



The Vintage Sports-Car Club
Bob Gerard Memorial Race Meeting
at Mallory Park

Saturday 26th August 2023

Motorsport UK Permit Number 130690 (Interclub)

held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations

COMPETITORS' INSTRUCTIONS

Please return your completed signing-on form to the Secretary of the Meeting prior to the event on race@vsccl.co.uk This form is mandatory – NO form NO start. .

Your entry tickets will be emailed to you on receipt of your signing-on declaration. There are no car passes for this event.

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AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- 1.1 A full list of Officials, including Driving Standards Observers, will be notified to Competitors electronically.

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Motorsport UK Steward	Clive Grounds
VSCC Event Stewards	Rosemary Adams & Colin Prest
Senior Clerk of the Course	Robert Williams
Clerk of Course	Nigel Tanser
Assistant Clerk of Course	Sue Tanser
Secretary of the Meeting	Andrew Tarring
Dep Secretary of the Meeting	Carrie Bedford
Driving Standards Officer	Paul Tunnicliffe
Chief Scrutineer	Ian Patton
Chief Timekeeper	Anthony Smith
Chief Handicapper	Mark Ballard
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Ali Hussain

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2 VENUE ENTRY PROCEDURES

Thank you for entering our Mallory Park Race Meeting. If you have received these instructions by email, your entry tickets will be emailed once you have completed the signing-on self-declaration.

- 2.1 Remember there is no tunnel at this venue, so once you are in the paddock you will only, as a rule, be allowed to leave at lunchtime or at the end of the day's racing.

3. Event Timetable

Friday 25th August 2023

16.00hrs

Access to the Paddock – please do not try to enter the Paddock earlier



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0715hrs	Collection of front facing sticky numbers & scrutineering chits from Race Admin Office – please do not go to scrutineering before collecting these.
0730hrs	Commencement of Scrutineering as per details on Practice Matrix.
0830hrs	No racing engines to be run prior to this time
0815hrs	Briefing for New to Circuit Competitors in Practice Sessions 1 - 3
0845hrs	Briefing for New to Circuit Competitors in Practice Sessions 4 - 8
0930hrs – 11.10hrs	Practice Sessions as per timetable
11.25	Race 1 Young Persons' Scratch race with sealed handicap
11.45hrs – 12.50hrs	Lunch break
12.55hrs	Racing Programme recommences
1800hrs	No further track activity or PA

- 3.1 All timings are approximate; competitors should listen out for announcements over the paddock PA system.
3.2 In the event of a race being stopped by a red flag the organisers reserve the right to restart the race at the end of the programme time permitting.

4. NON-STARTERS

- 4.1 If you are unable to start, please contact the Secretary of the Meeting on 01608 644777 ext. 5 up to 1200hrs on Friday 25th August, or on 07983 451828 thereafter.

5. RESERVES

- 5.1 If you have been allocated a reserve in a race, indicated by a 'R' in the entry lists, please stay in contact with the Secretary of the Meeting who will have up to date information about your participation.
5.2 All reserves must take part in practice.
5.3 All Reserves must attend the Assembly Area prior to their race, even if you have not been advised that you are racing, as you may be allowed to do so at short notice.
5.4 All reserves will start from the back of the grid.

6. CHANGE OF DRIVER OR CAR

- 6.1 Entries may not be able to be transferred to alternative races as some grids are full.
6.2 Any person wishing to change a driver or car must contact the Secretary of the Meeting to request this. All communication with the Secretary of the Meeting must be via phone or text message 07983 451828
6.3 Changes of driver or car will result in a 'new entry' being created, which would mean that any reserves would be given priority.



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7. PADDOCK

- 7.1 Please ensure that you park sensibly in the paddock as space is very limited and we have a large number of cars to accommodate.
- 7.2 Trailers must be parked in the trailer park as designated on the paddock plan.
- 7.3 Fuel availability is available at the circuit.
- 7.4 Motorhomes, transporters and modern cars must be parked as marked on the paddock plan where possible, as they can spoil the period atmosphere within the paddock.
- 7.5 There is a 20mph speed limit in force in the paddock at all times.
- 7.6 Please note that competitors and entrants can be penalised for not complying with these parking arrangements.
- 7.7 The Lakeside Café will be open between 17.00hrs to 21.00hrs on Friday and from 07.00 on Saturday offering snacks and meals throughout the day.
- 7.8 Security – competitors are reminded to lock their valuables away safely when at a venue and not leave them in view. Alternatively hand them to a trusted friend for safe keeping. We don't want your day spoilt by opportunist thieves.

