

Written Drivers Briefing

Auckland Car Club
Pukekohe Park Raceway
2 May 2021

This briefing is issued to assist the running and management of the meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the event, your first point of contact is a Competitor Relations Officer. Rachel Mackey for this weekend.

Withdrawal from the Meeting

It is essential that any withdrawal from the event is advised to the Secretariat.

Secretariat

The Secretariat is located in the shed by the track crossing.

This is also where you will find the Secretary, and Results.

The Clerk of Course, ACoC's, CRO's and Stewards are located in Level 1 of the Race Control Building

Assembly Area

Cars on the infield will leave their pit garages / paddock area, following the directions of the pit lane / dummy grid marshals and assemble at the pit exit. You will be released from this location to commence your testing, qualifying or formation lap. Following the completion of your session, you will continue around the track and come into the pits via pit lane. Please come directly into the pits and not clog pit lane for fellow competitors.

Cars on the outfield will leave their pit garages / paddock area, following the directions of the pit lane / dummy grid marshals and assemble at the pit exit. You will be released from this location to commence your testing, qualifying or formation lap.

Following the completion of your session, you will continue around the track and come over the hill to pit crossing and enter the outfield via track crossing. Please come directly into the pits and not clog pit lane for fellow competitors.

Pitane speed in the fast lane is 40kmph – all other areas of the Pit Paddock are 15kmph. Please adhere to this for the safety of spectators and crew.

Please note that the pit lane signalling bay on the front straight is not a viewing area and no team members, drivers or members of the public will be allowed on the wall for the start of the race.

Mechanical Failure

Should this occur, move off the racing line and park as far off the track as possible.

Vacate the car and go to a place of safety, behind the first line of defence. If you are dropping oil, it is essential that you do not continue around the track.

Off Track Excursions

Re-join the circuit as near as possible to where you left it. Should you gain advantage over the other competitors, and then drop back into the running order where you were before the incident. Failure to do this may result in a penalty.

Driving Standards

Drivers are to make themselves familiar with the Code of Driving Conduct – Article 12 Schedule Z.

CIRCUIT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

TURN 5 REQUIREMENTS:

All Competitors must adhere to the defined Circuit by making a right turn at Turn 5.

Should any Competitor over shoot Turn 5 and use the Escape Road, the following criteria shall apply:

- Qualifying Lap Time will be deleted.
- Racing No U Turns: Competitors must re-join safely at Turn 7, any Position Advantage must be Addressed immediately or a penalty may apply.

Flag Signals

The circuit has Light Signals system installed, lights backed up with flags will be used. All signals given at any marshal's point, whether by lights or by flag, are to be adhered to.

Red Flag

Should it be necessary to red flag a session, the start finish lights and flag lights will turn red and the flag points will display waved red flags. You must reduce your speed and no further passing is allowed.

- During testing and qualifying – return to pit lane and follow instruction from the pitlane marshals.
- During racing – proceed around the circuit to the red flag control line (just prior to pit entry on the front straight. Line up in single file and await further instructions.

Blend Lines

There are blend lines at both the pit entry and pit exit, drivers are to observe these on entering and exiting the pitlane.

Safety Car Deployment

Should a safety car be deployed, the flag points will display a waved yellow flag and a safety car board. Light signals around the track will flash yellow lights with an SC in the diagonally opposite corner. Drivers should line up in single file behind the safety car with no overtaking allowed. Drivers are to leave no less than 3 car lengths between themselves and the car in front. The point with the incident or recovery taking place will also show waved flags to indicate extra care required in their area.

The safety car will turn its lights off halfway down the back straight. The safety car will maintain speed around the hairpin (Turn 8), before exiting into pit entry. The car immediately behind the safety car should hold their speed **to allow the safety car to pull away and enter the pits.**

Once the safety car exits the circuit, the start finish lights and marshal will display a green flag / light and you can resume racing.

Fuel Handling and Fire Safety Requirements

All drivers and your team members must comply MSNZ requirements for the storage and handling of Fuel – **Storing and handling Fuel at Motorsport Events.**

<https://motorsport.org.nz/technical/fuel/>

A minimum 4.5kg dry powder fire extinguisher MUST be available for each car in the Pit Area.

Pit Paddock Etiquette

Dogs – are not allowed in the internal Pit Paddock Area

Alcohol – there is to be no alcohol consumed in the pits until after the last event of the day.

Cigarettes – there is no smoking in pit lane, pit garages or marquees

Footwear in pit lane – covered footwear must be worn in the pit lane.

Please note that children need to be supervised in the Pit Paddock at all times and any motorised vehicles are to be ridden and driven by license holders only. Please remember that scooters, pushbikes and skateboards are to be kept under strict control.

Issued by Glenda O'Connell, Clerk of Course, 27 April 2021