

The British Motorcycle Racing Club



BMCRC-MRO 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS *BRANDS INDY CIRCUIT* *FINAL INSTRUCTIONS* *Round 8 21-22 Sept 2024*

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ACU Permit Number: ACU 202335

Testday Permit: ACU 202398

Test & Race: EMN 10/1619

Course Licence Number: 006

ACCESS TO THE GARAGES: 18.00 hrs Thursday 19th September

(There is a daytime track hire event that has to clear first – you will be queued in the Upper Paddock)

OUTER PADDOCKS FROM: 10.00 hrs Thursday 19th September

Entry is via the Main Gate on Thursday & Friday

ALL WITH COMPETITORS TICKETS....

Competitor 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

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED TO GAIN ACCESS FROM THURSDAY – AND IN ORDER TO COME AND GO DURING THE MEETING

THERE WILL BE NO FRIENDS & FAMILY PARKING IN THE PADDOCKS OVER THE WEEKEND – USE THE PUBLIC PARKING AREAS*

***We will allow for disabled/elderly access**

Motorised Paddock Bikes

This has to be brought to all Team's attention right up-front AGAIN...We've noticed an increase in the use of motorised transport of all types around the paddock in 2024 - Personal electric scooters now make regular appearances, even personal "hoverboards" and a Segway!

Whilst testing, qualifying and racing is live on circuit – we ask that all riders, helpers and family members, particularly children, put these away until the

close of track activity. With the vehicle movement we have around the Paddock during live times – the use of these vehicles is an accident waiting to happen.

Even pushbikes should only be used for essential journeys within the paddock and should observe the 10mph speed limit. U-16s should not be using pushbikes whilst the track is live.

As too many people have ignored this request, we will now apply penalties to riders if they, members of their team, supporters or family members continue to use vehicles that are not self-propelled. The penalties may range from starting at the back of the grid for your next race, a fine or exclusion for persistent offending.

Please respect this request – this is all about the safety of all in the Paddock

Attendee Restrictions

Solo Teams will be issued 3x tickets as always, Sidecar Teams 6x.

Riders may stay over in the Paddock on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Sunday stay-over is permitted in the Outer Paddock only - please be off-site by 9am on the Monday morning.

There is overnight camping facility at the circuit for the Public on the hardstanding by K gate or the grass on the opposite side of K gate.

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 and walk down – 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.

This event will go live for bookings from 3rd September.

Payment for this Brands Indy meeting and testday will be taken one week from the event on Friday 13th 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 advise your card over the phone for us to try manually. 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 entrants will be emailed e-tickets on Wednesday 11th, 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.

Processes & Documentation

After you've entered online – you will be emailed eTickets on Wednesday 11th Sept. 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.

You can also download your tickets at bemsee.net >> login to your profile >> click "My Profile" >> select "My Tickets and they are all there.

Payment for the meeting will be taken on Friday 13th September

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

Vehicle passes will not be issued or required for this meeting. See notes above regarding Friends & Family parking.

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.

MSV and Bemsee will be working hard to ensure that parking up in paddocks can be managed to ensure there is enough room for Competitor access.

There is an onus on riders to ensure space and parking is managed sensibly on this. Please ask friends & family to park in the public areas and walk.

Garages and Paddock Areas

Going forward, we plan to house 3/4 riders per single garage at Brands. Garages should remain fully open at all times to the front and rear for the duration of testing/racing and whilst people are in there working on bikes.

NOTE: Sleeping within the Garages is strictly forbidden.

Hire fees for 2024 are £25/rider for each garage for 1-2 or all 3 days – you will pay in advance online. Keys will be available from Main Gate Security on Thursday 19th 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.

Garages will be available for advanced reservation by email to mikedommett@hotmail.com from 2pm on Friday 13th March - include with that info for each rider if you are booking on behalf of a group. 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.**

MSV "FAIR USE POLICY" Electricity usage

You will see MSV signage on site regarding their "Fair Use Policy" on electricity hook-ups. This is in force on our Friday Testdays. Payment of fees is managed by MSV and there will be a member of staff in the Race Office area on Friday. Please check if you owe fees and see them to make payments.

Transponder Hire

If you are hiring a Transponder, they will be available for collection from the Race Office **from Saturday morning 21st**. You will need to advise Technical Officials that you are hiring when you attend Inspection. These will have been charged in advance and cleaned, so they present no Covid infection risk and can be handled directly.

