



2024 TAUPO HISTORIC GRAND PRIX

TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTOSPORT PARK

19-21 JANUARY 2024

WRITTEN DRIVERS BRIEFING:

Please take a few minutes to read these briefing notes, this briefing is issued to assist in the running and management of the event. If you have any inquiries regarding the Event your first point of approach is a Competitor Relations Officer (CRO).

If you are a New Driver, then you must attend the **NEW DRIVERS** briefing at 8.20am on Friday in front of the stairs by the race secretariat office.

COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICERS:

Should you require any assistance during the Event you will find a CRO located in the Broadlands Suite situated above garages 31 and 32, Their contact details will be posted on the window of the race secretariat office.

EVENT SCHEDULE & TIMETABLE:

At this Event there is live TV coverage, it is imperative to adhere to the Event Schedule and Timetable. Each Category has a specific time slot allocated to Practice, Qualifying and Races. Should there be any stoppages or hold ups during any of your Sessions it may be necessary to shorten or delete these, Sessions. Should this occur, you will be notified by Race Radio, the Venue PA system or by the Event Officials.

If the schedule is running ahead of time categories will be fully informed by Race Officials.

PADDOCK MOVEMENT TO ASSEMBLY AREA:

All Categories will be called via Race Radio or the Venue PA system to the Assembly Area approximately 10 to 15 minutes prior to your Session commencing, it is imperative that you are positioned at the Assembly Area ready to go when your Category is released.

During Race Sessions, ALL Cars are to be assembled IN GRID ORDER prior to being released onto the Circuit.

All Categories will be released for their Formation Lap three (3) minutes prior to their Scheduled Start Time, the purpose for this is to allow you as much Race Time as possible.

CIRCUIT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

ENTRY/EXIT TO THE CIRCUIT:

ENTRY to the circuit will be from the assembly area located at the western end of control complex. You will proceed to this area via a gate onto the pit lane exit lane.

Cars located in Pit Lane Garages are to proceed along pit lane to the assembly area – please be aware that there may be crews from previous race in the lane.

Exit from pitlane will be controlled by red and green lights mounted at track level on drivers **RIGHT** of pit exit. You must obey these lights. There is also a set of blue lights at pit lane exit that are for drivers entering the track from the pits.



EXIT from the circuit will be by entering pit lane and turning right immediately before the control building. You will then pass through a technical checking/Parc Ferme area where you may be required to stop for checking. There will be marshals to direct you.

Cars located in Pit Lane Garages are to continue ahead to the garages unless required for technical checking.

PIT LANE BLEND LINES:

At Pit Lane Entry and Pit Lane Exit, there are solid lines separating the exit and entry lanes from the circuit, known as the Blend Lines, they are long and painted yellow, no vehicle may cross a blend line when entering or leaving the Pit Lane.

OFFICIAL NOTICEBOARD AND RESULTS

The Official Notice Board will be provided downstairs in the race secretariat office, and on Sportivity App, the password is **MSNZRace2024** this will be used to notify competitors of any Official Bulletins, Decisions, Results, Starting Positions, and any further publication of any documents as applicable.

END OFSESSION/ RACE PROCEDURE:

Be aware you may be directed through Spaghetti Junction on the warm down lap, A marshal will be on the track at turn 9 entry to direct you into Spaghetti Junction. If slower cars are still racing you may be held for a short period before entering the main straight to return to the pits.

TURN TWELVE (12) REQUIREMENTS

- Competitors must adhere to the defined Circuit by making a Left Turn at TURN 12.
- Should any Competitor Overshoot Turn 12 and use the grass the following criteria shall apply:

Practice Lap time will be deleted.

Qualifying Fastest Lap time will be deleted.

Racing Competitor must re-join safety at Turn 13 or 14, any Position advantage must be addressed immediately but safely, or a penalty may apply.

- An alternative route has been created if drivers overshoot the entry to Turn 12. This provides drivers the ability to avoid Undertaking the action of doing a U-turn and driving towards oncoming traffic to re-enter the circuit. This alternative entry may only be used when overshooting the entry to Turn 12 and the driver must give way to all traffic in the pit entry and not stop in the pits if they have taken this route.

CONTROL LINES:

The white **SAFETY CAR CONTROL LINE** is situated adjacent to pit lane entry.

