



Andreas Racing Association Ltd

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Cancellation of Race Meeting, 16th August 2020

Unfortunately, ARA had to cancel the scheduled meeting on Sunday 16th August. This statement is to provide a brief overview of the events leading up to the cancellation.

There was heavy overnight rain, which continued in the early part of the morning, as competitors and teams arrived and set up. On inspecting the circuit, the Clerk of the Course and Chief Marshall noted standing water in multiple places, and instigated an hour delay to proceedings. As the rain eased, a road sweeper was requested from the Isle of Man Department of Infrastructure, in order to disperse the standing water.

On arrival, the sweeper proceeded onto the course and set to work. However, almost immediately it suffered a catastrophic failure of the hydraulic system that powers its brushes, resulting in over 100 litres of hydraulic fluid being dumped on the track, between Runway (turn 2) and Kneens (turn 3). The sweeper was stopped as soon as the failure was detected and moved off the track.

A second sweeper was requested, and industrial detergent sourced by Northern Fuels sidecar team was applied to the spillage. The affected area was scrubbed manually, with brooms, and mechanically, with the second sweeper, but it was clear that the track could not be made safe for racing in the remaining time available for the day.

Andreas Racing Association apologises for the loss of the day, the cause of which was completely outside of its control. All riders will have the choice of having their entry carried over to the club's next race meeting on Saturday 29th August, or a full refund of their entry fee.

The club would also like to say thanks to the many riders, team members, marshals and officials who contributed significantly in trying to address the spillage, and the great patience of everyone affected.

The track has now had a second treatment with detergent and a sweeper, and this, helped by the significant rain since Sunday, has returned the track to a safe and useable condition, and we're looking forward to our next race meeting on 29th August.