



COMPETITOR GUIDANCE

Bentley Drivers Club Silverstone Race Meeting 22nd August 2020

In order to restart racing within the UK it is necessary to adjust some of our practices and procedures in order to satisfy the requirements laid down by the HM Government and most importantly to provide the safest environment possible for everyone involved whether competitor, official or member of the circuit staff.

The BDC will appoint a Covid-19 Officer for the event who will be responsible for reporting back to Motorsport UK that everything is being run in accordance with their guidelines. This officer is not “a policeman” but if they are aware of any concerns about people violating the rules and regulations around the restrictions this will be reported to the senior clerk at the event for possible action, which may include disqualification from the event.

The full Motorsport UK guidelines should be read in full and are available here:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/covid-19/>

Therefore, in line with the guideline, the Bentley Drivers Club will operate the event as follows:

DOCUMENTATION AND SCRUTINEERING:

- All race entries are to be via the on-line web site only, closing on 12:00hrs 12th August 2020.
- For a single competitor with the same car, entering more than 1 event, a single form can be used. If a “Pit Stop Event”, the 2nd Driver just needs to fill in the 2nd Driver form. If the car is used by a new Competitor, a new Form is required.
- Competitor Licence will be electronically verified with Motorsport UK prior to taking part in the event. Licences will not be physically checked at the event but please bring all appropriate documentation with you as spot checks may be made.
- A “self-declaration form”, which covers both “Sign-On” and “Pre-Event Scrutineering”, will be sent to each competitor with the Final Instructions and must be returned by 12:00hrs 19th August 2020. If not returned you may not be able to compete in the Meeting. However, you should expect scrutineers to make checks on a small number of vehicles along with checks on competitors’ equipment such as overalls, helmets, etc.
- Upgrade cards will not be signed for licence upgrade purposes. In accordance with current regulations, official results may be presented in place of signatures.
- Noise checks will be carried out within social distancing requirements.
- External checks will be made with the driver in the car. Internal checks will be with driver out and clear of the car.
- Motorsport UK scrutineering stickers for new Helmets/ FHRs will be suspended, with declarations required for equipment not previously scrutineered.

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- The club, at present, will issue 2 passes to each entry, plus 2 for a 2nd Driver in a Pit Stop Race, there will not be any additional passes available. There will be no public admission to the event. These passes should be used for those needed to run the vehicle and should not be considered as family tickets and children under the age of 16 (except for Competitors) are advised not to attend. Likewise, these passes are not for the use of driver coaches, physios, media, marketing, or promotional personnel.
- Competitors are responsible for providing any PPE required to ensure that those involved with their entry are in a safe environment. It is advised that individual paddock spaces are defined with tape or some alternative to deter people from entering your area without invitation.
- The competition vehicle and its tow vehicle / transporter will be allowed access to the paddock, but no private vehicles are allowed. Parking will be in the space allocated to your event in the Paddock Plan. At all times around the venues please respect the government instructions regarding social distancing.
- Where two or more vehicles are run from the same awning / paddock space there must be adequate distance between the vehicles to allow them to be worked upon while maintaining distancing. The sharing of tools etc. should be avoided and if it is necessary then sanitisation must take place between different users. Only the Driver and 1 Mechanic can work on each car when in the pit lane.
- The use of golf buggies or other such vehicles to move equipment to and from the pit lane is permitted but they may only carry equipment and have one person as the driver with no passengers. Only one person will be allowed onto the pit wall for signalling.
- Those staying on-site overnight are not permitted to share accommodation unless they are from the same household and it is not possible to cater for guests or friends. However, it is possible to provide food and drinks for those directly involved with the competition vehicle, but all possible safety measures must be taken.
- Safety within other areas of the venue is very much down to those present to ensure that risk is minimised. The wearing of face masks / coverings is essential when social distancing may possibly be breached, e.g. two mechanics working on a car, driver going to race administration or going through any scrutineering checks.
- Medical provision for the track will be maintained as you would expect. However, the medical centre is primarily for the competitors and should not be used as a drop-in centre for minor injuries. Competitors should carry a first aid kit to deal with minor injuries. It is imperative that anyone feeling unwell with Covid-19 like symptoms should not attend the medical centre; rather they should inform race administration of their concern, via Mobile Phone, before leaving the venue to contact their doctor or call the NHS helpline 111.
- There will be limited media involvement which will be at the total discretion of the venue operator as to who is admitted. There may not be any commentary.
- These guidelines are mandatory and failure to comply with them may result in an entry being denied or the competitor being disqualified from the event. At all times, the competitor is responsible for his own actions and those of anyone accompanying him. As such the competitor must be satisfied that the current Covid-19 situation adds an additional danger to the sport and they must realise just what this risk is and will be deemed to accept the situation by attending the event. If the competitor does not feel safe in the current climate and within the constraints of what is listed above, then they should not attend the event. Please remember that the actions of one competitor can compromise the safety of all those present at an event and as such the greatest level of care must be exercised.

CURCUIT:

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- Competitors are responsible for getting their vehicle to the assembly area as usual and from there you will be directed onto the circuit. Prior to races drivers should know their grid position in order that they can find their allocated space in the assembly area and on the grid as there will be a limited number of officials to assist. Start procedures will be listed in the Briefing Notes Issued for the Meeting.
- While on track the rules and regulations remain unchanged so things such as track limits still apply. Should your vehicle stop trackside because of a problem or an incident you will be approached by a marshal at a distance. Indicate to that marshal if you are OK by giving them the “thumbs up” signal, failure to do so will mean that additional help will be called for to assist you personally and to move your vehicle as that marshal may be unable to assist alone.
- At the end of each session all vehicles must go to Parc Fermé or follow Marshals instructions as usual. If sent to Parc Fermé you may get out of your vehicle but remember to observe social distancing . No other people will be admitted to the Parc Fermé. The scrutineers will then keep any vehicles they wish to check and send the balance back to the paddock.
- It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that a transponder is fitted and working, however if the transponder is not working then times may not be recorded. Transponders that have pre-ordered with their Entry, will be available for pick-up in Race Administration. Please remember to return them after your event.
- The results of qualifying and races, will not be printed out, rather all times and results will be available via the TSL website, www.tsl-timing.com. On their site you can receive live timing along with all the other information you may require particularly grid sheets and race results.
- It will be necessary to undertake judicial action to deal with people breaching the regulations. However, this will be done by observing distancing and may not be done in the same way as might have been seen previously. Most notably all judicial procedures undertaken will be done electronically. This means that penalties will be announced verbally but then sent to you electronically and any protests or appeals must be submitted electronically and any fees payable taken electronically.
- Race administration will be in operation as usual so people with questions or concerns may contact the secretary of the meeting in race administration. However please wait to be invited into the office and maintain social distancing.
- In addition to these guidelines there may be other restrictions imposed by the venue and these must always be followed.
- The safety of everyone at an event will always remain uppermost in the minds of the organisers. While there are procedures in place to deal with on-track incidents these will not be precisely what you might have experienced previously but will follow the Motorsport UK guidelines.
- All Regulations issued for this Meeting, either in Motorsport UK General Regulations, Motorsport UK “Restart Guidelines”, Organiser Supplementary Regulations, or Final Instructions can be changed at any moment by the issuing of Briefing Notes issued at the Meeting.
- We at the Bentley Drivers Club wish to thank all the Marshalls, Officials and especially the Medical Staff for their assistance in this Meeting, without them you would not be racing.



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