

MG RACE MEETING BRANDS HATCH 29th/30th April 2017 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

This meeting is organised by The MG Car Club and is governed by the general Competition Rules of the MSA. Incorporating the provisions of the international Sporting Code of the FIA, additional supplementary regulations and any written instructions the organisers issue for the event. These Final Instructions should be read in conjunction with the MGCC Standing Race Regulations (copy on www.mgcc.co.uk or from MGCC) and any further instructions or bulletins issued by the organisers.

The Meeting will be run under MSA Permit Nos: Clubmans 100381 and National B 100382(all other UK invitation races) and will be inscribed for foreign driver participation.

1. TICKETS

E-Tickets for this event will be sent directly to the competitors Email address before the event. It is the responsibility of the competitor to print these off and bring with them to the event. Car passes are not required. Additional tickets can be purchased from MSV at a reduced price prior to the event.

2. PADDOCK

Please find enclosed a paddock plan. Whilst this is not mandatory the organisers urge you to park in the area allocated for your championship or race. We request that you minimise the presence of all non-essential vehicles (road cars, trailers, caravans, motorhomes etc.) and park these in the dedicated area as indicated.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUELLING ALLOWED IN THE GARAGES.
THE ROADWAY IN THE INNER PADDOCK MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL
TIMES FOR ACCESS TO THE ASSEMBLY AREA.

3. SIGNING ON

Signing on will take place in the office on the first floor of the Race Control building from 07.15 on Saturday & 08.15 on Sunday. Please sign on 15 mins. prior to your scrutineering time. Competitors who are subsequently unable to take part in any of their races MUST complete an orange official withdrawal form - available from signing on or the meeting secretaries' office.

4. SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will take place in the scrutineering bay in the paddock, see timetable for your race – There will be NO scrutineering in the pit garages. Competitors who arrive too early will be turned away. Competitors racing on Sunday will be able to Scrutineer on Saturday Afternoon between 3pm and 6pm. Scrutineering will close promptly at 6pm on Saturday Evening.

5. **ENGINES**

Race Engines must \underline{NOT} be run before $\underline{08.15}$ hrs. on Sat. or $\underline{09.15}$ on Sunday or after $\underline{18.45}$ on either day.

6. DRIVERS' BRIEFINGS

<u>There will be driver's briefing on Saturday for competitors in the BARC Saloons at 12.30pm in the Briefing Room next to the café in the Inner Paddock.</u>

<u>There will be driver's briefing on Sunday for competitors in the BARC Tin Tops at 12.00pm in the Briefing Room next to the café in the Inner Paddock.</u>

Should further briefings be required for any other Race(s) they will be bulletined, and your coordinator will be advised and announced by tannoy. Failure to attend a Briefing may result in a fine.

7. NOVICE/NEW DRIVERS

Drivers taking part in their **first race** <u>AND</u> those who have **not raced at this circuit in its current configuration before** <u>must</u> attend one of the Briefings, **before** they are allowed to practice. These will take place in the briefing room situated below Race Control next to the café at 08.00 & 10.15 on Saturday and at 09.00 on Sunday. Failure to attend may result in a fine and licence endorsement.

8. QUALIFYING & RACE

Please familiarise yourself with the layout of the Paddock and Assembly Areas. You must form up in the Assembly Area <u>at least</u> 15 minutes before the start of your Practice and Race (listen for the PA announcements). At the conclusion of Practice and Racing you should leave the circuit via the pit lane - check speed and observe the marshals instructions. **Note: When completing qualifying sessions or races gloves, helmets or seat belts must not be removed until you are back in Parc Ferme or the Paddock as the Pit Lane is considered to be part of the race circuit. Drivers failing to comply with this may be penalised.** The Club reserves the right to run

continuous qualifying-Please refer to MGCC's 2017 *Standing Race Regulations* for an explanation.

9. AMENDMENTS TO SUPPLEMENTARY REGS.

Currently there are no amendments.

10. AWARDS AND GARLANDS

Trophies and garlands for all MGCC Races will be presented 30 minutes after the race, or second race for double headers, in The Club's 'Welcome Centre' situated in the Inner Paddock adjacent to Race Admin. The timing and location of trophy presentations for guest clubs will be notified by their Coordinator.

11. ENTRY LIST

Entry lists for most races are available for download from the Club's web site. For BARC races, please contact your race coordinator.

12. OFFICIALS

MSA Steward: Len Pullen

Club Stewards: Geoff St John Mitchell, Howard Gosling

Senior Clerk of the Course: Ron Gammons Clerks of the Course: Andy Green, Barry Morris, Peter Ritchie, Chris Bird (BARC)

Chief Medical Officer: Dr Hamish Graham

Chief Timekeeper: Lisa Sneader Chief Scrutineer: Chris Mount Chief Marshal: Paul Stilling

13. IN CAR CAMERAS

Any cameras MUST be in place for scrutineering.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The use of verbal communication by Radio or telephones between drivers and team members is prohibited in all races.

15. RACE LENGTHS

All races will be determined by time - see enclosed timetable.

16. TRANSPONDERS

Competitors are reminded that their car must be fitted with a Red AMB Transponder and its number must be advised to the organisers before the meeting. A limited number will be available for hire at the circuit.

17. START PROCEDURES

Will be in accordance with MGCCs 2017 *Standing Race Regulations*. Standing starts will be used for all races except BARC Saloons and BARC Tin Tops, which will have a rolling start. Please see over for procedures. The grid for the second race of a double header will be based upon a drivers 2nd fastest time in qualifying unless the Championship/Series regulations specify otherwise.

18. PRE RACE TESTING & WITHDRAWALS

Drivers wishing to test their cars prior to the meeting should contact MSV direct. Please note, there are **NO** refunds for entries cancelled after midday on Thursday 28th April.

