

VICTORIAN TROPHY TOUR

SANDOWN INTERNATIONAL MOTOR RACEWAY –7-9th August 2026
Round 4 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships



DRIVERS BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS

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START PROCEDURE STANDING START

A One minute board will be shown in marshalling prior to drivers entering the track to commence formation lap.

You are not permitted to stop and do burn outs during the formation lap.

If for any reason you lose your position during the formation lap, or on leaving the Marshalling Area, you may regain your original position. Please be careful when passing other cars as they may not be expecting to be overtaken. it is the responsibility of the driver doing the overtaking to do so safely. Any driver still out of position at the exit of turn 9 (Dandenong RD) must enter pit lane and start the race from there.

As you approach the start grid area at Turn 11, no weaving or breaking traction will be tolerated – the safety of the Start Grid Officials on the track is paramount.

Once the grid is correctly positioned, the starter will indicate five seconds. This puts the field under Starter's Orders. The red light will come on. At any moment between two seconds and three seconds the red light will go out to start the race. A relay start point will be positioned on your right adjacent to the Pit Lane entrance at the start of the main straight.

If for any reason we need to abort the start, flashing amber lights will go on. A delayed start board will be displayed.

This will be followed by a warm up lap board being shown by the Starter and a Green Flag will indicate the start of another formation lap.

WRIST BANDS

Wrist bands will be checked prior to each track session. If you do not display a wrist band you will not be able to start the event. An Official will direct you to see the Race Secretary before you can commence competition.

RACE START - FORMULA VEE

Races for Formula Vee Championship will be conducted regardless of class (1200cc & 1600cc) but they will be gridded as follows:-

- The Formula Vee 1600cc cars will be assembled as a separate group at the front of the grid
- The Formula Vee 1200cc cars will be similarly assembled as a separate group further back on the starting grid.
- Any cars having not previously qualified or started earlier races should start from the rear of their respective group as directed.

FALSE START

Drivers deemed by the judges of fact and the Stewards to have jumped the start or not within their grid box will be given, as a minimum, a 5 second time penalty.

YELLOW FLAG MIRROR POINTS

Mirror points will be used at 0.5 for T 1.0 and at 5.8 for T9.0.

SAFETY CAR PROCEDURE

When the Safety Car is deployed, YELLOW FLAGS accompanied by the **SC Board** will be displayed at all flag points. The Safety Car will pick up the field on the front straight between Pit Lane exit and Turn 1.

Cars must bunch up as quickly as possible. If you are waved past the Safety Car, please do so immediately.

When the Safety Car is to withdraw, its lights will go off at Flag point 5.8 This indicates that the Safety Car will exit the track at Pit Lane entry and competition is about to resume.

From the time that all flashing lights are extinguished on the safety car, each automobile must maintain the prescribed speed and the practice of aggressively accelerating and/or braking and/or moving either left or right is prohibited.

As the Safety Car is entering the pit lane the yellow flags and "SC" boards displayed at each flag post shall be withdrawn and a green flag shall be shown at the Control (Timing) Line to signal the restart.

No automobile may overtake or overlap another until it has crossed the Control (Timing) Line after the signal to restart has been given.

You must maintain less than 5 car lengths between you and the car in front while Safety Car conditions are in effect.

RED FLAG PROCEDURE

- **REDUCE SPEED IMMEDIATELY, BE READY TO EITHER STOP OR NEGOTIATE A TRACK BLOCKAGE.**
Emergency vehicles may be on the track- do not impede their progress. Return to pit lane and await further instructions. There must be no passing unless a car has broken down.

TRACK EXIT- END OF EVENT

After receiving the chequered flag, cars will continue around the circuit and exit at pit lane entry. A reminder that all safety equipment worn by drivers must not be removed before the driver has exited the car.

DURING EVENT

If you need to exit the track during practice and racing use pit lane entry on the main straight just past the causeway. Any vehicle entering pit lane must enter pit lane. Vehicles must not cross the blend line at pit lane entry.

No speeding in the paddock- 10kmh limit applies.

PIT LANE

Drivers must not engage reverse gear with the motor running while in pit lane. This includes entering and exiting garages. Drivers must not weave their cars in pit lane.

VEHICLE RECOVERY

We will attempt to recover broken down or stranded cars under YELLOW FLAGS whenever possible. However, you must recognise and respond accordingly to the flags.

If DOUBLE waved YELLOW FLAGS are displayed it is likely that Race Officials will be on or near the track. Their safety is paramount. Slow down and be prepared to stop.

Breaches of this NCR will be harshly dealt with - and may force us to use the Safety Car or to RED FLAG the event.

A stationary YELLOW FLAG will be used at the flag point prior to a WAVED YELLOW FLAG. This is to give drivers a warning of a potentially hazardous situation.

BLACK FLAG/ MEATBALL.

Displayed just before Turn 10 driver's left and at Start/Finish. Always shown with the car number. The driver of the car must then immediately exit the track via pit lane. An official will advise the competitor of the problem.

Under no circumstances is a driver to work on their car anywhere on the track apart from pit lane. If your car stops for any reason during an event and is unable to restart, the driver must get out of their car and move to a safe position behind a barrier.

RESTRICTED AREA

The grass area between the barriers on the front straight and the new cyclone wire fencing are out of bounds during the event to anyone other than officials of the meeting. If you or your crew need to set up timing equipment, please do so before the event starts or in periods when there is no on-track activity.

RACE RULES

DRIVERS ARE REMINDED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE REVISED NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES AND THE CIRCUIT RACE STANDING REGULATIONS.

You are reminded that weaving back and forth across the track during racing will not be tolerated. Race Control vision includes on-track cameras to monitor racing behaviour.

Yellow flag infringements will be given a time penalty of at least the equivalent of a pit lane driver through. If the incident is considered to be more serious other penalties may be applied.

In the event of a car leaving the track drivers are reminded that they may only re-enter the track when it is safe to do so.

ON TRACK BEHAVIOR

If you have any concerns about an incident that has occurred during racing, please bring it to the attention of the Assistant Clerk of Course Judicial. If you wish to make a complaint official, please bring it to the attention of our Judicial people. Keep in mind that any request for an investigation must be made within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the race. If you have any video of the incident please bring it with you.

REFUELLING

Drivers are reminded of the requirements of Circuit Race Appendix-Refuelling Part 2.

Permission to start rear of grid – Drivers wishing to start rear of grid for any reason must lodge a request with the Race Secretary 30 minutes before the relevant event.

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Clerk-of-Course