

Drivers' Briefing Notes

Event: Masters Historic Festival Brands Hatch 2026
Date: 30 & 31 May 2026
Subject: Drivers' Briefing Notes for the
Masters Racing Legends for 1966-1985 F1 Cars (MRL) – **INTERNATIONAL**
Masters Endurance Legends 1 & 2 (MEL) - **INTERNATIONAL**
Masters Pre-66 Touring Cars - **NATIONAL**
Masters Gentlemen Drivers – **NATIONAL**
HGPCA – **NATIONAL**

From: The Race Director
To: All Competitors
CC: The Chairman of the Stewards

CIRCUIT INFORMATION*

Lap length	: 3916m
Direction	: Clockwise
Pole position	: Right hand side
Pitlane Length (between the timing loops)	: 277m
Start Line offset	: Approximately 20m before the Finish Control Line
Race Control Signalling Area	: Main Straight, Right hand Side (at Finish Control Line)
Drive-Through time by driving 60km/h in pit lane	: 16,6 sec
Pit Exit	: End of Main Straight, Right hand side.
Speed limit in pit lane	: 60 km/h
Assembly Area	: Located near the first pit garage at the pitlane entry.
Penalty Area	: At the end of the Pitlane
SC line 1	: White line drawn near the Pit Entry at T9
SC line 2	: At the Main Straight, after the Pit Exit just before T1
SC Standby position	: T3
SC during formation and 1st lap	: T8/9

**See attached plan*

REGULATIONS - Modifications and Reminders

Competitors and drivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to read the FIA International Sporting Code and it's appendices, Series and Event Regulations and also to be familiar and comply with them.

Art. 01 These notes are to be read in conjunction with the PowerPoint Presentation published on the Official Notice Board after the drivers briefing.

Art. 02 **Masters Race Information**

Official announcements related to time schedule and sessions will be mentioned in the Whatsapp community chats. This channel is considered to be part of the official notice board.

Art. 03 Alcohol Tolerance

Alcohol tolerance is 0. Checks may be made from three hours before and up to 30 minutes after every session in accordance with FIA ISC Appendix A. Please also visit the FIA Anti-Doping Campaign 'Race True' website – <https://www.fia.com/education> and familiarise yourself with FIA ISC Appendix B regarding anti-doping.

Art.04 Helmet Cameras

Any form of helmet or visor camera is strictly forbidden under FIA Appendix L, Chapter III, Article 1.4. Any competitor found to have such equipment installed will be reported to the event stewards.

Art. 05 Parc Fermé (PF)

After Qualifying and Races, selected cars must be brought to Parc Fermé. For the International Grids, PF is at Pit-in at the start of the pit lane. For the National Grids, PF is in the scrutineering bay in the Outer Paddock, Under Parc Fermé conditions, no work may be done on the cars unless explicitly approved by the Masters Technical Delegate. Any breach may be reported to the Stewards and could lead to disqualification or exclusion.

Art. 06a Rolling Start Procedure for international series MRL – MEL 1&2

Competitors located in a pit garage may **start all sessions**, including races **from their Garage**. Others are requested to be ready in the Assembly Area latest 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the session. Please note the following for the races. Once the Pit Lane opens, cars may leave their pit garage/assembly area and proceed directly onto the track to the starting grid. It is **important** that teams **only proceed on track when their session is active**. Cars have 5 minutes to enter the track, after which, at the 5-minute signal, the pit lane light will turn red.

- Note that at the 5-minute signal all cars must be on race tyres and on the ground.
- After the 5-minute board, all guests must be cleared of the grid.
- After the 3-minute board, team technical staff must leave the grid
- At the 2-minute board, engines must be started.
- By the 1-minute board, the last mechanic must leave the grid. The formation lap will start with the green flag, with all cars following the Leading Car.

As the field approaches Turn 8, the Leading Car will slow to form a 2x2 grid. It will then exit after Turn 9, and cars should maintain their speed (between 70-90 km/h) towards the Start line.

The race begins when the red lights go off (red-on / red-off), at which point drivers must accelerate immediately and follow the YELLOW START PROCEDURE, as outlined in the drivers' briefing PowerPoint and Article 06 of these briefing notes.

Art. 06b Rolling Start Procedure for Pre-66 Touring Cars / Masters Gentlemen Drivers / HGPCA

Competitors must be ready 30 minutes prior to the start of the race at the assembly area. The **Qualifying will start immediately** at the green flag from the assembly area.

For the race. The 10-minute board will be shown in the Assembly Area. Once the Assembly Area is open, cars should proceed to the start grid on the pit straight and wait in their grid positions. When all cars are on the grid the 5 minute board is shown. opens, the formation lap will start behind a leading car.

As the field approaches Turn 8, the Leading Car will slow to form a 2x2 grid. It will then exit after Turn 9, and cars should maintain their speed (between 70-90 km/h) towards the Start line.

The race begins when the red lights go off (red-on / red-off), at which point drivers must accelerate. Competitors are reminded that overtaking is not allowed until the car has passed the finish control line.

