



2019 DRIVERS CONDUCT





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INTRODUCTION & DISCLAIMER

The following rules and codes of conduct are mandatory for all British Drift Championship (BDC) championship events and demonstrations.

The BDC reserves the right to update or amend these rules and codes of conduct at any time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RULES

Every person, entity, group of persons, regional affiliate, or organiser who seeks approvals for, and is granted the right to participate in or conduct an BDC event, and any person who receives a BDC license, warrants that:

- He/she is acquainted with the series rules.
- He/she agrees with reservation to abide by the series rules.
- He/she renounces the right to have legal recourse, except with the written consent of BDC, to any arbitrator, tribunal, not provided for in the rules.

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF RULES

BDC officials shall make the final interpretation and application of the rules.

Their decisions shall be final and binding.

In order to promote the sport of automotive competition, to achieve prompt finality in competition results, and in consideration of the numerous benefits to them, all participants and entrants, (including competitors and officials) expressly agree that:

Determinations and/or decisions made by BDC officials are non-litigable.

They will not initiate or maintain litigation of any kind against BDC, or anyone acting on behalf of BDC, to reverse, or modify, such determinations, or to seek to recover damages, or other relief allegedly incurred, or required, as a result of such determination and;

If a participant, entrant, competitor, or official initiates or maintains, litigation in violation of this provision, that individual or entity agrees to reimburse BDC, and/or partners, agents or affiliate organisations for BDC, for all costs of such litigation, including travel expenses, and legal fees. Competitors, or officials, involved in such litigation will have all BDC privileges suspended until litigation is complete.

BDC reserves the right to amend, or modify, the rules at any time (including individual series regulations and supplementary regulations) via Supplementary Regulations, Meetings, Technical Bulletins or other medium.

The English text of these regulations will be used should any dispute arise regarding their interpretation. As of March 1st of each year, the Rules and Regulations for that year shall supersede all versions from the previous years.

CHANGES TO THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

BDC reserves the right to change any rule, regulation, or specification by written bulletin. These bulletins will be sent out via e-mail to the current competitors and staff, or posted in the online driver group. The Competition Director has the authority to make adjustments to safety specifications at any time if deemed necessary.

Teams/Drivers are responsible for ensuring they conform to the current rules.

Requests for rule changes from participants are welcomed, send requests to the Competition Director.

CODES OF CONDUCT

APPLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct rules apply during the course of any BDC activity, including but not limited to test days, set up times, official meetings, press conferences, public appearances, conventions, competition events and demonstration events.

The team is responsible for its driver, representatives, team members, and guest conduct at all times during the course of any BDC activity, event, or function. Drivers, crew and others representing a driver and/or team are to act in a professional manner.

DRIVER/TEAM APPEARANCE

Drivers and Team must be professional and presentable at all times.

PADDOCK AND ON-COURSE CONDUCT

All drivers and teams must keep safety and professionalism in mind at all times and be aware of their surrounding environment, personnel, actions, behaviour, vehicles and equipment. BDC reserves the right to deem what actions or conditions constitute violation of the policy. Negligence or violation of any safety matter will not be tolerated.

GENERAL PIT, PADDOCK AND COURSE RULES

GENERAL PIT AND PADDOCK RULES

- Officials must be respected and acknowledged at all times, no abusive behaviour towards them will be tolerated at any time.
- Paddock speed limit is 5mph.
- Revving of engines , burnouts and other unsafe driving while not on course will not be tolerated.
- Smoking is not allowed while refuelling.

- Spills must be contained and cleaned.
- The Track Manager or his/her delegate is the authority in enforcing start line, grid, pre-grid, paddock, and the competition course.
- Paddock areas must be kept clean and tidy and free of rubbish including but not limited to empty bottles, food wrappers etc.

COURSE RULES

- Officials must be respected and acknowledged at all times, no abusive behaviour towards BDC will be tolerated at any time.
- The Track Manager may order any vehicle to be removed from the course, if in his/her judgment, it constitutes a hazard to other competitors for any reason.
- Engines shall be started with an on board starter and on board power supply, A driver unable to start a vehicle on the grid may get a push start, provided the vehicle in the position on the grid prior to the start of the session. Push starts on the grid shall be under the supervision of the BDC officials to ensure that they are done in a safe manner.
- The on board starter system must not be used as a means of propulsion, either on the course or from the start line, except in an emergency situation.
- No team personnel may enter the course without prior approval from the Track Manager or his/her delegates.
- A vehicle's bodywork must be securely fastened, including but not limited to, bonnets and boots. A bonnet opening on the course will result in a red flag, as a safety precaution to the driver and BDC staff.
- Passengers are not allowed unless pre-approved by the Track Manager.
- The Track Manager or his/her delegates decision is final, abusive behaviour towards him/her or any BDC official may result in penalties and/or suspension from the event and/or series.
- Any vehicle that suffers failure in any way must pull off the "racing line" onto grass/gravel to avoid oil/water/spills on the course.

