



# NZIGP Season Finale

## 16-17 May 2026

### Hampton Downs Motorsport Park



## WRITTEN DRIVER'S BRIEFING

Please take a few minutes to read these briefing notes. This briefing is issued to assist in the running and management of the event. If you have any inquiries regarding the Event your first point of approach is a Competitor Relations Officer (CRO).

### **COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICERS CONTACT DETAILS:**

- **Louise McCoy:** 021 170 8184
- **Glenda O'Connell:** 021 116 4772
- **Peter Lane:** 021 532 977

### **CIRCUIT INFORMATION:**

- **Lap Length:** 2.7 km
- **Pole Position:** Right Side
- **Speed Limit in Pit Lane:** 40 km/h
- **Safety Car Control Line:** Exit of Turn 10
- **Red Flag Control Line:** In front of Grid Positions 13 – 14

### **LOCATION OF KEY OFFICIALS:**

- **Competitor Relations Officers:** located in the building between the entrance and exit of the Skid Pan.
- **Clerks of the Course & MotorSport NZ Stewards:** Spa Suite above the Pit Lane Garages.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE & TIMETABLE:**

Due to the time restrictions on track time, it is imperative to adhere to the Event Schedule and Timetable. Should there be any stoppages or hold ups during any of your Sessions it may be necessary to shorten or adjust the Sessions. Should this occur, you will be notified by Race Radio, and the Venue PA system or by Event Officials.

### **PADDOCK MOVEMENT:**

All drivers & crew must adhere to speed limit in the pit area. This is a high foot traffic area & the maximum speed of 15kph will be strictly policed.

It is imperative that you are positioned at the Assembly Area ready to go when your Category is released.

During Race Sessions, ALL Cars are to be assembled IN GRID ORDER prior to being released onto the Circuit.

**END OF PRACTICE, QUALIFYING & RACE SESSIONS - EXITING THE CIRCUIT:**

After receiving the chequered flag, continue around and then exit the Circuit via the Pit Lane Entry after Turn 10. **For ALL Categories not in Pit Lane Garages**, you will be required to **TURN RIGHT** immediately before the Garages. **DO NOT** continue down the Pit Lane, continue back to your Pit Paddock Area with Caution and at a **MAXIMUM SPEED of 15KPH.**

**PIT LANE ENTRY LINE:**

The white line that runs parallel with the yellow chevron situated at the pit lane entry must not be crossed at any time by any wheel.

Any vehicle entering the pit lane must do so by entering the deceleration zone prior to the line.

Any Driver intending to enter the Pit Lane shall signal their intention in good time and shall ensure that it is safe to do so.



**PIT LANE EXIT LINE:**

When exiting the pit lane, vehicles leaving the Pit Lane shall not cross the painted line separating the acceleration zone from the circuit



## **CONTROL LINES:**

- The white **SAFETY CAR CONTROL LINE** is situated after Turn 10.
- The **RED FLAG CONTROL LINE** is situated at Grid 11.

## **FUEL AND WASTE OIL:**

Competitors are reminded of MSNZ requirements for the storage and handling of Fuel, there is an overnight fuel storage shipping container located in the Container behind the workshop compound near the tunnel. Fuel is not to be stored overnight in pit garages.

**Ethanol based fuel:** If you are running ethanol-based fuel such as E85 / E50, **please let the CRO know** so they can let our Fire Marshals on the Circuit know.

**Li-Ion Batteries:** Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) batteries are becoming more common in race cars. They have the advantage of being lightweight compared to the equivalent Lead Acid battery. Whereas the batteries have their advantages they also have their drawbacks. One such drawback is the risk of a thermal runaway where due to overcharging or damage, the battery overheats and eventually may catch fire. Although rare, it does occur. When the battery catches fire they are very difficult to extinguish.

To help rescue crews at MotorSport NZ events identify cars fitted with Li-Ion batteries, you are required under Schedule A Part One Article 5.5 (5) (a) to have a sticker (shown below) installed adjacent to the competition number on each side of the car if you have a Li-Ion battery installed.



