

## The Darlington & District Motor Club

### 2021 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship presented by Cooper Tires.

#### Competitor Briefing Notes

All competitors should read this document prior to arrival at this event as it contains information you will need to know for the event to run smoothly.

#### **Prior to Arrival**

As there will be no Signing On or Scrutineering at the event please ensure you have completed the self-declaration form in advance and e-mail to: [chair@darlington-motor-club.org.uk](mailto:chair@darlington-motor-club.org.uk) this should be done no sooner than 14 days prior to the event and no later than 5 days prior to the event, as if you do not it will mean you will not be able to take part in the event.

#### **On Arrival**

Please park as directed in the allocated paddock area, this information will be contained in the event final instructions.

#### **Practice**

For all practice sessions you will be released from the pre grid and you should then continue past the start line without stopping. When the practice session has ended as designated using the chequered flag, cars should slow down and continue on a slowing down lap, do not overtake any competitor in front of you and return to your paddock space.

#### **Racing**

For all races you will be released from the Pre Grid Area, and you will be directed to your grid position by the grid marshal.

Once the grid is formed, the grid marshal will indicate direct to the light panel

The system is as used in the World & British RX Championships and as per previous rounds.

When the grid is formed the start marshal will indicate to the start Lights.

Ready to race will illuminate.

After the ready to race goes out there is a random 1 to 4 second delay before the Green lights come on.

As soon as the Green lights come "ON" it is the signal to start .

If a false start is detected red lights will flash and the start marshal will reposition the jump starter at the back of the grid, 1<sup>st</sup> offence back of the grid, second offence disqualification from the race. If you miss your race, you cannot be allocated to a different race please make sure you make your way to the dummy grid in good time for your race start.

When the race session has ended as designated using the chequered flag, cars should slow down and continue a slowing down lap, do not overtake any competitor in front of you and return to your paddock space.

#### **Competitor Conduct**

Covid 19 regulation, full details are in the Final Instructions. This is a non-contact sport and incidents of such will be investigated, track limit regulations will be enforced as described in the Motorsport UK Yearbook (Q14). If you have any issues you should in the first instance contact the competitor liaison official who will speak to the Clerk of the Course.

If you stop whilst on track please try to park as close to the barrier and near to a marshal post, you will be approached by a marshal who will look for the 'Thumbs Up' sign to indicate you are OK, then when safe to do so get out of the car and move to a place of greater safety. A reminder to competitors that the conduct of yourself and any person associated with your entry is your responsibility and you should ensure that everyone is following the rules and regulations in force at the event.

#### **Driving Standards**

Rallycross is a non-contact sport. Driving standards will be monitored during every session. If you have been involved in an incident, and wish to speak to a discuss this, contact the driver liaison officer, details are in the Final Instructions. Do not visit race control unless invited. On track all competitors should be aware of the flag signals used as this is the only way we have of communicating with you.

**Yellow Flag** Incident ahead NO OVERTAKING be prepared to stop, once past the incident resume racing.

**Red Flag** Cease Racing, slow down and follow instructions of officials.

Failure to comply with flag signals may result in judicial action.

#### **Paddock**

The paddock area is an area of danger, a speed limit of 10mph is always in force and only persons who have a licence may drive any particular type of vehicle.

#### **Track Limits.**

If a competitor leaves the track, they must return to the track in a safe manner at the point at which they left it. Any competitor deemed to be exceeded the track limits will receive a penalty as follows :- Any competitor will receive a penalty as follows :-

1st Offence – Warning from Clerk of Course

2nd Offence – 5 second penalty

3rd Offence – 10 second penalty

4th Offence Disqualification from the results for that race.

These penalties will appear on the result sheet for that race.

All cars must be fitted with a front facing camera, which must be always recording while on circuit. Footage must be made available to the Clerk of the Course upon request. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure this is possible. Non-compliance will result in disqualification from the race concerned.

#### **Pre Grid Area**

Only one team member will be allowed in this area.

#### **Communications**

All communication for this event should be by email to the Secretary or Clerk of the course, these details will be included in the final instructions. There will be no paperwork issued, any relevant documents will be posted on the Virtual Notice Board which can be found on the virtual notice board. All timing is done automatically you must ensure you have a working transponder, results can be found here [www.smart-timing.co.uk](http://www.smart-timing.co.uk) and follow the link

**Licence Upgrades** Licences will not be signed at the event, if you wish to upgrade your licence then you should contact Motorsport UK with proof of your results.

**Briefings** There will be no new Driver briefings, however if the need arises for a briefing during the event it will be held in the open at a specified time and place.

**Judicial Process** The judicial rules and regulations are exactly as described within the Motorsport UK Yearbook except that everything will be undertaken electronically. Therefore, if you are involved in a judicial hearing a decision will be announced to you and then sent by email to your registered email address.

If any judicial fines are issued, these must be paid to Motorsport UK the week after the event – fines will not be collected at the circuit.

**Health & Safety** You should follow the event Health & Safety Guidelines, which can be found on the club website, along with any regulations issued by the venue.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, Motorsport UK have set out guidance notes and through these briefing notes I would like to remind you of some key points.

- Symptoms of coronavirus are a persistent cough, high temperature, feeling unwell, breathlessness and a loss of taste or smell. Participants who feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus, however mild or who feel they may have been exposed to a risk of infection should not attend the event. If someone is already at the event and exhibits any symptoms should inform the secretary of the meeting, before leaving the venue and call NHS 111.
- The best way to prevent the spread of the virus is hand washing which should be done regularly with soap & water and/or sanitising gel.
- Physical social contact should be avoided, and you should minimise the number of people congregating in close proximity. Avoid sharing tools, drinks or water bottles
- Surfaces should be wiped down and disinfected regularly
- Social distancing recommendations should be observed, where this is not possible PPE should be used.
- There will be limited access to Race Administration and Race Control please comply with any notices.
- All communications will be electronic; telephone or email as registered with your entry. Please remember at all times that you have to take responsibility for your own safety, protecting yourself from the virus by following the guidelines issued in advance and contained within these notes. Should you feel unsafe at any time then you should not take part and if you are at the event return home after informing the secretary of the meeting.

If you need to speak to a Clerk, please contact the Championship Co-ordinator, Jordine, on 07917 286830 Under no circumstances should drivers or their teams enter race control or the timekeepers office.

Thank you in advance for following our guidelines and we all hope that you have an enjoyable and safe event.