



BEDFORD AUTODROME

Static Noise Limit: 101dba
Driveby Noise Limit: 87.5dba
Format: Open Pit Lane
Overtaking: Left Side

EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please ensure that all members of your party are aware of the information contained within these instructions

TIMETABLE

Time	Activity
07:15	Venue Open
07:30	Signing On Starts
09:00	Sighting Laps
09:25	Open Pit lane
12:30 - 13:30	Lunchbreak
17:00 or Dusk	Trackday Ends

(Earliest Applies)

No Timing
No Handheld Cameras in Vehicles
No Animals Permitted on Site
No Drones

No person under the age of 16 is permitted on site at Bedford Autodrome

How to find Bedford Autodrome

Bedford Autodrome is located just off the A6 and Thurleigh Road, MK44 2YP. Enter Thurleigh Airfield Business Park, take the first left and continue along the long entry road until you reach the car park and buildings on the right.

Arrival

Please park your vehicles in the car park and proceed immediately to signing on as directed. Note if you venture onto any part of the venue that is not authorised you will be challenged and may be evicted. You may shuttle spares and equipment over to the garages before the event but the pit lane area is restricted to trackday vehicles after that as space is very limited, trailers and support vehicles must remain in the outer car park.

Signing On

Signing On commences at 07:30 and is in reception area before the cafe but moves over to the refreshment area at the end of the garages in the pit lane once the event is underway, please allow plenty of time to sign on before the sighting laps.

Drivers

All drivers must have completed the Online Indemnity Form & Safety Briefing prior to signing on, the link for this is included in the event instructions email and the recipient should pass this email onto all drivers that they may have booked onto the event. You can complete the process on your mobile at the venue but it is much easier and less disruptive if you complete it before arrival at the venue.

Please note ALL drivers will need to produce for inspection their Drivers Licence. (NB. no licence means no track time and no refund, only the photo card is required for checking). If you are unable to produce this for any reason please consult the Driving Licence page in the Information & FAQ section of our website for instructions.

Additional Drivers are limited to a maximum of 2 per vehicle so 3 drivers total if you include the main driver. Additional Drivers may be added via the website providing it is more than 3 day prior to the event, each product page has a green link at the bottom of the event description where you can add additional items separately or see the banner link on the calendar pages. Additional Drivers may be added on the day for £40 so this is the better option if it is close to the event.

Passengers

Passengers passes are available at a charge of £10 each payable on the day. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure all their passengers are aware of what to do in the event of an incident / breakdown on circuit. Passengers will need to report to the Javelin Office and complete a Javelin Risk Awareness form. The minimum age for passengers is 16 years and anyone under the age of 18 years will require parental and circuit management consent as well as a parent/legal guardian present to sign for them. Please ask for details at the Javelin Office.

No Handheld objects are permitted in vehicles, passengers filming or timing will see that vehicle removed from the event.

Helmets & Clothing

All participants must have their arms and legs covered when they are on circuit. Exceptions to the arms can be made on hot days when in a closed roof standard vehicle with full interior trim.

All participants are required to wear a helmet at all times when on circuit, helmets must be in good condition and suitable for the activity. Helmets with protruding chins are not permitted and occupants in vehicles with a removeable roof are required to wear a full face helmet with a visor fitted only.

Full face Helmet hire is available at the venue for £10 and requires a driving licence to be held as security.

Tuition

Is available to book at £25 for a 20 minute session. Find the 'Add to a booking' banner on the front page of the website to book in advance or you can book it at check in if there is still availability.

Car & Driver Identity

We will issue you with a car identity sticker that should be attached to the front windscreen or nearside front headlight glass. The Pit Lane Marshal will need to see it and the wristbands of the cars occupants each time you enter the track.

**We're here to help so please let us know about any issues you may have on the day
The sooner we are aware the sooner we can deal with it**

Safety Briefing and Sighting Laps

All drivers must complete an online safety briefing and complete a number of sighting laps. Times are shown on the attached timetable. When you check in you will be issued with a wristband, acceptance signifies that you have understood all aspects of the General Notes and the Briefing. You should be ready to commence the sighting laps according to the timetable. Sighting laps will take the form of one full lap and then returning to the Paddock via the Circuit Exit road on the second. Additional drivers and passengers who are signed on can participate from the front passenger seat, only the front seats of a vehicle may be occupied.

The purpose of the sighting laps is to inspect the circuit, the conditions and note where the marshals are located in a controlled environment. Please keep up with the car in front and maintain a sensible gap at all times, no overtaking.

Compulsory Noise Testing

All cars will be required to not exceed a static maximum sound emissions test of 101dba and 87.5dba driveby taken at approx. 20 metres trackside. The static test is measured at $\frac{3}{4}$ of max revs @ 1/2 metre from each exhaust outlet, tests are usually performed on each vehicle as you enter the venue. There will be arrangements for late arrivals but please be aware this may cost you tracktime. Please note that Bedford Autodrome are strict in their enforcement of noise limits and usually operate a one strike system so make sure you have some wiggle room, noise management is down to the circuit and we have no say in any decisions they make on the matter.

