

Donington Historic Festival

Donington Park - National Circuit

01-03.05.2026

Final Instructions – Issue ONE

This meeting is organised by MotorSport Vision Racing, governed by the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK, 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 Motorsport UK Permit numbers:

Interclub: 206634 National: 206635 National Endurance: 206636

2. OFFICIALS

Motorsport UK Steward – TBC
Event Stewards – Graeme Fowler, Michael Cartwright
Senior Clerk of the Course – Gary Tanner
Clerks of the Course – Jonathon Provost, Sue Tanser, Phillip Dunlop
HRDC Clerk of the Course – Glynn Lee
Assistant Clerk of the Course – Stewart Croucher
Event Secretary – Lewis Mason
Deputy Event Secretary – Cameron Miles
Chief Scrutineer – Loyd Gerken
HRDC Eligibility Delegate – Nigel Jones
MRL Eligibility Delegates – Howard Corbally, Jean-Pierre Diot
Chief Medical Officer – TBC
Chief Flag Marshal – Alan Crook
Chief Paddock Marshal – Sue Markey
Chief Pit Marshal – Ady Cross (Fri), Tom Bannister (Sat/Sun)
Chief Start line Marshal – Ady Cross
Chief Timekeeper – Nick Palmer
Chief Marshal – Fay Crook
Marshals/Event Officials – Members of the BMMC, and other Motorsport UK recognised Clubs
Ambulances – Inter-County Paramedic Ltd
Rescue Units – Donington ES
Commentators – Mark Werrell, Alistair Douglas, Alex Legouix
Safety Car Driver – Chris Salt
Safety Car Observer – Evelyne Buanic
Recovery – Mick Avery
Safeguarding officer – Cameron Miles

3. COMPETITORS PADDOCK ACCESS

It is important that you follow instructions regarding parking within the paddock areas.

Please find the access times below, if you are testing, then please follow their issued instructions:

Area	Date	Time
Paddock 1/Garages	Thursday 30 th April	08:00
Paddock 2	Thursday 30 th April	08:00
Paddock 3	Thursday 30 th April	08:00

All paddocks must be vacated by 21:00 on Sunday 3rd May.

4. SIGNING ON FOR COMPETITORS

All competitors will sign on using the below link. The only method to sign-on will be through this link and it must be done **no later than 48 hours before** your first session on track. This is to ensure that you aren't prevented from joining your relevant session:

[01-03 May - Donington Park - Drivers' sign-on](#)

When signing on all drivers must be in possession of, as required: a) Drivers and Entrants Motorsport UK Competition Licence. b) Drivers Medical Certificate (if not incorporated in the Licence). c) Valid Club Membership (where applicable). You may be asked to produce your licence at any time during an event, so please ensure you have it at the venue.

Any competitor holding a competition licence not issued by Motorsport UK **MUST** specify this on the entry form for the event. Further they can only participate with authorisation from their ASN (as required by the FIA International Sporting Code) and **MUST** present this written authorisation when signing on.

5. SIGNING ON FOR ALL SENIOR OFFICIALS

All officials will sign on using the below link:

[01-03 May - Donington Park - Officials' sign-on](#)

6. NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board will be on the dedicated event page, on the MSVR website:

7. TIMING SCREEN

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

8. SCRUTINEERING

All competitors must ensure that their vehicle and PPE complies with the relevant Motorsport UK National Competition Rules.

Please refer to the event timetable to check whether your grid will be subject to 25% scrutineering, or 100% scrutineering.

25% Scrutineering

In accordance with NCR Ch.12 App.4 Art.4.1, a minimum of 25% of vehicles and drivers' PPE will be physically inspected by a Motorsport UK scrutineer at each event. These cars will be pre-selected by the scrutineers to ensure that every car/competitor is seen at least once every four race events that it competes in. The time slot for these checks can be found on the event timetable.

100% Scrutineering

All competing vehicles and competitor PPE will need to be seen by a scrutineer. Please ensure that all PPE is presented to the scrutineers for checking at the same time as the competition vehicle.

Visual scrutineering will be conducted on all competing vehicles just before noise testing at the entrance of the assembly area. Scrutineers will have the power to perform random spot-checks on both cars and drivers' equipment throughout the event.

If you are unsure of your vehicle's ability to meet the required safety criteria set out in the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules, then please find a Scrutineer and ask them to check this for you. If your car hasn't been checked within the past three events, please seek out a scrutineer to make them aware. Allow plenty of time before your first session on track.

9. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility may be checked by a member of the Motorsport UK Technical Commission. 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 DONINGTON PARK

Competitors must make their Clerk of the Course aware if it is their first time racing at the venue, this can be done at the end of the drivers briefing.

11. DRIVERS BRIEFINGS

All competitors are required to attend a briefing at the time and location shown on the event timetable.

The briefing may be supplemented by written notes, which will include any specific information for your series/championship and will be treated as an official event document.

The organisers reserve the right to call extra briefings as appropriate. Attendance of the drivers briefing is mandatory.

12. ENGINE/NOISE POLLUTION

Engines must not be run before 0900 hours or after 2000 hours.

Noise limits are in accordance with Motorsport UK noise limits unless a specific waiver has been obtained from Motorsport UK in advance which allows for a deviation of these limits, with express agreement from MSVR and the Venue operator.

13. PIT LANE

All Championships/Series - mandatory limit of **60 km/h** for all sessions

The Pit Lane entry is on the LEFT after Roberts.

The Penalty Box is at the far (exit) end of the Pit Lane by the Pit Office.

Competitors must not exit the pit lane when the red light at the pit exit is illuminated or cross the blend line when joining the track.

14. PRACTICE & QUALIFYING

All cars will start practice & qualifying from the assembly area, which will be located behind the Redgate Suites.

Cars should proceed to the Assembly Area 20 mins before the scheduled start of their session. When released onto the circuit by officials, cars will join the circuit at Redgate Corner and qualifying will commence on showing of the Green Flag.

Please make yourself familiar with the location of the Assembly Area before your first practice/qualifying session.

15. RACE START PROCEDURE

Rolling Start Procedure (with the exception of GT3 Legends):

All cars should proceed to the Assembly Area at Redgate Corner 20 mins before the scheduled start of their race for pre-gridding. The one minute and 30 second countdown will take place in

the Assembly Area and Drivers will then be released onto the circuit behind the Safety Car for one lap. Cars must stay in 2 x 2 line astern formation maintaining the speed set by the Safety Car. When the Safety Car pulls into the Pit Lane the front row will control the field maintaining the pace of the Safety Car until the start of the race. As the cars approach the Start Line the red light is extinguished and racing may begin.

GT3 Legends will have their start procedure from the garages. Cars will be released from the Pitlane and will then be stopped on the grid. The countdown will then start leading to a Green Flag Lap, and subsequently onto the race start.

Standing Start Procedure:

All Cars should proceed to the Assembly Area at Redgate Corner 20 mins before the scheduled start of their race for pre-gridding. The one minute and 30 second countdown will take place in the Assembly Area and Drivers will then proceed to the grid on their Green Flag lap. The Safety Car may lead cars on this lap. No team personnel will be allowed onto the grid and engines should remain running. When the Grid is complete the 5 second board will be displayed before the red lights are shown, followed between 3 and 5 seconds later by the red lights being extinguished to denote the start of the race.

In all cases, countdowns will be in accordance with series or championship regulations.

Standing Starts:

Historic Grand Prix Cars Association
Front Engine - FJHRA 'Silverline' Championship
Rear Engine - FJHRA 'Silverline' Championship
HRDC 'Gerry Marshall Trophy Series'
HRDC 'Dunlop Allstars'
HRDC 'Top Hat Pre '66 Touring Cars'

Rolling Starts:

'Mad Jack' for Pre-War Sports Cars
HMRN Pre '63 GT
GT3 Legends
Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup
Generations Trophy
Historic Touring Car Challenge
Royal Automobile Club Woodcote Trophy & Stirling Moss Trophy

16. GRIDS

Grids will be in accordance with the track licence or Championship/Series Regulations unless otherwise specified.

17. COUNTDOWNS

For all races, the countdown will start at the 1-minute signal unless Championship/Series regulations specify a different procedure.

18. LIVE SNATCH

Donington Park is licensed for Live Snatch. During racing or qualifying any car that needs removing from a gravel trap may be removed by a 'snatch vehicle' under local yellow lights/flags.

Live Snatch will not be used for: Historic Grand Prix Cars Association, Front + Rear Engine – FJHRA 'Silverline' Championship, 'Mad Jack' for Pre-War Sports Cars, Royal Automobile Club Woodcote Trophy & Stirling Moss Trophy, HMRN Pre '63 GT

19. SAFETY CAR

The Clerk of the Course has the option to deploy a Safety Car for all races. The Safety Car will join the circuit from the Pit Lane exit and leave the circuit by entering the Pit Lane. The Safety Car will sit adjacent to the Pit Lane entrance on the first racing lap, before clearing into the Pit Lane.

