

**Top Hat Race Day
21 March 2009
Snetterton
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS – Issue THREE**

This meeting is organised by MotorSport Vision Racing, governed by the General Competition Rules of the MSA, incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, additional Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the organisers issue for the event.

1. PERMIT

This event will be held under the following MSA Permit numbers:
Nat B: 51066
This meeting is NEAFP permitted.

2. OFFICIALS

MSA Steward – Mike Dixon
Club Stewards – Eric Davey, Fergus Whatling
Event Director & Senior Clerk of the Course - David Scott
Clerk of the Course – Nick Turner, John Smith
Deputy Clerk of the Course – Tony Weatherley
Secretary of the Meeting – Gemma Mole
Deputy Secretary of Meeting – Penny Mount
Chief Scrutineer – Chris Mount
Chief Marshal – Peter Rodwell
Chief Medical Officer – Dr Basi
Starter – Paul Savage
Chief Paddock Marshal – Maurice Bennington
Chief Timekeeper – Tony Daff
Commentators – David Addison, Ian Titchmarsh
Press Officer – tbn
Marshals/Event Officials - Members of the BMMC, BARC & BRSCC and other MSA recognised Clubs
Ambulances – P & K Ambulance Service
Rescue Units – BRSCC & MSVR
Recovery – Red Rocket Recovery
Telehandler snatch vehicle – David Colchester

3. COMPETITORS CIRCUIT/PADDOCK ACCESS & ALLOCATION

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PARKING WITHIN THE PADDOCK AREAS. MSVR REQUEST THAT TRAILERS AND ROAD VEHICLES ARE PARKED SENSIBLY. PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS. Paddock access will be from **1800 Friday** unless you are booked in for testing on Friday March 20th.

Please note that there is an event on Sunday March 22nd and your cooperation in vacating the paddock by 21:00 hrs is appreciated.

Pit Garages are reserved for Top Hat Saloon competitors.

4. SIGNING ON FOR COMPETITORS

All competitors will sign on in Race Administration on the ground floor of Race Control at the times allocated on the attached timetable.

At signing on all drivers must provide a) Drivers and Entrants MSA Competition Licence. b) Drivers Medical Certificate (if not incorporated in the Licence). c) Valid Club Membership (where applicable).

5. SIGNING ON FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS

Will be in Race Administration.

6. NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be located at Race Administration.

7. TIMING SCREEN

The Official Timing Screen will be the Starters timing screen in the Pit Lane.

8. SCRUTINEERING

Top Hat Saloon competitors will be examined in their Pit Garages.

All other cars will be examined in the Scrutineering Bay in the paddock at the times shown on the enclosed timetable.

9. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility may be checked by a member of the MSA Technical Commission listed in the 2009 MSA Yearbook at Appendix 8(e). These Technical Commissioners will be considered as Judges of Fact within the Regulations.
The Championship/Series licensed Eligibility Scrutineers are also considered Judges of Fact and empowered to undertake any measurements or examinations of vehicles.

10. DRIVERS RACING FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SNETTERTON

Competitors must read an instruction sheet that can be collected from Race Administration prior to their qualifying sessions.

11. DRIVERS BRIEFINGS

Schedule (if applicable) is given in the timetable.

The organisers reserve the right to call extra briefings as appropriate.

Attendance at any drivers briefing is mandatory.

12. ENGINE / NOISE POLLUTION

Engines must not be run before 0830 hours OR after 1830 hours. All cars will be noise tested and must comply with MSA Regulation C(b)24.

13. PIT LANE

Please note that there is a mandatory speed limit in the Pit Lane of 60 km/h.

The Penalty Box is in the Pit Lane adjacent to Race Control.

14. QUALIFYING

All cars will start qualifying from the Pit Lane.

TOP HAT SALOON Competitors that are positioned in **Pit Garages** will be called forward into the Pit Lane by officials.

Other competitors in the paddock will be required in the Assembly Area 20 minutes prior to their qualifying. On instruction from marshals, cars will proceed from the Assembly Area into the Pit Lane.
Please make yourself familiar with the location of the Assembly Area before your first practice session.

15. RACE START PROCEDURE

TOP HAT SALOON Competitors in Pit Garages will be called forward from their garages by officials. The start procedure will be in accordance with Race Series Regulations. Cars will leave the Pit Lane and proceed via the circuit to the grid and may be led by a Course Car. The countdown will commence when all cars are on the grid followed by the Green Flag to signal the formation lap.

