



## The SCC & BARC Thruxton AutoSolo 2024 - Final Instructions

Thank you for your entry. These Final Instructions are to help you prepare for the event. Along with these final instructions you will have received a set of test diagrams and entry list, please print these out as they will not be provided on the day.

### Numbers

You will need to provide your own numbers as per the entry list. Numbers to be affixed to both sides of the car, as high as possible please, and must be readable. If sharing a car, please cross out the other number with a bit of tape, so that only the number of the person competing is shown.

### Timetable - on arrival

- Gates open **7:30** am
- Scrutineering and Documentation opens **7:45** am
- Recommended latest arrival **8:30** am
- Course closes for walking at **9:15** am
- First test starts at **9:30** am

### Change to Officials

- Event Steward – Vanessa Linley

### Additional Invited Clubs

- Bath Motor Club
- Bognor Regis Motor Club
- Bristol Motor Club
- Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club

### Car preparation

Special preparation isn't required, beyond basic safety checks, ensuring no loose objects in the car or the boot, and that nothing's loose (especially the battery) or leaking under the bonnet. In dry conditions, you may find that an extra 5 to 10 psi's of tyre pressure reduces tyre flexing, and sharpens up the steering response. Have the oil level up to Maximum, to minimise any chance of oil surge (oil pressure loss) when cornering.

### Tyre wear

Tyre wear can occur at Solo's, particularly if it's dry, if a car is front wheel drive (when wear is mainly on the front tyres), and / or has two drivers, or is driven very hard. To ensure you can drive home legally, do arrive with good tread showing. If more than one of the above applies, we advise bringing at least two spare wheels / tyres, and either fit them to compete, or have them in reserve, to use for driving home.

### Facilities

Unfortunately we are not able to provide catering on site, The nearest facility is Weyhill services on the A303



### **Photos**

Photos taken at the event may appear on social media and will be available upon request from the organisers. If this could cause any embarrassment, best to remove or cover the front number plate.

### **Sequence of events**

On arrival park your car as directed and get your car ready, once scrutineered and signed on you can walk the first morning course, it is recommended that you have walked the course by **09:15** so that the event starts on time.

Courses 1 and 2 will be used in the morning, and Courses 3 and 4 in the afternoon. Three runs are planned at each course, with the best two times to count. In the event of delays or bad weather, the option is reserved to reduce the number of courses or runs. If so, then you will still be able to drop one score. After each change of the course, time is allowed for you to walk the new route.

The lunch break will be around 45 minutes and will start from when the last driver finishes their last run of the morning (so, most people will have longer). During the lunch break, once the layout has been changed, walking of the first afternoon course may begin.

### **Safety**

Practising or driving unsafely anywhere on the site may cause exclusion, and no car may be driven anywhere on the site by unlicensed or underage drivers, unless competing as per SR 4 & 5.

While competing a passenger may be carried but this must stay the same for the entire event. The passenger must be a member of an invited club, hold a Motorsport UK RS Clubman's license and be signed on

Drivers and passengers **MUST** wear a properly fastened and approved seat belt at all times during the test, except where competing in a Period Defined Vehicle (Non -Rally)



## Driver / Marshalling groups

After the end of your 3<sup>rd</sup> run of each test, park up in the paddock and check the table below to see if you are required for marshalling duty or have free time. Marshalling, when it's your group's turn to do so, is MANDATORY, to make this event format work. The running order is as follows:

	Green group	Red group	Blue group
Test 1	Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster Free time	Free time Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster	Marshalling – check roster Free time Drive (all 3 runs)
Test 2	Marshalling – check roster Free time Drive (all 3 runs)	Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster Free time	Free time Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster
Test 3	Free time Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster	Marshalling – check roster Free time Drive (all 3 runs)	Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster Free time
Test 4	Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster Free time	Free time Drive (all 3 runs) Marshalling – check roster	Marshalling – check roster Free time Drive (all 3 runs)

For a penalty or wrong direction in your section, please report the penalty by radio, giving:

- your marshal post number
- the car number
- what the penalty is for (hitting a cone or a wrong test)
- ...and make sure you get an acknowledgement

To help the marshals when you are driving, please ensure that you display your car number clearly, and for those sharing cars, it is the correct number!

If, due to a possible collision, or other reason, you need to stop the cars already on the test, *WAVE* the red flag; all other marshals (**PRIOR TO THIS POINT**) must do the same, and all cars will proceed slowly to the finish.

### Course marking

The upright cones are the ones you must drive around or between, as per the course diagrams. The 'pointer' cones, lying on their sides, give further indication of the direction to take. All upright cones have equal effect, in terms of penalties.



### Start & Finish procedure

While waiting to start, the car must be in the start box, with both front wheels behind the front line. After confirming that you're ready, the starting signal will be in your own time and will start when you cross the front line. Timing stops when the first wheel crosses the flying finish, then, slow right down



and drive to the stop line, where it is MANDATORY to stop and receive your time. Otherwise, your time from that run may be cancelled. Timing will be recorded using the Sapphire Solutions AutoSolo App, live results will be available in the Southern Car Club "SCC / BARC Thruxton Autosolo 2024" section which is located at <https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/Leaderboard?sitename=scc>

### **Penalties, wrong directions, etc**

A *WAVED* red flag requires you to stop or slow down, according to the nature of the incident, and when safe to do so, proceed slowly to the finish. Drivers not responsible for the incident will get a re-run.

If a car touches an upright cone, it's a 5 second time penalty. Driving the wrong side of any upright cone or group of cones, unless the mistake is corrected (see below), scores a maximum time (fastest in class, on that run, plus 30 seconds). Any competitor completing a test correctly, but taking longer than the maximum time in their class will have their time reduced to the class maximum for that test.

Cars will start the course at roughly 30 second intervals. Therefore, if you take a major wrong direction, which would require going back some distance to correct, then this is NOT feasible, since the marshal will have to red - flag you and the following cars, on safety grounds. Going back just to the previous cone should not create a safety problem, as long as you do this without delay.

Any ties will be decided by the fastest total time (i.e. your fastest 2 runs out of 3), on the first course.

### **After completion of all the timed runs**

We'll need the help of ALL competitors to collect up all the cones, - many hands make light work - and please ensure you stack the same types together, NOT mixed types in the same stack please.

### **Leave the site TIDY!**

Please ensure that you take any litter home; we mustn't jeopardise access to this site, for future events.

### **Finish / Results / Awards presentation**

Live results will be available all day, please keep an eye on them as this will help to reduce time at the end of the event, and resolving any queries, the awards will be presented ASAP, so we hope everyone can stay for this.

### **Directions**

Post code: SP11 8PN

Once on the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY; ignore signs for Thruxton village. Upon leaving the A303 follow signs for Thruxton Circuit.

What3Words location:

Thruxton entrance - <https://what3words.com/perused.custard.ranged>

Thruxton Centre - <https://what3words.com/strides.drifting.powering>

We hope you enjoy the event, and wish you a good day's sport.

Any queries contact Michael Weeks on 07881 625446 or Kirsty Baulch on 07765 113301