



Clerk of the Course

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Marshal briefing/drivers briefing

There was improvement with both briefings. The yellow flag was explained again and was understood better. We explained to the marshals of their responsibility to inform us of any incident during racing, this mostly worked however there were a few incidents not reported back as per below.

There was no separate junior drivers briefing this round, which caused confusion for the drivers. Going forward there needs to be a separate drivers briefing to explain start procedure and the flags.

Marshalling

In my last COTC report I suggested there needed to be a marshal at corner 1 and it was decided by the club that this was not required. During round 2, Glen Houghton and myself had to run down to corner 1 on 3-4 occasions where marshalling was needed and we were the closest available assistance.

There were 2 rollovers that were not reported back to us. The first was J72 in race 2 and 157 in race 2.

Follow up from round 1

When I first arrived in the morning I spoke to driver of ST1(NZ2) and ST2(NZ1) about the speed when passing yellow flag with marshals on the tracks.

Incidents/issues I dealt with

123 race 1 – going race pace on full course yellow. I spoke to the driver and put him back 3 places.

S16 race 1 – cutting track at marshal point 2. I spoke to the driver and put him back 3 places.

U class race 3 – the green flag was never dropped as a driver jumped the start however the race was allowed to continue and not restarted. I was away dealing with another issue and didn't see this start and came back to a complaint from a few U drivers. I decided to re-run the 3rd race before the feature race.

U88 race 3 re-run – going race pace on full course yellow. I spoke to the driver and put him back 3 places.

ST1 (NZ2) feature race – passing under yellow and hitting course markers. I spoke to her guardian and put her back 3 places.

Crash/Rollover no further action

The following vehicles had a crash/rollover. The drivers and vehicles were checked or didn't race again and no further action needed from me.

- 893 race 1 – Roll over first corner
- C12 race 2 – Heavy crash first corner
- U62 race 2 – Roll over third corner
- 324 race 2 – Heavy contact with inside wall first corner
- 157 race 2 – Roll over
- J72 race 2 – Roll over
- U62 race 3 re-run – Heavy crash first corner

There was 1 protest lodged by 324 against 377 for the incident at the main jump/corner 1 in race 2. The protest was upheld and 377 lost the points from the last 2 heat races.

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