

Drivers Briefing Notes

Oulton Park Island Circuit - 6th October 2020

To: All Competitors.

These notes replace the face to face briefings you would normally have at a race meeting. Please read them carefully and ACT on them!

This race meeting will be held on the Island circuit at Oulton Park; 2.26 miles in length.

As you know much has changed in recent months, and you will continue to see changes in the way we operate. Motorsport UK, the 750 Motor Club, Meeting Officials and Volunteers have all done a huge amount of work to make this event happen and now you must play your part in making weekend a success.

You will already know that you must "sign-on" electronically and that you must confirm that your car and personal race equipment meet general Motorsport UK requirements and your Championship/Series regulations.

Please ensure you bring enough PPE (masks, gloves etc) with you for both yourself and any helpers to last the duration of the event.

When you arrive in the paddock park in the correct area according to the paddock plan on the Final Instructions. Please make sure you always observe social distancing rules, a COVID 19 officer will be on site and checking rules are being adhered to.

As there is no signing-on or scrutineering your first activity will be to go to the assembly area before your qualifying session. There WILL still be noise testing so be sure to be there in good time and follow the instructions of the scrutineer conducting the test.

Once in the Assembly Area we recommend that you stay in your car.

If you do have to stop during qualifying (or the race) please try to get your car to a safe place.

Once stationary you will be approached by a marshal if you are OK give him a clear THUMBS UP. If you do not do this it will be assumed, you need assistance and the session or race will be interrupted to send emergency assistance.

After giving the THUMBS UP signal, promptly do as the marshal asks.

To assist with this, we will have a safety car available for ALL practice /qualifying sessions and races so make yourself familiar with the procedures for this in the Motorsport UK yearbook.

Particularly remember that when a safety car period ends you must NOT overtake until you cross the timing line.

Please see CIRCUIT SPECIFIC & GENERAL NOTES for further information on Qualifying and Race

After the race there will be no podium/award ceremony due to the current restrictions.

All results (both qualifying & race) will be posted on the club website, there will be no paper copies available. Race Control will be closed to visitors as will the Timekeepers Office and Medical Centre (bring a First Aid Kit with you to deal with minor issues.)

If you are called to see the Clerk of Course please bring with you your own PPE, and your race footage (if you have any.) Judicial interviews will be carried out adhering to social distancing guidelines or maybe done by phone. Any decisions by the Clerk of Course will be given to you verbally and followed up via email. Please ensure the club has your correct email address on file.

Licence upgrade cards will not be signed. Upgrades may be obtained by submitting your results to Motorsport UK.

This is a busy meeting. We need your cooperation to make these new working methods a success. We therefore ask you for patience and the best possible driving standards. This will minimise incidents and therefore also minimise lost track time, which you have all paid for.

CIRCUIT SPECIFIC NOTES

The exit of the first corner (Old Hall) is unsighted. Running wide here, especially on a race start, can result in your car changing direction and moving backwards towards the circuit.

Live Recoveries – are used at not used at Oulton Park.

Track Limits - are monitored at Oulton Park by camera systems and by Judges of Fact.

For races - the lap from the Assembly Area to the Grid constitutes the Green Flag Lap from which cars will be released in grid order.

Race Start (Standing Starts) - lights are located on a gantry above the grid. Once the 5 second board has been shown, the red lights will come on; the signal to start racing is the lights going out. In the case of light failure, the Union flag will be used instead. No team personnel are allowed on the pit wall for the start of the race.

Race Start (Rolling Starts) - cars will be released from the assembly area in grid order behind Pace Car. If appropriate Pace Car lights will be extinguished and Pace Car pull into Pit Lane. Cars should maintain pace and formation until the start lights are extinguished (as standing start).

Leaving the circuit at the end of Qualifying/Race, continue for one full lap then exit the circuit into the pit lane at Woodcote and then down pit lane into the parc fermé area. It is quite a sharp right turn into parc ferme at Deer Leap so beware of queue in of stationary vehicles. Passing the chequered flag more than once may result in a penalty and wastes valuable track time.

