

1. Does a team have to have a team manager and mechanic?

A: No. But on reflection after the event you may wish you had.

2. What does 'representing a manufacturer' mean?

A: Just that if you happen to own a Westfield and get together and form a team with someone else who also owns one, then your team will be representing the Westfield marque.

3. Please explain: "A manufacturer with more than one team representing them will have all their car performances amalgamated."

A: If there were two teams of Westfields, it would require all four cars to complete the six hours trouble free to do any good. So teams representing the same marque may well want to look out for each other.

4. How often are we allowed to make driver changes?

A: As often as you want to, or need to. Your team (or Team Manager) will have to consider the best way to split up each 40 lap, hour long, period between the four drivers. A straight forward driver change is perfectly alright, but to stay penalty free the team would need to change cars each time they came into the pits.

5. While one of the team cars is out on the circuit, can the other car refuel at the pump in the paddock?

A: Yes, but keep in mind that as it is strictly forbidden to re-fuel from a fuel container, there could be a few cars waiting to refuel. And the window of opportunity before you would be needed back in the pits, ready to go back onto the circuit, could be just a matter of minutes. Yet another logistic for the Team Manager.

6. If we complete the 40 laps in under the hour what happens then?

A: Importantly you do not start a 41st lap and are penalised. On completion of the teams 40th lap, whichever car is on the circuit, it should pull into the pits. Hopefully your team manager will have signalled the car to come in anyway. When the few minutes have elapsed that you had to spare, your team should prepare to move a car towards the out control at the end of the pit lane, in readiness to clock out back onto the circuit for another hour. Only be careful you do not approach the control too early.

7. How is a record kept of how many laps we will have completed?

A: Each Team will be given a time card as they start their first hour. A large digital clock will display the time next to the main control at the end of the pit lane. This will record how many laps you have completed each hour. Also, as a car comes into the pits, and to avoid any delays, the Team Manager may well be waiting to take the Time Card, and then take it to the other team car waiting to go out onto the circuit.

8. Are we only allowed to pass on the straights?

A: No, cars may pass wherever their drivers believe it is safe to do so. And because of the wide range of differing performances of cars, and of drivers experience, all crews will need to keep an eye on their mirrors. Note the word crews, in the car you will be working together. If your team needs to make up time and your car has the power to pass on the straight, then that would be favourite. On the other hand there may be other cars which are less powerful but

corner at higher speeds. For them, to keep up their average, they may need to overtake you through the bends.

9. Do I need a competition licence to take part?

A: No. This is not a six hour race. It is not a motor sporting competition. It is a test of endurance, the only objective is to finish.

10. I only use my car for racing, can I enter it?

A: Sorry No. This is an event for road going, road legal, sportscars only.

11. How does the marking system work?

A: Simple: 240 laps = 240 marks. Each lap a team completes, they will be given 1 mark. Any penalties a team earns will be deducted.

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12. Myself and a friend would like to enter our TR6's, the only drawback being to this is that we do not wish to drill our bonnets to fit retaining clips. Could you expand on this regulation - will the standard locks be OK?

A: I imagine the TR6 has a 'construction and use' type secondary retaining catch to keep the bonnet in place should the main lock fail. This would meet what is required in the regulations. Some hand built cars have only a single catch which could be unsafe.