

Written Drivers Briefing – Auckland Car Club Rd 6 - Hampton Downs

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 the Competitor Relations Officer and they can be found in the media room. It is essential if you need to withdraw from the Meeting you advise the event Secretariat.

Secretariat

The Secretariat and the CRO will be located in the media room. The media room is through the tunnel and turn left. All other officials will be located on the first floor Hampton Downs.

Assembly Area

Cars will leave their pit garages / paddock area, following the directions of the pit lane / dummy grid marshals and assemble at the dummy grid. 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.

Pitlane 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 a driver be compelled to stop the vehicle, either involuntarily or for any other reason, the vehicle shall be moved off the circuit as soon as practical so that its presence does not constitute a danger. If the stopped vehicle is in a potentially dangerous position, it is the duty of the first intervention marshalls to recover the vehicle from that position. Once the vehicle has stopped at, or has been recovered to, a safer position, then;

If the vehicle is unable to re-join the race, **the driver should remain in the car until directed by the marshalls to evacuate to a place of safety, or**

If the vehicle is able to re-join the race without any external help (other than the first intervention marshalls) and without committing any breach of the regulations and without gaining an advantage from the preceding movement of the vehicle to a safer place, the driver will not be excluded from the race.

Driving Standards

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

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 pit lane 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.

Pit lane entry blend line

Competitors are reminded of the yellow and white blend line after turn 10 which must not be crossed unless entering the pit lane to return to the pit area.

This marking has recently changed from the old white dashed diagonal line, so any wheels over the blend line will be considered as a pit lane infringement. (see the photos below). Check the new lines on your first practice.



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.

When it is safe to resume racing, the safety car will turn its lights off at the entry to turn 10 (final sweeper). All weaving must stop. The safety car will maintain speed up the hill, before exiting into the pits near the 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 / Paddock 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.