The **RED FLAG CONTROL LINE** is situated at Grid 15.

FUEL AND WASTE OIL:

Competitors are reminded of MSNZ requirements for the storage and handling of Fuel, there is an overnight fuel storage shipping container on the sealed paddock. Fill in one of the brown tags on the desk inside the container, tie the tag to your container, and leave your container inside the container. Fuel is not to be stored overnight in pit garages.

Ethanol based fuel; If you are running ethanol-based fuel such as E85 / E50, **please let the CRO know**, so they can let our Fire Marshals on the track know.

Li-Ion Batteries; Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) batteries are becoming more and more common in race cars. They have the advantage of being lightweight compared to the equivalent Lead Acid battery. Whereas the batteries have their advantages they also have their drawbacks. One such drawback is the risk of a thermal runaway where due to overcharging or damage, the battery overheats and eventually may catch fire. Although rare, it does occur. When the battery catches fire they are very difficult to extinguish.

To help rescue crews at MotorSport NZ events identify cars fitted with Li-Ion batteries, you are required under Schedule A Part One Article 5.5 (5) (a) to have a sticker (shown below) installed adjacent to the competition number on each side of the car if you have an Li-Ion battery installed.



These stickers are available through the Motorsport NZ office.

<https://store.motorsport.org.nz/product-category/safety/>

There are Waste Oil containers located alongside the scrutineering shed.

A reminder that car parts or waste oil is not to be dump into the rubbish bins.

MEDICAL ISSUES:

Any competitor who has a pre-existing medical condition that may be needed to be known by our medical team are to advise the medics on the day. Your information be will respected and confidential. Give them your name car number and condition you are wanting them to be aware of.

EVENT WITHDRAWAL:

If you are withdrawing from the Event, it is essential that you notify the secretariat, which is located at the bottom of the race control tower.

EXIT FROM THE VENUE:

Please note that all traffic must turn **RIGHT** when exiting Taupo International Motorsport Park.

The road to the left is a private road and is not to be used in any circumstances.

A penalty for non-adherence to this requirement may be applied.

TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK REQUIREMENTS:

Please refer to the Taupo International Motorsport Park requirements at the end of these briefing notes, any questions on these requirements are to be directed to Motorsport Park Staff not Race event officials.

GENERAL RACE INFORMATION:**TRACKSIDE PITS:**

Pit wall is for pit crew only - limited to three persons per team. Minimum age 14 years. Covered footwear only. Strictly No Smoking or Vaping. Stay between the pit lane safety fence and pit wall.

WARNING!! The pit lane is open and operating at all times during racing and cars may be running through it at any time.

Pit Wall is out of bounds duration race starts; crew are not to be beyond the slow pit lane line until the last cars have passed Flag point 1.

Pit crew are advised to take extreme care when crossing the lane.

No stopping: There will be NO STOPPING in the fast lane at any time.

Pit lane parking. There shall be no service vehicles in the pit lane for the duration of the meeting.

All servicing is to be carried out in the pit/paddock areas.

No equipment may be placed on the Signaling Wall at any time.

FLAG POINT LIGHTS LOCATED AROUND THE CIRCUIT:

The Alitrax circuit lights system is installed at the nine flag points and above the start line.

If a safety car is deployed during racing the alternating yellow lights will come on and SC will illuminate on the flag point light arrays. In the event of failure of the lights system, flags will be used

FLAG POINT ZONES:

Flag point zones are marked with blue marker pegs at intervals around the circuit, please familiarise yourself with these zones, this is where the no passing zone begins in the case of yellow lights/flags. If you inadvertently pass someone under a yellow light you have one lap to redress as per the current MSNZ manual. Note – This redress provision does not apply during Safety Car operation. The Start & Finish line – Is located in front of the grid and marked with a thick white line across the circuit.

RACE INQUIRIES:

Should you feel that you need to lodge an inquiry form because of an incident or action by another competitor, it is recommended that you complete an inquiry form, the CRO's will have these forms. Inquiries into any part of a race may be lodged with the Clerk of the Course on the Race Inquiry form within thirty(30) minutes after the completion of the race concerned. It will be the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course and or their assistant, to give a written reply to the inquiry form as soon as practicable.