These stickers are available through the Motorsport NZ office or Documentation Office

<https://store.motorsport.org.nz/product-category/safety/>

There are Waste Oil container is located alongside the CRO's building between the entrance and exit of the Skid Pan. This is for waste oil only. A reminder that car parts or waste oil is not to be dumped into the rubbish bins.

## **EVENT WITHDRAWAL:**

If you are withdrawing from the Event, it is essential that you notify the Secretariat, which is located in the Media Room on pit lane side of the breezeway.

## **HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK:**

- Power leads in pit area/garages must be positioned as to not be a trip hazard.
- No jacks are to be placed on the tar seal without timber footplates.
- No mechanical repairs are to be completed without a full "drop sheet" placed under vehicle.

### **CIRCUITSIDE PITS:**

**Pit Lane and Wall:** During the Race Start Procedure (for Grid Starts ONLY) 1 Crew Member is permitted to guide their Car into the Grid Box, once the Car is in the Grid box ALL Crew Members MUST immediately leave the Pit Wall and return to the Garage Line in Pit Lane until the last cars have passed Flag Point 1.

Pit crew are advised to take extreme care when crossing.

No equipment may be placed on the Signaling Wall.

### **FLAG POINT LIGHTS LOCATED AROUND THE CIRCUIT:**

The Alitrax Circuit Lights System is installed at the nine (9) Flag Points and above the Start Line.

If a Safety Car is deployed during racing the alternating yellow lights will come on and SC will illuminate on the Flag Point Light arrays. In the event of failure of the lights system, flags will be used.

### **FLAG POINT ZONES:**

Flag point zones are marked with blue marker pegs at intervals around the Circuit, please familiarize yourself with these zones, this is where the no passing zone begins in the case of yellow lights/flags. If you inadvertently pass someone under a yellow light, you have one lap to redress as per the current MSNZ manual.

### **RACE INQUIRIES:**

Should you feel that you need to lodge an inquiry because of an incident or action by another Competitor, it is recommended that you contact the CRO's and complete an Inquiry Form.

Inquiries into any part of a race may be lodged with the Clerk of the Course, on the Race Inquiry form within thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the race concerned.

### **RED FLAG PROCEDURE:**

In the event of a RED FLAG during **Practice/Qualifying** the Red Lights will come on around the Circuit, REDUCE SPEED IMMEDIATELY and return to the Pit Lane. If there is remaining time in your session after the Circuit is cleared, you will be released with a Green Light at Pit Exit.

In the event of a RED FLAG during **RACING** the Red Lights will come on around the Circuit. You must STOP RACING IMMEDIATELY and proceed to the Red Flag Control Line at Grid 11 with no passing. Line up in single file to await further instructions.

### **PRACTICE START:**

A practice start is ONLY PERMITTED at the Pit Lane Exit Speed De-Restriction Line at the commencement of the warm- up/formation lap or during Practice/Qualifying.

### **CIRCUIT LIMITS:**

Drivers must use the Circuit at all times. For the avoidance of doubt, the white lines defining the Circuit edges are considered to be part of the Circuit, but the kerbs are not.

A Driver will be judged to have left the Circuit if:

All four(4) tyres of the vehicle are outside the white lines defining the Circuit edges.



**Acceptable**



**NOT Acceptable**

Should a vehicle leave the Circuit the Driver may re-join, however this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining an advantage or interfering with any other Competitor.

A Driver may not deliberately leave the Circuit without justifiable reason.

### **MECHANICAL FAILURE:**

Should this occur move off racing line and park as far off the Circuit as possible – DO NOT get out of your Car unless there is a Fire, you must also indicate with the “**Thumbs Up**” signal if you are Medically OK, follow instructions given by Officials.

If dropping oil, it is essential you do not continue around Circuit. If it is not possible to get the vehicle clear of the Circuit, remain in the vehicle and await instructions from a rescue/flag marshal. You must obey all instructions given by Officials.

Flag points have fire extinguishers, for you to use, if required.

