

The British Motorcycle Racing Club



BMCRC-MRO 2020 CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRANDS GP CIRCUIT

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Round 4 3rd-4th October 2020

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ACU Permit Number: ACU 59717
Testday Permit: ACU 59716
Test & Race: EMN 10/740
Course Licence Number: 005

ACCESS TO THE GP & OUTER PADDOCKS FROM:

17.30 hrs Thursday 1st October

(NOTE: There is a trackday at the circuit on Thursday – Please do not arrive hours before this time)

Entry is via the Main Gate on Thursday & Friday

ALL WITH COMPETITORS TICKETS....

Access on Saturday & Sunday

ONLY VIA THE SCRATCHERS LANE PADDOCK ENTRANCE

Main Gate on Saturday & Sunday is for Spectators only – tickets available in advance only from msv.com

Bemsee Meetings at Brands Hatch:

Following latest advice from the Government on social distancing, MSV has implemented a range of procedures at the circuit to minimise the need for contact between people when attending testdays. MSV is doing everything they can to keep you safe. Indeed, attending such an event should carry a remote risk of infection as long as people follow the government's social distancing guidelines....

- Ensure you have 'groups' of no more than six in your awnings, unless they are from the same 'support bubble'
- Wear face masks when moving around in the paddock or indoors – such as Race Office
- When queuing for food/beverages at food outlets - wear face masks
- Maintain social distancing as per current UK guidance/advice
- Spectators to be in groups of no more than six, unless of course, they are from the same support bubble. Face masks to be worn as above

Attendee Restrictions

Sidecar Teams will be issued 6x eTickets, Solo Teams 3x. Only riders and their families may attend the paddock of this Bemsee meeting. Mechanics are allowed to assist each rider, ideally from the same household. If not, social distancing practice should be observed whilst a mechanic is working on the machine. Tools may not be shared, unless the helper/mechanic is from the same household. Households may travel together, mechanics or other essential assistants if not from the same household must travel to the circuit separately and be in possession of a ticket that allows paddock access.

Under current guidelines, access to the Paddock and overnight stays within the paddock are permitted only for those with Competitor, Officials or Marshals tickets.

Riders may stay over in the Paddock on Sunday – but must be off site by Monday mid-morning. GP Paddock & Garages must be clear on Sunday night

Groups of more than 6 persons together are not permitted.

Quarantined Areas

If you have recently returned from anywhere in Europe that is now under 14-day quarantine restrictions, you must ensure that your 14 days has been completed before you are able to attend this meeting.

Public Access – there is no public access to the paddock at Brands. Public can buy tickets online from MSV in advance or on the gate and will be directed to the viewing areas around the circuit.

There is no overnight camping facility at the circuit for the Public.

Vehicle passes will not be issued or required for this meeting. Public, Friends & Family must park outside of the paddock in the public parking areas. Disabled access is an exception.

If you give a Competitor Ticket to a helper, mechanic or member of your family they should access the paddock via the Scratcher's Lane entrance and park private cars in the Upper Paddock – to keep the main paddock area clear of cars.

Online Booking at bemsee.net

All bookings are online, as usual. This is mandatory and we will not be able to take bookings in person on the day. The online declaration has now been amended to show you understand and accept the additional risks involved relating to Covid-19 at such an event.

Payment for the Brands GP meeting and testday will be taken one week from the event on Friday 25th September. Please ensure you have sufficient funds on your card to enable payment to be taken. Declined cards will mean that you'll need to give us different card details or we will advise you the Club's Bank details for you to make a direct transfer online. Cash payments on the day will not now be accepted, we need to remove cash handling and the risk associated with that from what we do in Race Office.

All testday entrants will be emailed e-tickets, 3 per entrant (6x for Sidecars) these must be presented on the gate to gain entry to the circuit. This covers all days.

IMPORTANT: If you develop Symptoms....

You must not attend - if you develop any symptoms of Covid-19 once you have booked the event - you are required to self-isolate under Government guidelines. Please notify Bemsee as soon as possible if this happens so we can amend your booking.

