

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 any SMEC member for assistance.

Site Control When Operating Passenger/Public Rides:

- A SMEC designated competent person referred to as '**Special Events Operational Overseer**' will take overall control during visiting driver events. The Special Events Operational Overseer' will delegate assisting duties to other competent members of SMEC such as:
 1. Login of boiler certs & insurance details.
 2. Station Master duties.
 3. Assistance with hydraulic lift table.
 4. Working the track traversers.
 5. 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.
- A Yellow caution signal is positioned at the end of the long straight track prior to the club house Station; this indicates that the section of track outside the clubhouse is occupied by a train or persons crossing the track: 'proceed at caution'.

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 Special Events Operational Overseer.

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