

DRIVER BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS
ROUND 4 – 2024 SUPERCHEAP AUTO TCR AUSTRALIA SERIES
THE BEND
31 MAY – 2 JUNE 2024

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These notes are to be read in conjunction with the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, Motorsport Australia National Competition Rules, Motorsport Australia Circuit Race Standing Regulations (CRSR), 2024 Supercheap Auto TCR Australia Series Sporting Regulations, Supplementary and Further Regulations issued for this *Event* and any Bulletins issued at this *Event*.

1. EVENT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Refer below to the Circuit and Pit Lane diagrams for turn numbers and other features.

2. PRACTICE

- a. Each session will be 30 minutes in duration and time certain.
- b. Each session will commence from the Pit Lane.
- c. A 1-minute warning will be provided over RMC.
- d. Session times will commence as vehicles exit the Pit Lane at the scheduled time. Lap times will commence as when the first vehicle crosses the Control Line.
- e. Once the chequered flag has been displayed signalling the end of the session, proceed on a cool down lap and exit the circuit via the Pit Entry Road and proceed directly (i.e., no stopping to take tyre pressures) to Parc Fermé/paddock garages.

3. QUALIFYING

- a. Qualifying will consist of Q1 which will be 15 minutes in duration, followed by a 5-minute break, followed by Q2 which will be 10 minutes in duration. Q1 and Q2 session times will be time certain.
- b. Q2 will be the top 6 vehicles from preliminary results of Q1.
- c. Once the chequered flag has been displayed signalling the end of the session, proceed on a cool down lap and exit the circuit via the Pit Entry Road and proceed directly (i.e., no stopping to take tyre pressures) to Parc Fermé/paddock garages.

4. RACES

- a. All Races will be time certain.
- b. The Championship standing start procedure in accordance with the CRSR will apply.
- c. One team member per vehicle may be permitted at the signalling wall to assist with positioning the vehicle in the grid box at the end of the Formation Lap.
- d. Once the chequered flag has been displayed signalling the end of the session, proceed on a cool down lap and exit the circuit via the Pit Entry Road and proceed directly (i.e., no stopping to take tyre pressures) to Parc Fermé/paddock garages.

5. PIT LANE

- a. Pit Lane is divided into two (2) lanes and is defined as the area in which the speed limit applies (indicated by the speed restriction and de-restriction signs). The outer lane, closest to the Pit Signalling Wall is the 'fast lane', and the lane closest to the Garages is the 'inner lane' and is the only area where any work may be carried out on a vehicle. The Pit Lane speed limit is 40kph.
- b. Cars must be wholly within the fast lane when entering or exiting the pit lane.
- c. Cars exiting the pit lane must do so in accordance with CRSR – Article 6.4 and 6.5.

6. ADDITIONAL SIGNALLING POINTS

- a. Black flag and Mechanical black flags may be displayed at the Flag post at DL at Turn 11 as well as at the Finish Line.
- b. Lights may be displayed as well as flags. Both are regulatory

7. SAFETY CAR

- a. The nominal location for “Safety Car” lights out will be the entry to T8.
- b. All vehicles must cease weaving once the Safety Car Lights are out and maintain the last nominated Safety Car speed.

8. PIT EXIT OPERATION DURING SAFETY CAR

- a. Pit exit will be open at all times except when the Safety Car and the line of vehicles following it are about to pass or are passing the pit exit.
- b. The pit exit should be closed/open as per the table below unless varied for safety reasons.

Close Pit Exit as the Safety Car;	Open Pit Exit when the last vehicle in the train;
Crosses the front row of the Grid/Overhead sign.	Passes the end of the Pit Exit Road.

- c. The pit exit is not closed at a restart.

9. TRACK LIMITS

- a. All sessions will be monitored for exceeding track limits.
- b. Turn 6; Drivers are reminded that the track limits are defined by the solid white lines painted at the track edges on DL and DR.
- c. Any vehicle that exceeds track limits with all four wheels will be deemed off circuit and must resume in a safe manner without maintaining a lasting advantage.
- d. Repetitious breaches of track limits will be deemed a breach of the Driver Code of Conduct, and a Bad Sportsmanship warning may be issued. Continued breaches may be referred to the Stewards.
- e. Any Driver running all 4 wheels over the back of the Turn 12 exit kerb must re-enter the circuit safety.

NOTE: Any breaches detected during the first lap of each RACE and the first lap after a Safety Car deployment will not be classified as an adjudged breach.

