



2022 GOLDEN HOMES NORTH ISLAND ENDURANCE SERIES

ROUND TWO: TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK 27-28 May 2022

WRITTEN DRIVERS BRIEFING

This Drivers briefing is issued to assist in the running and management of this Event. If you have any inquiries regarding the Event your first point of approach is a Competitor Relations Officer (CRO).

COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER:

Should you require any assistance during the Event you will find a CRO located in the Secretariat under the Race Control Building. The CRO for this Event is **Wendy Metcalfe 021 423 234**.

EVENT SCHEDULE & TIMETABLE:

With the Event Schedule, as attached to the Supplementary Regulations Part Two, it is our intention to ensure we do our utmost to achieve the Practice, Qualifying and Race times set out in the Schedule. Should there be any stoppages or hold ups during any of the Sessions you will be notified by Race Radio or by the Venue PA system and Event Officials.

PADDOCK MOVEMENT TO ASSEMBLY AREA:

All Competitors will be notified via Race Radio or the Venue PA system approximately 10 minutes prior to your Session commencing.

For Vehicles in Pit Lane Garages: you will be released from your Garage to proceed to the Pit Exit for all Sessions.

For Vehicles NOT in Pit Lane Garages: it is imperative that you are positioned at the Assembly Area (at the Pit Exit end of Pit Lane) ready to go when your Session is released.

START PROCEDURE:

For the start procedure of the 1, 2 and 3 Hour Races please refer to Article 4 in the Supplementary Regulations Part Two. The 1, 2 and 3 Hour Races will all be Rolling Starts, Crews are permitted on the Grid however they MUST take up their position on the Grid proper PRIOR to the Pit Lane Exit opening.

CONTROL LINES:

The **'WHITE' SAFETY CAR CONTROL LINE** is situated at Turn 14.

The **'RED' FLAG CONTROL LINE** is situated at Grid 15.

Please refer to diagram map at end of Briefing Notes.

COOL DOWN LAP:

At the end of all track activity, you will pass the finish line and proceed around the Circuit on a cool down lap then exit the Circuit via Pit Lane Entry.

NB: At the completion of Practice, Qualifying and Races, ALL Competitors that are NOT in Pit Lane Garages when entering the Pit Exit you will Turn Right prior to the Pit Garage Buildings, DO NOT go through Pit Lane.

PIT LANE SPEED:

The demarcation line is between the broad white lines at the Pit Lane Entry and at the Exit end of the Pit Lane, the Speed limit is 40KPH in the Fast Lane and 15KPH in the Merge Lane.

TRACKSIDE PITS:

Pit Wall is for Pit Crew only – limited to three(3) persons per team.

WARNING!!

The Pit Lane is open and may be operating at any time, all persons are advised to take extreme care when crossing the lane.

No stopping:

There will be NO STOPPING in the fast lane at any time.

Pit Stop Crew:

During Race Sessions any Pit Stop Crew Member who crosses the Pit Bay Control Line to Service a Vehicle MUST be dressed according to Article 11.3 of the 1, 2 and 3 Hour 2022 Golden Homes North Island Endurance Accredited Series Articles.

Pit Lane Control Lines:

Diagram 1 – All persons in the Pit Lane Garages other than the dedicated Pit Stop Crew must stay behind the Garage Control Line. During Races Only the dedicated Pit Stop Crew as specified in Article 11.1. of the 1, 2 and 3 Hour 2022 Golden Homes North Island Endurance Accredited Series Articles can cross the White Pit Bay Control Line during the Race.

Diagram 2 – The area between the back of the Garage and the Yellow line behind the Pit Lane Garages must be kept clear at all times.

Diagram 1

Diagram 2

Garage Control Line

Pit Bay Control Line

Rear of Pits to remain clear



CIRCUIT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

TURN TWELVE(12) REQUIREMENTS:

All Competitors must adhere to the defined Circuit by making a Left Turn at TURN 12.

Should any Competitor overshoot Turn 12 and use the Grass the following criteria shall apply:

Qualifying

Lap Time will be deleted.

Racing

Competitors must re-join safely at Turn 13 or 14, any position advantage must be addressed immediately or a penalty may apply.

An alternative route has been created for Drivers should they overshoot the entry to Turn 12 at the end of the back straight. This is to ensure Drivers DO NOT do a U-turn and drive towards oncoming traffic to re-enter the Circuit. Should you fail to make Turn 12 continue straight ahead, after passing through the chicane you will see an exit Road on the left, this Road links to the Pit Lane Entry, when using this Road you must give way to any other Vehicle entering the Pit Lane Proper.