Open Pit Lane

This basically means that once you have completed your Sighting Laps you will be allowed access to the circuit at any time during the day. A limit to the number of cars on circuit at any one time will be set and adhered to. Please remember that Open Pit Lane does mean that there is a diverse mixture of driver experience and vehicle power and handling characteristics on track at the same time. We expect you to drive and show consideration accordingly.

Overtaking

Overtaking should only be performed on the Left, only a straight and only under acceleration, never in a braking zone and never in a corner. Some circuits may have special exceptions to the corner rule but these will be indicated in the briefing where applicable. You should work together to ensure that overtaking is performed safely and efficiently.

If you wish to let a vehicle pass then move over to the designated side of the track and indicate via car body language, hand signal or the actual indicators that you are allowing that person to overtake. Once that vehicle has overtaken then you should move back on line for the next corner, do not slow to let vehicles through in corners or in braking zones. If you have come through a series of corners with a car behind you then they are faster than you but may not have the power to overtake without help on the straights so if you have a powerful car it is important that you ease off to allow them to complete the overtake safely.

Spin & In

There are various other rules that cover this as well but should you find yourself facing in the wrong direction at any point then you should return to the paddock immediately and analyse what happened. If you do not return to the pits then you will be black flagged and brought in anyway, so come in and see a member of Javelin and explain what happened and then providing it was a one off and does not contravene any other rules in place then you may go back on track. If you have an incident on track and continue circulating then the adrenaline from the first usually means another and probably bigger accident is much more likely.

Cameras

All cameras should be securely mechanically mounted. Most circuits will permit suction mounted cameras providing they are also secured with a short secondary tether and they cannot come into contact with the vehicle occupants under any circumstances. Helmet cameras and handheld cameras are not permitted.

Fuel

Fuel will be available at the circuit. If you do bring your own make sure that the containers are suitable and marked clearly. Please take extreme care whilst refuelling and only refuel when it is safe to do so.

Catering

There will be catering available in the Cafeteria in the morning before the briefing and during the lunch break. The suites at the end of the garages provide tea/coffee & snacks throughout the day.

GENERAL NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS ON CAR TRACK DAYS
PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME TO READ THESE NOTES BEFORE TAKING PART IN ANY ACTIVITY

Welcome

Please make sure you have signed a Javelin Trackdays Ltd Risk Awareness Form and have been issued with a wristband before attempting to take part in any track activity

Track Safety

On track we use certain flags/lights to signal to all drivers. When you are on your sighting laps on track please familiarise yourself with the position of the marshal posts. The following are the types of flags/lights you will see:



Danger ahead, possibility of an incident or hazard, reduce your speed retaining full control of the vehicle (check mirrors first) and NO overtaking until you pass a Marshals Post not displaying warnings. Full course yellow flags may be used at the discretion of the Circuit Controller.



Incident has occurred and the session has been stopped. Please instantly reduce speed by 50% (check mirrors first), pull over to the right to allow emergency vehicles to pass and return to the pit lane. NO OVERTAKING



There is a spillage on track or change in the track surface or condition, i.e. oil, mud, debris, etc. Reduce speed and take caution.



There is a possible problem with your vehicle i.e. damaged bodywork, losing fluid, etc. It could also mean that we need to discuss an aspect of your driving. Please return to the pits immediately and report to a marshal.



This signifies the end of the session, please reduce your speed and return to the pits at the end of your lap.



The vehicle behind is trying to overtake - please drive on the appropriate side of the circuit to allow faster cars past on the next straight. Not all circuits make use of the blue flags on trackdays.



You have exceeded circuit limits. The first time this is shown as a warning, a second infringement will see you black flagged, a third black flagged with a time penalty before you can return to track and a fourth infringement will see you denied further track access and sent home.

Pit Lane Notes

- Please note the pit lane is strictly one way as is the track. The pit lane speed limit is 10mph max.
- The pit lane must be kept clear between the yellow line and the pit wall to allow emergency vehicle access.
- Please do not smoke in the garages or pit lane. Do not take food or drink into the pit lane or onto the pit wall.
- Please do not sit on the pit wall.
- Please do not re-fuel or smoke in the pit lane. The maximum amount of fuel allowed to be stored in containers in a Garage is 25 litres. empty fuel cans must be removed from the garage.
- Children under 16 are not allowed in the pit lane or the garages.
- The garages and pit lane are only for the vehicles taking part in the event, tow and support vehicles can be used to shuttle equipment over to the garages prior 08:40 and after the event has concluded but must remain in the outer car park at all other times

Venue Notes

- **No person under the age of 16 is permitted on site at Bedford Autodrome.**
- Speed limit at the Venue (other than on the circuit) is 10mph.
- Anyone reported driving recklessly or dangerously will be escorted from the venue.