OFFICIALS FACILITIES:

The Stewards, Clerk of the Course, Race Control and the Timing room are all working offices, permission must be requested if you wish to enter any of these rooms, they are not viewing areas.

RED FLAG PROCEDURE:

In the event of a RED FLAG during **practice/qualifying** the red lights will come on right around the circuit, STOP RACING IMMEDIATELY and return to the pits. If there is remaining time in your practice session after the circuit is cleared, you will be released with a green light at pit exit.

In the event of a RED FLAG during **RACING** the red lights will come on right around the circuit.

You must stop racing immediately and proceed to the red flag control line at grid 15 with no passing. Line up in single file to await further instructions.

PRACTICE START:

A practice start is ONLY PERMITTED at pit lane exit speed de-restriction line at the commencement of the warm-up/formation lap or during practice/qualifying.

CIRCUIT LIMITS:

Drivers must use the Circuit at all times. For the avoidance of doubt, the white lines defining the Circuit edges are considered to be part of the Circuit, but the kerbs are not.

A Driver will be judged to have left the Circuit if:

- (i) all four (4) tyres of the vehicle are outside the white lines defining the Circuit edges, or
- (ii) if any one (1) tyre entirely exceeds the outer edge of any kerb.



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Should a vehicle leave the Circuit the Driver may re-join, however this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining an advantage or interfering with any other Competitor.

A Driver may not deliberately leave the Circuit without justifiable reason.

MECHANICAL FAILURE:

Should this occur move off racing line and park as far off the track as possible - vacate the car and go to place of safety.

If dropping oil it is essential you do not continue around track. If it is not possible to get the car clear of the circuit, remain in the vehicle and await instructions from a rescue/flag marshal. You must obey all instructions given by officials.

Flag points have fire extinguishers, for you to use, if required.

Let the marshal know what you need, and we will get it to you as soon as we can. You may be towed to a safer spot – Do NOT try to jump start your car while being towed.

OFF TRACK EXCURSIONS:

Always stay within the confines of the circuit, ie. inside the white lines. Re-join circuit as near as possible to exit point. If you are rejoining the circuit for whatever reason – ensure the way is clear and re-join slowly and carefully. Do not spray stones or debris over the circuit. Should you gain an advantage drop back into the running order before the incident or you may receive a penalty.

HANDICAP STARTS:

Will be as follows; Flag drops to start the first group and for all subsequent groups as per the handicap intervals. You must remain in your grid box, if you roll up – you will receive a time penalty.

If you need to start your race from pit lane: The pit lane light will turn green when you can go. Pit Lane marshals will be on hand to supervise release as the light turns green.

CODE OF DRIVING CONDUCT:

Competitors are to be familiar with Schedule Z Article 15 Code of Driving Conduct. Competitors should familiarize themselves with the newly rewritten Code of Driving Conduct. Clarifications have been written of unacceptable driving behaviour and can be found here with this link <https://motorsport.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Driving-Conduct-Guidelines.pdf>

SAFETY CAR RESTART PROCEDURE:

When the Safety Car turns off its flashing lights and accelerates away from the field to return to pit lane.

- The lead vehicle will maintain the speed set by the Safety Car prior to it turning off its flashing lights until the signal to restart is given.
- All weaving must stop and no erratic acceleration or braking, nor any other manoeuvre likely to impede other competitors is permitted.
- Drivers must maintain a single file behind the lead vehicle.
- The Race will recommence when the signal to restart (green light or flag) is displayed.

When the signal to restart is given

- All flag points will immediately extinguish the light(s) of the signal light system and/or withdraw their yellow flag and "SC" board.

- Drivers must maintain single file, line astern until their vehicle has crossed the Safety Car

Control Line.

- Once your vehicle has crossed the Safety Car Control Line, overtaking is permitted

A video tutorial can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7Egie6PD5k>

ALCOLHOL CONSUMPTION:

Consumption of alcohol in the paddock, pits, or any section of the competition venue/course under the control of the Officials is forbidden until all competition is concluded each day.

MEETING RIDE SESSION:

Sign-on for Meeting Rides will take place in the race secretariat office. All drivers and teams must adhere to the MotorSport NZ Meeting Ride Policy. A link for this can be found here, <https://motorsport.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Meeting-Ride-Policy-21122022.pdf> and is attached to these briefing notes. All passengers when signed in, will receive a coloured wrist band which will be checked (along with safety gear) in pit lane before commencing their meeting ride.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Should there be any further information that is not contained in these briefing notes, then the additional information will be emailed out, placed on the official noticeboard and on the sportity app.

