

2026 OCTOBERFAST
MANFEILD CIRCUIT CHRIS AMON
WRITTEN DRIVERS BRIEFING | 23rd to 25th OCTOBER 2026

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

NEW DRIVERS' BRIEFING

New Drivers Briefing is scheduled for 8:30am Saturday 24 October in the Race Control Room, Level 2.

Drivers racing at one of their first three race meetings, drivers who have not previously competed at Manfeild, or drivers who have not raced for two years or more must indicate this on their entry and attend the New Drivers Briefing at 8:30am Saturday 24 October in the Race Control Room, Level 2.

MANFEILD CIRCUIT INFORMATION & CONTROL LINES

Circuit length: 3.03 km; direction: clockwise.

Safety Car Control Line: the white line adjacent to pit lane entry.

Red Flag Control Line: Grid 15.

Pit lane speed limit: 40 km/h in the Fast Lane. And 15 km/h in the working lane (lane closest to pit garages & in the general pits area).

LOCATION OF MSNZ KEY OFFICIALS

CROs - located in the office at the bottom of the Control Tower, to the left of the Assembly Area.

CLERK OF THE COURSE, ASSISTANTS & SUPERTRUCK RACE DIRECTOR: located on level 2 at back of Race Control

MSNZ STEWARDS: located on Level 1 of main race control building.

COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICERS CONTACT DETAILS:

Corlna Andrews – 021 271 0895

Naomi Bray – 027 738 3122

Wendy Metcalfe – 021 423 234

PIT LANE EXIT

Pit lane exit is controlled by red and green lights mounted at track level on the right side of the exit lane. Obey these lights.

DO NOT CROSS THE YELLOW BLEND LINE AT PIT LANE EXIT.

When the chequered flag is shown, reduce speed and return to the pits after completing a full run-down lap. Pit entry is at the exit of Turn 7; remain within the white lines.

A practice start is permitted only at the pit lane exit speed de-restriction line at the commencement of the warm-up/formation lap, or during practice/qualifying.

OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & RESULTS

The Official Notice Board is in the documentation office on the right-hand side of the Assembly Area, behind the food caravans. Results are available through the Manawatu Car Club app. Live timing is available on Race Monitor and MYLAPS Speedhive; provisional results will be published at www.mylaps.com at the conclusion of the meeting.

TRANSPONDERS & WITHDRAWAL

All hire transponders must be returned to the Secretary's Office before leaving the circuit. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 fee charged by the Manawatu Car Club.

Any withdrawal from the meeting must be advised in person to the Race Secretary's Office.

FLAG POINT LIGHTS & ZONES

The Alitrax circuit light system is installed at the eight flag points and above the start line. If a Safety Car is deployed during racing, alternating yellow lights will illuminate and "SC" will appear on the flag point light arrays. If the light system fails, flags will be used.

Flag point zones are marked by blue marker pegs around the circuit. Familiarize yourself with these zones and observe all yellow flags/lights and no-passing requirements.

MEGA VISION DISPLAY BOARD

The Mega Vision display board is installed above the start line and forms part of the official signaling system for the meeting. Car numbers, warning flags and other messages may be displayed and must be obeyed.

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 or Assistant, on the Race Inquiry form within thirty(30) minutes after the completion of the race concerned.

RED FLAG PROCEDURE

Practice/qualifying: when red lights are displayed around the circuit, stop racing immediately, reduce speed and return to the pits. If time remains after the circuit is cleared, cars may be released again on a green light at pit exit.

Racing: stop racing immediately and proceed without passing to the Red Flag Control Line at Grid 15. Line up in single file and await further instructions.

CIRCUIT LIMITS & OFF-TRACK EXCURSIONS

Drivers must use the circuit at all times. The white lines defining the circuit edges are considered part of the circuit; kerbs are not. A driver is considered to have left the circuit when all four tyres are outside the white lines.

If you leave the circuit, re-join as near as possible to the point of exit, only when it is safe and without gaining an advantage or interfering with another competitor. Re-join slowly and carefully and do not spray stones or debris onto the circuit. If an advantage is gained, drop back into the running order before the incident or risk a drive-through penalty. Deliberately leaving the circuit without justifiable reason is not permitted.

Turn 7 exit: the asphalt on the outside of Turn 7 exit is not part of the race circuit. If all four wheels cross the white line, qualifying may result in deletion of the time for that lap and the following lap; during racing, time penalties & drive-through penalties may be issued at the Clerk of the Courses discretion.

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, 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.

If your vehicle catches fire, pull off the circuit as soon as practicable. Fire crews are positioned in pit lane, at the exit of Turn 1/entry to Turn 6 (Lime Road), outside the entry to Turn 7, and at Flag Point 4 at Turn 5. Flag points have fire extinguishers, but flag marshals do not have the relevant PPE to fight a vehicle fire. Fire crews at the listed locations are equipped to assist. A quad operating as a First Intervention Vehicle (FIV) will also respond.

RUN-DOWN LAP

Use the full racing circuit for the run-down lap. Do not take short laps using interconnecting service roads. The next field will usually be released while you are on your run-down lap, so please do not impede them.

