



## DONINGTON GP – 116 SPRINT / TROPHY BULLETIN

### Access / Sign-On:

Access time to the Paddock (unless testing) will be any time after 2.00pm on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. Signing On needs to be done electronically in advance of the meeting, please refer to the event Final Instructions for full details on completing the signing on process.

Drivers must check the online Race Programme on Friday to ensure that their team drivers and race numbers are listed correctly, and report to Race Admin at the earliest opportunity on Friday/Saturday (before qualifying) if not correct.

### Paddock / Garages:

116 Sprint + 120 Coupe Cup have been allocated Paddock Areas 1 & 2 (see Final Instructions), and the same for the 116 Trophy race on Sunday.

### Scrutineering:

There is no physical scrutineering for both the 116 Sprint + 120 Coupe Cup & 116 Trophy cars at this event.

### Qualifying (116 Sprint + 120 Coupe Cup):

Qualifying will commence at 10.25am, ALL cars must go to the Assembly Area for noise testing in advance of the session. Session A will set the grid for Race 4, after 10 minutes a chequered flag will be shown, and ALL cars will return to pitlane. Shared cars will then be permitted to change driver in pitlane, with Session B commencing once all cars have returned to pitlane. Solo driven cars are requested to immediately proceed to the pit exit to await release which will be signalled via the green light. Times from Session B will determine the grid for Race 10. **Teams must inform the Race Administration Team which driver is participating in each session prior to 9.00am on Saturday morning.**

### Qualifying (116 Trophy):

116 Trophy Qualifying will be at 9.30am on Sunday, ALL cars must go to the Assembly Area for noise testing in advance of the session. This will be a 25-minute session. **All drivers** must complete a minimum of three laps during this session. **Any driver** who does not complete the minimum 3 laps in the Sunday session **must report to the Clerk of the Course, with their Team Manager, immediately after the session ends.** Cars that do not complete the mandatory 3 laps will be replaced by "Reserve" entries as per Motorsport UK regulations.

### Briefing:

There will be MANDATORY physical driver's briefing for both the 116 Sprint + 120 Coupe Cup AND the 116 Trophy. These briefings will take place in the Grand Prix Suite (on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Race Control) at the following times:

116 Sprint + 120 Coupe Cup	9.00am SATURDAY
116 Trophy:	11.00am SUNDAY

Additionally, please read this Bulletin document carefully and any other relevant briefing notes that are placed on the online event noticeboard at the link below:

<https://www.750mc.co.uk/briefing-notes/donington-park-gp-12th-13th-october-2024.htm>

## **RACE PROCEDURES: 116 TROPHY (90 MINUTE RACE)**

### **Race Start:**

The race will be a rolling start with a green flag lap (see below.)

*Cars will be pre-gridded in the Assembly Area then released to the grid, where there will be a countdown followed by the start of the Pace Lap. Cars should remain in their correct grid positions throughout the lap and avoid unnecessary weaving. At the completion of the Pace Lap, if the Clerk of the Course instructs the Pace Car to switch off its lights and enter the pit lane then the pole position car will assume the role of Pace Car until the gantry lights are switched out. This will signify the start of the race.*

*Please note that should there be a deterioration of weather conditions from that in practice, there will be 2 laps behind the Pace Car. Any cars accelerating or holding back before the start may be penalised for being out of position at the start. Whilst on the Pace Lap, only the Clerk of the Course may decide that the formation is not satisfactory and may then abort the start by not extinguishing the gantry lights. The Clerk of the Course will then instruct the Pace Car to do a further lap. If after that lap the Clerk of the Course is still not satisfied, the cars must return to the start line behind the Pace Car which will still have its roof lights on. A decision will then be made as to when to attempt a further re-run of the start. The race duration counts down from the time of the first attempted start. Any aborted starts will therefore reduce race duration.*

### **Pitstops:**

After 15 minutes a "PIT OPEN" board will be displayed at the start finish line, this will be shown for three laps.

After this teams will be permitted to make their mandatory stops and driver changes (if required.)