### **CODE OF DRIVING CONDUCT:**

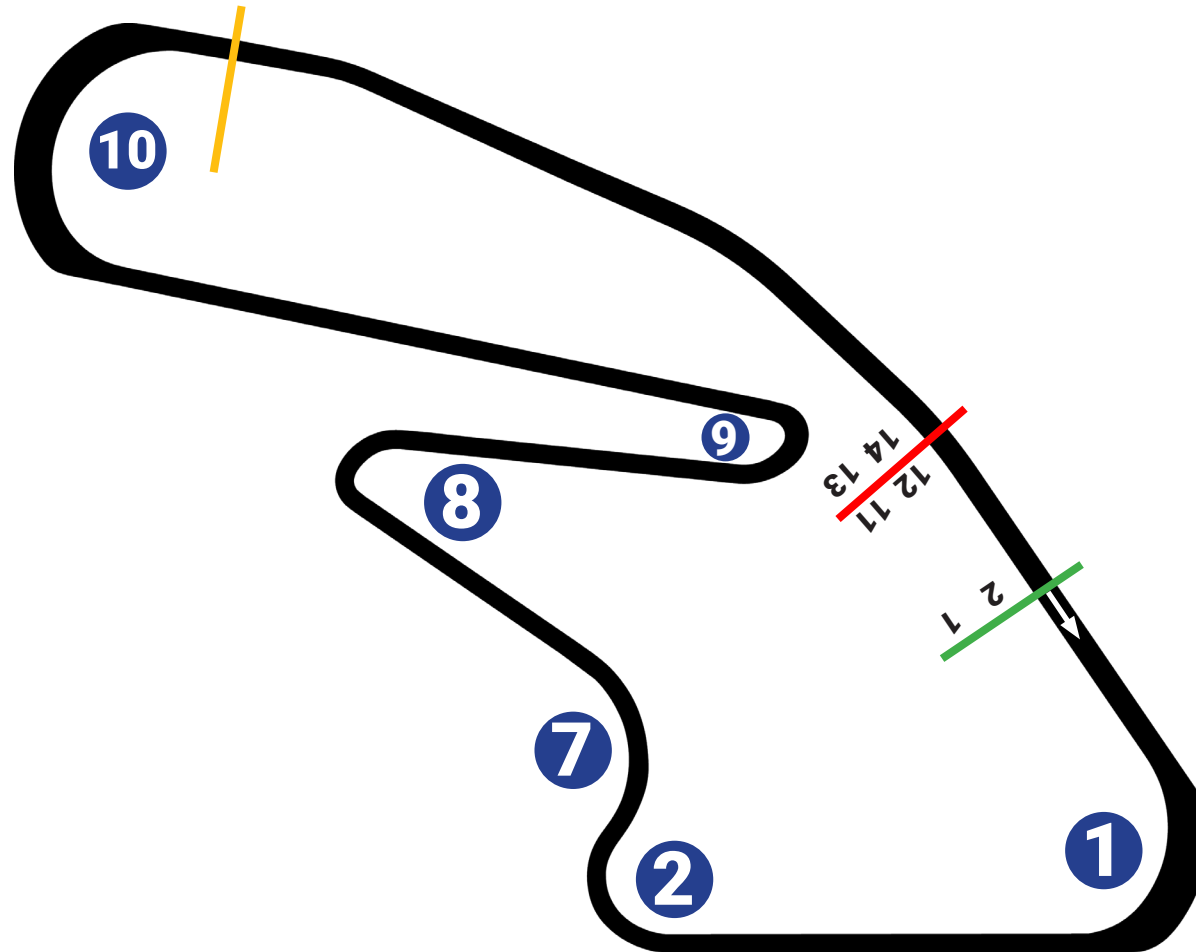
Competitors should familiarize themselves with the newly rewritten Code of Driving Conduct Guidelines (issued October 2025).

<https://motorsport.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/CodeOfDrivingConductGuidelines-22-10-2025.pdf>

Issued by:

Haylee Wallace - Clerk of the Course - 12 May 2026

# HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK NAT.



LENGTH: 2.7KM

DIRECTION: CLOCKWISE

ADDRESS: 20 HAMPTON DOWNS RD, HAMPTON DOWNS

- START/FINISH LINE
- RED FLAG CONTROL LINE
- SAFETY CAR CONTROL LINE

