



DRIVER'S BRIEFING NOTES

Brands Hatch Indy - 15th & 16th October 2011

Rounds 15 & 16 of the Competition Car Insurance Ford Fiesta Championship.

DRIVERS BRIEFING – Saturday 15th October @12:00 in the Ford Race Centre

Could we please request that all private cars be parked outside of the paddock area, this will assist in making the paddock a more spacious and pleasant working area for all competitors.

Championship Regulations & Final Instructions.

These should have been read prior to attendance at the race meeting. If there are questions concerning these please ask the appropriate Clerk of the Course.

Transponder (MSA REGULATION Q12.1.2).

Please can you check that you have a working transponder, a list of car numbers will be on the practice time sheets that don't work. TSL do hire transponders out.

Mandatory Video Camera (Championship Regulation 3.15 Page 9)

All cars must be fitted with a working video camera at all times during qualifying/race. Failure to make available to the championship organiser the recorded session video on the memory card/method of video storage when requested will be deemed to be an obstruction and the facts reported to the clerk of the course. If the clerk of the course determines that there is no acceptable cause or reason not to make the memory card available to the championship organiser this will result in the competitor having any official time or race position nullified. The clerk of the course may take video from other cars which are not involved in incidents at any time. If possible please write your car number on to the memory card so it doesn't get lost. It must be fitted to the vehicle prior to scrutiny and the scrutineer must be advised.

Assembly Area

Cars must report to the, which is located at the far end of the pits, it is the driver's responsibility to be at the Assembly Area on time, listen to paddock PA.

Practice & Qualifying

Cars are released in to pit lane from assembly area, sessions will start from pit lane when the green flag is shown.

Race Start Procedure

Vehicles will be released from the Assembly Area on to the circuit. Marshals will direct you to the correct qualification grid position. Once all drivers are stationary there will be a one minute countdown; 30 second board and then the cars will be flagged away for the green flag lap. During the green flag lap practice starts, overtaking & excessive weaving is forbidden. Once all competitors are stationary there will be a 5 second board will be shown before the red lights are displayed, when the lights goes out which signal the start of the race. Only two people per competing car will be allowed to stand on the Pit Wall for the purpose of signalling. During the start of a race no personnel are allowed on the Pit Wall until all the cars are clear of the grid.

At the end of all sessions, after taking the chequered flag slow down & leave the circuit via pit lane. After Qualifying & Race all cars must go to Parc Ferme under the guidance & instruction of Officials / Marshals.

Driving Behaviour

Red/Green lights at the pit line exit must be respected & stay within the filter lines. Maximum speed in the pit lane is 60 km/h.

A yellow flag signals danger. They are primarily for the protection of the marshals & they must be observed. There are no reasons not to slow down or to keep your car under control under a yellow flag sector.

During all practice, qualifying and races, the Clerk of the Course will have the option to carry out "live snatches" under local Yellow Flags.

There is bound to be a speed differential during the practice/qualifying/race. Please observe the Blue Flags & watch your mirrors.

The 2011 Competitors' & Officials' Year Book (Blue Book) is clear in stating "Manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers such as premature direction changes on the straight, crowding cars towards the inside or the outside of the curve or any other abnormal change of direction are strictly prohibited...."

CONTACT – motor sport is a NON CONTACT SPORT. Contact is dangerous. ALL reports of contact will be thoroughly investigated today or, if necessary after the weekend using video evidence. The full force of the M.S.A regulations will be enforced where appropriate.

Respect track limits at all time. Drivers must use the track at all times. For the avoidance of doubt: 2011 competitors' & Officials' Year Book (Blue Book) Q14.5 (a to d). Anyone ignoring this instruction & reported risks possible penalties, such as "Stop-Go, Drive Through or time added to your race time & if reported in Practice or qualifying all or some lap times may be disallowed.

If you have a mechanical problem during the Practice/Qualifying/Race, leave the circuit as soon as it is safe to do so, especially if your car is losing oil & take instructions from official/marshal at all times & help them to push the car when required.

The Stop/Go Penalty Box is situated in the pitlane directly below the Race Control building.

Standards of conduct must be maintained both on and off the track.

Safety Car

If required the Safety Car will be used. The Safety Car will join the circuit from the slip road at post 8 on to Cooper Straight and will exit the circuit via the Pitlane entrance. (IT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO PICK UP THE LEADER). Safety Car Regulations-Section Q, Appendix 2 in the 2011 competitors' & Officials' Year Book (Blue Book).

I wish you a safe and successful meeting

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