In ideal conditions the qualifying or racing programme may be brought forward by up to 20 minutes and competitors should ensure that they are in their correct location in good time.

Other competitors in the paddock will assemble in the Assembly Area. On instruction from officials, all cars will proceed directly to the grid. Once cars are in position on the grid, the countdown will begin at the 1 minute board, 30 second board & Green Flag.

For standing starts unless Race Series Regulations state otherwise the Red Lights will be switched on 5 seconds after the '5 second' board is shown and will be switched off after 2 to 6 seconds, which will indicate the start of the race.

If the delay from the showing of the Green Flag signalling the start of the formation lap to the start of the race takes more than four minutes the organisers reserve the right to reduce the race distance.

16. GRIDS

Grids will be in accordance with the track licence or Race Series Regulations.

17. COUNTDOWNS

For all races, the countdown will start at the 1 minute signal unless Race Series Regulations specify a different procedure.

18. LIVE SNATCH

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

19. SAFETY CAR

The Clerk of the Course has the option to deploy a Safety Car for all qualifying and races. The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Pit Lane exit and leave the circuit by entering the Pit Lane. Safety Car regulations are available at Race Administration or as detailed in Race Series Regulations.

20. END OF PRACTICE AND RACE PROCEDURE

At the end of each practice or race all cars must slow down after taking the Chequered Flag and leave the circuit by entering the Pit Lane and turning RIGHT into the Parc Fermé just beyond Race Control. Winners will proceed on foot to the Podium for presentations. All competitors will remain under Parc Fermé conditions until advised by the Scrutineers.

For races of time duration the Chequered Flag will be shown to the race leader the first time he passes the finish line after the time has elapsed unless specified otherwise in Championship Regulations.

21. RESULTS

All Practice Timesheets, Grids and Race Results are deemed provisional until all vehicles are released by Scrutineers after Post Practice/Race Scrutineering and/or after completion of any Judicial or Technical Procedures. They will remain provisional until declared final in writing by the Clerk of the Course. The declaration of results will be published on the notice board throughout the meeting and, at the latest, at the end of the meeting (subject to any outstanding judicial matters).

22. RED FLAGS

Any category generating a Red Flag may be placed at the end of the programme subject to time remaining available.

23. JUDGES OF FACT

The Judges of Fact will be the Judges, Timekeepers, Observers, Flag Marshals, Scrutineers & Technical Commissioners.

Starting Judges: To declare any false starts or other infringements.

Finishing Judges: To declare the order in which the cars cross the finish line when the end of the race is given or the scheduled race distance is completed by the winner.

Timekeepers: To declare the individual lap times and the order in which the cars cross the timing line throughout the competition.

Flag Marshals: To declare any infringements of the signals prescribed in Appendix H of the International Sporting Code.

Scrutineers & Technical Commission: To declare any infringement of Vehicle safety and eligibility.

24. Timing

All competitors are required to use a AMB TranX 260 either direct powered or battery transponder. Transponders can be purchased from MST at www.tsl-timing.com in advance of the meeting. **No transponders will be available for hire on the day without making a prior booking with MST.**

Competitors should supply the transponder number in advance of the event to their respective Race Series Coordinator.

25. Special Circuit Notices

Pit lane: Children under the age 16 years old are not admitted to the pit garages or pit lane.

No smoking is permitted in the Pit Lane.

The use of fun bikes is not permitted unless towing a trailer for the purpose of transporting ancillary motor race equipment. No competitor may ride motorcycles or cycles in the pit road at any time when the circuit is operational. Any misuse of "paddock bikes" will be brought to the attention of the Senior Officials and appropriate action will be taken.

We wish you a safe and successful meeting.

Dave Scott
Event Director

Gemma Mole
Secretary of the Meeting

Testing information & bookings are available on line at <http://www.motorsportvision.co.uk/testing/testing.asp?circuit=all&type=C>

Tyrrells Restaurant times

Friday 20th March
Restaurant 7.30 – 17.30
Bar open 18.30 – 23.00
Bar meals available 19.00 – 21.00

Saturday 21st March
Restaurant 7.30 – 17.30
Bar open 11.00 – 1 hour after last chequered flag.