

25th May 2026 – Donington Park

DRIVER BRIEFING NOTES – V1

INFORMATION	DESCRIPTION
Event	Racing Honda Championship - Rounds 5/6
Date & Venue	25 th May @ Donington Park National
Circuit Briefing	Time Attack Clubhouse @ 08:00
MSUK Steward	Jerry Lucas
Senior Clerk of the Course	Luke Caudle
Clerk of the Course	Stacy Lawday

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

- Lap Length: 1.95 miles (Clockwise)
- Start/Finish line is located on the Main Straight
- Pole Position: Standing start on the right
- Pit Lane Speed Limit: 50KPH, (30.06mph) – Please be aware of where the speed limit starts and ends.
- Safety Car Initial positions – Pit Exit
- Start lights are on the gantry above the track
- Warning flags will be shown at the control line (drivers left)

EVENT DOCUMENTATION & RESOURCES

Event documents, including revisions such as timetables, final instructions and the virtual noticeboard, can be found on your event page here:

<https://www.racinghondas.uk/events/round-5-6-donington-park/>

TIMETABLE

The organisers will try and run the programme as published, however, reserve the right to bring forward, delay or abandon sessions to suit conditions. Please keep posted on the Racing Honda WhatsApp noticeboard and make sure you are in assembly in good time; the organisers will not wait for latecomers.

SESSION TYPE	PLANNED START TIME
Practice	10:20
Qualifying	12:25
Race 1	15:40
Race 2	18:10

*At the time of these briefing notes being created, the timetable is V2.0 and may be subject to change.



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SIGNING ON

Please ensure you have signed on in advance of the event via the portal.

SCRUTINEERING

All competitors will need to be scrutineered in the scrutineering bay; scrutineering will be available Sunday morning between 8:15 – 9:15.

ENGINE NOISE

Engines must not run before 09:00 or after 19:30.

FREE PRACTICE/QUALIFYING

For free practice and qualifying all vehicles must head to the assembly area. You will then be released onto circuit at Redgate to commence the session. As per NCR regulation Ch.12 App.7 Art 1.5 If you wish to travel slowly to get a clear lap, this MUST be done without hindering another competitor in any way whatsoever. Please make use of your mirrors.

If you are late and the session has started, you will need to head to the pitlane via the gate next to race control.

At the end of the session, competitors take the checkered flag, proceed around the circuit at a reduced speed without stopping and exit the circuit at pit lane entrance and make their way to Parc Ferme.

ALL CARS REMAIN UNDER PARC FERME CONDITIONS UNTIL RELEASED BY AN OFFICIAL.

RACE 1 & 2

For both races all competitors must go to the assembly area. You will then be released behind the safety car and parade around the circuit to the grid for your countdown.

It is your responsibility to drive safely and make sure you are in the correct position.

*For the avoidance of doubt the front bumper must not pass the grid line.

Once all drivers are stationary there will be a one-minute countdown, 30 second board, then a Green Flag. The Green Flag lap commences when the flag is shown at the start line. Cars must maintain grid position on this lap as failure to do so will result in a penalty. Once this lap is complete, the 5 second board will be shown and then the red lights will be switched on and anytime between 2 and 7 seconds the red lights will be switched off – signaling the start of the race.

At the end of the race, the checkered flag will be displayed, all competitors will proceed around the circuit at a reduced speed without stopping and leave the circuit and will be directed into Parc Ferme.

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SAFETY CAR

The Safety Car, if deployed, will enter the circuit from the Pit Exit.

Waved yellow flags and SC light panels will be displayed around the circuit.

The Safety Car will endeavor to pick up the leader and cars must remain within five car lengths of the car in front.

When the Safety Car is about to be withdrawn, the lights will be switched off approximately 2/3rds of the way around the circuit.

It is then the leader's responsibility to dictate the pace before the restart.

No overtaking or overlapping until you have passed the Green Flag at the control line.

FLAGS / LIGHT PANELS / SIGNALLING

Donington Park will be operating the circuit light panels as a primary route of signalling to competitors. The role of marshals is still critical in displaying signals via the light control panel and flags to both provide protection to their fellow marshals working trackside as well as the delivery of signals to the competitors. In some cases, flags will also be used.

The display of the red lights and safety car signals around the circuit will be undertaken by race control and in certain circumstances marshals may find that race control has adjusted the lights being displayed.

TRACK LIMITS

Track limits will be monitored around the circuit. A driver will be judged to have left the track if any part of the contact patch of any tyre of the vehicle goes completely beyond either the outer edge of any kerb or the white line where there is no kerb. The following penalties will be applied:

In qualifying sessions: The lap time on which the breach occurred will be disallowed for the purposes of establishing grid order for the relevant race but will still count towards the minimum number of laps required to qualify for the relevant race.

In race sessions: A first breach will be noted. A second breach may, if possible, result in the driver being shown the Black & White flag. A third breach will result in the driver receiving a 5-second time penalty. Further breaches will result in additional penalties.

DRIVING CONDUCT

All reported incidents will be investigated. DO NOT leave the circuit until you have been cleared to leave via the WhatsApp Group message or you have checked with Stacy or Paul – NOTE – All judicial hearings will be completed on Sunday evening regardless of the time, no investigations will be carried over.

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PROTEST & APPEALS

The protest and appeal forms can be found on the MSUK website under the heading Resource Centre.

All protests and appeals must be submitted within the correct time limits and forwarded to myself and the event secretary. Protest will be dealt with in the order we receive them, however this is subject to change if required.

DRIVERS SIGNALLING TO MARSHALS

If you are involved in an incident, you should indicate to the marshals if you are OK by signalling with a thumbs-up at the front of your vehicle. If you can safely exit your vehicle, do so and then stand in a suitable/safe location.

RED FLAGS & LIGHTS

When seeing a red flag or light panel you should stop racing, slow down and be prepared to take avoiding action or stop.

For any Red Flag stoppages in Free Practice or Qualifying please head back to the pitlane, teams can work on the cars under red flag during free practice or qualifying. Any red flag stoppages during the race follow the marshal's instructions and stop short of the grid.

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location. Do not continue round the circuit with the risk of leaving oil on the track.

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LIGHT PANEL DISPLAYS

Yellow Flag		
Double Yellow Flag		
White Flag		
Green Flag		
Blue Flag		
Red Flag		
Slippery Surface Flag		
Safety Car Flag		
Pit Entry Flag		
Pit Entry Closed Flag		
Mechanical Problem Flag		
Unsportsmanlike Behaviour Flag / Warning Flag		
Black Flag		

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ADDITIONAL POINTS TO COVER AT THE BRIEFING

- Assembly Area
- Grid Procedure
- Safety Car Procedure
- Judicial Location
- Driving Standards
- AOB & Questions

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe weekend.

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Clerk of the Course

