



Birkett Six Hour Relay Race

Silverstone Historic GP Circuit - Saturday 27th October 2012

The 'Birkett' is a unique event in the world of motor racing and was originally conceived back in 1951 to give cars of differing performance the opportunity to compete on 'equal' terms in a long-distance race; the concept obviously worked and it has proved to be one of the most popular events in the UK.

The event is based upon a free relay system for teams of up to 6 cars. Working on information provided and many years of experience, the handicappers decide upon which team they consider will complete the most laps within the 6 hours - this is the 'Scratch' team. The remainder of the teams are given credit laps according to their estimated performance in comparison to the Scratch team and these credit laps are added to those actually completed. Should the Safety Car be used, then the credit laps are proportionally adjusted. The results of the race can be affected by the tactics of the Team Manager just as easily as by the performance and reliability of the cars. If one car in a team is significantly faster than the others, the handicappers may assume that that car will attempt to do more than its fair share of the racing; in that case there may be a limit placed upon the number of laps which that particular car is permitted to complete. If that car does more than its permitted laps, the team faces disqualification from the handicap results, or can opt out of the handicap and simply race for the overall win. During the length of the race, cars will break down out on the circuit. The Team Manager has to decide by how long a car can be 'missing' before sending out a replacement. If the 'missing' car has simply spun and rejoined the race, no laps are scored whilst two cars from the same team are racing. Results are issued at 60 minute intervals to show the current placings both on handicap and actual.

There are 5 classes, being:-

- ROADGOING (capable of passing an MOT) CARS up to 1600ccs & bike engines up to 1000cc.
- ROADGOING (capable of passing an MOT) CARS 1601ccs & over and bike engines over 1000cc.
- SPORTS RACING CARS and non-roadgoing Sports Cars/Saloons up to 1600cc (bike engines up to 1000cc)
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- Highest placed 750 Formula Team.

Entries for the 2012 event will open on publication of the regulations and will close on 1st October.

The Entry fee will be in the region of £1400 per team, plus a £10 membership charge for each non - 750MC member in the team.

To receive an entry pack when they are published, please send an email to that effect to:-

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