Wombwell 2015 Race Information Pack

Introduction from the Race Organiser

Firstly, thank you for supporting the 2015 BPCC and Round 1 of this the twentieth year of the Championship run by the BFPCR. No amount of work from the Federation Committee, race organiser, race officials, helpers, sponsors or anyone else counts for anything if no-one enters; equally without the race officials, helpers and sponsors, who all freely contribute time, money and resources there would be no event to enter.

The Wombwell Race should see an exciting day of racing. Everyone should expect this to be enjoyable and memorable event for all competing.

Many thanks to South Yorkshire Kart Club for letting us use their superb venue. It is much appreciated and of course we couldn't run this event at all without their generous support. For more details of their activities point your browers towards www.sykc.com.

If you need to contact me for any reason, my telephone number is 07852 148 268 or you can email wombwell@pedalcarracing.info.

If you don't already know, we have a forum on the new website at www.pedalcarracing.info/forum where you can keep tabs with developments over the season. Not forgetting our social media representation is at the British Pedal Car Racing Facebook Page.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Williams
Race Organiser

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1 Entry List and Pit Allocation

The provisional entry list for the race is given below:

Car No.	Car Name		Pit Lane A	Pit Lane B
PC1				
#1	Apollo Racing			B
#2	Wing Racers		A	
#3	Swebbelli Racing		A	
#4	Apollo Racing			B
#7	Flying Penguins		A	
#9	Apollo Racing			B
#11	Team 105 Racing			B
#12	Royce	(PCD)	A	
#14	Notnray Network	(PCD)		B
#22	Doughty Racing			B
#26	Cromwell Racing	(PC0)	A	
#32	Team 105 Racing			B
#49	Howlin Dog One			B
#56	AAC Racing	(PCD)	A	
#tbc	Norton Greyhounds	(PCD)		B
PC2				
#5	Team BikeBus		A	
#8	Swebbelli Racing		A	
#24	Team 105 Racing			B
PC3				
#28	Team 105 Racing			B
#53	Howlin Dog Two			B
#58	Boreatton Racing BERP			B
PC4				
#51	Team 105 Racing			B
#57	Howlin Dog Three			B

Once again, pits are split between Pit lanes A and B as shown on the circuit plan below. Each pit space will be marked with a white mini cone bearing your car's number, and the pit boundaries marked with flags on canes. Please pit only in the space you have been allocated.

2 Race Timetable

There will be three 2 hour races:
Race One: clockwise using the long configuration
Race Two: anti-clockwise using the long configuration
Race Three: clockwise using the long configuration

The grid for the race will be in car number order, as this is the first event of the season.

08:00	Circuit gates open. Access to the track will be provided as soon as possible
09:00	Booking in and scrutineering (If possible we will start these earlier)
09:30	Motor vehicles off circuit. Practice commences once the circuit is declared open
10:15	Pre-race briefing
10:30 - 12:30	Race 1 (clockwise using the long configuration)
12:45 - 14:45	Race 2 (anti-clockwise using the long configuration)
15:00 - 17:00	Race 3 (clockwise using the long configuration)
17:30	Presentations
18:30	All teams off site



The three races will be scored as 1 point for each win, 2 points for 2nd place, 3 for 3rd, etc., with the team with the lowest combined points score in each class being declared the winner overall in that class.

Any driver wishing to start from the back of the grid, rather than in their rightful position is free to elect to do so for any race start. Please make this decision known to the race controller when the grid is being formed.

Any additional late entries not listed above will start at the back of the grid. For the second and subsequent races, the grid will be formed from the finishing order of the preceding race.

There is a 15 minute break between each of the races; therefore as soon as the grid order is known for the next start, cars will be called to the grid. Cars can be worked on while on the grid, at any point up until the Race Controller instructs the grid to be cleared. At this time, all support personnel must leave the track. Any car not capable of taking the start at this point, either mechanically or due to an absent driver, must also be removed to allow the race to start.

If a driver has a problem on the grid (or during racing), please wave a hand clearly to alert following cars.

3 Rules and Regulations

These events are run under the auspices of the British Federation of Pedal Car Racing and form part of the British Pedal Car Championship.

