CASTLE COMBE AUTUMN CLASSIC

HRDC BRIEFING NOTES
Sunday 13th September 2026

Please ensure you read these notes as there will be no physical Drivers Briefing at this event.

DRIVING STANDARDS

The HRDC strongly upholds the ethos of clean and fair driving. Please remember that all our races are strictly by invitation. Any driver(s) found to be a fault in causing an accident on track will not be invited for future races and will have their membership revoked.

- **Race engines must not be run before 08:15**
- **Wristbands must be worn to gain excess to the Assembly Area & Pit Lane.**
- **Assembly Area is located at the being of the Pit Lane.**

QUALIFYING

- Be there 20 mins before your session. (Noise Tested).
- Released into the Pit Lane prior to entering the circuit.

RACE

- Be in the Assembly area 20 mins before your race time for pre-gridding.
- Be aware that you may be directed wrong direction up the Pit Lane.

START PROCEDURES

- Countdown: when grid is formed the 1-min. & 30-sec. boards are displayed.
- The Pace/Green lap will be behind a parade car.
- Reasonable speed-maintaining position - no overtaking - excessive weaving - practice starts.
- You cannot retake your position if you drop behind the last car.
- Marshals are on track, so no stopping short of your grid box & accelerating into it.
- **When last car in position 5-sec. board will be displayed.**
- Red Lights On for 3/5 sec. – when extinguished race has started.
- Moving before lights go out earns you a 10-sec. penalty.
- If unable to start, attract the marshal who will display yellow flag opposite your car.
- **Contact at the start is unacceptable – don't go for imaginary or closing gaps.**
- Lap one into T1 Folley & T2/T3 will be crowded respect others & allow space.
- Yellow flags: DANGER – NO OVERTAKING until the Green flag.
- Not seeing them is NO EXCUSE – PENALTY EXCLUSION.
- Blue flag-maintain position. It's the quicker driver's responsibility to overtake safely.
- Faster cars wait until after the corner to complete the manoeuvre.
- Red Lights/Flag: cease racing immediately – no overtaking – return to start line or as directed.
- Signalling Point is on Pit wall - control flags & light panels will be displayed/illuminated.
- **BLACK/BLACK & ORANGE or DRIVE THROUGH penalties served immediately.**

TRACK LIMITS

- The width of the track is defined by white lines.
- Marshals are judges of fact
- **Do not drive over the green painted areas at T4/T5 Esses & T11/T12 Bobbies**
- **Penalties for exceeding track limits:**
- Qualifying: lap time deleted – Race: in accordance with Ch12 App 7 Art 1.6
- **Motor Racing is a non-contact sport** incidents will be investigated & penalties applied.
- CAUSE ANOTHER COMPETITOR TO LOSE CONTROL YOU RISK BEING EXCLUDED.
- Cameras – HRDC Team member or scrutineer will remove the cards for investigation.

- **Suspect you're losing oil pull off immediately.**
- **SC Procedure: flags & boards will be displayed: Cease racing NO OVERTAKING.**
- SC enters the circuit from the Pit Lane. Do not overtake it unless instructed to by SC Observer. Close formation car 5-car lengths apart.
- Lights out exit of T10 Bobbies. - SC exits into Pit Lane - maintain your current speed.
- **RECOMMENCE RACING AFTER THE WAVED GREEN FLAG AT SIGNALING POINT**
- WORKING TRANSPONDERS ARE MANDATORY Ch 12 Art 6 App 2.2 Times may not be recorded.
- **If you pull off & are OK please give the thumbs up sign to the Marshals.**

COMPULSORY PIT STOP/DRIVER CHANGES

- PIT LANE SPEED 60kph – Applies on the way in & on the way out.
- Pit window open board will be displayed after 15-mins of racing for 15 mins.
- Pit window closed board 15-mins later: i.e. after 30-mins of racing.
- Both will be displayed from the signalling point on the Pit Wall.
- If you're in the pits when the OPEN BOARD is shown you must go out & come back in.
- There is no minimum specified time for the stop.
- Do not loosen or remove your safety belts before you're stationary.
- Stop on the LHS of the pit lane not in the middle or outside lane.
- Switch engines off.
- Single drivers: Get out-close the door - stand clear - arm in the air - get back in car.
- Two driver cars: Just change-over - no need to close the door but engines must be off.
- Remember safety belts must be fastened before you move.
- Make sure when released it's done safely - move into the fast lane ASAP.
- Anyone failing to do the stop will be disqualified.
- Exceed Pit Lane speed: a Stop-Go Penalty equal to the excess speed. If insufficient time.
- to serve this will be add to your race time + 30-secs.
- Should SC be deployed when Pit Window is open you can still do your compulsory stop.
- Pit lane exit will be closed only when the SC is at the start/finish line.
- The SC may not have the leader behind when racing recommences.
- DO NOT CROSS THE BLEND LINE EXITING THE PITS.
- In the unlikely event there is a Red Flag before 75% of the race has been run, it will be deemed a two-part race and a new grid will be issued based on the on the result of the first part - anyone caught in the pits will be directed to the grid - the new grid will be based on the cars position the lap before the red flag. Ch 12 App 6 Art 9.1 c
- Damaged cars can return to the pits for repair & may join from the pit lane but behind those referred to above Ch 12 App 6 Art 9.2 a
- If everyone has done their mandatory stop – Race will be straight forward race to the flag.
- However, if anyone has not done the stop - everyone will have to redo the mandatory stop. The Pit Window will open for 10 minutes after the first racing lap has been completed.

CHEQUERED FLAG

- Exit the circuit into the Pit Lane into Parc Ferme.

NAMES OF FIRST DRIVERS IN 2-DRIVER RACES (TOP HAT & GERRY MARSHALL) MUST BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO RACE

The ETHOS of the HRDC is great camaraderie with close but fair racing.
Please remain at the circuit for 30 min. after the results are issued.

HRDC presentation will take place 30 minutes after the last race.
Have an enjoyable and incident free day.

Glynn Lee
HRDC Clerk of the Course