



Race-Specific Briefing Notes

Monoposto Championship

Brands Hatch Indy, 19th/20th Sept 2020

Clerk of the Course: Terry Scannell

On behalf of the Monoposto & MSVR I wish to welcome you to Brands Hatch Indy circuit for rounds 5 & 6 of the Reprise I.T. Monoposto Championship.

Thank you once again for your fantastic support and we hope you all have an enjoyable meeting.

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.

This weekend is going to be extremely busy and tight from a timetable aspect, especially on the Saturday. 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, allow ample time to travel from the Outer Paddock, we will not be able to delay sessions awaiting late comers.

Qualifying Procedure:

Cars will be released from the Assembly Area via the Pitlane onto the circuit. Should you need to use the pitlane during any session and you find that the Pit Exit light is on Red please do not proceed and follow Marshals Instructions.

Please make sure you get your three qualifying laps in – there will no other sessions available during the day.

The grid for race 1 will be based upon Qualifying times and Race 2 is based upon Race 1 fastest lap time.

Keep to the right of the Pit Lane exit Blend Line, when you exit the pitlane onto the circuit.

Race Procedure:

Cars will be released from the Assembly Area directly to the Grid and when all cars are in position the countdown will begin as per the Final Instructions.

The grid will be formed in a Standing Start 1x1 formation.



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Please be alert to any cars that may be slow starting when the red lights go out for the race starts and please do not make any aggressive moves especially into Paddock Bend and Druids after the race starts.

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 Green Flag laps – back to Grid for standing start. Race time may start at commencement of 2nd Green Flag
- b) If conditions should dictate –We may consider a single file start behind Safety Car until conditions considered suitable for racing.

On Track:

Drive safely; with care, consideration and respect for your fellow competitors. We will have in effect several classes racing within each race, at the same time. The onus will be on the faster cars, when lapping to do so safely and not to interfere with those racing in the other classes with aggressive moves.

With the number and mix of cars on the short Indy circuit traffic is going to be very busy especially during the 15min qualifying session and there will be speed differentials between cars on the track.

At all times respect other drivers and 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!** We need to ensure that cars do not find their way into the various gravel traps during the sessions please.

Some key points to remember please when on track;

You may only move once in front of a car, that is to say you can only move left or right in front of the car, not both.

Pushing or squeezing competitors off the track is strictly forbidden (i.e. reducing the available track width to less than a cars width). If two cars approach a bend together (i.e. side by side), then the car on the racing line cannot chop the corner (i.e. cannot take the racing line) space must be given to the car on the inside. Once the car on the inside is half way alongside (i.e. front wheels level with the driver) then space must be given to that car. You can go through bends side by side.



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Over aggressive driving is also not acceptable and includes such behaviour, but not exclusively, as going for gaps that are not there or are clearly closing, using other competitor's cars as physical brakes or would rather cause a serious accident than be prepared to lift on the throttle or brake especially at the start and first bend.

Blinkered vision, driving without the use of mirrors and therefore having no awareness of other cars around you.

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.

PIT LANE SPEED LIMIT 60kph

In poor visibility and wet weather, all drivers must remember that there may be much slower cars ahead of them, 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!

Respect Track Limits at all times – Please remember to keep all four wheels inside of White Lines and on Kerbs but not behind them. Brands Hatch 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, Red Flags.

Live Snatch Recovery – will only be undertaken under Safety Car conditions.

Safety Car – will be deployed as per Final Instructions - **It will join the circuit at Post 8 Graham Hill Bend after the first lap**, however for the race starts it will be positioned behind the grid at the entrance to the pit lane – 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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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. Do not continue to stagger round, possibly dropping fluid, and acting as a moving chicane. Try to indicate to marshals what type of recovery you will need.

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.

Please note: If you are still in the car trackside following a mechanical issue or incident and are fine please show a thumbs up to the marshals as they approach you, to show that you are ok, as part of the Covid-19 procedures.

Please have a safe and enjoyable weekend's racing. Should you have any problems or issues please contact myself or the Race Admin team and we will do everything possible to help you.

**Thank you,
Terry Scannell, Clerk of Course**