

2024 GB3 Championship

Drivers' Briefing Document – Donington Park GP, 7 & 8 September

1. Session Procedures

You will be advised to proceed to the Assembly Area approximately 20 minutes before each session. If you have any problems, let Gemma know as soon as possible.

For qualifying, you will be released in order onto the circuit and the session starts immediately.

For the races, you will be released in order onto the circuit, and should proceed directly to the grid to form up.

2. Race Starts

Once all cars are in position on the grid the countdown will commence at the “1 MINUTE” signal followed by “30 SECONDS” and then the green flag will be displayed for the start of **one green flag lap**. Please complete this full lap of the circuit at a sensible speed. **Remember, if you have a problem on this lap and fall to the back of the pack, you CANNOT retake your grid position and must stay at the back.**

On returning to the grid, when all cars are in position, the “5 SECONDS” board will be shown. Five seconds later the red lights will ALL be switched on. **The race starts when the red lights are extinguished.** Should there be a failure of the lights, the National Flag will be used to start the race instead.

3. Practice Starts

Practice starts can **only** be carried out at the pit lane exit, in the designated area. Whenever you are leaving the pit lane, be aware that a car may be stopped ahead of you in this area. NEVER stop on the track to practice your start.

Take particular care when approaching the starting grid where there will be marshals on track, as well as other cars. **You may receive a penalty for accelerating in a dangerous manner towards the grid area (Championship Regulation 30.8).**

4. Race Start Under Safety Car (Appendix H Art. 2.10.18)

See Full-Season Briefing document.

5. Flag/Light Signals

Flag/light signals will be in accordance with Appendix H of the FIA International Sporting Code.

- **Yellow flag/light – waved/flashing:** Danger, slow down sufficiently to ensure that full control of the vehicle can be retained. No overtaking.
- **Yellow flag/light – double waved/flashing triangles:** Great danger. Slow down considerably. Be prepared to suddenly change from the projected racing line, or take other evasive action including stopping if necessary. No overtaking. For all yellow signals, it must be evident that a driver has reduced speed; this means a driver is expected to have braked earlier and/or noticeably reduced speed in that sector. You may be penalised for setting a fastest sector time where a yellow signal is being shown. **For the safety of the marshals, please respect yellow signals.**
- **RED flag/light:** Immediately cease driving at racing speed and proceed slowly, without overtaking, and with maximum caution to pits or start line obeying marshal's instructions. Be prepared to stop should the track be blocked.
- **Blue flag/light:** The slower car should not suddenly change direction or impede a faster car approaching.

6. Control Flags

Control flags (Black/White, Black/Orange etc) with car numbers will be shown at the control line on driver's left-hand side.

Remember these messages can also be sent directly to your in-car display.

7. Pit Lane and Paddock Safety

- Respect the blend line at the Pit Exit. Do not cross it when leaving the pit lane, be aware of faster cars already on circuit.
- The pit lane speed limit is 60 km/h.
- When not on the track or in the pit lane, there is a speed limit of 10 mph. Be especially aware of pedestrians in the paddock!

8. Track Limits

Although GB3 is an FIA International Series, **track limits and the associated penalties and procedures will be in accordance with the current Motorsport UK Regulation Q12.21.2**, as follows:

Drivers must use the track at all times and may not leave the track without a justifiable reason. For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) The white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track.
- (b) A driver will be judged to have left the track if any part of the contact patch of the tyre goes beyond either the outer edge of any kerb or the white line where there is no kerb.

NOTE: In the interests of fair and consistent enforcement, at the Esses the blue blocks (pictured) are considered the limit, and you may be penalised if you touch them. You are also likely to damage your car on them!



9. Safety Car

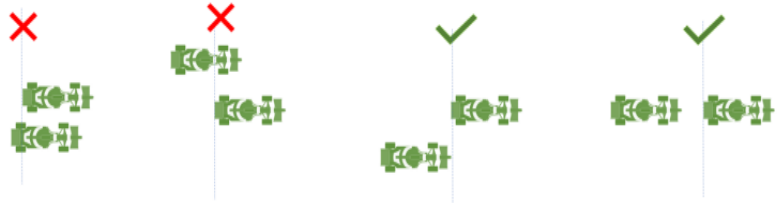
Ensure you are familiar with the Safety Car regulations as set out in **FIA Appendix H Article 2.10**.

- When you see the Safety Car (SC) boards and yellow flags you should slow down progressively and stop overtaking
- Close the gap to the car ahead of you – to roughly a 5-car gap
- If the Safety Car (with its lights **ON**) drives through the pit lane, you should follow.

After the lights on the Safety Car are extinguished to indicate the end of the Safety Car period (normally on the Exhibition Straight), there must be no sudden acceleration/deceleration or 'zig-zagging'.

Remember, at the end of a Safety Car period you cannot overtake another car until you pass the green flag/light AT THE CONTROL LINE.

Drivers are permitted to 'fan out' as they approach the Line (for example to avoid spray from the car in front in wet conditions) but must remain completely behind each other until they have crossed the Line (see diagram).



10. Track Etiquette

If you leave the circuit and are not able to continue, please **communicate with the marshals** with a 'thumbs up' and comply with their instructions. If you can leave the car, do so as quickly as possible and get to a place of safety behind the barriers, but please ensure the steering wheel is in place after you exit the car. At the end of the session, you may be requested to assist if the car requires a straight tow.

If you suffer a mechanical failure, please try to park your car in a safe location, OFF the track, as soon as possible.

AT ALL TIMES drive within the limit of your capability and that of the car. Be **AWARE** of what is happening around you. Give each other racing room. **Do not attempt** overtaking manoeuvres that are marginal and likely to result in contact.

11. Parc Fermé

All cars are under Parc Fermé conditions after the Chequered Flag. Unless otherwise instructed Parc Fermé will be at team awnings for this event. **Cars must remain under Parc Fermé until clearly released by the Stewards.**

12. Contact

Avoidable contact will NOT be tolerated. Penalties may be applied by the Stewards in the event of any avoidable contact.

13. Behaviour

Remember that abusive language or behaviour, physical assault, or threats of physical assault are all offences under the general regulations not only by you but by everybody associated with your entry. This includes Team Managers, race engineers, driver coaches, parents, guardians etc. **RESPECT** your fellow competitors, the marshals and officials.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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