You are expected to have acquainted yourselves with all BFPCR car, race and championship rules, as published at www.pedalcarracing.info

4 Racing Etiquette

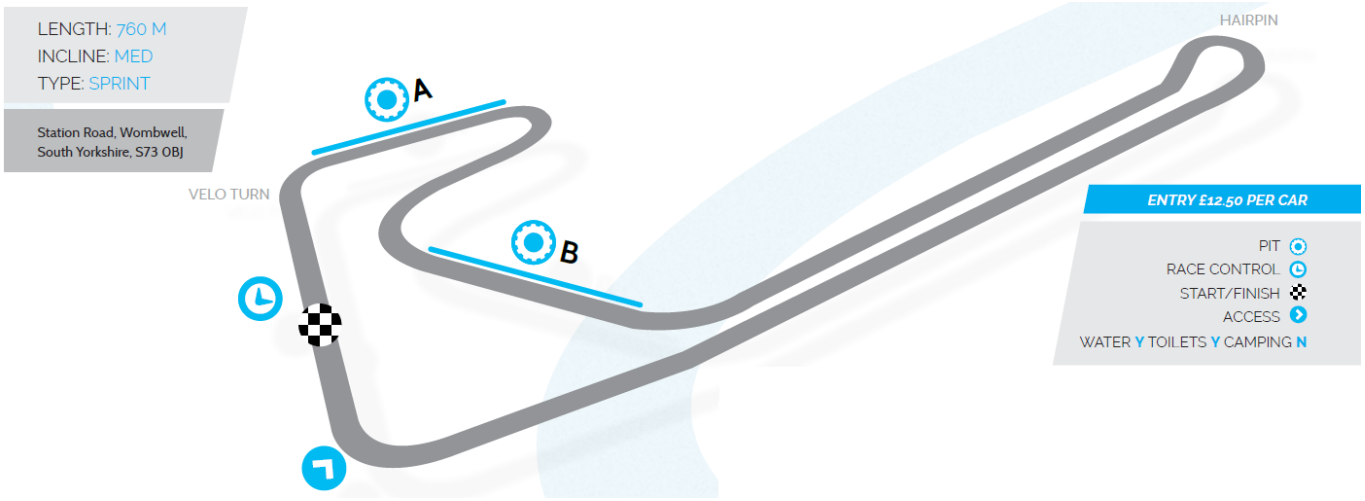
Racing etiquette forms part of our racing rules and will be covered by the Race Controller at the Race Briefing, however, here are some key points for those new to the BPCC, which may differ from pedal car races you have previously experienced.

1. No push starts. It is forbidden to give your car a push-start from the pits or at any other time when racing. Cars must be powered solely by the driver at all times. (It is permitted to push a broken car back to the pits).
2. It is the faster driver's duty to overtake safely. The driver of the slower car is free to take any reasonable racing line but must not deliberately impede any other car. If this means you cannot get past the car in front immediately, so be it. Traffic management is all part of the skills of a talented racing driver.
3. If you have a complaint about another team or driver, please speak with Race Control as soon as possible.
4. Remember, you cannot win a race in the first corner, or on the first lap - but you can lose it!

For anyone new to the sport or simply lucky enough to have only ever raced in warm and dry conditions, be aware that in the event of inclement weather, racing continues regardless. If you personally consider the conditions to be too hot / cold / dry / wet / bright / foggy / slippery / etc. to continue racing, you are free to stop, but you should not expect anyone else to agree, or to stop with you.

As the circuit is a kart track, the surface can get slippery when damp - however, SYKC race 60mph-capable karts around the same track come rain or shine. It remains up to each driver to drive according to the prevailing conditions at all times, whether those conditions are lovely or lousy.

5 Circuit Plan



The races will be run alternately clockwise and anti-clockwise and will use the full track.



6 Pit Lane

The pit lane will be "open", i.e. cars can enter and leave the pit lane at any safe point. If you cross the pit demarcation line (tape on the tarmac), you must come to a stop in the pits before continuing. The pit lane is NOT part of the race track. It is there to allow pitting cars to stop and restart safely, out of the racing space.