8.0 SIGNING-ON

- 8.1 Signing-on must be done **BEFORE** the event using the link to the declaration form which has been emailed to you – **no tickets will be issued until this form has been received and processed at the VSCC office.**
- 8.2 Front facing adhesive numbers, scrutineering chits and event programmes will be available from 7.30am from the Race Admin office.
If you need to hire a transponder please DO NOT forget to collect one from Race Admin at the same time. The hire fee is £15 – there is a link to order one in your signing-on declaration. Please return your hired transponder to the same office at the end of your day. If you do not return your hired transponder HS Sports will issue you an invoice for the full cost of a replacement, currently about £470.
If you have your own transponder please ensure you have provided us with the number. Please note only MyLaps transponders of the following types will be acceptable for use - TranX, X2 and TR2 (for cars or bikes)
- 8.3 If you wish the Clerk of the Course to sign your upgrade card please leave it with the Admin staff in at the time you collect your sticky number. Remember to complete your Upgrade card with your personal details and attach a photograph **BEFORE** you leave your card as the Clerks will not sign an incomplete card.

9. SCRUTINEERING & NOISE TESTING

- 9.1 Scrutineers will inspect all cars prior to competing for the usual eligibility and safety issues. Please ensure you have fitted your race number and transponder prior to scrutineering.
- 9.2 **Competition Numbers** must be easily visible from a distance, secured to the side of the car, in a contrasting colour to the colour of the cars bodywork and comply with Motorsport UK size requirements.
 - a. Must be displayed on both sides of each competition car in a clearly visible manner (the top of the bonnet is not the side of the car)



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- b. Must be in a clearly contrasting colour to the paint work of the vehicle. E.G. black numbers on a white car.
- c. Must meet Motorsport UK Yearbook requirements (J4.1) in terms of size and font. They must be a minimum of 23cm in height, with a stroke width of a minimum of 3.8cm.

Competition Numbers will be available to purchase on the day.

- 9.3 All non-pump fuel cars are displaying a 3" day-glo orange disk immediately above the car's competition numbers.
- 9.4 All cars using methanol are required to run an additive which make the fuel burn with a coloured scented flame.
- 9.5 Novice drivers are displaying a yellow and black 'novice' cross.
- 9.6 Shared cars have (both) competition numbers affixed (i.e. car 91 and car 191), and have suitable means for blanking out the additional number(s) when required.
- 9.7 New Helmets and FHRs without stickers may be presented to the scrutineers **at 8.30am** who will attach the appropriate sticker for the season.
- 9.8 Should any car be judged not to fulfill entry requirements, the organisers have the right to move the car into an 'Invited Class' not eligible for any awards.
- 9.9 All Cars will be checked for fluid leaks by the scrutineering team and if deemed excessive or dangerous the offending car and driver will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may choose to exclude the entry from the meeting. Competitors should have a catch tank for coolant fitted of a minimum of 1 litre capacity.
- 9.10 **The noise limit for this meeting is 108dB for all races.**
- 9.11 Drive-by noise levels may also be monitored; any car deemed to have unacceptable noise levels may be black flagged.

10. DRIVERS BRIEFINGS

- 10.1 New to Circuit Drivers briefings will be held by one of the Clerks of the Course. **These will take place in the office adjacent to Race Admin at 8.15am for Drivers in Practice Sessions 1 - 3 and at 8.45am for Drivers in Practice Sessions 4 - 8.**

11. FITMENT OF TRANSPONDERS

- 11.1 Transponders may be hired from Race Admin from 730am on Saturday if you do not have one of your own.
- 11.2 The transponder must be mounted on your car in a location where it can transmit an uninterrupted signal vertically downwards to the track.
- 11.3 Failing to record a suitable practice time due to poor or non-fitment, may result in you starting from the back of the grid.

12. FITMENT OF ONBOARD CAMERAS

- 12.1 Competitors must make themselves familiar with Motorsport UK J5.21.