FLAG SIGNALS

The following signals are used to signal to Drivers of various conditions and direct Drivers to obey various specific conditions. Cloth flags are generally used, but may be replaced with similarly coded rigid boards or with lights.

YELLOW - Caution, there has been an incident in the area covered by the flag. The course may be partly or wholly blocked. Reduce speed, be prepared to change direction or stop. Proceed past incident in single file. Overtaking is not permitted.

RED - The session has been stopped. Use caution and stop immediately. Overtaking is not permitted. Be prepared to proceed to the paddock or grid area.

DEMEANOUR TOWARD OFFICIALS, STAFF AND/OR JUDGES

Every BDC competition driver and team member has the right to ask questions and rationally discuss with the officials and/or judges, any issue pertaining to their performance, race operations, or the judging format.

Any drivers and/or team member that conducts him/herself in an inappropriate or aggressive manner with the officials or judges will be subject to the same penalties as listed below.

PERFORMANCE ENHANCING AND/OR RECREATIONAL DRUGS

The use of any narcotic, controlled substance, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or recreational drugs, as defined by EU law, by any participant, is expressly prohibited, even if prescribed by a licensed physician.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not commence until all official functions of a specific series or event has been completed.

BDC reserves the right, at any time to require any participant to successfully complete, at the participants expense such tests as may be designated by BDC including, but not limited to, breath, blood, or urine. Refusal to submit to, and/or failure by participant of such testing shall result in penalties or removal from the event and/or series.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Negative online content towards specific staff members of the BDC will result in penalties and/or suspension from an event and/or series.

BDC drivers should not, under any circumstance, post videos or images online of illegal street drifting or dangerous driving on public roads.

Any driver doing so may face immediate expulsion from the series and a loss of their BDC license.

BREACH OF RULES

In addition to any other offences listed herein, the following actions shall be deemed a breach of the rules:

- Bribery, or attempt, to bribe anyone connected with the competition, and the acceptance of, or offer to accept, a bribe.
- Any action that objective is the participation in the competition by a person, or automobile, known to be ineligible.
- Participation in any proceeding, or action, prejudicial to the interests of BDC, or of automobile competition generally.
- Reckless, or dangerous, driving.
- Failure to obey direction and/or orders of a race official.
- Refusing to cooperate with, interfering with, or obstructing the action of the officials or others in the performance of their duties.
- Violation of the terms of probation.
- Public criticism of the Series, its officials or sponsors.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Physical contact with the intention to harm any participant, or official, or the threat of some inappropriate, objectionable, threatening, or profane language, and/or gestures.
- Failure to allow inspection, or disassembly, of a vehicle as directed by the Competition Director.

In cases of extreme misconduct, BDC reserves the right to take any other action deemed necessary.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

PENALTIES

Any participant, official, entrant, or other person violating these rules, or the supplementary regulations, or any conditions related to the event, or any special rules of a course, may be penalised as provided by the BDC rules and regulations.

The Authority to assess penalties is not limited to violations occurring during the course of a racing competition.

Before imposing any penalty, the Disciplinary Committee shall investigate any alleged rules violations and collect, or hear, such evidence as deemed necessary at its discretion.

LOSS OF POINTS

The Disciplinary Committee may impose a loss of event points and/or accrued points, or other sub-competition points, if applicable.

PUBLICATION OF PENALTY

BDC shall have the right to publicise that it has penalised any person, organisation, or automobile, and the reasons therefore.

The persons, or body referred to in the notice shall have no right of action against BDC, or against any person publishing such notice.

Publication of penalties will be made available through a BDC press release on the website.

IN CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS

For questions in relation to this 2019 driver conduct booklet, please find contact details for relevant BDC personnel below.

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APPEALS

The decision to accept or reject any such appeal will be at the full discretion of the BDC and appeals will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

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