PPE – For everyone’s Protection

Please take heed of the current government advice on the wearing of masks & gloves. Whilst not mandatory, we think the wearing of masks is prudent when you are walking around the paddock and in the garage areas. There is no requirement for you to wear a mask when on track. Consider using anti-bacterial wipes to keep your personal gear clean and treat surfaces such as handlebar grips as well.

Processes & Documentation

After you’ve entered online – you will be emailed eTickets around 10 days from the meeting. These you can print at home or save on a mobile for presentation at the Brands main gate. A reminder, you need to present your ticket to the gate if you leave the circuit and intend to return. This is to protect everyone’s security.

Payment for the meeting will be taken on Friday 25th September.

At Bemsee meetings you are required to go through Technical Inspection before attending the Race Office for sign-on.

Observe the Paddock Plan

The GP Paddock area is allocated to those who have booked Garage space in advance – please observe these restrictions and park accordingly. Additional space in the Upper part of the Outer paddock will be made available to assist with venue-wide social distancing measures. Please do not gather in groups of more than 6 on the day and still always maintain social distance from each other.

We have also allocated Paddock space for Club Sidecar Teams at the far end of the Lower Paddock – please see the Paddock Plan. This is to make it easier for our Technical Officials to find you all for inspection at your awnings. Sidecar teams are welcome to setup in other parts of the Paddock, if you choose to do so then you should attend the Outer Paddock Tek Bay for inspection with your machine and full kit.

MSV and Bemsee will be working hard to ensure that parking up in paddocks can be managed to ensure there is appropriate social distancing.

There is an onus on riders to ensure space is managed sensibly on this. Use your common sense to ensure social distancing is possible with your set-up.

Garages and Paddock Areas

Going forward, we plan to house 3 riders per single garage. 1m+ social distancing should be maintained inside the garages at all times. If your mechanic is working on the bike and others are in there, don’t congregate – wait outside, try and maintain the numbers at max 6 per garage at all times, this should ensure the 1m+ guide can be maintained. Garages must remain fully open at all times to the front and rear for the duration of testing and whilst people are in there working on bikes.

NOTE: Under current conditions - **sleeping within the Garages is strictly forbidden.**

Hire fees will be £20/rider for each garage – you will pay in advance online. Keys will be available if you arrive early on Thursday 1st from the main gate security, only to riders who are on the Garage List. Otherwise, keys will be available from the Race Office from Friday morning. One key holder will need to take responsibility for collecting and returning the key from each garage. Keys must be returned during Sunday morning back to the Race Office.

Additional space in the paddock will be made available to assist with venue-wide social distancing measures. Please do not gather in groups of more than 6 on the day and still always maintain social distance from each other.

Garages will be available for advanced reservation by email to mikedommett@hotmail.com from 2pm on Friday 25th September - include with that info for each rider if you are booking on behalf of a group and include those other riders copied on your email request. Confirmation emails will be issued to advise the garage details - this will include links to enable you to pay for the garage individually or in groups online, **in advance of the event.**

Transponder Hire

If you are hiring a Transponder, they will be available for collection from the Race Office from lunchtime on the Friday testday, 2nd. These should be fitted to your machine so that forms part of the Technical Inspection. These will have been charged in advance and cleaned, so they present no Covid infection risk and can be handled directly.

Technical Inspection

Club F1 & F2 Sidecars

Our Technical Inspectors will visit each Team on Friday 2nd, 3pm onwards, there is no need for Teams to attend the Bay if you are located in the Lower part of the Outer Paddock. We would ask that Teams have disinfectant wipes or spray to clean the handlebar grips immediately prior to inspection when the Inspectors arrive at your awning. We would ask Team members to leave the outfit with fairing removed and stand clear of the machine, the Inspectors will then conduct the machine inspection. Rider & Passenger should put all race gear on, including helmets, gloves, boots & leathers for a visual inspection of clothing to take place. Fairing and helmets will receive inspection stickers when passed and your Technical Inspection Card will be signed by the Inspectors then handed to you. Rider & Passenger each need to sign the reverse of the card (use your own pen) and bring this to the Race Office for sign-on.

