

2023 Endurance Relays Sydney Motorsport Park

ONLINE RIDERS BRIEFING

Welcome

- This online briefing provides important information so please read it carefully.
- For simplification the information is presented in the form of bullet points.
- There will be Riders Briefings on Saturday and Sunday mornings to ensure all competitors understand the endurance race procedures and to answer questions.

Key Officials

- Clerk of Course Terry Wahlen
- Steward Michael Rooke
- Race Secretary Peter Snow / Todd Keogh

Duty of Care

- Motorcycle racing can be dangerous.
- By taking part in the Event, you are participating in an activity that has risks.
- You may be injured or worse.
- Your equipment may be damaged, lost or destroyed.
- Others may ride dangerously or with a lack of skill.
- The track conditions may be hazardous and change without warning.
- By entering this Event and signing your entry form you are acknowledging the risks.
- You acknowledge that you have read and understood the General Competition Rules (GCR) contained in the 2023 Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS), and the Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions for this Event.

Competitor responsibilities include:

- Read and understand the duty of care statement on your entry form and in these briefing notes.
- Read and understand the GCR, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions.
- Read and understand the Garage and Pit Lane Rules, Safety Car Procedure and Ride-through Penalty Procedure.
- Conduct yourself in accordance with the Manual of Motorcycle Sport
- If hospitalised in the 7 days prior to the Event, advise the medical team before riding.
- Adhere to instructions given by race officials.
- Know which flag points are manned.
- Know what each of the flags and signals mean and obeying them.

Safety Concerns

- If you have concerns with the venue or the operation of the Event, you need to see the Clerk of Course.
- If the Clerk of Course cannot satisfy your concerns, you will be invited to withdraw from competition at this Event.

Communications

- During the endurance races all communication to and from the Clerk of Course is through the Team Managers ONLY.
- Any Junior called to Race Control must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Flags and Signals

- First session on track Waved green flag at all manned points.
- Incident Stationary yellow flag followed by a waved yellow flag followed by a waved green flag. No overtaking between the stationary yellow flag and the waved green flag.
- Serious incident Safety Car procedure will be invoked.
- Issue with bike or rider Stationary black flag and team's number displayed at the start/finish line.
- Ride-through Penalty board and team's number displayed at start/finish line.
- Lack of Adhesion Stationary red and yellow striped flag.
- Rain Waved white flag displayed at all points for 3 laps. When the flag is withdrawn riders must the ride to the prevailing track conditions.
- Race stoppage Waved red flag at all points plus full course red lights.
- Race finished Waved chequered flag at the start/finish line.

2-Hour and 5-Hour Warm-up

- 1 session each as per schedule on Sunday morning.
- Only 1 rider per team is allowed in the warm-up session at any one time.
- Riders must wear the team armband.

Racing

- Kick start or push start machines will be positioned at the rear of the grid.
- Pit Exit will open for a short time. Miss it and you'll start from pit lane.
- 1 combined sighting / warm up lap.
- Race time on digital clock is an indication only – it may not be the official race time.
- The endurance race timetable takes precedence over the sprint races.

Race Starts (Le Mans Start)

- Grid positions are marked on the pit wall. Support person needs to be in your team's grid spot wearing leathers, boots, helmet, and gloves.
- Slow down when approaching the grid.
- Turn the engine off.
- Park bike diagonally at your grid spot with the rear to the wall.
- Support person will hold the bike.
- Rider to go to the grass on opposite side of the main straight.
- Grid officials will inform you of your starting position.
- They will then raise a red flag, lower it, hand you over to the Starter, and walk off.
- **DON'T START RUNNING YET!!!**
- When ready, the Starter will raise Australian national flag to start the race.
- Rider then runs to the bike, starts it, and rides away.
- Support person must not assist by pushing unless bike is push-start only.
- A ride-through penalty may be applied for unsafe start or unfair advantage.
- REMEMBER – you can't win the race on the start line, but you can lose it.

Riders may start the race from pit lane provided they leave the garage at the same time as all other riders. They are to then wait at Pit Exit, engines off and will be allowed to start when the entire field has passed the turn 1 flag point. If they arrive at pit exit after the race has already started, they will be allowed to start but will be given a ride through penalty.