When pitting, it is your responsibility to leave the circuit safely. Please stop your car at the very edge of the tarmac, to leave as much space for moving cars as possible. If you need to do repairs, please remove your car from the tarmac and into your pit space.

When leaving the pits, it is the responsibility of the driver and team of the departing car to ensure it is safe to do so without forcing passing cars to take avoiding action.

7 Facilities

As you arrive at the circuit, motor vehicles may be brought on to the circuit for unloading. Vehicles carrying only people and their kit should be left in the car park – it's at the back of the site but really close. Please unload as quickly as possible and then remove your motor vehicles as this will help us keep to the race timetable.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE CIRCUIT ARE RESTRICTED TO WALKING PACE AND MUST PROCEED WITH HAZARD LIGHTS FLASHING. Anyone speeding around the track without due care and attention will be asked to leave immediately, and their team may be excluded from the event and the results.

Please also note that there is an amount of twisty tarmac on the infield. This is the Model Kart track. Motor vehicles should at no time drive on this tarmac.

Please ensure that nothing is dragged across the track tarmac and that any trailer legs etc are retracted and secured whilst moving. We must not damage the track tarmac in any way.

Toilets are available on-site. Should you find any issue with the toilets facilities, please report this to Race Control for us to assist. Clearly, we would expect everyone to leave the toilets in the condition you would expect to find them for use .

There is no water supply or food sellers at the circuit so you will need to bring your own drinking water and food. There are various supermarkets within the surrounding few miles if you need on the day supplies. Please take your litter home with you at the end of the day. Do not leave it at the race track - we want to retain our good relations with the circuit owners.

There is no mains power at the circuit for teams, If you bring a generator, you must also bring suitable and adequate fire-fighting equipment in case of incident.

As the car park area is open to the general public, we would advise that any vehicles left unattended are locked and that valuables are not left on display.

8 Lap Counting and Results

Lap counting will be done via the BFPCR's automatic lap counting system. It is each team's responsibility to ensure a lap counting transponder is securely attached to their car at all times. Guidance on fitting these will be available at Scrutineering if required.

Live lap scores will be displayed at Race Control during each race. Alternatively, we should be publishing the live timing on the BPCC website. The address is:

www.pedalcarracing.info/livetiming/

History reminds us that occasionally the system does fail to count a car. If you believe yours has been missed please contact Race Control as soon as possible - it is normally possible to investigate and correct such omissions. Please note that during the closed season time and effort has been invested in an upgraded system arrangement that will hopefully reduce the "missed lap" occurrences.

In the event of a system failure, racing will continue and the lap counting will revert to a manual system until such time as the automatic system is restored.

The overall result will be decided on a points system. Each of the 2 hour races is scored as 1 point for the win, 2 points for 2nd place, 3 for 3rd, etc. Overall victory for the day in each class will be awarded to the team with the lowest combined points score in that class.

In the event of a tie at the end of the day, the winner will be decided using the following criteria, applied in the order shown:

1. The team who participated in most races.
2. The team who beat the tying team(s) more times in their class.
3. The team with the highest overall race finish of the day.

If teams are still tied at this point Championship points with be shared.

9 First Aid

We will have trained first aiders on site. These will be announced and identified on the day. Should you require First Aid assistance please raise attention with Race Control.

10 Volunteer Helpers

As part of your entry we would expect support should volunteers be required during the event. Each team may be requested by Race Control to provide a volunteer for short periods during the weekend, to help set up or take down the circuit, keep an eye on the lap counting, wave a flag, etc.

11 Circuit Location & Information

The race circuit is at the Wombwell Recreation Ground, home of South Yorkshire Kart Club who very kindly permit us to use their fantastic facility. The address is:

Wombwell Recreation Ground
Station Road
Wombwell
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S73 0BJ

Depending which part of the country you are coming in from you may need to get to Junction 36 of the M1 for taking the A61 towards Wombwell. Alternatively you may need to come in via Junction 37 of the A1(M). Either way I'm sure your chosen paper or digital mapping service will guide you to the gates of the Recreation Ground.

12 And finally… a reminder.

