



Driver's Briefing Notes – 12th September 2020

Welcome to the start of the 2020 Scottish Championship car racing season, organised by the SMRC. My name is Steve Burns and I'm the Club's Competitions Director and Senior Clerk of the Course.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, you will see a number of changes to the way the events operate, one of which is this video briefing. Prior to the event you will need to sign-on electronically, either by logging into the Driver's section of the SMRC website if you are a registered competitor, or by returning the declaration form if you are a guest. This is vitally important as you and your nominated team personnel won't be granted access to the venue unless we have this information by 5pm on Thursday. Remember you are only permitted to nominate two essential team personnel as we are restricted to a maximum of 200 people on site.

On arrival your name will be checked at the gate and you will be issued with 1 wristband to give to one of your nominated personnel for them to access the Assembly Area and Pitlane. We are also restricting access to the Paddock to 1 working vehicle per entry, so that is your tow vehicle or truck. All non-essential road cars and motorhomes must be parked in Paddock 5 which is the large gravel car park just inside the Paddock gate on the left.

This weekend all competitors will be located in the main Paddock 1, so you should set-up in accordance with the published Paddock Plan. It is important to maintain social distancing while on site with competitors effectively forming their own "bubble" within their team which must consist of a maximum of 15 people from no more than 5 households. Face coverings must be worn by all personnel at all times, except when you are wearing your helmet.

Listen out for the Paddock PA announcements and make your way to the Assembly Area when called. The Scrutineers may carry out a noise test in the Assembly Area prior to your qualifying session.

From the Assembly Area you will be released onto the circuit via the Pitlane. Please respect the pitlane exit light and don't cross the blue painted area when joining the circuit.

On the circuit keep a good look out for other cars, and regularly check your mirrors. Also keep a look out for the marshals flags. Remember yellow means slow down, no overtaking as there has been an incident ahead. You must wait until you are passed the green flag before increasing your speed again. If we have to stop the session red flags and lights will be displayed, slow down and return to the Pitlane without overtaking. If there is a red flag during the race, then please stop on the grid and follow the instructions of the marshals.

For the races you will be led from the Assembly Area to the grid behind the Safety Car for your Green Flag formation lap. On arrival at the grid the marshals will direct you to your starting position. There will be a 1 minute board, 30 second board and 5 second boards displayed followed by the 5 red lights turning on individually, Grand Prix style. The race will start when all the red lights go out.

If at any time during the day you break down or become stranded on circuit please try to get your car as clear as possible, and give a clear thumbs up to the marshals. Get out of the car when it is safe to do so and get yourself over the barrier to safety, remembering to social distance from the marshals. If you require assistance then the marshals will call for a specialist team to attend.

During the race this will mean that the Safety Car will need to be deployed. Safety Car boards and Yellow Flags will be displayed at all marshals posts, please slow down gradually without overtaking and form a line behind the Safety Car which will join the circuit from the tri-oval on the exit of the Hairpin. The Safety Car will wave past any cars between it and the race leader. When the Safety Car is called in, it will turn off its lights and exit the circuit to the tri-oval after the Hairpin. Overtaking is not permitted until you have passed the Green Flag at the Finish Control Line in front of the Timekeepers Hut.

At the end of each session, after taking the chequered flag, please return to the Pitlane and follow the instructions of the officials, as they may direct you to the Scrutineering bay for a technical check. Please remember your social distancing to allow the Scrutineers to work safely. If you are fortunate to finish in the top 3 or are a class winner then you will be directed to stop by the podium to collect your trophy and be interviewed by the SMRC media team.

If you have any questions during the day then please visit don't Race Control in person, but instead you should email us at info@smrc.co.uk or telephone 07907 293098, and certainly within 30 minutes of the race finishing regarding any concerns relating to on-track incidents.

Have a safe and enjoyable day and thank you.

Steve Burns, Senior Clerk of the Course