CODE OF DRIVING CONDUCT

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

PARC FERMÉ, PADDOCK ANNOUNCEMENTS & ASSEMBLY

Parc Fermé locations for each class will be advised by the relevant class coordinator. Vehicles directed to Parc Fermé must comply with the instructions given.

Listen for Paddock PA announcements. The timetable is a guide and may change during the day. It is each competitor's responsibility to be in the Assembly Area when called. The Assembly Area is in front of the gated entry to pit lane, and cars will be released by Grid Marshals. Cars in pit lane garages will be released from their respective pit aprons.

Competitors located in the Stadium or Stadium Carpark must tune to 88FM for pit and assembly announcements, as Paddock PA announcements cannot be heard in these areas.

SAFETY CAR RESTART PROCEDURE

- When the Safety Car turns off its flashing lights and accelerates away from the field to return to Pit Lane.
- The lead vehicle will maintain the speed set by the Safety Car prior to it turning off its flashing lights until the signal to restart is given.
- All weaving must stop and no erratic acceleration or braking, nor any other **maneuver** likely to impede other competitors is permitted.
- Drivers must maintain a single file behind the lead vehicle.
- The Race will recommence when the signal to restart (green light or flag) is displayed.
- When the signal to restart is given all Flag Points will immediately extinguish the light(s) of the signal light system and/or withdraw their yellow flag and "SC" board.
- Drivers must maintain single file, line astern until their vehicle has crossed the Safety Car Control
- Once your vehicle has crossed the Safety Car Control Line, overtaking is permitted.

A video tutorial can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7Egie6PD5k>.

TRACKSIDE PITS

The pit wall is for pit crew only, limited to three people per team. Minimum age is 14 years. Covered footwear is required; smoking is prohibited. Stay between the pit lane safety fence and the pit wall.

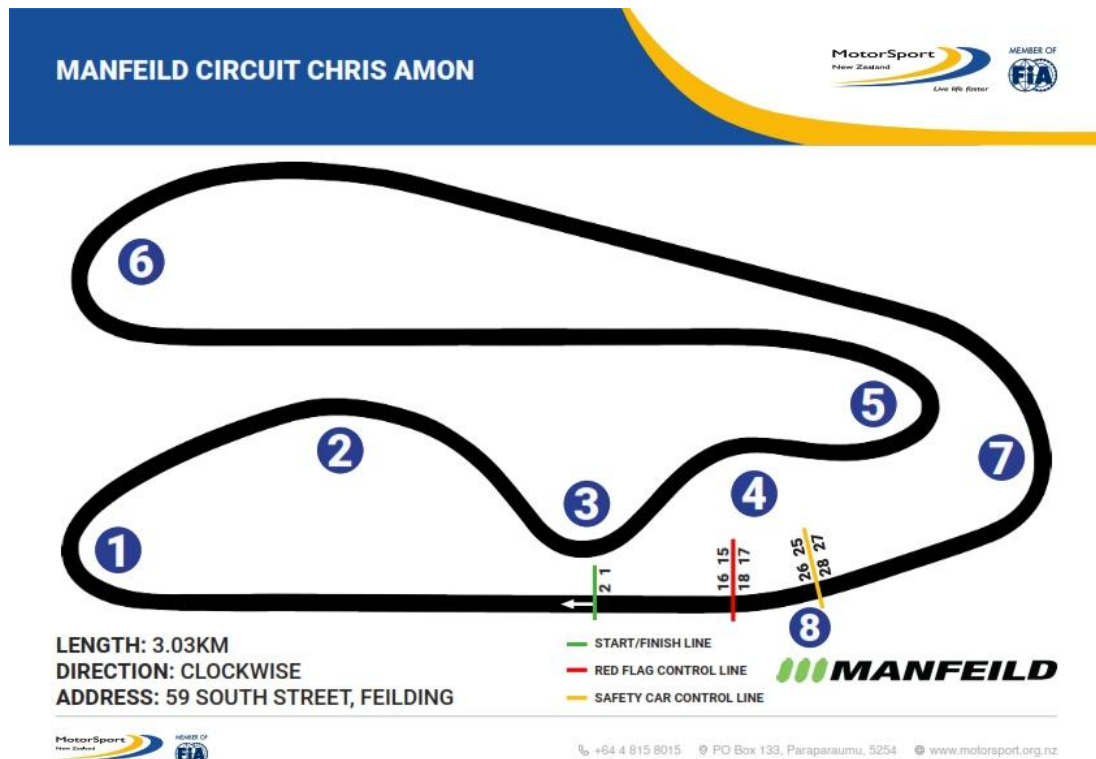
The pit lane remains open during racing and cars may pass through at any time. Take extreme care when crossing the lane. There is no stopping in the Fast Lane at any time. Service vehicles are not permitted in pit lane during the meeting; all servicing must be carried out in the pit/paddock areas.

All pitlane facing doors must be closed during the SuperTruck Sessions.

RACE RADIO

Race radio is available for all classes and will be utilized where possible.

CIRCUIT MAP



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