*The Hugh Gidney Memorial*

Motorsport Australia Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Round 1

Sandown International Motor Raceway 14-16 February 2020

Motorsport Australia Permit Number 320/1602/02

**Further Regulations**

**Officials for the meeting will be:**

Stewards – Alan Patterson, David Cheong, Robin Baas

Clerk of Course – David Vernall.

Deputy Clerk of Course – Michael Herlihy.

Assistant Clerk of Course – David Bellenger

Assistant Clerk of Course Judicial – Terry Buxton, Selwyn Hall

Chief Paddock Motorsport Australiarshall –

Competitor Liaison- Brian Kays

Compliance Checker – Trevor Ross

Chief Scrutineer – Tony Rodgers

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, Alf Pearce, Ross Neilson.

Judges of Noise and Pit Lane speed – David Vernall, Mike Herlihy, Darren McKemmish

**Series Regulations –** Vehicle classes and eligibility can be found in the current *Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Series Regulations* at [www.vicstateraceseries.com](http://www.vicstateraceseries.com)

#### Sandown access and venue procedures

**Access to Paddock –** Tender Passes, Crew Tickets and Final Regulations, WILL NOT BE POSTED TO YOU. On arrival at the venue, collect documents at the CREDENTIALS TENT in Racecourse Drive (adjacent to Red Hill viewing area entry). Give Credentials Officials your Category, Car Number and Name. Collect your credentials envelope and place the Tender Pass inside your tender vehicle windscreen (lower driver side) **immediately**. With your Tender Pass in place, proceed to Gate 5E to enter the Paddock. There is over night security on Friday and Saturday.

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

**Thursday access –** You can access the Paddock from 1.00pm on Thursday 13 February to set up. Vehicle and crew passes for entry will be required at all times. 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. Document check on Thursday afternoon will be available from 2.00-5.00 pm..

**Transporter parking** – Transporters must have a Tender Pass (inside windscreen lower driver side) to enter the Paddock. 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.

**Competitors and crew must read** the Sandown venue regulations at their website <http://www.sandown.net.au/venue-regulations.html>

**Friday Practice –** You can enter on the day until 10:00 am. If you pre-entered Friday Practice, this is noted on the enclosed covering letter. There are no further regulations for Friday practice. The Practice Schedule is printed on the rear of the Saturday/Sunday schedule attached. An Observed Licence Test will be held as part of Friday activities.

**Document Check & Scrutiny –** You must do Document Check in garages 34-36 on the first day only of your activities. Bring your vehicle log book, MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA driver licence, MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA affiliated club membership card and MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA competitor’s licence, if the competitor is not the driver. Race Apparel will NOT be required to be checked – that is part of Targeted Scrutiny.

On completion of Document Check, collect your wristband in garages 34-36. Wristbands must be worn all three days. Wristbands will be checked in Marshalling. If you have no wristband – you will not be permitted on the track. You will be told to report to Driver Liaison to confirm your Document Check and get a wristband.

After document check, present your log book to Scrutineers in Garage 34. If you are in Targeted Scrutiny and require an audit check, scrutineers will keep your log book and advise a time/place for your check. After the check, the scrutineer will sign your log book and return it to you. Scrutineers will conduct random audits during the meeting. If a car has a log book, but is not in the audit system, Scrutineers will tell you to present the car and log book to the Scrutineering Bay each day.

To upgrade your PCC or PC licence to NC, or get a maintenance signature for your NC licence, you must lodge your competition record at the Race Secretary's Office on Friday/Saturday morning after Documentation Check. To upgrade your NC licence to ICC, lodge your competition record at the Secretary's office on Saturday morning and make it clear that you require an upgrade signature (not a maintenance signature). Your competition records may be collected from the Driver Liaison Office Sunday afternoon one hour after your last event. Licences must be collected by the holder of the licence only.

#### Timetable – The three-day timetable is enclosed together with a Driver Briefing schedule.

**COMPULSORY Driver Briefings– read carefully to avoid hassles and fines**

Two Saturday Driver Briefings will be held in the Vintage Room (up ramp at Paddock end of Grandstand):

* Driver Briefing #1 at 8.00am Saturday is for Drivers in the first 6 category’s events.
* Driver Briefing #2 at 10.00am Saturday is for Drivers in the remaining category’s events.

**You must attend the FULL briefing and have your plastic identity card scanned.** **Security Officers will close doors at start and will not open doors until briefing is done.**

. If you did not have your identity card scanned at Driver Briefing, you will NOT be permitted on the track. To get on the track, you must first go to Driver Liaison where you:

* Explain why you missed Driver Briefing or did not have your identity card scanned.
* Complete Driver Briefing and sign on.
* Possibly pay a fine in accordance with the Race Meeting Standing Regulations.

There will be no Driver Briefing on Friday. No Driver Briefing is planned for Sunday. If a Sunday briefing is required, you will be advised by public address of the time and it will be held in the Vintage Room.

**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.

Worksafe Officers and MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA appointed OH&S 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 (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.

**Discretionary Practice –** On Sunday morning there will be 2 Discretionary Practice sessions, the first for open wheel cars, and the second for all other cars. To participate in either session, you must apply to the Race Secretary’s office by 8:30 am on Sunday morning. The Clerk of Course will have the final say in who participates in the session.

#### 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** – These will be explained at Compulsory Driver Briefings. 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 2020 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Motorsport Manual of Motorsport.

**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 Clerk of Course –** As authorised in *Race Meeting Standing Regulations 9*, the Clerk of Course 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 Motorsport marshalling. You will be shown the 1-minute board prior to leaving the marshalling area. Proceed onto the track for the warm up lap behind the Course Car. 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. The Course Car will turn its lights off not later than at Turn 11 and will enter pit lane. 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 30 second board will be shown to the grid. Then the Starter will indicate five seconds, 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.

**Jump 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.

**Driving Standards –** At the Clerk of Course’s discretion, a time penalty as deemed appropriate may be added to your race times if you breach driving standards.

**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 –** Vehicles retiring during the race for any reason must use the Pit Lane entry on drivers' right at the start of the main straight. Following the display of the chequered flag at the end of the race, you must exit as directed at Turn 1. Return to the pits via the car park lane designated by road cones and enter the Paddock at gate 3A. Maximum speed on leaving the track will be 40 km/h and then 20 km/h in the pit paddock area.

#### 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 (T: 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 Motorsport may apply a drive through penalty and/or you may be referred to the Stewards.

**Pit Crew and spectators –** No pit crew or spectator 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 or spectators 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 are those who have signed the Pit Lane waiver forms and who are wearing a Pit Crew wrist band. We enclose a pit lane waiver form and additional ones will be available at Document Check. 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 4.6 of Schedule D of the 2020 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Manual of Motorsport.*

**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 –** As per the 2020*Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Series Regulations*, 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. Final results will be available during the week after the meeting on the following website: [www.natsoft.com.au](http://www.natsoft.com.au) .

Social Activities – Please join competitors and officials on Friday and Saturday at 5:00 pm for a BBQ at garages 34-36.

**Spectator Entry –** Admittance fee to the Grand Stands, Paddock for spectators aged 16 years and over is $20 each on Saturday, $25 on Sunday and a two-day pass is $30. Public entry to Red Hill viewing area near Turn 11 is $20 per car. Prices include GST.

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

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