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- 12.2 Should you wish to run an Onboard Camera, this must be securely mounted and ready for inspection by the scrutineers on request.
- 12.3 Should you have footage you are happy for the VSCC to share through social media please email it to race@vsccl.co.uk
- 12.4 Please remember that all recorded footage must be handed over to the Clerk of the Course and/or the circuit owners on request.

13. PIT LANE DISCIPLINE

- 13.1 Smoking is forbidden anywhere in the pit lane.
- 13.2 No car may re-join the track after the chequered flag has been shown.
- 13.3 Whilst in the pit lane, through traffic should keep to the left, cars intending to visit the pits should stay central and stationary cars should be on the right.

14. ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

- 14.1 Ensure you arrive in the assembly area in a race-ready condition, with your car, a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the due start time of your race.
- 14.2 Follow the Marshals' instructions closely.
- 14.3 Only leave the area on instruction of the Assembly Marshals.
- 14.4 Do not leave your car unattended once you are in this area.
- 14.5 Once your race is released to the grid by the Assembly Area marshals complete 95% of a lap and take your place on the grid in readiness for the start of your race.
- 14.6 In the event of a delay following a race due to recovery of competing cars, the following race's cars may be led to the grid behind a Safety Car during the recovery operation at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course; drivers will be briefed in the Assembly Area accordingly.

15. PRACTICE

- 15.1 Practice sessions will be of 10 minutes duration starting at 0930hrs.
- 15.2 Each driver is required to complete a minimum of three laps in each car entered in order to be allowed to race.
- 15.3 Paddock announcements will be made should any changes to the schedule take place.
- 15.4 Ensure that your car carries the correct transponder and competition number if you are sharing a car.
- 15.5 Changes in your allocated session can only be sanctioned by the Clerk of the Course, if sessions are very full this may not always be possible.
- 15.6 Scratch race grid positions will be allocated based on practice times.
- 15.7 On completion of the session, the chequered flag will be shown.
- 15.7.1 **Slow down and complete nearly a full lap and leave the circuit, via the paddock entrance, follow the Marshals' instructions into Parc Ferme at the Scrutineering Bay where cars will be examined by the scrutineers.**
- 15.8 Practice times and grid positions will be available online from HS Sports. Please follow this link <http://www.theresultslive.co.uk/vintage-sports-car-club>



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15.9 In the event of a Red Flag during practice sessions all competitors should immediately cease driving at racing speed and return slowly, without overtaking, to the pit lane. Be prepared to stop on circuit under marshals' instructions or if the track is blocked.

16. RACE STARTS – ALL SCRATCH RACES

16.1 Leave assembly in grid order and complete 95% of a lap. Maintain grid order, no overtaking.

16.2 **All Scratch Races will be started by lights; red lights on the pedestrian bridge will come on and remain on for between 2 and 6 seconds. The race starts upon the lights going out.**

16.3 All Handicap Races will be a staggered start

16.4 Any car unable to leave on time or arriving late in the assembly area may be permitted to start from the pit lane, only once the race has started.

16.5 Cars stopping on the grid in the wrong location may be given a jump start penalty.

16.6 Once on the grid, if you are unable to start, you must immediately raise your arm vertically to advise other drivers that you are in technical difficulties, yellow flags will then be deployed.

16.7 In the event of a Red Flag during a race all competitors should immediately cease driving at racing speed and return slowly and without overtaking to the startline or as directed by marshals. All competitors should be prepared to stop on circuit under marshals' instructions or if the track is blocked.

17. HANDICAP RACES

17.1 Handicap times are included in these instructions on the entry list pages.

17.2 These times may be changed following the practice sessions.

17.3 In the assembly area, each driver will be given a sticker with a number which corresponds to their batch.

17.4 On the instructions of the Marshals, the cars will leave the assembly area and complete just over one lap and form up on the grid. Maintain grid order, no overtaking.

17.5 Batch 1 will start at the drop of the National Flag.

17.6 As these cars leave the grid, the starting official will then hold aloft the sign for starting Batch 2.

17.7 This batch will start at the next drop of the National Flag then Batch 3, 4, 5 and so on, until all cars have left the grid.

17.8 The batch signs are a white number on a red background.

18. RACE FINISH

18.1 The Chequered Flag will be shown to the race leader once the race time has been completed.

18.2 Once you have been shown the chequered flag you must drive around the circuit at reduced speed, without overtaking, and return to the paddock via the paddock entrance.