Track Notes

- Upon entering the circuit, please observe the blend line. Be aware of cars joining the circuit in front of you as you pass the circuit entrance..
- Use the first few laps to warm up your tyres and familiarise yourself with the marshal posts, etc.
- Consider other drivers - Leave plenty of space when you overtake other cars.
- OVERTAKING is on the LEFT ONLY.
- Use your mirrors regularly and if you see faster traffic behind you, move over to the right and let the other vehicle(s) pass on the left.
- TYRE NOISE AND DRIVING STANDARDS. Any driver generating excessive, unnecessary or constant tyre squeal or is deemed to be driving recklessly or in a manner considered to endanger themselves or other track users will be black flagged, removed from the track and given a warning that such driving is inappropriate. If the driver continues to give cause for concern a second black flag will be given to once again remove that driver from the circuit and he/she will be removed from the track and denied further access to the track for the rest of the day. Deliberate and excessive power slides will be dealt with in exactly the same way.
- In case of an incident, leave your vehicle and move to a safe position behind the barriers. If you see an incident — do not stop — the circuit staff will deal with it.
- Anyone who ignores red flags or the direction of marshals will be asked to leave the venue — the marshals are there for YOUR SAFETY.
- **No hand held cameras or phones.**
- **No timing is allowed.**
- Vehicle interior should be free of all loose objects.

Safety

- All crash helmets worn by drivers and passengers should be in good condition and suitable for the activity. Helmets must be worn and securely fastened at all times whilst on circuit.
- All Drivers and Passengers must wear suitable helmets. Helmets with protruding chins are not permitted.
- Non Hard Top Cars - The fitting of Roll Over Protection is strongly recommended. Only the front seats of cars may be occupied on circuit. Full face helmets with visors only.
- Seat belts or harnesses must be worn at all times on the circuit.
- Arms and legs must be covered whilst on circuit.
- Cameras must be securely mounted, most circuits will permit a suction mounted camera providing it is secured with a short secondary tether and is mounted in such a place that it cannot come into contact with any of the occupants.
- Helmet Cameras are not permitted.
- If you have any problems with any other drivers on the day, please report to the organizers.

The medical car has a paramedic on board and may join the circuit at any point. Please be aware that the medical car has the right of way on the circuit and will overtake on the left so please move over to the right.

PRE EVENT VEHICLE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Always remember Motor Sport Can Be Dangerous – It makes sense to minimise the risk

When you participate in this event you will be required to sign an indemnity form upon which you make the declaration that the vehicle you are using is in a safe condition for high speed circuit use. Whilst we will not be scrutineering vehicles we always reserve the right to deny circuit access to any vehicle we consider to be a risk to the occupants or other track users. We suggest that you carry out these few simple checks to make your day safer and ultimately more enjoyable.

Brakes

Check fluid levels. & for excessive pedal travel and investigate cause if found.

Check thickness of linings. If they require renewal it is best to do this well in advance and ensure pads etc are bedded in prior to taking to the circuit.

Wheels & Tyres

Remove wheel trims if fitted.

Check Pressures, Check wheel nuts are tightened, condition and suitability.

Seats and Seat Belts

Check condition and that the mountings are secure.

Make sure all occupants know how to adjust these to give maximum safety and comfort.

Suspension and Steering

Check suspension for condition and operation.

Check for play in joints, linkages, bushes etc.

Investigate any noises or play in wheel bearings.

Engine Bay

Check Engine Oil and Coolant Fluid levels (DO NOT OVERFILL)

Check condition of hoses and pipes and correct any leakage.

Electrics

Check battery is securely mounted and terminals are covered by an insulating material.

Check wiring for condition and potential chafing, short circuits etc.

Check Wipers for condition and operation.

Check lights for operation.

Fuel

Check for and rectify any leaks. Check Filler cap for security and seal.

DO NOT overfill the tank (This is a particular problem with Kit Cars).

DO NOT underfill the tank (running out of fuel on circuit will stop that session for everyone and may result in you being denied any further circuit access for the rest of the day)

Bodywork

This must be in a sound condition with no sharp edges or dangerous protrusions, either internally and externally. Roll Over protection is advisable in any vehicle used on a circuit but is strongly recommended for all open top or none permanently fixed roof type vehicles.

Remove all loose or non-permanently secured objects from the vehicle

Suction mounted cameras must be mounted internally with an adequate secondary restraint and out of reach of any occupant.

Security Devices, Door Locks, Immobilisers etc

Ensure these are set to allow unimpeded use and access to the vehicle whilst in the assembly area or on circuit.

Safety

The carrying of an adequately secured, readily accessible and fully charged "AFFF" type Fire Extinguisher of a minimum 1.75 litres is strongly recommended.

All limbs must be covered whilst on circuit. The wearing of flame retardant clothing is recommended.