

Visiting Drivers Guide to S M E C Track Regulations

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 the Station Master or any SMEC member.

Site Control When Operating Passenger/Public Rides:

- A SMEC designated competent person referred to as 'Station Master' (identified by an orange high visibility vest) will take overall control during visiting driver events. The Station Master may delegate assisting duties to other competent members of SMEC such as:
 1. Login of boiler certs & insurance details.
 2. Assistance with hydraulic lift table.
 3. Working the track traversers.
 4. Assistance with Steaming Bay & Truck store.

A handover of Station Master Duties during the day is permitted; this handover **must** be advised to all relevant persons.

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 the Station Master if you require more coal.

Incidents:

- Incidents, accidents or issues of any type should be reported to the Station Master.

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