18.3 Please acknowledge the Marshals during your slowing down lap if it is safe to do so, making sure you remain wearing all your safety equipment until you are parked back in the Paddock.

19. PARC FERME



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19.1 All competition cars may be subject to post race scrutineering and may be held under Parc Ferme conditions until released by the Chief Scrutineer, even if this is at their paddock location.

20 AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of awards will be made at the end of each race.

21. CONDUCT

- 21.1 During the course of the meeting, Officials will be monitoring all reports received in relation to competitor's personal conduct and adverse behaviour.
- 21.2 Should any individual be included in two or more reports during one race season, a written warning will be issued, and their behaviour will be closely monitored for the remainder of the season.
- 21.3 Any subsequent reports could result in a refusal of further race entries.
- 21.4 Competitors are also reminded that the consumption of alcohol and drugs are not permitted and may result in exclusion as per the Motorsport UK regulations.

22. ALCOHOL BREATHALYSER TEST

Competitors are reminded Alcohol Breath Testing may take place at this event in accordance with GR14.

23. HEALTH AND SAFETY

23.1 The warming of pre-selector transmissions by raising the driven wheels of the car off the ground clearly has significant health and safety implications for all in the paddock. If you have a racing car that usually has its transmission warmed in this way, please ensure that you follow the following procedure:

- At some events, the organisers will identify a specific paddock location for transmission warming. If this is the case, then that location must always be used.
- If warming within your paddock space, then your car should be reversed into the space, or otherwise positioned to minimise the proximity of passers-by to the spinning wheels. Try to use flat and level ground if at all possible.
- Both front wheels should be firmly chocked.
- The car's driven axle should be firmly supported on both sides when raised off the ground – a single central jack is not acceptable. Ideally, quick-lift jacks should be used.
- At all times when the car's engine is running and a gear is engaged, there must be a competent person familiar with the car's operation sitting in the driver's seat, and a second competent person positioned close to the car to monitor the surroundings.
- At all times when a gear is engaged and the wheels are spinning, guards must be placed around both wheels; ideally these guards should envelop the wheel as much as possible. Guards should be sufficiently robust that they cannot simply fall or be blown over, or be inadvertently kicked out of the way by a passer-by. Consider using hi-vis or other bright colours.
- All involved should operate an agreed set of instructions for aborting the transmission warming should the need arise.



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Please note that this procedure is aimed at the small number of cars (ERAs and the like) that traditionally have their transmissions warmed in this way for valid technical reasons – it should not be seen as an invitation for other competitors to start doing the same.

- 23.2 Tow starting of cars is only permitted where safe to do so.
- 23.3 Scooters are only permitted to be driven by a person holding the appropriate driving licence.
- 23.4 Any other type of vehicle, i.e. mini motos, are not permitted.
- 23.5 In the event of a serious incident Tania Brown, Club Secretary, is nominated as spokesperson for the Club. Competitors, Marshals and Officials should not make any statement or comment to the media and refer all enquiries to her directly; she is contactable via Race Admin.

25. LIVE TIMING AND RESULTS

Competitors, Spectators, Friends, and Family are invited to visit the website below, where results for each Practice and Race will be published by our timekeepers. This website is accessible from PCs, tablets, and mobiles.

<http://www.theresultslive.co.uk/vintage-sports-car-club>

26. DRIVING STANDARDS OFFICER

Paul Tunncliffe has been nominated as Driving Standards Officer for this event and will be based within the Paddock and Race Admin Office. His role is -

- Being a friendly, familiar face in the paddock to be your first port of call for any concerns you have about any driver at the event, whether on or off the track.
- Being vigilant and looking for inappropriately aggressive or inconsiderate driving.
- Being present at each drivers' briefing to enable you to be familiar with who they are.
- To walk the paddock and be available for you to casually discuss any safety related matters that have come to your attention, however small.
- To, where necessary, counsel drivers on their driving standards, and how they may be affecting fellow drivers.



Name

MEDICAL DECLARATION

If you are taking any prescribed medication or are suffering with any medical condition you are required by Motorsport UK to advise the Secretary of the Meeting at each event.

Please complete this form then give to the Secretary of the Meeting in a sealed envelope with your name and car number written clearly on the front.

Competition Number

Prescribed Medication details

Medical Condition details

Any further details