All Bemsee Classes

The Technical Bay will open from 3pm on Friday 2nd October and will run to around 5.30. The Bay will re-open on Saturday at 07.30

We would ask that riders disinfect the handlebar grips with wipes or spray immediately prior to attending inspection. Please ensure you bring a paddock stand with you to the Bay (or have someone bring the stand to the Bay for you). Riders with solo machines should observe social distancing when queuing for inspection, please consider wearing face coverings. Just riders and their machines should enter the Bay, mechanics and other team members should assist with placing the bike and then stay out of the area. When directed by the Technical Official, place your bike on its stand and retire away from the

machine for inspection of the machine to take place. During this time, we suggest you attend one of the Clothing Inspectors for your kit to be checked. Present with all kit on, including helmet. Clothing Inspectors will conduct a visual check of your kit. On completion of inspections you will be handed a Technical Inspection Card signed by the Inspectors and stickers for your helmet and bike – these you should apply yourself. You will also need to sign the reverse of the card, before bringing that to Race Office for sign-on. You should use your own pen for this purpose.

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Sign-On

The Race Office under the main control tower in the GP Paddock Race Office will be open will be open for rider sign-on from 7.30 on Friday 2nd for the Testday and from 3pm same day for those who have completed Tek Inspection to sign on for the weekend – you should attend with your completed Technical Card and your Licence. You must observe social distancing rules and there will be a queuing and one-way system in place to support this. The Bemsee Race Office team will be present, behind Perspex safety screens, to visually check licences and deal with any issues and queries. Hand sanitiser will be widely available, please wear a face covering. You will show the front & back of your Technical Card and then place it in a box in the Race Office as directed. The Race Office Team will note your attendance and mark you off on our sheets – there is no longer a requirement for you to sign the actual sign-on sheet. You will be handed a Practice Permit, take this with you on your first session on track on Saturday – it confirms to the Collecting Area staff that you have completed the sign-on process.

You will have accepted the ACU revised declaration regarding the Risks of Motorsport both online when you confirmed your booking and by signing the same declaration that is on the reverse of your Technical Inspection Card.

If the Race Office is closed - Assistance if required is available via the Club's main number 01708 720305 which will be answered live at the circuit. If unavailable, voice messages can be left and these are received by email by our staff and we will call back as soon as possible.

Access to Race Control in the main building will be restricted to essential staff only or by arrangement with the Race Office.

Be Prepared to Test

As is usual for the Friday Testday (Indy Circuit), we expect you to ensure your bike and kit is fit for purpose. Your bike will need a compliant number on it, we are running the whole event under an ACU Permit, so that is a requirement. There is no separate technical inspection for participation on the Friday Testday. You must first come to Race Office to sign-on if you are entered for the Friday Test.

Noise Levels

Please ensure that your machine complies with the current ACU **noise limit of 105dba**. On Friday, you are required to present your machine for Testing in the GP Paddock adjacent to the fuel pumps, from 8am. Random noise tests will be conducted by Bemsee Technical Officials and drive-by monitoring takes place continuously on both Saturday & Sunday Racedays.

Engine Start Times

Please respect the following: **Saturday no earlier than 08.15, Sunday 09.15**. No engines to be run **after 18.45**. Engines may be started for the purpose of noise testing on **Friday** only at the test location, under the direction of the Circuit Noise Test Staff from 8am – otherwise Friday engine start elsewhere in the paddock is 8.30am.

Access to Circuit

Listen to Tannoy announcements or use your Mobile to run the Mixlr app and listen to announcements that way (Search for Bemsee Paddock Tannoy once the app is loaded and open – turn your sound up). Access to circuit on Friday Testday is from the Pit-Lane. On Racedays, from the Collecting Area, at the far end of the GP garages access road (through the tunnel if you are located in the Outer Paddock) as directed by our Officials.

Please ensure you attend in good time for your practice session/race. Don't forget your practice pass on both days – you will be required to show the pass and drop it into a box at the Collecting Area entrance. Late comers' risk being excluded from races. Please listen out for paddock announcements, but be aware of when you are due out, irrespective of whether you have heard a call or not.

