

KIRKISTOWN RACE MEETING

**500 MOTOR RACING CLUB OF IRELAND LTD
KIRKISTOWN RACE CIRCUIT
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RACE MEETING 23 October 2021 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your entry received with thanks, has been accepted for the **23 October** Race Meeting.

This meeting is organised by the 500 MRCI, held under the GCR's of Motorsport UK, incorporating the provisions of the International Code of the FIA, the supplementary regulations and any written instructions the organisers issue for the event. Motorsport UK **Permit No: 120532 Inrterclub.**

OFFICIALS:

Motorsport UK Steward.....David Gray
Event Stewards.....Ian Culbert, TBA,
Clerks of Course (Cars)..... Chris Edwards , Dermott Quigley
Deputy Clerks of Course Duncan McGregor, Garry Manning
Communications Controller Neil Anderson
Secretary of the Meeting Wendy Young

COVID 19 PROCEDURE (Important!):

Scrutiny will not take place in the usual manner due to Covid 19 regulations. Scrutineers may make random inspections of vehicles during the event. As there will be no 'sign-on', please complete the attached Covid19/self-scrutiny declaration and return it by e-mail to: richard.young@kirkistown.com before Thursday September 24th. If you do not complete the form ahead of race day, you may be excluded from the meeting/

If you have not raced at Kirkistown this year, please also send a photograph or copy of your race licence to the same e-mail address..
Failure to do this will result in your not being allowed to take part.

Any person taking part in the event must be a member of a Motor Club affiliated to either Motorsport UK or Motorsport Ireland. A copy of your current membership card should also be attached.

Face coverings MUST be worn indoors at all times.

GARAGES

IMPORTANT !!!

Garage occupants please note that there should be no naked lights, barbecues or smoking in the pit garages. Failure to observe this rule may result in eviction....Or worse.

They should also be aware that any electrical equipment used should be properly earthed.

TRANSPONDERS

We should point out the fact that the circuit does NOT have transponders available for hire or loan. **Any driver whose car is not fitted with a working transponder, or one with a number which does not match the one listed on your entry form will not be timed and will not appear in the results.**

RACE NUMBERS

Competitors are reminded that any driver appearing for practice/qualifying with a car bearing a race number different from that appearing in the official programme **will not be timed**

PADDOCK:

Please park compactly in the paddock. It is important that you observe Social Distancing at all times.

Please heed the paddock markings, and do not block thoroughfares. Ensure all trailers and non-tow vehicles are parked neatly. Ensure also that NO associated vehicles may be brought into the paddock area. Any competitor or entrant found in breach of this regulation shall be deemed to have excluded himself from the meeting, and will not be permitted to take further part in it.

QUALIFYING:

Competitors will leave the assembly area for their qualifying session as directed by the Paddock Marshals. Qualifying will start with the green flag, and finish with the chequered flag, whereupon cars should slow as soon as it is safe to do so, and return at reduced speed to the paddock via the Pit Lane. Any competitor stopping during a qualifying session should remain in a safe place close to his car; any car which fails to return to the paddock after qualifying or race, may not be retrieved without permission of the Clerk of the Course. Cars will not be returned to the paddock by rescue vehicles unless schedule permits.

PRACTICE TIMES & STARTING GRIDS:

Practice times will be posted 30 minutes after each session at the control tower. **Individual copies of qualifying times and result sheets will not be available .**

Starting grids will be assembled in order of practice times. Where two races are run, a competitor's fastest time during Qualifying will count for Race 1, with his or her second fastest time deciding grid positions for Race 2..

The procedure is different in the case of the Fiesta and Mazda MX5 races.

Fiesta drivers only: The grid for Fiesta Race 1 will be based on fastest practice times. However, for Race 2, the fastest six in practice will form the first part of the grid IN REVERSE ORDER. The rest of the Race 2 grid will be based on second fastest times.

Mazda MX 5 drivers only: The grid for MX5 Race 1 will be based on fastest practice times.. The finishing order from Race 1 sill determine the grid for Race 2 , BUT IN REVERSE ORDER..

Non-finishers in Race 1 will start from the back of the Race 2 grid.

TIMED RACES:

At this meeting, most races will be run to time, rather than a specific number of laps, and, in the event of a serious accident a Safety Car will be deployed from the Pit Lane in accordance with Q4.9.

When the order is given to deploy the Safety Car, a stationary yellow flag and 'SC' board will be displayed at the start/finish line, and at each flag post. A second yellow flag may be used at those points where additional hazards are present.

All competing cars, when notified of the Safety Car intervention (by flag signals, SC boards or any other means) will reduce speed and line up behind the Safety Car, no more than five car lengths apart, and maintaining the same speed as it. Overtaking or overlapping of any other competing car during a Safety Car intervention is forbidden. Overtaking of a Safety Car is forbidden unless the particular competitor concerned is signaled to overtake the Safety Car by the observer in the Safety Car.

When ordered to do so by the Clerk of the Course, the observer in the Safety Car will wave past any cars between the Safety Car and the race leader. These cars will continue at reduced speed and without overtaking until they reach the line of cars behind the Safety Car. The Safety Car will remain in operation until at least all competing cars on the circuit are lined up behind it.

When the Clerk of the Course calls in the Safety Car it will extinguish the yellow flashing lights prior to exiting the circuit.

Following the withdrawal of the Safety Car and prior to passing the green flag, the race leader will maintain the pace.

