

# **PHIL COLLINGS MEMORIAL SOUTH DOWNS STAGES**

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Goodwood is a fantastic venue and we are grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the circuit management team who make us feel welcome and work with us to provide the best days rallying for everyone, be it competitor, spectator, or volunteers.

Whilst it may appear to be a simple ribbon of track it has its quirks and rules which have quite an impact on how we run the day and in many instances different to most single venue events.

The regular competitors may well be familiar with the items that impact the day but for those that are new to the venue or event please read the following FAQ's that will help understand how the event is run, and why things may happen the way they do.

#### **1. What are the drive by noise meters and how do they affect me?**

Goodwood has always been a noise sensitive venue and as part of its planning application to return to full race circuit facility was required to install three noise meters around the circuit which feed back directly to the District Council as well as being monitored by the circuit management.

You will notice in the regs that there is a 101db drive by noise limit. If a competing car registers greater than 101db on passing a meter then they will receive notification from the circuit management via the organising team that they have breached the noise level and to make amendments to either exhaust system (fitment of a trap as an example) or to their enthusiasm for acceleration in certain spots. Repeated breaches can result in exclusion as per the regs.

If you receive a print out advising breach of noise please do not be offended but take the advice of the organisers on how not to repeat the problem. We have many returning crews who have reacted accordingly without an impact on the enjoyment of the day.

## **2. The stage has stopped due to noise issues. Why the hold up?**

The noise monitoring process at Goodwood can best be described as a 'bucket of noise'. Each time period has a bucket of noise which accumulates as each car passes. If the bucket fills before the end of the time period then activity has to cease for a period until the new time period begins.

Atmospheric conditions such as wind strength and direction can either be your friend or your enemy. Most years we have had no issues, other years we have had one or two hold ups.

## **3. Why are all the stages not 30 second starts like most single venue events?**

Goodwood's insurance only allows a maximum of 10 vehicles on the circuit at any one time so our double lap stages have to start at 1 minute intervals so we don't have too many cars on the track.

If we started at 30 second intervals this would also mean more cars passing the noise meters in a shorter space of time and lead to inevitable breaches of the 'bucket of noise' situation.

Less is more in this instance!

## **4. A car has hit the barrier and you've stopped the stage. Why the hold up?**

It is a H&S requirement of Goodwood that if a car makes contact with the tyre barriers on the outside of the circuit that it has to be inspected by the Goodwood staff immediately to ensure that it is in a fit state to do its job should someone else go off in the same place.

## **5. What a beautiful venue, it would be a pity to mess up the grass wouldn't it?**

Yes it would! The Duke of Richmond prides himself on the immaculate presentation of Goodwood and with their March Members Meeting two months away the Goodwood team are particularly protective of the grass and the daffodils.

It's a rally so occasional visits to the grass when things go wrong can't easily be avoided but please do not deliberately use the grass to gain advantage. Deliberate and care free use of the grass will be penalised as per the regulations.

## **6. Why is there an hour's lunch break?**

The compulsory one hour lunch break is another local planning rule. This hour can start any time between 12pm and 2pm.