19. OPERATION OF SAFETY CAR

A safety car will be on standby during both qualifying & racing. It will be deployed from the slip road onto Cooper straight upon the sole decision of the Clerk of the Course $[Q\ 4.9.1]$.

It is the driver's responsibility to familiarise themselves with the operation of this and the <u>latest version</u> of the instructions, which are available on the MSA web site.

20. RACE STOPS

Competitor's attention is drawn to the procedure operated by the Club in the event of any race being stopped. This is set out in full in the Club's 2017 *Standing Race Regulations*, which are available for download on the web site. A copy will also be available in the signing on office.

21. SAFETY GUIDANCE

Guidance notes on safety at the circuit are also available for download on the web site and will be available at signing on. Please study these and comply with them at all times. MSV is not liable to any Club, Team or Competitor in the event that any damage is caused in the course of removal of any vehicle from the circuit.

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Notes to Teams and Drivers.

Standing Starts:

All standing start race countdowns will commence in the assembly area with a 1 minute & 30 sec board being shown. Cars will complete a green flag lap behind the Safety Car commencing immediately on leaving the assembly area. On completion of this lap the safety car will peel off into the pits and cars will line up on the grid, in order. Once all cars are stationary they will be given a 5 second board, prior to the race start. Approximately 5 seconds after this board is withdrawn the red lights will be switched on; after between 2 seconds and 7 seconds; they will be switched off to start the race. In the event of the failure of these lights a National Flag will be used to start the race. Should it be necessary to have two green flag laps drivers will be advised before leaving assembly. In that instance the race may be reduced to compensate for the time taken for the second green flag lap.

Rolling Starts:

Cars will initially be gridded in the assembly area and then sent out onto the track to form up in position on the grid. They will then be shown a 1 minute & 30 second board followed by a green flag and released to complete a green flag lap behind the pace car. The pace car will turn out its yellow lights at the end of Cooper Straight and will then turn into the pit road at Clark Curve; competing cars must hold their position and speed until the start line red lights are extinguished, denoting the start of the race. (Q12.1.(b)).

Placement of Advertising and Signage

Teams and Competitors may use the A3 clip frame information boards provided in pit garages (where applicable). Otherwise, placards, banners, advertisements, stickers, decals or leaflets must not be attached, erected, installed or placed anywhere around the MSV Venue, including without limitation on any windows, fascias, hospitality suites or doors, without MSV's express prior written permission. Any cost incurred by MSV to rectify or repair any damage caused by any breach of this provision shall be immediately reimbursed by the Team or Competitor on demand.

Markings

Markings must not be made on the pit garages, pit garage floors, any circuit or paddock surface at any MSV Venue. Any markings shall be removed by MSV at the relevant Club or Team's cost.

Surfaces

Pegs or stakes must not be hammered or inserted into any tarmac surface. Fuel, oil or chemical substances must not be deposited onto any tarmac surface. In both cases this includes without limitation the circuit surface and the pit and paddock area. This includes damage caused by trailers which must be left sited on blocks, not directly onto the ground as limited weight restrictions apply. Any person who damages any tarmac surface may be excluded from the MSV Venue and, where such person is a Club or Team representative or Competitor, the Club, Team or Competitor shall on demand reimburse MSV for the total cost of rectification of any such damage.

Motorcycles, Scooters, Quad Bikes and Bicycles

Please see at the bottom regarding the use of Motorcycles, Scooters, Quad Bikes and Bicycles at Brands Hatch.

Tail lifts

Where vehicles with tail lifts are being used at the Venue, the operator must ensure that the tail lift is never left down, including in the halfway position, other than when loading / unloading is being undertaken, as this may present a serious risk of injury to drivers or pedestrians.

Permitted Filming/Photography

Other than the taking of still photographs for personal, non-commercial and non-promotional use by Teams, Competitors or their guests, the production and/or reproduction of any audio, visual (still and/or moving) and/or audio-visual coverage of any of the MSV Venues or any part of any Event in any media whether now known or invented is not permitted without obtaining MSV's prior written consent. MSV may charge a reasonable fee for the production of such coverage. Following any requests from Teams or Competitors to produce coverage, Clubs shall require the Team/Competitor to complete MSV's Authorisation Form which should be available in advance from the MSV Press and PR Department, who will give consent if deemed appropriate and provide details of any applicable fee. Where MSV provides its consent to the production of coverage and the relevant Team/Competitor has paid any applicable fee, any and all on-board video equipment carried in or on any vehicle must be safely and securely installed in accordance with any applicable Governing Body regulations, and a Club representative must inspect such equipment accordingly before the relevant vehicle takes part in any on-circuit activity. Drones are not permitted on site without MSV written authorisation, following confirmation of CAA requirements, Insurance and Risk Assessments by the Pilot.

MSVR Race Meeting:

Please be aware that there is an MSVR race meeting taking place on Monday. Please clear away as soon as possible after your race to enable competitors access for that meeting.

Important Note to All Competitors.

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6.2 Motorcycles, Scooters, Quad Bikes and Bicycles

It is condition of the MSV Circuit contract that, **No paddock scooters or push bikes are permitted on site** unless authorised by the Organising Club. It is the responsibility of the Organising Club to manage and administer paddock scooter and push bike usage by the implementation of a numbered pass system such that the details of each pass holder is recorded and each authorised vehicle has a pass on it. Details of pass holders and their corresponding pass numbers must be forwarded to MSV prior to each event.

In order to use any form of paddock transport the rider/driver will need to sign on with the organising club along with proof of insurance on the vehicle. Only then will a pass be issued, to allow you to use the transport at the event. Any rider/driver using a mode of transport that does not have a pass displayed will be asked to dismount and not use the vehicle again at the event.