



Race-Specific Briefing Notes

Monoposto Championship

Oulton Park, 25th July 2020

Clerk of the Course: Terry Scannell

I wish to welcome you all to Oulton Park International circuit for the first 2 rounds of the 2020 Monoposto Racing Club Championship.

As always it is brilliant to have so many of you here once again to support the Club, especially in the current climate.

As you are all aware we must all please ensure that all Covid-19 policies and precautions are adhered to throughout the weekend and your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated for the safety of all concerned and for the efficient running of the meeting.

Let's all work together to make this a really enjoyable day and show everyone outside the Club, such as the spectators and marshals and other prospective new Mono competitors, the camaraderie and positive atmosphere combined with competitive racing and exemplary driving standards that the Club can provide on a consistent basis.

Today, being a one day event, is going to be extremely busy and tight from a timetable aspect. We will be trying to run ahead where possible – please be aware of the sessions prior to yours and listen for paddock calls. Please ensure that you and your car are in Assembly in plenty of time – we will not wait for late comers!

Qualifying Procedure:

Please ensure that you are in the Assembly area in ample time for your session to allow time for noise testing to be completed.

Cars will be released from the Assembly Area via the Pitlane Exit directly onto the circuit. Should the Pit Exit light be on Red please do not proceed and follow Marshals Instructions. **Keep to the right of the Pit Lane exit Blend Line.** Make sure you get your three qualifying laps in – there will be no other sessions available during the day.

The qualifying times will provide the grid for Race 1 and Race 1 fastest laps will provide the grid for Race 2.



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Race Procedure:

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL USE ROLLING STARTS AT OULTON PARK due to the numbers of cars entered on the grounds of safety.

Cars will be released from the Assembly Area and will follow a lead car from the Pit Lane onto the circuit and will go via the Fosters link directly to the Grid to form up in a 2x2 Rolling Start formation behind the Safety Car.

When all cars are in position the countdown will begin as per the Final Instructions, with 1 Minute and 30 Second boards followed by a Green Flag, to commence the Green Flag Rolling Start lap.

Once the roof lights on the Safety Car are extinguished during this Green Flag lap please form up in 2x2 formation behind the Safety Car and the front row cars must maintain the speed of the Safety Car at the time the Safety Car enters the pitlane all the way to the start line. If the starter is happy with the formation the Red Lights will be extinguished to denote the start of the race

Please be especially aware of slow cars at Race Starts and do not swerve into the paths of the other cars alongside or behind you.

I do not want to hold the cars on the grid for any longer than essential so that cars do not overheat so please work with the startline line marshals to ensure that you take up your correct grid positions at the earliest opportunity.

Please be prepared that should we need to delay the start for any reason or for a change of conditions from your qualifying session this may necessitate a second Green flag lap prior to the start so please ensure you have enough fuel to allow for such an event.

Should track conditions change from Dry Qualifying to Wet for the race start the procedure will in summary be one of two potential options;

- a) Two Rolling Start Green Flag laps – Race time may start at commencement of 2nd Green Flag.
- b) Under exceptional circumstances we may use a single file Safety Car start procedure until the conditions are suitable for racing.



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On Track:

There will be speed differentials between cars on the track. *Be prepared for the unexpected.* You are likely to encounter other drivers and cars that you have not previously shared a track with. It is essential that all drivers take care when overtaking or lapping slower cars. It is the responsibility of the faster car to overtake safely and all drivers must keep a constant watch in their mirrors for faster cars coming up behind, but please do not make a sudden change of direction in such a situation or as a result of seeing Blue Flags.

In poor visibility and wet weather, all drivers must remember that there may be much slower cars ahead, or much faster cars behind them: concealed in the spray. If you are closing on a slower car in heavy spray remember that it is very unlikely that he can see you in his mirrors!

At all times drive safely, with care consideration and respect for your fellow competitors to ensure that they have the track space that they need to be safe. Please do not attempt risky manoeuvres or aggressive defending of position. Please ensure there is no contact between cars and please drive with awareness of each other and be ready for the unexpected as stated earlier.

Respect Track Limits at all times – Please remember to keep all four wheels inside of White Lines and on Kerbs but not behind them. Oulton Park not only has CCTV for on track action but also sensors operating cameras should you go beyond the Track Limits.

Please observe all flag / light signals – Please no overtaking under Yellows / Safety Car, or Red Flags.

Safety Car – will be deployed as per Final Instructions - It will normally join the circuit at Pit Lane Exit –Please drive accordingly should you see Yellow Flags /Lights and SC Boards. Please close the train as safely and as quickly as possible without overtaking whilst taking caution for any incident / marshals / recovery on circuit. When the Safety Car is due to come in the roof lights will be extinguished and the Safety Car will enter the Pit Lane. Please remember NO Overtaking until you cross the start line.



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Oulton Park International is a fast circuit which can place a lot of strain on the car. Make sure you have enough fuel in your car – there could be extra laps for Green Flags or Race restarts! An extra spanner-check by your teams on vital components and fluid lines may save your day, and avoid spoiling a track session for many others.

If you have mechanical problems while on track:

Please assist by getting the car into the pits or off the track at a safe stopping point close to the nearest marshal post as soon as possible. Please do not continue to stagger round, possibly dropping fluid, and / or acting as a moving chicane. Try to indicate to marshals what type of recovery you will need. Mostly with single seater's this will be a Full Lift.

Leave the car with steering wheel correctly attached, drive in neutral, and the electrics isolated

You may think these are obvious actions to take, but we have had races delayed, shortened, and even red flagged previously because drivers have not followed these simple guidelines.

Any track time that's lost cannot be recovered and directly affects **ALL** the other drivers –some of whom may have a desire to have a friendly chat with you afterwards!

Please ensure that your car complies with all the technical regulations, I am sure that you do not wish to have a very enjoyable competitive race and then find that you may be penalised or disqualified due to a technical infringement. Also please ensure that all cars have legible Race Numbers and backgrounds in the correct places prior to scrutineering, as per Blue Book section J 4.1 to 4.1.8.

If you have any problems or issues please either contact Rachel or myself and we will do everything possible to help.

Once again thank you all for your enthusiastic support
Have a really enjoyable and safe day's sport.

Terry Scannell
Clerk of Course