

Lotus Hethel Sprint

Drivers Briefing
(Inc. New Drivers Briefing)

Sunday 7 September 2025

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Clerk of the Course



Welcome

- On behalf of Borough 19 MC and Lotus Motor Club I would like to welcome you to this event.
- I would also like to thank you for your entry to this event and hope you have a safe and enjoyable day here.
- I am Steve Castle the Clerk of the Course at this event, with Andy Cox as Deputy Clerk and Chris Humphreys as Assistant Clerk. If you need to speak to the me, please come to Race Control.



Event Format

- **Drivers Briefing:** All drivers must report to Race Control at 08:30 for Briefing.
- **Junior Observation Laps:**
Start singly and run over the duration of the course at least 3 times
- **Practice:** There will be one practice run.
- **Timed Runs:**
There will be a maximum of FOUR timed runs, time and weather permitting.
At the end of the run, cars must slow down after taking the Chequered Flag/Board and reduce speed prior to entering the pit lane where there is a 10-mph speed limit

DRIVERS ARE REMINDED THAT CRASH HELMETS, ALL SAFETY CLOTHING AND SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN UNTIL RETURN TO THE Paddock.



Circuit Access/Egress

- Circuit access is via the Pit Lane, the marshals will call you forward to the start line.
- Circuit egress, once your run has finished, you will exit via pit lane entrance.
- Once you have passed the chequered flag/chequered boards, please slow down and return to the paddock.



Junior Competitors

Junior Observation Laps: New Junior Sprint Competitors will be required to drive observed laps prior to the Competition in order to satisfy the Clerk of the Course that they are competent to take part, subject to the following:

- (a) Start singly and run over the duration of the course at least 3 times.
- (b) A Motorsport UK licensed driver may accompany the new Competitor, subject to approval of the Clerk of the Course,
- (c) Observed laps are not required if the Competitor can provide the Clerk of the Course with proof of having competed as a Driver in three other Motorsport UK Permitted events



Start Procedure

- The start procedure for both practice and timed runs is that cars will be formed in the Paddock assembly area and then brought forward to the startline.
- When each vehicle is in position to start the driver will be directed to watch the traffic lights .
- When the traffic light changes from red to green the driver has a maximum of 5 seconds to leave the startline. After this 5 second interval the run will be void and no re-run will be given.
- There will be four cars maximum on circuit at any one time.



On Track Procedure

- There must be no overtaking and no interfering with other competitors who are on a timed run. If you are baulked, please be at least 4 car lengths behind the other competitor when crossing the finish line otherwise the timing equipment will think only one vehicle has crossed the line.
- Competitors will complete both practice and timed runs in class order. Double drives - the first driver must bring the car straight back to the assembly area so that the second driver can take their run as soon as possible.
- On a Red Flag immediately reduce speed and then take instructions from the officials.
- All four wheels off at any point will result in the time and the run being disallowed and this includes all four wheels over the white line at the edge of the circuit. If any circuit markers or cones are struck, each will incur a 5 second penalty.



Judicial Procedures

- Judicial procedures will be conducted in accordance with current legislation as per the Motorsport UK NCRs.
- Judicial Fines – If a Clerk or the Stewards feel it appropriate to impose a fine, this must be paid to Motorsport UK the week after the event.



Paddock Regulations

- Refuelling – Please do not fuel with a hot car, but ensure you are fuelled in time for your run. Also ensure you have enough fuel to rerun should this be required.
- We have a very tight schedule, so please keep up with the progress of the event.
- There is a 10mph speed limit in the paddock area.
- The circuit perimeter roads cannot be used for testing cars.



General

- Driving Standards will be monitored for the duration of the event, on track incidents will be investigated and action may be taken if necessary.
- If you have been involved in an incident and would like to speak to a Clerk about it, please speak with Event Administration in the first instance.
- Motorsport is a non-contact sport.



Photography & Camera Phones

- We have been advised by Group Lotus that the use of cameras, on board video cameras and camera phones for photography purposes is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- We would appreciate the co-operation of all competitors and their support personnel to abide by the ruling to safeguard the venue for the future.
- **FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL MEAN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT AND VENUE.**
- An Official photographer will be appointed, and photos made available to Competitors via Borough 19 MC.

