



# Darlington & District Motor Club

The BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross presented by Cooper Tires  
Round 8 Knockhill 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## Final Instructions & Drivers Briefing Notes – V4

This meeting is organised by the Darlington & District Motor Club governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK incorporating the provisions of the FIA International Sporting Code, additional Supplementary regulations, and any written instructions that the organisers issue for the meeting.

1. **Permit:**

This meeting will be held under Motorsport UK permit number: Interclub: 120896.  
This event is permitted for the participation of overseas competitors.  
BTRDA Rallycross Championship Permit No: CH2023/S047 (C)

2. **Officials:**

Motorsport UK Steward	Steve Burns
Event Stewards	Tony Curran, Douglas Lamb
Senior Clerk of the Course	Steve Gibson
Clerks of the Course	Steve Hill
Secretary of the Meeting	Julie Hill
Assistant Secretary	Cally Gent
Chief Scrutineer	Renny Thompson
Environmental Scrutineer	Linda Hay
Chief Timekeeper	Ian Sharp
Medical Officers	Dr Ewan Hamilton & Dr Ross Archibald
Race Radios	Jennifer Haston, Kate Haston
Chief Marshal	Henry Williams
Rescue Unit	DDMC Rescue
Championship Coordinator	Jordine Crooks

3. **Paddock Access & Allocation:** Paddock access will be from 13:00 on Saturday the paddock. Please follow the instructions of circuit officials upon arrival who will guide you to the appropriate area in which you will be parking. Failure to adhere to these instructions will result in you being asked to move. Failure to move may result in report to the Clerk of the Course. Please DO NOT expect the Paddock Marshals to come and find you for your race. It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready to race at the appropriate time, therefore please ensure you know when your race is due on circuit and arrive in the assembly area in time for your race.

4. **Passes:** Circuit access will be via digital e-tickets sent to you in advance of the event. Each competitor will receive 4 additional entry tickets for mechanics/guests. Officials will access the circuit via e-tickets emailed ahead of the event.

5. **Sign On:**

a) **Competitors** must sign-on manually in the administration office beside the assembly area and produce their Motorsport UK licence from 16:00 to 17:00pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and from 07:00 am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

b) Competitors licences may be checked against the Motorsport UK database. Competitors with non-Motorsport UK licences are reminded that they must have written approval of their ASN that they may compete in the meeting, a copy of which must be returned with the "Competitor Signing-On" declaration.

c) Upgrade signatures can be given. Please leave your upgrade cards with the secretary of the meeting in the race administration office.

d) **Officials** will sign on at the event in race administration from 07:00am.

e) **Marshals** will sign on with the Chief Marshal upon arrival at the event from 07:30am.  
On Post 08:40am, Clerks Inspection 08:45am, First Activity 09.00am.



6. **Judicial Procedures:** Any protest or appeal needs to be lodged electronically with the Secretary of the Meeting using the email address provided. Once a decision has been made it will be passed by email to those concerned. The time limits for any protest or appeal remain unaltered. All paperwork issued will be published on the virtual noticeboard.
7. **Scrutineering & Eligibility:** All vehicles will be examined, and Eligibility may be checked by the appointed Eligibility Scrutineer or by any member of the Motorsport UK Technical Commission as listed within the Motorsport UK Yearbook. We have returned to 100% scrutineering and all vehicles must be signed off before they can participate in any track activity. Scrutineering will commence from 14.00 to 16.30 Saturday & 07.00 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
8. **Notice Board:** A virtual notice board will be in operation at this event, The Official notice board is online at: <https://darlingtondmc.com/virtual-noticeboard/>
9. **Briefings:** A drivers briefing for this event will take place for all competitors and parent guardians (where relevant) in the media centre at 08.20, please ensure you are on time as non-attendance or late arrival will be deemed a breach of [G5.3.8] maximum fine £250.
10. **Noise Pollution:** The noise limit for this event is as per the Supplementary Regulations - 105db static, failure to comply may result in disqualification. Static noise testing will take place in pre-grid before your first session. Engines should not be run before 07.15 (tick over only)
11. **Circuit Access/Egress:** All vehicles will access the circuit via the Dummy Grid. At the end of each track session be it qualifying or a race, all vehicles must slow down after taking the Chequered Flag and complete a slowing down lap and not overtake any cars and leave the circuit via the entrance/exit gate.
12. **Race starts:** For all race starts you will be directed onto the circuit via the route used in practice and form up on the grid. Once the grid has been set the 5 second board will be shown and the red lights will come on in sequence 1 through 5 once all lights are on a random delay of 2 to 5 seconds will take place the lights will go out, this is the signal to start. A false start will be detected by judges of fact and will be indicated by flashing red lights on the light gantry. If a jump start is called then the offending driver will be repositioned on a row at the back of the grid, if the same driver does a second jump start, they will be disqualified from that heat.
13. **Red Flags:** In any race in which there is a “red flag” drivers must return to the grid or as directed by the officials.
14. **Results:** All time sheets, grids and results are deemed to be provisional until the conclusion of all judicial actions. Live timing and results can be accessed online by visiting <http://smart-timing.co.uk/> no hard copies of results will be produced for this event.
15. **Track Limits:** Any competitor who leaves the circuit such that two wheels are off the course may incur a time penalty or may be considered as having retired from the heat or final at the point at which they left the course whether or not an advantage is gained. Likewise, competitors should remain within the white lines defining the edges of the circuit and failure to do so may render the competitor liable to penalties, which may include time penalties or possible disqualification.
16. **Judges of Fact:** Judges of Fact may be appointed in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations [G10] and [Q18]
17. **Race Day Information:** The organisers will try to run the programme as published however reserve the right to bring forward, delay or abandon event sessions to suit the conditions.