NB: DO NOT use this alternate route as an entry to the Pit Lane unless you have overshoot Turn 12.

Vehicles that use this alternate route MUST NOT stop in Pit Lane unless there is a justifiable reason (i.e. damage to the Vehicle) as determined by the Clerk of the Course. If there is no justifiable reason it will be deemed that you are withdrawing from the Circuit Session and a Penalty as detailed in Schedule P – NSC.4 may be applied.

RED FLAG PROCEDURE:

Should it be necessary to Red Flag (suspend) a session, Driver **will immediately reduce speed** and travel around the Circuit with maximum caution.

During:

Practice/Qualifying:

Drivers will return to the Pit Lane.

Racing: Drivers will line up at the Red Flag Control Line in single file.

SAFETY CAR PROCEDURE:

Once the Safety Car has been deployed, it will attempt to pick up the highest placed Vehicle on the Circuit at the time of deployment. No further repositioning of Vehicles shall occur. If highest placed Vehicle on the Circuit subsequently pits, then the remaining Vehicles shall continue in the order they are lined up behind the Safety Car.

END OF SAFETY CAR PROCEDURE:

As per Schedule Z article 14.3:

- When the Race Director or the Clerk of the Course decides to call in the Safety Car it will turn off its flashing lights and return to pit lane. All weaving must stop, and Drivers must form a single file behind the Safety Car.
- The pole Vehicle shall fall more than three (3) Vehicle lengths behind the Safety Car in order to avoid the likelihood of an accident before the Safety Car leaves the Circuit.
- The Vehicle on pole position will maintain the speed until the signal to start is given.
- No erratic acceleration or braking, nor any other manoeuvre likely to impede other competitors is permitted.
- Drivers may break the single file requirement once the Safety Car Control line has been passed. The Safety Car Control line is situated at Turn 14.

Racing will commence when the start signal (green light or flag) is displayed. All flag points are to withdraw their yellow flags and SC board or extinguish the light(s) of the signal light system.

NOTE 1:

*When the Start signal (green light or flag) **is displayed after the lead Vehicle passes the Safety Car Control Line** Drivers may break the single file requirement once the Safety Car Control Line has been passed. The Safety Car control is situated at Turn 14.*

NOTE 2:

*When the start signal (green light or flag) **is displayed Prior to the Safety Car Control line.** Racing will recommence **and you may pass at any point on the Circuit.** All flag points are to withdraw their yellow flag and SC board or extinguish the light(s) of the signal light system. If the Race ends while the Safety Car is deployed the Vehicles will take the chequered flag without overtaking.*

MECHANICAL FAILURE:

Should this occur, move off the Racing Line and park as far off the Circuit as possible. You must obey all instructions given by Circuit Marshals.

OFF-TRACK EXCURSIONS:

Stay within the confines of the Circuit at all times, i.e. inside the white lines. If you leave the Circuit, re-join the Circuit as near as possible to your exit point. If you are re-joining the Circuit for whatever reason – ensure the way is clear and re-join slowly and carefully, the onus is on you to re-join safely. Do not spray stones or debris over the Circuit. Should you gain an advantage, you must address this within one(1) lap or you risk a penalty.

FUEL AND WASTE OIL:

Competitors are reminded of MSNZ requirements for the storage and handling of Fuel and for Fire Extinguishers in the Pit Lane as per the 2022 Golden Homes North Island Endurance Accredited Series Articles.

<https://motorsport.org.nz/technical/fuel/>

There are Waste Oil containers located outside the Scrutineering Shed marked "WASTE OIL", a reminder that Vehicle parts or waste oil is not to be dumped into the rubbish bins.

WITHDRAWAL:

Should you need to withdraw from the Event, please notify the Secretariat or text details to 021 999 664 or via email rachael@gr8events.co.nz.

EXITING THE VENUE:

Please note ALL Vehicles when exiting the Venue from the Main Gate MUST Turn Right.

The Road to the Left is a private Road and is NOT to be used in any circumstances. A penalty for non-adherence to this requirement may be applied.

TYRE AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS:

Michelin and Pirelli tyre services will be set up behind the Pit Lane Garages. Harris Race Radios and Race Brakes will also be located behind the Pit Lane Garages.

Issued by:

Terry O'Brien | Clerk of the Course

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