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THE HUGH GIDNEY MEMORIAL
Sandown International Motor Raceway 25-27 February 2022
Motorsport Australia Permit Number: 322/2702/01

Further Regulations

Officials for the meeting will be:

Stewards – Alan Patterson, David Cheong, Robin Baass
Clerk of Course – David Vernall
Deputy Clerk of Course – Michael Herlihy
Assistant Clerks of Course – David Bellenger, Andrew Jorgensen
Assistant Clerk of Course Judicial – Terry Buxton, Ken Innes Irons
Secretary – Kaye Thatcher
Entry Secretary Noel Tippet
Chief Covid Checker - Allan Fabry
Competitor Liaison- Brian Kays
Compliance Checker – Frank Bradley
Chief Scrutineer – Tony Rodgers
Chief Flag Marshall – David Thornbury
Chief Fire Marshall – Steve McCall
Judges of Fact – Clerk of Course David Vernall, Deputy Clerk of Course Mike Herlihy
Starter – Ross Neilson
Chief Timekeeper – Darren McKemmish
Judges of Fact for event starts – David Vernall, Mike Herlihy, Darren McKemmish, Gavin Newman
Judges of Noise and Pit Lane speed – David Vernall, Mike Herlihy, Darren McKemmish

Sandown access and venue procedures:

Access to Paddock – IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL DO NOT COME TO THE VENUE. Please refer to the competitor check-in document that has been emailed to you. The check in procedure will be repeated for each day of the meeting.

AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN INSIDE ANY BUILDING AT THE VENUE.

MEDICAL CENTRE

The Medical Centre will operate in lock down mode. No one will be admitted to the centre without first being checked by a member of the medical team. The outside toilet at the medical centre will be locked. Additional portable toilets will be available nearby.

THE TOILET AT THE MEDICAL CENTRE ARE OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS.

If you require medical attention please ring the bell and wait for a staff member to come out. Under no circumstance enter the medical centre without being assessed. If the medical centre is compromised, we will have to halt the meeting.

Access hours – Gates open at 7:00am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday access – You can access the Paddock from 1.00pm on Thursday 24th February. No competition engines are to be started on Thursday under any circumstances. Doing so will result in exclusion from the meeting and possible payment of a substantial fine.

Driver Briefings: There will be two driver briefing sessions as per the attached schedule. Plastic cards will be scanned when you enter the Vintage Room at the top of the ramp at the northern end of the grandstand.

Transporter parking – Transporters must be in position on Thursday 24th February. Pit Row Garage tender parking is allowed at the rear of your garage. Other transporters must park in areas allocated for your Category. Park responsibly – if in doubt, seek advice from a Paddock Marshall.

Paddock area – Park your race car in your Category area (see Paddock Motorsport Map). Paddock speed limit is 20kph. Paddock Motorsport Marshalls are Judges of Fact for speeding/unsafe behaviour. If you are detected driving unsafely, you will be excluded from the meeting. If you ride a bicycle, motorised scooter or similar unsafely, you face a ban on further use of that device. Cars entered for the race meeting must not be driven outside the pit/paddock area. **No tent pegs or spikes** to be driven into the asphalt. **All trailers** must be removed from the paddock area immediately your race car is unloaded. Trailer parking is outside the Paddock area in Racecourse Drive as directed by event officials.

Power leads must be tested and tagged, suspended overhead or plugged into power boards supplied by the venue operator. No power leads may be run on the ground, across the back of the garages or in any areas of public access.

Noise is strictly controlled. No competition engines may run before 9:00am or after 6:00pm. Vehicle noise must not exceed 95dB (A) as measured 30 metres from the edge of the track. Cars detected over this limit will receive a warning and must fix the problem. If the Clerk of Course is satisfied that a genuine attempt has been made to rectify the problem, you will be allowed to continue competition. If a second breach is detected, you will be banned from the meeting.

Protect the environment – use the rubbish bins provided for refuse and put waste oil in bins supplied. **Smoking** is not permitted in garages, carports, marquees, pit lane, or in any other building on the venue.

Friday Practice – A schedule of events will be sent in a separate email. An Observed Licence Test will be held as part of Friday activities. There will be no Driver Briefings on Friday.