Event	Start Time	End Time	Location
<b>Scrutineering</b>	14.00 to 16.30	From 07.00	Scrutineering Bay
<b>Drivers Briefing</b>		08.20	Media Centre
<b>Start Lights Demonstration</b>		08.40	In Pit Lane
<b>Observed Laps</b>		09.00	
<b>Practice (all classes)</b>		09.10	
<b>1st Heats</b>		10.00	



18. **Circuit & Meeting Notes:** D&DMC or Knockhill Race Circuit will not be liable for any damage caused to vehicles being recovered from the track. Any competitor that experiences a mechanical problem, particularly if it is likely to be a hazard to others or causing damage to the track surface, must stop immediately in a place of safety. The competitor may also be liable for any excessive clean-up costs involved. Motorsport is a non-contact sport and competitors who make contact with each other render themselves liable to penalties in accordance with the current Motorsport UK Regulations. All working areas should be kept clean and tidy, and any waste placed in the appropriate container. Waste must not be mixed, or waste left around the site. In the event that D&DMC is charged for such issues then the charge will be passed on to the championship concerned if the individual cannot be identified. Any person who is injured or feels unwell should seek help from the circuit medical services. Please contact an official or member of the venue management team. All team vehicles parked in the paddock must be parked in compliance with the Paddock Plan.
19. **Refuelling:** May be carried out in the paddock but do not refuel with a hot car and allow plenty of time to be ready for your heat.
20. **Safeguarding:** Lesley Starkey and Cally Gent are appointed safeguarding officers for D&DMC and are available to deal with problems which may arise or are brought to their attention contact via the contact section on these final instructions or can also be raised by talking to the senior clerk of the course at the event.
21. **Awards & Presentations:** Awards will be given to all Class Winners; 2nd place if 3 starters or more in class and 3rd place if 5 starters or more in class. Presentations will take place as quickly as possible after the last race. To receive event trophies, the driver must attend the prize-giving in race-wear with 'advised' Cooper branding correctly displayed. Cooper Tires caps will be given to competitors and must be worn for the duration of prize giving.
22. **Specific BTRDA Instructions:**
- Scales will be in operation throughout the event with periodic testing of random vehicles across all categories, drivers please make sure you comply with all weights as laid out in the 2023 category technical regulations as published by the BTRDA.
  - Reminder to drivers that its mandatory to have at least 1 forward facing camera which must have the ability to record and must have the memory card wiped clean prior to the event with the date and times set accurate.
  - Reminder that ground sheets are mandatory in the paddock.
  - All competing vehicles MUST be fitted with all championship decals for scrutineering and before practice
  - No race numbers will be available at the event, competitors are responsible for providing their own, fitted to the side windows and front screen (under the sun strip) and must be in compliance with the MSUK blue book.
  - From the 3rd qualification heat onwards including all finals the event will be LIVE streamed, therefore all competitors are requested to ensure their vehicles are always washed and clean.
23. **Contacts:**
- Secretary of the Meeting Julie Hill - hilljulie@btinternet.com  
Assistant Cally Gent  
Championship Coordinator Jordine Crooks 07917 286830 jordinelouise548@yahoo.co.uk
24. **Marshal Matters:** The marshals briefing has been sent direct to the marshals, any changes or amendments will be notified on the day. Remember you should not use mobile phones or cameras while on duty. If you are unable to attend, please contact Henry Williams [chiefmarshal@smrc.co.uk](mailto:chiefmarshal@smrc.co.uk). Marshals' entry will be via e-ticket.



25. **Social Media:** Both officials and competitors are reminded that they should not make comments upon social media sites which may in any way be deemed derogatory, defamatory, obscene, or libellous. You should remember that comments made are in a public arena and can be seen by more than your intended audience.



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#### **Appendix 1**

A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community. By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

#### **The Values**

Respect  
Fair play  
Integrity  
Good Manners  
Self – Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.

Reason for Change  
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Version 4 Republished with amendments.