Exit from the Circuit

We will use the flag off point at the end of the Cooper Straight for all 3 days.

Shower Facilities

In order to ensure suitable cleaning regimes, the showers will be open from 0600-1000 and 1600-2000 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Food and Drink

MSV will be offering a takeaway service from the Pit-Lane Café and The Kentagon (NOTE: Hailwoods in the outer paddock will remain closed) with a limited hot food menu and a number of additional safety measures in place. (This arrangement may be updated prior to our event). All are welcome to bring their own food and drink to the circuit.

Kentagon open times:

Friday from 12.00 until evening (subject to demand)

Saturday & Sunday – from 0700 until evening (subject to demand)

On-Track Protocol

All the usual flag signals will apply.

If you fall and are Ok – please try to give a thumbs up to marshals on that sector. Be aware that social distancing rules still apply so marshals will direct you to go to a place of

safety away from their positions. Please keep your helmet on and visor down until you are on the safe side of the armco barrier. Recovery units will return your bike to the paddock from the circuit, you may travel with your bike if it is just you – you may be transported off the circuit by other means. Please follow the instructions given to you by the Marshals and Recovery Crews.

Drafting the Pitwall

Some riders feel there is an advantage to be gained by drafting along the pit wall. There is nothing to stop you doing this in theory, but please be aware - and make an allowance on your line - for pit boards being hung out from the pit wall during the session.

Medical Assistance

If you require to attend Medical Center, our teams will arrange for you to be taken there safely. Be advised that your helpers should not attempt to attend the Medical Center to see how you are, they will be refused entry. They should contact our office line on 01708 720305 for an update on your circumstances.

Disposal of Tyres, Oil & Fuel Cans

Circuits now require riders to remove used tyres from the circuit themselves. Please do not leave them in the paddock, garages or in the rubbish bins. Circuits are charged for disposal of tyres and if tyres are just left then Club's do risk having charges passed on. This also applies to oil and fuel drums.

Hazardous Waste Materials must be removed from the site or disposed of correctly, this includes Toilet waste – this should not be disposed of in the public toilets. See the Fuel Station for the location of waste disposal points. There are Oil disposal drums on site for waste oil, please do not contaminate with other oil/solvents or cooking fat.

Oil Spillages in the Paddock

Any spills must be reported to Paddock services at the earliest opportunity for treatment - any damage will be recharged to the club/team.

No Pegging or Drilling into the paddock surface...or you will be charged for repairs.

General Conduct

Riders are reminded that they are responsible for their own conduct and that of their friends, family & supporters. In the same way that you would observe instructions & requests from Marshals & Officials, we expect the same of your entourage. Examples of abuse have occurred in the past where Officials have requested people to move from restricted areas. A reminder then that abusive or aggressive conduct towards our volunteers will not be tolerated and risks the exclusion of the rider with whom any offending person is associated.

Practice starts

Riders are permitted to do practice starts at the designated place on the circuit after the chequered flag on AFTERNOON testing sessions only, please see separate notice to riders.

Pit Lane Exit Warning

Riders will be warned of bikes exiting pit lane with a stationary BLUE FLAG on the start/finish line.

Matrix Sign at Brands – Start/Finish

A Matrix Sign is now being used positioned next to the main start lights on the gantry on the Start-Finish line at Brands....it looks like this:



Our Clerks will use the sign, most commonly for Black-Orange signals as shown here, **in addition to** the usual flags and number boards that are shown

Speed Limits in the Paddock

There is a strict **10MPH SPEED LIMIT** on the infield and in the paddock. A speed control point will monitor riders and breach of this limit may result in exclusion.

Trophies & Awards

We have chosen not to conduct trophy presentations on Saturday evening. All podium finishers should collect trophies from the Race Office over both days.

Results

Printed results are currently not being made available. Results and grid sheets are posted on the window of the race office for viewing. You can also access both live timing and all the results and grids from TSL Timing.com

Fire Extinguishers

All riders are reminded they should have access to a 2kg dry powder extinguisher, the Club will conduct spot-checks each day.

The Club & Circuit wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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