Document Check & Scrutiny:

Document check will be available in garage 34, next to the control tower, on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday.

Log Books will be collected by the Scrutineers also in garage 34.

Licence Upgrades

If you wish to upgrade your licence to, or get a maintenance signature for your Circuit licence please lodge your competition record with the Secretary of the Event on Friday or Saturday morning prior to the start of the event. You will be observed and following the conclusion of your last event the driver must collect their record of competition from Driver Liaison at the southern end of the pit complex for signature. Licences will not be accepted after document check is completed.

Timetable – The three-day timetable will be sent in a separate email

Sandown (MRC) Venue Regulations

Must be read in conjunction with these regulations. Are available at
https://www.mgcc.com.au/files/Standing_Venue_Regulations-Motorsport.pdf

Re-Fuelling

All competitors must ensure that during all refuelling, and de-fuelling, a suitably attired pit crew member is in attendance with a minimum of one (1) operational 4.5kg Dry Chemical Fire Extinguisher available for use in an emergency.

Regulation of Fuel at Sandown – Worksafe Victoria rules and Sandown (Melbourne Racing Club) regulations on fuel storage in garages, marquees or in the open paddock area must be observed.

Motorsport Australia appointed Compliance Officers will enforce these rules and regulations and have authority to close the race meeting ("work place") if these are not followed:

- You must not bring more than 60 litres of fuel into the Sandown venue.
- A maximum of 60 litres of fuel is permitted in your garage/marquee/paddock pit at any one time no matter how many race cars are parked in it.

- Compliance Officers will patrol the venue to enforce this rule.
- If you are found with more than 60 litres of fuel in your garage, marquee or paddock pit, you will be instructed to remove unauthorised fuel from the venue immediately. An OH&S incident report will go to Race Control. The driver may be issued a penalty and/or the driver/car may be excluded from the event.

Sandown fuel service – Put safety first – and your own convenience – by buying a range of competition fuels at reasonable prices from Race Fuels (Ph: 0419 511 517). They are in the designated fuel bund at the Dandenong Road end of the Paddock next to Scrutiny Bay. An order form for fuels available and pricing is attached.

Scan and email the order form to Race Fuels. Fuel can be dispensed direct into your car, or into suitable containers. Some containers may be available in exchange for a security deposit. Engines off in the fuel bund.

On site repairs – There will be No On Site Repair facility at this event. The TAFE Students are not able to attend.

Practice / Qualifying – All drivers in races must complete at least three laps of practice in the category in which they are entered, to the satisfaction of the Clerk of Course.

Circuit Activity:

Circuit direction is anti-clockwise and track length is 3.1 km. No reversing will be permitted to gain access to any part of the race track unless directed by the Clerk of Course.

Racing Procedures – All incidents involving contact with your car are serious. If you contact another car or the safety barriers on the track, you must:

- Take your car directly to the Scrutiny Bay when returning to the paddock.
- Report to the Chief Medical Officer before recommencing competition.

These requirements are monitored by the Clerk of Course.

Flag procedures – Ensure you are familiar with the flag procedures as outlined in the 2022 Motorsport Australia Motorsport Manual.

Grid positions – All racing categories will use progressive grids. Grid sheets will be posted outside the Paddock Office at the base of the control tower. Direct any questions to the Race Secretary.

Permission to start rear of grid – Drivers wishing to start rear of grid for any reason must lodge a request with the Race Secretary 30 minutes before the relevant event.

Penalties applied by the Stewards as per *Race Standing Regulations*, the Stewards may apply a penalty of up to one minute to be added to a driver's lap time in practice, or race time in a race, or require a competitor to come into pit lane by showing the black flag and the car number at the start line and at turn 11. Where this is a result of a Judgement of Fact, there is no appeal. Infringements such as false start, failure to obey flag signals, Code of Driving Conduct violations and dangerous track re-entry may be penalised in this manner. A sign displayed at the Start Line stating TIME PENALTY, together with your car number, will be used to notify you of the penalty. These penalties will not prevent further penalties being imposed for the same infringement.

