Memorial Monster Drivers Letter Southeast Conference Majors, Double SARRC Carolina Motorsports Park May 27 - 28, 2023

On behalf of Central Carolinas Region and the Southeast Division SCCA, welcome to Carolina Motorsports Park. The Memorial Monster event is one of the the longest running events in CMP history.

My name is Bob Hudson, the Southeast Conference Majors Series Race Director. My responsibility this weekend is to you, the drivers. Sara Snider is Chief Steward; she will oversee the operation of the event. We look forward to a successful, safe, and rewarding weekend with a lot of Green Flag Racing. I will be spending most of my time at the Tech/Impound area; if you need to see me for anything, you'll find me there.

Drivers Meeting: Group 1 drivers – since your race is before lunch, I want to meet with all of you in impound following your Saturday Qualifying session. I promise it will be brief.

For the remaining groups we will have an in-person Drivers Meeting on Saturday at lunchtime in, or near, the garages. I want to stress that this is a DRIVERS meeting, not a Stewards meeting. We'll have a few brief comments, but then I will turn the meeting over to you. If you feel your group would benefit from a split start or gap start, please bring this up then. If you have an issue needing attention, please bring it up in the meeting. I'm a firm believer in building consensus among the participants and the Drivers Meeting is the best time for that to happen.

Blend Line: The Pit Lane exit to the racing surface has a painted blend line. The line starts with an angle toward the center of the track, but then bends left to run parallel to the track edge; this may be hard to see from your seat. Crossing over the blend line may result in a penalty. The best way to avoid a problem is to stay as far left on the track surface as you can until you get to Turn 1.

Remember GCR 6.11.1.E Rules of the Road. If you are involved an incident that has significant body contact, you are to stop and meet with the Steward of the Course (SOC) located on Pit Road for review of the incident. They will Direct you to see me, the Race Director, at Tech/Impound. "Significant body contact" includes, but is not limited to, contact resulting in 2 or 4 wheels off course, spins, loss of position, or repairs to suspension or bodywork. When in doubt, stop and speak to the SOC. This includes all drivers involved in significant contact, not just the perceived perpetrator.

Flags Compliance: Please review the meaning of each flag: GCR Section 6.1.1.A-I, page 55-56. It's our only way to communicate track conditions to you. The goal is to ensure your safety and the safety of our volunteers.

Full Course Yellow/ Double Yellow: No Passing, GCR 6.6.2 fully describes Safety Car Procedure. A Safety Car may be dispatched for full course caution situations during races. It's pretty simple:

- If you are the overall leader safely slow down when you see the double yellow flags.
- If you are behind the leader, catch up as soon as safely possible, being careful in the incident zone.
- Follow this process and the return to racing will happen a lot sooner.

Situational Awareness: Remember who you are racing and conversely who you are not racing. Try not to get mixed up in the middle of another class race in your group and be respectful of other classes having a heated battle. Notice where you may be able to pull offline and off track safely in case of a mechanical issue or failure. If you have a mechanical failure, please safely pull well off track as soon as possible. Working together, we can maximize our green flag racing.

Race Control/Timing & Scoring: Will be located on the top floor of the control tower. Medical and EV are located on the bottom floor. Please pay attention to the PA as events can happen which could lead to schedule changes.

The 120% Rule: If you find your lap times are above the 120% of the fastest qualifier in your class, it is your responsibility to visit with the Race Director to get permission to race. If you do not practice or qualify, prior to your races, you must see me to get permission to race.

Hardship Laps: If you need a hardship lap, please see the Steward of the Course (SOC, Black Flag) located at pit central on pit lane. They will confirm with the Tower when you should take your Hard Ship Lap.

Saturday Night Social: We're here to have fun, right? Central Carolinas Region has a reputation for great socials. Hang around after the end of Saturday activities for food, drink, and fellowship.

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