When the Safety Car pulls off the circuit, a green flag will be waved at the start line and/or the green light will be shown. Overtaking remains strictly forbidden until the car passes the green flag at the start line. All flag posts will withdraw their yellow flag and 'SC' board in race direction rotation and replace them with a green flag for one lap.

Each lap covered while the Safety Car is in service will be counted as a race lap.

Should it be necessary to stop a race during a Safety Car deployment when the race is to be restarted, the Safety Car with all competing vehicles following will pass through the red flag at the start/finish line, complete one further lap at reduced speed and then stop on the grid.

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START:

Cars should proceed to the assembly area at least 20 minutes prior to the start of their race.

Not less than 5 minutes before the start, the assembly area will close. Any competing vehicle not present shall not be permitted to join the grid, but may join the race from the pit lane after the last car on the grid has passed the start line.

On a signal from the Clerk of the Course, they will proceed to the grid. When in position, 2 minute, 1 minute and 30 seconds boards will be displayed. Engines must be started at the 1 minute board, and the grid cleared. Following the 30 second board, the green flag will be displayed and the cars will proceed on a formation lap in **grid order**. When they have returned to the grid, and it is complete, 5 second board will be displayed prior to the red light being switched on. Between 4 and 10 seconds later, the red lights will be switched off to signal the start.

In the event of a light/power failure, the start will be by flag using the National Flag..

STOPPING THE PRACTICE SESSION:

Should it be necessary to stop a practice session, a Red Flag will be displayed at the start line and at all flag posts. **Drivers must stop racing immediately** and return slowly to the start line, exercising extreme caution, and being prepared to stop if necessary. Parc Ferme

conditions will apply. The organisers reserve the right not to restart any session should a stop be necessary.

Should any competitor be shown the Black Flag, or the Mechanical Failure Flag, that competitor must slow down in a safe manner, and enter the pit-lane adjacent to the assembly area from the right hand side of the track as he/she exits the hairpin on the next lap. Any car stopping trackside at race control mid-race shall be retired to the paddock.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented on the day, after each race, or failing that, on the completion of the programme. There will be trophies for 1st if > 3 starters, for 2nd if > 5 starters, and for 3rd if > 7 starters.

TIMES:

All times stated are approximate, and the organisers reserve the right to change the programme if necessary.

WOULD ALL COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) The Motorsport UK licence upgrade scheme has been suspended for the duration of the Covid 19 emergency.
- 2) Any protests/queries regarding times/results should be made to the Clerks of Course via the following dedicated phone number: **07783 346787**
- 3) Ties will be resolved as per Motorsport UK rules.
- 4) Competitors are reminded that noise emissions will be monitored.
- 5) (Attendance at the drivers briefing is mandatory. Penalty for non-attendance is a Motorsport UK stewards fine of £100. It is non-discretionary. Please listen for PA announcements.
- 6) The club reserves the right to impound any car for inspection to ascertain compliance with the regulations for up to 4 days post event.
- 7) Fuel is not available at the circuit.
- 8) Unless where stated otherwise in the Championship Regulations, all series shall score points as per MotorsportUK year book.
- 9) **Drivers competing at this circuit for the first time MUST report to the Clerk of Course prior to their qualifying session.**
- 10) **Please note that the use of motor cycles, scooters, quads etc in the paddock is not permitted. This also includes childrens' scooters and mini-bikes. Children should be supervised at all times.**
- 11) **Competitors are reminded that it is dangerous to barbecue in the Paddock in close proximity to a fuel supply. You are urged to have a fire extinguisher in place at all times when refueling.....And when cooking !**
- 12) **Any competitor, or crew member, adjudged to have physically assaulted, abused or used threatening behaviour to a marshal, official or fellow**

competitor may be excluded from the meeting, have his/her licence suspended for 30 days and/or be referred to the National Court for further sanction. (G 5.3.6; C 1.1.9; C 2.6.2)

Good luck, have a good day's sport, and leave **your** circuit clean and tidy.

The 500 MRCI reserves the right to alter, amend, or change these Regulations with regard to Classes, Awards, Laps, Entry Fees, Times and Named Officials. All official announcements pertaining to the event shall be posted on the notice board at the control tower, and announced via the PA system.

The 500 MRCI also reserves the right of refusal of entry to any driver who by his actions on any circuit brings, in the opinion of the club, the sport into disrepute. In addition, any competitor or team member (being any person recognised as being an associate of that competitor) whose behaviour at any circuit is deemed to be unreasonable may face sanctions as laid down by the club and Motorsport UK.

We regret that, in the interest of safety, dogs cannot be allowed on the premises.

PIT EXIT LANE

When leaving the pit lane to join the circuit, competitors **MUST** stay to the right of the red/white pit exit lane as far as the joining point on the entrance to Debtors Dip. On a 'flying' lap, competitors **MUST** stay to the left of the line. Any driver crossing it (i.e. putting two or more wheels onto the pit lane) will be **penalised**.

EVENING MEALS (FRIDAY)

The Pit Lane restaurant will be open for evening meals from 6.00pm until 9.00pm on Friday evening. As space is limited, booking is essential. This can be done with the kitchen staff during Friday morning/afternoon.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED !!!

FUEL:

Competitors should be aware that, following the closure of Kellys Spar in Kircubbin for redevelopment, the nearest filling stations to Kirkistown are Mace at Portavogie Harbour, and/or Watsons in Cloughy.