

Visiting Drivers Guide to S M E C Track Regulations

Where No Passenger/Public Hauling Takes Place

Welcome to Southport Model Engineering Club, the following are extracts from our clubs safety 'Track Regulations'. Southport Model Engineering Clubs Prime Objective: Managing health and safety of its members, guests & public.

Should you have any questions or require any assistance, please ask any SMEC member.

On arrival:

Please make contact with any member of SMEC at the club house; where we will record details of your boiler cert number & club insurance. SME club members will be on hand to provide assistance & guide you through the club procedures as follows:

- Assistance with hydraulic lift table.
- Working the track traversers.
- Assistance with Steaming Bay & Truck store.
- Track & running information as below.

Track Speed:

- The maximum track speed limit is 8 MPH. Through both stations and past the tree/traversers this is reduced to 3 MPH. There are 3 MPH speed signs in the appropriate places; the sign comprises of a single "3" cut-out in keeping with standard BR railway signage. **NOTE:** *It remains the drivers ultimate responsibility in controlling their train speed; consideration being given to the design & build of the locomotive, loading of the train, vision ahead, weather conditions, gradients etc.*

Colour Light Signals:

- Side by side Red or Green lights are positioned prior to the track traverser, the right hand light is for the main running track & left hand for the inner training track. You may only proceed if the right hand light is displaying a Green light.

Flag Signals:

- A yellow flag is positioned at the end of the long straight track prior to the club house Station; this indicates '**Caution**' persons may be crossing the track at the club house station.

Whistle Boards:

- Whistle Boards, shown as the letter "W" are positioned a various location around the track, the loco Whistle or Horn must be sounded on the approach to these boards.

Loco Water & Coal:

- When on the main running track; taking on loco water should only be done with the hose pipe & watering can provided at Victoria Park passenger station. *A water tower is also located at the club house station; this should only be used in an emergency.* Please ask a club member if you require more coal.

Incidents:

- Incidents, accidents or issues of any type **must** be reported.

SMEC thank you for your visit & cooperation in making this a safe & enjoyable day for all concerned.