

Category-specific Briefing Notes

GT Cup Championship

Donington Park GP, 18/19 Sept 2021

Clerk of the Course: Simon Gnana-Pragasam

THESE BRIEFING NOTES ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE BRIEFING YOU RECEIVE WHEN YOU SIGN-ON ONLINE

1. **This weekend's format:**

	Practice	Qualifying	Race 1	Race 2
Saturday	10:05 (15 mins)	10:30 (15 mins)	12:55 (25 mins)	16:25 (50 mins)
Sunday	09:30 (15 mins)	09:55 (15 mins)	12:55 (25 mins)	16:45 (50 mins)

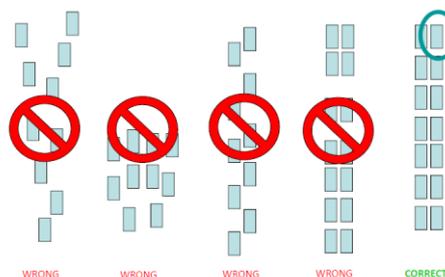
2. **Qualifying procedure:** Cars will be permitted to queue in the fast lane when the 'Fast Lane Open' message is shown on the TSL timing screens. Any car entering the fast lane before this may be held until all cars have left the pit lane.

3. **Pre-race procedure:**

No tyre trolleys are permitted on the grid unless approved by the Clerk of the Course.
Changing of tyres on the grid is prohibited unless approved by the Clerk of the Course.

- **12 minutes** to start of pace lap an audible warning/timing screens/Bute motorsport communication will be given that the Pit exit open in two minutes.
- **10 minutes** to start of pace lap an audible warning/Green Flag/timing screens/Bute motorsport communication will be given that the Pit exit is open. Team Member will go and stand in grid slot position to receive their car.
- **7 minutes** to start of pace lap an audible warning/timing screens/Bute motorsport communication will be given that the Pit exit will close in 2 minutes.
- **5 minutes** to start of pace lap an audible warning/timing screens/Bute motorsport communication will be given that the Pit exit is closed. All cars must have wheels fitted.
- **3 minutes** to start of pace lap Audible warning and 3-minute board shown at Start Line. Clear the Grid of all non-team personnel and major equipment. Cars must be resting on their wheels on the ground.
- **2 minutes** to start of pace lap Audible warning and 2-minute board shown at Start Line. Clear the grid signal/Grid closed. All work on cars must be complete by this time.
- **1 minute** to start of pace lap Audible warning and 1 minute board shown at Start Line. Clear the Grid/Start engines.
- **30 seconds** to start of pace lap Audible warning and 30 second board shown on Start Line.
- Start of the pace lap. There will normally be one pace lap (note: If the weather conditions change adversely (i.e. dry to wet) between qualifying and the race, there may be an additional green flag formation lap to allow you to judge the conditions. You will be notified of this ahead of time)
- The formation at the race start:

Rolling Starts



- The race starts when the RED lights on the gantry go out.

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There will be a **huge variety of cars and very different levels of driver experience** for this meeting. **DO NOT TRY TO WIN THE RACE AT THE FIRST CORNER!** It is in everyone's interest to get through the first few corners without contact so consider staying in grid formation (i.e. two rows) through Redgate (turn one) for the first lap. Faster cars and drivers will have plenty of opportunity to overtake after that.

- 4. **Control Flags, marshal flags, warning lights:** As detailed in the online briefing
- 5. **Safety Car:** As detailed in the online briefing
- 6. **Track limits:** Please respect the track limits regulations.

Motorsport UK regulation Q12.21.2: Drivers must use the track at all times and may not leave the track without a justifiable reason.

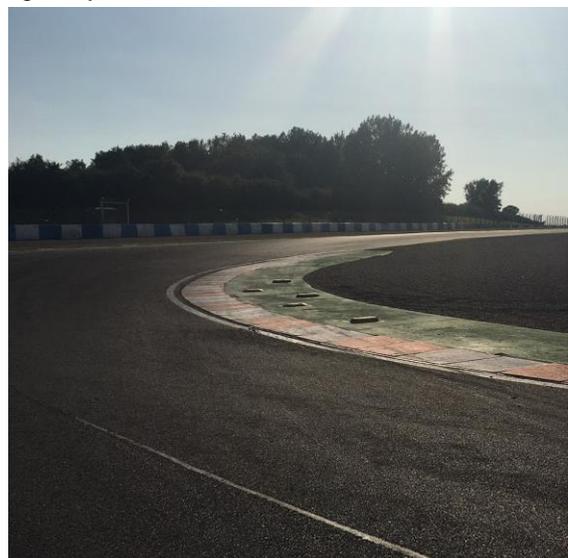
For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) The white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track.
- (b) A driver will be judged to have left the track if any wheel of the car either goes beyond the outer edge of any kerb or goes beyond the white line where there is no kerb.

Lap times can be removed during qualifying and a sliding-scale of penalties can be applied during the race.



PLEASE NOTE there are new track limits deterrents installed behind the kerbs on both sides of the Fogarty Esses (photos below) and it is highly recommended that you stay clear of these to avoid unnecessary damage to your car!





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7. **Contact:** Avoidable contact will **NOT** be tolerated. Penalties may be applied in the event of any avoidable contact, including disqualification.

As mentioned, the track will be very busy today so **BE AWARE** of the cars around you at all times. Different cars have different performance characteristics so please take this into account.

8. **Pit Lane safety:** Please refer to the championship regulations and the event Final Instructions for pit lane regulations. The pit lane speed limit for all GT Cup sessions is **50km/h**.
9. Drive within the limit of your capability, and that of your car. Give each other racing room – we have a tight timetable this weekend so there will not be much time to repair the cars between sessions. **Do not attempt overtaking manoeuvres that are marginal and likely to result in contact!**

Excessive and aggressive defending will not be tolerated. Motorsport UK regulation Q12.21.1 states “Overtaking, according to the circumstances, may be carried out either on the right or on the left. In response to each attempted overtaking manoeuvre no more than one change of direction to defend a position is permitted. Any driver moving back towards the racing line having earlier defended his position off-line should leave at least one cars width between his own car and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner. However, manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers, such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited.”

10. If your car stops on the circuit, please give the marshals an early indication that you are OK by indicating to the marshals by a **thumbs up**. If they do not see this, further intervention (medical and/or rescue) will be requested.
11. **End of session:** After taking the Chequered Flag at the end of all sessions, cars will complete a full lap and enter the Pit Lane. The **Parc Fermé** will be in Pit Garages.
12. **Communication:** Despite the relaxation of some Covid protocols, please remember that the GT Cup WhatsApp group remains the best way to communicate with us, via the championship coordinator.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!