10. GENERAL

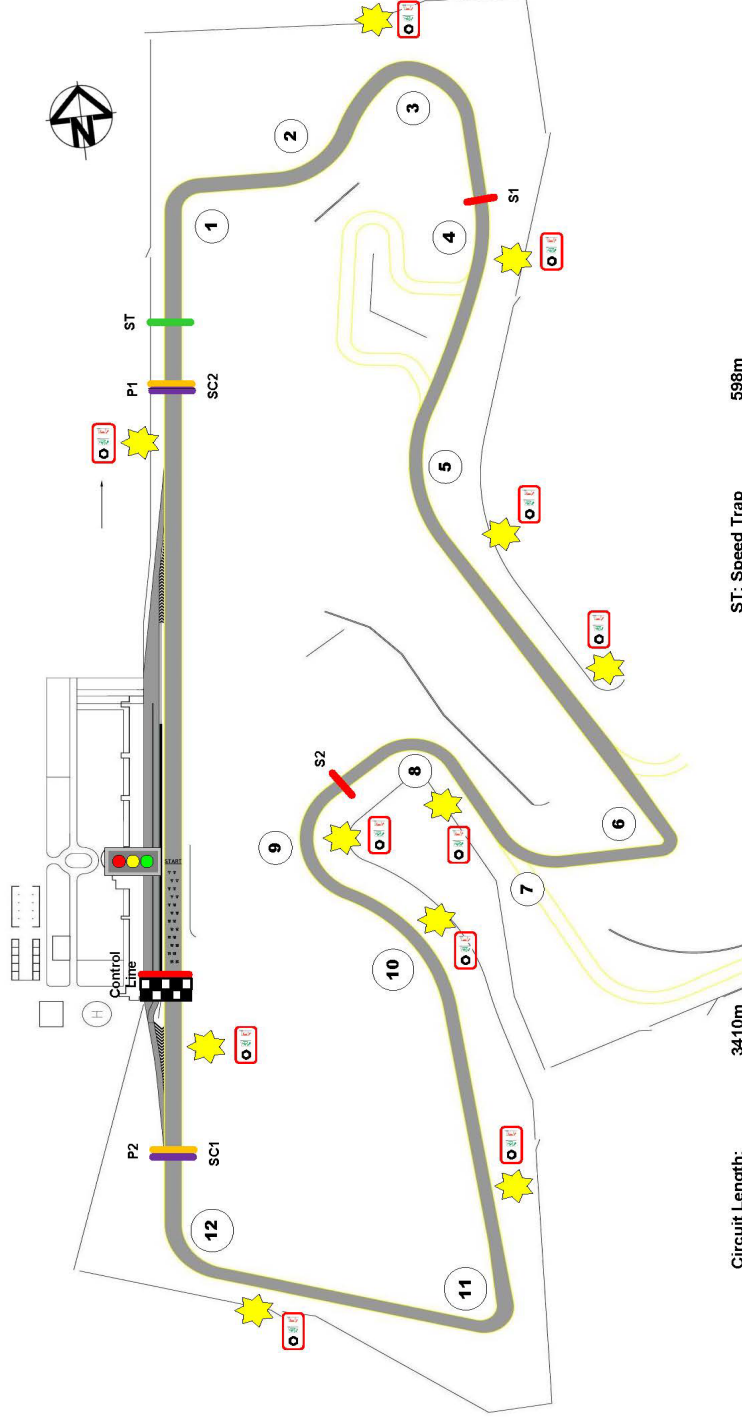
- a. Practice Starts are permitted when safe to do so and provided no other driver is unreasonably delayed in exiting the pit lane and only at the following times:
 - (i) the exit of pit lane during practice sessions.
 - (ii) the grid at the commencement of the formation lap
- c. Any Driver bring debris onto the circuit by running off track on corners exits may be referred to the Stewards.
- d. In the event of an *Automobile* fire, Drivers are reminded to take all reasonable measures to **deactivate** the *Automobile* electronics and **activate** the on-board fire suppression system (where fitted) as soon as possible.
- e. Teams are reminded that:
 - (i) Only a competitor who has been involved in an Incident that has not been the subject of a decision by the Stewards during a session may request that a Request for Investigation of such Incident be conducted.
 - (ii) The request must be lodged via the TCR App no later than five (5) minutes after the last car has been shown the chequered flag in each session.
 - (iii) If, during an Investigation, the RD, DRD or the DSA consider that the request is frivolous, malicious or vexatious or consider that the competitor has acted in bad faith in lodging the request, the competitor may be referred to the Stewards.
- f. Pit Exit Opening Time for Races
 - (i) Race 1 - 1439
 - (ii) Race 2 - 1114
 - (iii) Race 3 - 1544