Have a great weekend and enjoy.

Issued by:

Craig Finlayson

Clerk of the Course

12 January 2024

TMP HOUSE RULES Jan 24
A note for all users of the Taupo Motorsport Park

Depending on the type of event or hire Taupo Motorsport Park may require and approve of a compound management plan prior to an event. The approved management plan will form part of the event contract and must be managed by the event promoter throughout the duration of the event.

Each of Garages 1-30 is to house up to 2 cars only.

Pit Garages may not be used for accommodation of any kind and must be vacated and locked at the end of each day's use.

In alignment with Motorsport NZ venue licence rulings, overnight fuel storage is not permitted, a 20ft fuel storage container is located on the "hardstand". No barbecues or open flame devices are allowed inside a Pit Garage.

No signage (without prior written approval) to be placed on front of garages or above garage doors on either side of garages in pit-lane area. A charge will be made for removal of double side tape or repainting if this becomes necessary.

Please help us maintain a quality environment by leaving garages in a clean and tidy state. Excess cleaning charges may apply, and repairs for damage within the garage or to garage doors will be applied.

Only support vehicles associated with the garage hirer may be parked on the "garage apron" 6 meters (yellow line) behind each garage on the side facing The Paddock (Competitor Parking/Hardstand). Trailers are to be parked away from garage areas.

Support vehicles are not to be parked beyond the line demarcating the roadway area, unless by arrangement. Usually this will be by way of a specific event compound plan.

Power leads from garage power source are not permitted to extend beyond garages, unless specially approved and have trip hazard protection.

The Pit Garage Apron area is not to be used for vehicle repairs. Jacking of cars in this area is not permitted at any time.

Pop ups/temporary tenting or parking in front of garages is not permitted, unless approved by track management.

No jacks are to be placed on the tar seal without timber footplates.

No mechanical repairs are to be completed without a full "drop sheet" placed under vehicle.

The speed limits in the Pit Lane are:

- Fast Lane—40kph
- Inner Lane—15kph
- Hardstand including the track entrance roadway-15kph.

Children under 14 years old not permitted in Pit Lane.

No jandals or open toed shoes to be worn in Pit Lane.

Parking of support vehicles in any part of Pit Lane is not permitted at any time.

No pop-ups/temporary tenting is allowed in any part of Pit Lane without prior arrangement being made.

No unloading and loading of cars or motorcycles is to be carried out in Pit Lane.

The Inner Lane shall be the only area where any work can be carried out on a vehicle and then, only for adjustments not repairs or extended work. Any vehicle requiring extended repair or other work must be removed to a Pit Garage or to The Paddock.

No equipment may be left in the Fast Lane.

No compounds are to be applied or grinding of any kind to enhance the grip of or otherwise alter the surface of the Pit Lane is to be carried out and no lines are to be painted on any part of the Pit Lane.

Power supplies/leads are not permitted to run across the ground unless approved by prior arrangement.

Exterior power sources are to be used only by prior approval of management.

The provision of rubbish bins is for general rubbish, not waste oil or fluids or for discarded vehicle parts.

Waste oil disposal drums are located next to the scrutineering shed.

Discarded tyres are not to be left at the facility. Charges will be made for their removal.

Children under the age of 14 years old must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian.

Scooters or skateboards are not permitted.

Smoking is only permitted on grassed areas behind the hardstand.

No alcohol is to be consumed on site until the end of on track activities for each day other than in licenced bars.

No pets are allowed on site. Only certified assistance dogs are allowed on site.

Standard complex access hours are between 7.00am and 6.00pm unless by prior arrangement.

Camping, when offered, can only be in self-contained caravans or motorhomes, booked in advance and payment must be completed prior to any stay. To maintain the safety and wellbeing of our visitors and motorsport customers all individuals staying overnight at the complex must be identified and accounted for.

Note: At a Hirer's expense Taupo Motorsport Park may require a Security personnel presence at any event in order to ensure Health and Safety requirements are met.

Questions? Call Taupo International Motorsport Park on 07 376 5033