After 75 minutes a "PIT CLOSED" board will be displayed.

ALL TEAMS must make TWO mandatory 60 second pitstops during the pitstop window (see above).

**DUE TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES AND SIZE OF THE DONINGTON PITLANE ALL CARS MUST PARK AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE. THIS APPLIES TO ALL PIT STOPS, ONCE A STOP IS COMPLETE THE CAR MUST BE PUSHED BACK BY TEAM MEMBERS (MAXIMUM 4 PEOPLE) EXERCISING AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CAUTION. DURING THE RACE FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THIS WILL RESULT IN A 1 MINUTE STOP & GO PENALTY FOR EACH OFFENCE.**

**It is not permitted for any car to reverse in the pitlane under its own power. Reversing a car under its own power is considered dangerous and penalties will reflect this. For the avoidance of doubt, if**

**a car is seen with its reversing lights on in the pitlane, it will be deemed to be reversing under its own power and penalties will be applied.**

Timing of the stop will commence when the car is stationary. Any car being released before the 60 second duration has elapsed will incur a time penalty equal to the time the pitstop was short multiplied by 2, for example a 50 second pitstop will incur a time penalty of 20 seconds.

Teams taking pitstops outside of the pit window will receive a one lap penalty applied after the race.

Additional stops such as those for minor maintenance etc, need NOT be 60 seconds in duration.

**Teams may NOT make EITHER of their two mandatory pitstops under safety car conditions. For the avoidance of doubt the race will be considered to be under safety car conditions once SC boards and flags and/or light panels are displayed around the circuit. Making a mandatory pitstop under safety car conditions is prohibited and will result in a two-lap penalty (per pitstop) being applied after the race. At the end of a Safety Car period, cars may not follow the Safety Car back into pitlane in order to make a pitstop and must cross the start / finish line on track**

Refuelling is PROHIBITED at any point in the race. Engines may remain on during the pitstop.

**The pitlane speed limit will be 50 km/h (31mph) - we do have the ability to check pitlane speed. The penalty for excessive speed will be a “stop and go” penalty equal to two seconds per km/h over speed limit**

**Time Penalties:**

The following teams must serve an additional success-based time penalty at their first mandatory pitstop:

#555 M. Highcock + 30 secs, #209 W. Abraham / P. Abraham + 20secs, #252 J. Dunne + 10secs, #34 T. O’Reilly + 10secs.

**Additional Penalties:**

Offence	Qualifying	Race
Excess speed in pitlane	Black Flag	Stop & Go, 2 seconds for each kph over the limit
Overtaking under a yellow flag	Black Flag	Stop & Go for 60 seconds
Overtaking under Safety Car conditions	Black Flag	Stop & Go for a minimum of 30 seconds
False start		Stop & Go
Failure to respect starting positions		Stop & Go
Wrong direction in pitlane	Disqualification of Driver	Disqualification of Driver
Unsafe Release of Car during Changeover	Black Flag	Stop & Go for a minimum of 30 seconds
Not stopping in the pits at 45 degrees and being pushed back when the stop is complete		Stop & Go for 1 minute
More than 3 laps under black flag without stopping	Disqualification of Driver, which may attract licence points	Disqualification of Driver which may attract licence points, 2 lap deduction applied to the team at the end of the race.
Making a mandatory stop under Safety Car conditions		2 lap deduction applied to the team at the end of the race for each offence
Exceeding track limits	Black Flag after third report	Second report: Black & white warning flag Next Report: Five second time penalty Next report: Ten second time penalty Next Report: Drive Through Penalty Next Report: Black Flag (Disqualification of Driver which may attract licence points)

**Pit to Car Radio:**

For cars using pit to car radio, licences must be available for checks by scrutineers as per MOTORSPORT UK regulation Q11.3. **PIT TO CAR RADIOS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SPRINT RACES ON SATURDAY.**

**Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class of the Sprint Races and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 90-minute race. Prize giving's will take place approximately 30 minutes after the final Sprint Race on Saturday and 30 minutes after the 90-minute race on Sunday at the podium next to Parc Ferme.