Some transponders have been losing charge later in recent meetings – hence Saturday collection.

Technical Inspection

All Bemsee Classes

The Technical Bay will open from 3pm on Friday 20th Sept and will run to around 5.30. The Bay will re-open on Saturday at 07.30. On Friday you may continue to test, even if you have been through the Tek Inspection for the weekend.

Present with all kit on, including helmet. Clothing Inspectors will conduct a 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 will be applied. You will also need to sign the reverse of the card, before bringing that to Race Office for sign-on.

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 20th 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 2024 Licence ideally printed out from the ACU Licence System or have it available to show on your Mobile phone**. The Bemsee Race Office team will be present to visually check licences and their QR Codes and deal with any issues and queries. 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 – it confirms to the Collecting Area staff that you have completed the sign-on process.

You will have accepted the ACU 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, 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 by MSV staff in the GP Paddock opposite G33-34, 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.

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.

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.

Split Starts

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250 MZ – TGJC/Seniors > TGJC/Sen will be the first pod, nominal gap between the starts

GP Originals – F400s > GPO will be the first pod, nominal gap between the starts

Thunderbike Ultra – Thunderbike Extreme >>> The grid will all go together, gridded according to qual/fastest race lap in previous session

Rookie 600 – Rookie 1000 > R1000 will be the first pod, nominal gap between the starts

Procedure

Once the grid is assembled all riders will proceed on a warm up lap, indicated by the waving of a green flag from the startline gantry.

On re-assembly back onto the grid – a flag marshal will be positioned in the grid between the two pods. The first start will go on the lights. The second pod will remain in their positions for a period (Could be a short time) and then the second pod will start **also on the lights**

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 without permission, they will be refused entry. They should contact our Race Secretary on 07931 778192 for an update on your circumstances – or attend the Race Office under the Control Tower.

In the Paddock

Motorised Paddock Bikes are prohibited as are trailing electrical leads without wedge protectors.

Generators with consideration to your fellow riders, please shut down petrol driven generators in the paddock by **11.30pm** Please avoid starting them earlier than **8am**.

Children are welcome at Bemsee meetings but must remain under supervision at all times. The paddock is a dangerous place for a wandering child. Know where they are and what they're doing. U-16's are prohibited as spectators in the pit lane – we further request that Children do not ride pushbikes whilst racing is running and there is race bike traffic moving in the paddocks.

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 tarmac paddock surface...or you will be charged for repairs.

General Conduct

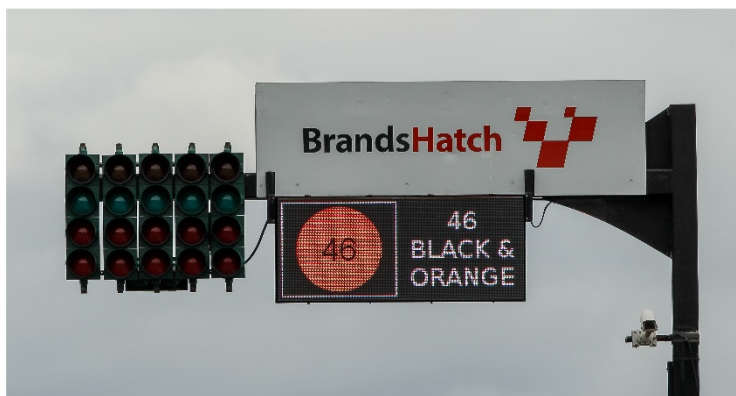
Riders are reminded that they are responsible for their own conduct and that of their friends, family & supporters. In the same way that you would observe instructions & requests from Marshals & Officials, we expect the same of your entourage. Examples of abuse have occurred in the past where Officials 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.

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 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 plan to run our Saturday evening Prize-Giving. This will be in the Kentagon approx. 45 minutes after racing has finished. In 2024 all podium finishers in main and sub-classes will receive the Club's Gold-Silver-Bronze Medals and a wide range of spot-prizes will also be awarded during the evening. Please attend if you can and support your Class.

All podium finishers should collect Medals from the Race Office on Sunday.

Results

Printed results are no longer 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

Shower Facilities

The showers will be open throughout the event

Food and Drink

MSV will be offering service from the Grand-Prix Terrace, The Kentagon and Haliwoods with a hot food menu. See the Meeting File on bemsee.net for details and opening times.

All are welcome to bring their own food and drink to the circuit.

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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