Art. 07 Yellow Start Procedure (Only for MRL – MEL 1 & 2):

- Cars must accelerate as soon as the start signal is given – NO OVERTAKING.
- As soon as the Start Line is crossed by the pole position car the second-place car must fall-in behind the first-place car in SINGLE FILE into T1 and each following car must accordingly do the same (place 4 behind place 3, place 6 behind place 5, etc) until the exit of T2 where on the left hand side of the track a green flag will be shown at which point you may start overtaking.
- Cars must remain in single file until arriving perpendicular to the green flag /panel after T2 at left hand side.

Art. 08a Mandatory Pit Stop – Masters Endurance Legends

- i. Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop measured between the Pit IN timing line and Pit OUT timing line, including 60-seconds stationary, is 76,6 seconds (01:16,600).
- ii. The Pit Stop must occur by crossing the Pit IN timing line between 15.0 and 25.0 minutes of the Race time (i.e. not before 15m 00secs.000 and not after 24m59secs.999). The Mandatory Pit Stop duration is measured from the Pit IN timing line to the Pit OUT timing line.
- iii. It is forbidden to change any tyres during the mandatory pit stop, unless a tyre is damaged and authorisation is given by a Masters Scrutineer.
- iv. If a driver change occurs during the pit stop, the engine must be stopped before the driver exits the car and can only be restarted once the new driver is seated with belts fastened.

Art. 08b Mandatory Pit Stop for Pre-66 Touring Cars

- i. Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop measured between the Pit IN timing line and Pit OUT timing line, including 60-seconds stationary, is 76,6 seconds (01:16,600).
- ii. The Pit Stop must occur by crossing the Pit IN timing line between 25.0 and 35.0 minutes of the Race time (i.e. not before 25m00secs.000 and not after 34m59secs.999). The Mandatory Pit Stop duration is measured from the Pit IN timing line to the Pit OUT timing line.
- iii. It is forbidden to change any tyres during the mandatory pit stop, unless a tyre is damaged and authorisation is given by a Masters Scrutineer.
- iv. If a driver change occurs during the pit stop, the engine must be stopped before the driver exits the car and can only be restarted once the new driver is seated with belts fastened.

Art. 08c Mandatory Pit Stop Times for Masters Gentlemen Drivers

- i. Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop measured between the Pit IN timing line and Pit OUT timing line, including 60-seconds stationary according to Article 12.6 of the sporting regulations for **cars up to 4.000cc** , is **76,6** seconds (01:18,600)
- ii. Minimum total time for the Mandatory Pit Stop measured between the Pit IN timing line and Pit OUT timing line, including 75-seconds stationary according Article 12.6 of the sporting regulations for **cars over 4.000cc** , is **91,6** seconds (01:31,600)



- v. The Pit Stop must occur by crossing the Pit IN timing line between 25.0 and 35.0 minutes of the Race time (i.e. not before 25m00secs.000 and not after 34m59secs.999). The Mandatory Pit Stop duration is measured from the Pit IN timing line to the Pit OUT timing line.
- iii. It is forbidden to change any tyres during the mandatory pit stop, unless a tyre is damaged and authorisation is given by a Masters Scrutineer.
- iv. If a driver change occurs during the pit stop, the engine must be stopped before the driver exits the car and can only be restarted once the new driver is seated with belts fastened.

Art. 09 Starting Driver

If a car is shared, teams must notify a Masters Team member of the starting driver at least 90 minutes before the race.

GENERAL NOTES

Technical problems

If you have a mechanical problem, pull off in a safe location.

Do not continue around the circuit with the risk of leaving oil on the track. This will compromise the safety of all other competitors.

If stopped on the track and unable to continue or instructed by officials, drivers must move behind the first line of protection immediately if it is safe to do so. The Car must be in neutral (unless on an incline) with the steering wheel in place.

Accident

After a heavy accident, stay in your car (except in case of Fire). Do not attempt to leave it on your own. Wait for the arrival of the doctor and, if necessary, the extrication team. We will take care of you.

CODE OF DRIVING CONDUCT

All drivers must respect the provisions of [Appendix L](#) to the [FIA International Sporting Code](#), Chapter IV relating to the driving conduct on circuits, respect all other drivers across all classes, and ensure they read the [Masters Code of Conduct](#).



EVENT SPECIFIC NOTES

Digital Notice Board : Results of Qualifying and Races can be found on the virtual notice board on the MSVR website (<https://www.msvr.co.uk/car/events/2026/may/bh-31>)

Fire Point : If you have a fire do not attempt to enter the Paddock/Pitlane but proceed to the closest fire point at the track.

Protest Fee & Appeal : For International Grids, the protest fee for this event is 500 Euros and the Appeal Fee is 1750 Euros.

For National Grids, Appeal Fees and Protest Fees are as listed in MSUK, NCR 2025, Chapter 1 App.2 ([link](#))

Live Timing : <https://www.tsl-timing.com/event/262251>

Podiums: Podiums will be awarded directly after races. Drivers of cars taken to the Parc Ferme area and must follow Officials instructions. Podium drivers for the International Grids will be taken to the podiums from Parc Ferme. Podium drivers for the National Grids will be stopped under the podium – cars must be removed to the Outer Paddock Parc Ferme area immediately. Awards will be presented as per the published series regulations.

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