David Stuart
Race Director

cc: Stewards of the Event
Secretary of the Event
Clerk of the Course
Driving Standards Advisor
Category Manager

A signed copy of these instructions is held by the Stewards

Circuit Diagram The Bend West Circuit



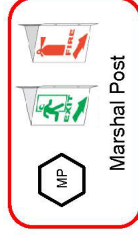
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S1: Sector 1 1165m
S2: Sector 2 2250m
SC2: Safety Car Line 2 578m
SC1: Safety Car Line 1 3220m
NOTE: All measurements are approximates and are taken from Control Line

ST: Speed Trap 598m
P1: Position Line 1 578m
P2: Position Line 3 3220m

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KEY

- Start Lights
- Control Line
- Turn Number
- Light Panels – Regulatory
- Sector Loop
- Speed Trap
- Safety Car Line
- Position Line

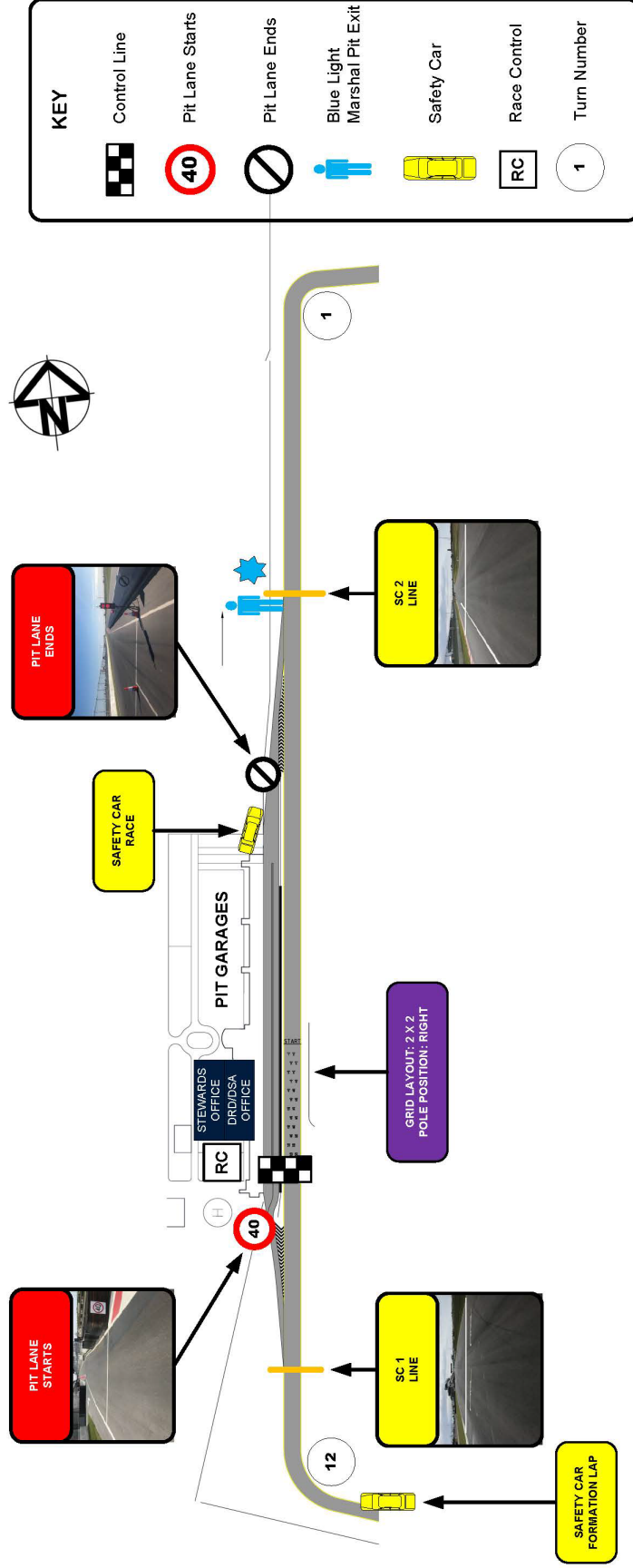


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