Marshalling and Warm Up Lap procedure – Fifteen minutes before your event you will be called to the Marshalling Area. You must show your wristband as you enter the marshalling area. You will be shown the 1-minute board prior to leaving the Marshalling Area. Proceed onto the track for the warm up lap. If you lose your grid position, you must start from the rear of the grid. To help keep to schedule, complete the warm up lap at a brisk pace. Drivers deemed by the Clerk of Course to be taking excessive time will be black flagged. You must not do "burn outs" on the warm up lap. Do not pass any competitor unless that competitor has broken down. Once you enter Turn 11 do not break traction or weave violently. Grid Marshals will place you in your correct grid position. All races will use a standing start.

Start procedure – When the Starter is satisfied that all cars are correctly positioned, a 5 second board will be shown to the grid at which time you are under "Starters Orders", and the red light will be turned on. At any moment, between three seconds and five seconds, the red light will go out to start the race. A relay start point will be positioned on your right adjacent to the Pit Lane entrance at the start of the main straight.

False Start – The penalty for a jump start, as deemed by the Judges of Fact, will be the addition of a minimum of 5 seconds to your race time.

Red Flag – In the case of a serious incident the event will be stopped by the Red flag. You must reduce speed and be ready to stop if necessary. No overtaking is permitted and you must return to Pit Lane. You should expect to see emergency vehicles and officials on the track and you must take safety first action.

Circuit Exit – Following the chequered flag cars will proceed around the track and exit into pit lane at the start of the main straight.

Variations of Events – If on-track incidents or weather cause changes to the Event Schedule, you will be informed and a notice will be displayed at the Race Secretary's Office. Listen to the public address - you are responsible to be in marshalling on time. Competitors gridded in events outside their category for any reason will be individually notified.

Dorian timers – Timing will be electronic for all categories. You will require a DATA-1 Transmitter, known as a Dorian timer. Timers and brackets are available for purchase from Dorian Industries (Ph: 03 9931 1371). There will be none available for purchase or hire at the meeting.

Pit Lane – The Pit Lane speed limit is 40 km/h at all times. If you exceed this limit, the Clerk of Course may apply a drive through penalty and/or you may be referred to the Stewards.

Pit Crew and spectators – No pit crew is permitted to enter the race track at any time. Such persons must remain behind all safety barriers as directed by race officials. A maximum of 2 crew members per team may carry out timing/signalling along the main straight fence provided they are identified with a wrist band and are stationed at the direction of a race official. The grass area between the barriers on the front straight and Pit Lane is out of bounds. No crew are permitted in this area while track activity is in progress.

No person under the age of 16 years will be permitted in Pit Lane or the Marshalling Area. The only pit crews that will be permitted beyond the red line approximately 1 meter from the Pit Lane garage apron and who are wearing a Pit Crew wrist band. No equipment may be placed on the pit wall during the event. During the start of the warm up lap and any race, only race officials and media crews specifically authorised by the Clerk of Course are permitted at the signaling wall. All such personnel must be suitably attired including, but not limited to, no red tops, shirts, jumpers, jackets along the signaling wall. The Clerk of Course will determine suitability.

Pit crew attire – All persons working on cars must be attired in accordance with *Clause 3.6 of Schedule D of the 2022 Motorsport Australia Manual*.

Withdrawal during the meeting – If during the course of the weekend you are unable to compete any further, you must advise the Race Secretary. This courtesy eliminates time wasted searching for you in the Marshalling Area etc.

Driver availability – You must remain at the circuit for 30 minutes after each race so officials can contact you if required.

Refunds – Entry fees are not refundable, except where the meeting is abandoned, or if the entry is refused, or if the entry is withdrawn by written advice to the Entry Secretary by the ninth day prior to the meeting. A \$20 administration fee will be deducted.

Results – Race results will be available as soon as possible after each event. Please ensure that you have downloaded the [TeamApp](#) on your phone and completed the registration process. Race results and grid positions will be distributed via this app. Final results will be available during the week after the meeting on the following website: www.natsoft.com.au.

On behalf of the organising committee, we look forward to seeing you at Sandown - and wish you a great event.

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