Exiting the track at any time

- Stay left exiting turn 18, signal clearly, enter pit lane, **do not change your mind.**
- Enter the Fast Lane until near your garage, cross the Slow Lane by the most direct route at walking pace and ride to your team's Change Area or garage.
- All riders must return to the garages through pit lane – NOT around the back of the garages.
- **TURN 4 IS NOT TO BE USED TO EXIT THE TRACK AT ANY TIME**

Race Finish

- Last Lap board displayed at the start/finish line to the race leader at either 2 or 5 hours of elapsed race time.
- Waved chequered flag displayed to the race leader on the next lap.
- Leader is not to overtake back markers.
- All riders then leave the circuit at Pit Entry - NOT TURN 4.
- First 3 placegetters will be ushered to parc ferme.

Pit Lane

- One-way only in race direction.
- Enclosed footwear must be worn. No furniture, spectators, or people under 16yo (unless competitors).
- Refer to "Garage and Pit Lane Rules" and "Ride-Through Procedure".
- Fast Lane is between the two yellow lines - Max 40kph – NO STOPPING OR STANDING.
- Slow Lane is the rest of pit lane bitumen surface - walking pace only.
- Change Area is the concrete section in front of garages – walking pace only.
- Mechanical work is only permitted in the garages, not in pit lane or on the grid.
- Refuelling is only permitted inside the garage. Engine must be switched OFF. Rider must dismount BEFORE the fuel cap is removed.
- NO smoking or naked flames anywhere within pit lane or garages. All persons should be aware of the location of Fire Extinguishers in their garages.
- Only bikes, riders, team managers and mechanics are allowed in pit lane.
- Signalling may be done along pit wall opposite your team garage.
- Keep the Change Area clear when not in use.

Black Flag and Ride-through Penalties

Black Flag

- Stationary black flag and your team number displayed at start/finish line.
- Exit the circuit at pit entry and ride to your team's Change Area where your team manager will address the issue.
- If due to a mechanical issue the bike must be re-scrutineered.
- You may then rejoin the race.
- If due to rider behaviour – rider to see Clerk of Course.

Ride-through

- PENALTY board and your team number displayed at start/finish line.
- Perform ride-through as per the procedure.

You have 3 laps to respond to a black flag or penalty board. Any subsequent laps will not be counted, and further sanctions may be applied.

Timing will display a message to help advise your team and we will try to send a pit lane official to your garage (but may not always happen).

Crashes and Mechanical Breakdowns

- Do not stand near edge of track.
- Move bike and self to wall if possible.
- Keep helmet on.
- DO NOT return to bike.
- If recovery arrives help them load the machine if possible.
- May leave bike against the wall and get the armband back to the pits but **MUST NOT CROSS THE TRACK**
- EVERY crashed bike must be re-scrutineered before resuming racing.
- EVERY rider who crashes must be cleared by Medical before resuming racing. If you crash and can make your own way back to the pits you can give the armband to your Team manager but then you **MUST** go and see the medical staff to obtain a clearance. They will advise Race Control that you have been cleared.
- If you are taken to the Medical Centre your armband may be removed and retained by medical staff. Your Team Manager may then request a replacement from the Clerk of Course. Replacement armbands will be issued by the pit exit official.
- The Safety Car may overtake moving recovery and medical vehicles at a reduced pace. Riders must exercise caution as they follow the Safety Car past these other moving vehicles.

Safety Car

- For this to work we need everyone to cooperate and understand their responsibilities
- Read the document entitled "Safety Car Procedure."
- Make sure you fully understand the procedure.
- As soon as the track's yellow flashing Safety Car lights are activated you MUST slow down and MUST NOT overtake. This will enable us to get the medical vehicles on the track as soon as possible.
- Be aware that the Safety Car's speed may vary dramatically during this exercise and that extra medical and recovery vehicles may enter and leave the circuit or stop at any time. **People may be on the circuit!**
- There will be a waved yellow flag prior to the incident site - exercise caution.
- When you see the flashing green lights or waved green flags around the track you may recommence racing from wherever you are on the circuit

Security

- Please ensure you secure all valuables to prevent theft or loss.

Terry Wahlen
Clerk of Course