20. END OF PRACTICE AND RACE PROCEDURE

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/Series regulations.

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 LEFT into the Parc Fermé just beyond Garage 38 unless otherwise instructed by officials.

All competitors will remain under Parc Fermé conditions until advised by the Scrutineers.

21. RED FLAGS

In the case of a red flag during practice or qualifying, all cars must slow down, being prepared to stop, and enter the pit lane.

In the case of a red flag during a race, all cars must slow down, being prepared to stop, and stop towards the rear of the grid. Always follow marshals' instructions.

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

22. CONTROL FLAGS

Control Flags: Control flags (Black/White, Black/Orange etc.) with car numbers may be shown from the control line on drivers' left at the line. The same information may also be shown from electronic panels displayed alongside the start lights in addition to or as an alternative to the flags on the line.

23. TRACK LIMITS

At this event infringements of 'track limits' as defined by NCR Ch.12 App.7 Art.1.6 can be detected by an automatic system that will identify the offending car and produce a photograph of the infringement.

This photographic evidence will be considered as a fact and may be used by the Clerk of the Course for judicial procedures in accordance with the NCR's.

The above mechanism for such infringements does not preclude marshals, officials and Judges of Fact from reporting infringements.

24. JUDGES OF FACT

Judges may be appointed in accordance with NCR Ch.12 App.3 Art.2.1. Timekeepers: To declare the individual lap times and the order in which the cars cross the timing line throughout the competition. Scrutineers: In addition to the Championship/Series Eligibility Scrutineers, eligibility may be checked by a member of the Motorsport UK Technical Commission.

25. RESULTS

Results of Qualifying and Races can be found on the virtual notice board on the MSVR website (<https://www.msvr.co.uk/car/events/2026/may/dp-03>) where they will be available once any outstanding judicial matters have been resolved.

26. SIGNALLING LIGHTS

There are signalling light panels at various locations around the circuit. In accordance with NCR Ch.12 App.8 these lights take priority and may be supplemented with flags.

27. TIMING

All competitors are required to use an AMB TranX 260, AMB MYLAPS X2 or MYLAPS TR2 Racing transponder. This can be either direct or battery powered. Transponders can be purchased from TSL at www.tsl-timing.com in advance of the meeting.

If you need to hire a transponder for this meeting you must do so by the Wednesday prior to the event. This can be done by visiting the TSL-timing shop ([click here](#)).

Don't leave it until the race weekend, the timekeepers may not be able to supply you a transponder if you have not pre-ordered one. This could lead to you being in breach of NCR Ch.12 App.5 Art.2.2.

28. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

All paperwork must be lodged with the Event Secretary (or other authorised event official) who will then process this as appropriate. Time limits related to judicial procedures can be found in the NCR's.

Judicial forms will be sent electronically to the recipient using the email that they signed on for the event with. For judicial and appeal purposes the issue time of the decision will be taken from when the decision is notified in writing either in the hearing, on the official notice board or by electronic notification. Whichever method is earliest will be deemed to be the time the decision was received.

All decisions will be posted on the official virtual noticeboard, which can be found on the dedicated event area of MSVR website (www.msvr.co.uk/car).

At the discretion of the Judicial officials, Judicial Hearings may be recorded. Note that no competitor is allowed to record the proceedings (see NCR Ch.2 App.7 Art.16.7).

29. SPECIAL CIRCUIT NOTICES

The use of e-scooters is prohibited at all MSVR events and MSV venues.

Smoking and vaping are forbidden in the working areas of the venue, this includes but is not limited to, the pit lane, assembly area, garages, and Parc Fermé.

MSVR shall not be liable in the event of damage caused to vehicles being recovered from the track.

Any cables laid across the paddock MUST be covered with a proprietary cable cover.

Tail lifts must NOT be left unattended in the 'mid' position. It is strongly recommended that extended tail lifts are fitted with warning lights.

Please refer to Appendix A in the Supplementary Regulations for this race meeting. If you have any questions regarding these, please get in touch with a member of the MSVR team who will be happy to help you.

You will need to show your Competitor/Official/Marshal e-ticket or permanent pass to be able to gain entry to the venue and in some cases the paddock.