 4 May 2025 Pre War Sports Cars

- **1. Procedure for Qualifying** cars will proceed to the Assembly Area at Redgate 20 minutes before your qualifying (entry by scrutineering bay). 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.

The start is a Rolling Start.

The start countdown in the Assembly Area will commence at the 1 minute signal followed by 30 seconds. Then the Green Flag will be displayed for the start of **one Pace lap.** 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 Coppice 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 driver change where relevant. The pit window is between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> minute. All cars must be at rest for a minimum of 15 seconds during the pit stop regardless of whether a driver change is to take place or not. Any car failing to remain stationary for the minimum duration will incur a Stop-and-Go penalty of 10 seconds plus the duration by which the stop was short. A solo driver can remain in the car during the pit stop. Any car failing to make a pit stop will be excluded from the results. Any car failing to make a pit stop within the pit window will incur a Drive-Through penalty.
- **5. Track limits**: Be aware of the MSUK track limit regulations and comply with them. There are sensors at Redgate, Old Hairpin, Macleans and Roberts, as well as Judges of Fact. All tyre bales have been removed for this event and the onus is on competitors to comply with the track limit regulations. If track limit regulations are disregarded and excessive amounts of gravel are bought onto the track the session may be Red Flagged in the interests of safety. For the avoidance of doubt no part of the contact patch of the tyre can go beyond the outer edge of a kerb.

## 6. Flag signals:

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Motorsport UK Regulation NCR Chapter 12, Appendix 8, Art 12

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.

**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.

**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.



- **7. 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.
- **8. Contact:** Avoidable contact will NOT be tolerated.
- **9. Control Flags**: Control flags (Black/White, Black/Orange etc) with car numbers will be shown at the finish line on drivers **LEFT**. The same messages may be shown as well as or instead of on the electronic panels adjacent to the start lights.
- **10. 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 Coppice prior to entering the pit lane. 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).

- **11. End of sessions.** After taking the Chequered Flag after all sessions cars will complete a full lap and enter Parc Ferme at the end of the pit lane. Take great care when driving in the paddock being aware of quad bikes, people and tail lifts etc.
- **12. 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.
- **13.** Please adhere to the Motorsport UK **#RaceWithRespect** policy. RESPECT each other, RESPECT the marshals, RESPECT the officials.

Have a good and safe event. David Scott Clerk of the Course Donington 2 – 4 May 2025