At the end of your track session you will be directed into Parc Ferme we ask that you remain in your car (in practice most cars will be waved directly through to return to the paddock). However, some cars may be selected by the scrutineers for checks.

Safety Car – If used in qualifying or racing; it will be released from the end the pit lane. It will leave the circuit into the pit lane entrance.

GENERAL NOTES

Unless on the circuit, a speed limit of 10 mph applies at the venue [Q14.1]. Internal or service roads may not be used to test race cars.

Pit Lane Speed Limit - The speed limit in the pit lane is 60 kph

Your qualifying session begins as soon as you exit the Assembly Area, green flags will be displayed at all marshal posts so make sure you know where the flag points are.

Once on track none of the existing regulations (track limits included) have changed and we suggest you complete 3 laps at a steady pace to ensure you are eligible to start the race. Use this time to identify where flag and marshal posts are located. If for any reason you do not complete three laps you must see Clerk of Course. [Q4.5]

If joining the circuit during qualifying or racing take care to obey blend line when entering the circuit.

Motor sport is a non-contact sport. Reports of contact may be investigated, using video evidence if necessary. Any driver involved in any incident may not leave the circuit without the consent of the Clerk of the Course.

Track behaviour - reports of abnormal direction changes (weaving) and any other manoeuvres likely to hinder other drivers will also be investigated; [Q14.4.1].

Track limits regulations [Q14.4.2, Q12.6.1] are summarised here:

- (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 occasion.
- (b) In racing, running beyond track limits is likely to result in the following penalties: 2nd occurrence: Black & white warning flag shown; 3rd occurrence: 5 sec time penalty added; 4th occurrence: 10 sec time penalty added; 5th occurrence: Drive-through penalty; 6th occurrence: Black flag & race disqualification.

Green Flag Lap - During green flag laps, practice starts [Q12.14] and excessive weaving (more than 50% circuit width) are specifically forbidden. Additionally, on green flag laps if you stall or spin off and fall behind all other competing cars, you must remain behind those cars and start the race from the rear of the grid. Unnecessarily slow green flag laps may result in the race duration being reduced.

Yellow Flags / Lights - Yellow flags / lights are used to warn you of a hazard or danger ahead and are there primarily for the protection of my marshals. Overtaking is strictly forbidden between the first yellow flag and (passing) the green flag - even if you are lapping a slower car [Q15.1, Q15.1.1].

Red Flags / Lights - As soon as these are displayed, reduce speed, and stop racing. In qualifying return to the pits, in races return to the grid unless indicated otherwise. Overtaking is forbidden [Q15.1.j]. Pay extra attention as emergency (blue light) vehicles may join circuit.

Blue Flag signals - With the speed differential of some cars please respect the blue flags and give other competitors room. However, to be predictable, slower cars are entitled and encouraged to take the racing line.

Safety Car - the procedures are detailed in [Q App 2]; please ensure that you understand this fully before competing. Ensure that you bunch up as rapidly as possible, giving marshals time to sort out

any on-track problems. Also note that during the restart, overtaking is prohibited until the start/finish line is crossed.

Parc Fermé - after qualifying and/or racing, competing cars may be directed into the parc fermé (including retired cars). Whilst in parc fermé, the following applies:

(a) No work on the car may take place of any kind, including reviewing camera footage

(b) No team personnel, except the currently competing driver, may enter the area

Only footage from in car cameras requested by the Clerk of Course will be viewed. Drivers wishing to protest other competitor's actions must do so officially in accordance with [C5.1].

For your race you must again go to the assembly area (even if you have a garage) from where you will be directed to the grid. Please make your green flag lap brisk to avoid wasting time.

If conditions change from dry to wet between qualifying and your race you may get an additional green flag lap. You will be advised of this in the Assembly Area.

