

Scrutineers' Bulletin

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COVID-19 Updates

Motorsport UK have updated the COVID-19 guidance for devolved UK nation. Click below to read the latest guidelines.

www.motorsportuk.org/covid-19

2022 Licensed Officials Seminars

Following the successful Officials' Learning and Development Week in 2021, Motorsport UK are pleased to announce a series of Licensed Officials' Seminars taking place during 2022. These face-to-face sessions will be tailored to your role and preceded by a webinar for all Licensed Officials.

Clerks and Stewards will be contacted directly in the next few weeks with further details on how to register.

The Future of Scrutineering – An update

Motorsport UK are currently undertaking a Scrutineering Procedures review, with several Scrutineers included in working groups to assist in this process.

The introduction timeline for the project has been reviewed following feedback received from Scrutineers, Officials and Clubs, with a recent Survey of National Grade (Chief) Scrutineers indicating concerns over an increase in safety issues and a drop in general vehicle preparation standards since the procedures were introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, Motorsport UK will implement a fully researched and considered process.

From 1st January 2022, the COVID-19 Scrutineering guidance will be withdrawn and all events across all disciplines will revert to pre-COVID-19 physical Scrutineering Procedures. However, all competitors will be required to complete a Scrutineering technical declaration as part of their signing-on, as referenced in the previous COVID guidance.

The declaration Scrutineering Procedures introduced during the COVID pandemic were an emergency measure introduced to enable the restart of the sport under exceptional circumstances (in accordance with A2.4). Due to the intended nature of the adaptations to procedures, the changes did not go through the full proposal, testing and approval procedure, and were not considered a permanent



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change. Alternative methods of Scrutineering developed from the adapted procedure could offer improvements in efficiency and effectiveness and to be considered in the future.

The revised project will initially focus on a new framework solely for Circuit Racing, with trials being introduced as part of selected 2022 clubs/championships to assess its application in a real-world setting and help define future procedures. (For example; self-declaration with 20% subjected to detailed scrutineering, or basic pre-event Scrutineering for all with selected cars subject to detailed checks during the event etc.)

The overall aim is to introduce a new Scrutineering framework, offering positive aspects of the COVID-19 declaration process with additional improvements to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of vehicle scrutiny.

Solutions will be adapted to the various sporting disciplines in UK motorsport.

Motorsport UK expect the introduction of newly developed procedures ahead of the 2023 season, dependent on the results/feedback from the 2022 trial, in addition to the views expressed from the working groups that will be formed.

This revised timeline will allow time to make progress on the development of a digital vehicle passport system, which is now underway. The benefits of a digital vehicle passport system to the future scrutineering procedures will be to:

- Greatly assist the checking and tracking of cars when we do change the Scrutineering procedures
- Provide interactive content and updates to competitors
Provide reportable data on competing vehicles
This Digital Vehicle Passport will be in conjunction with the introduction of a low-cost Incident Data Recorder

Further information and updates on both these projects will be provided during the 2022 Officials training sessions and in future editions of this bulletin.

Eligibility Scrutineer Assessment and Training sessions

Motorsport UK communicated available dates for the Eligibility Scrutineer assessment and training programme. There are still some spaces available across all venues, so if you wish to attend and have not yet responded to, please do so as soon as possible by emailing technical@motorsportuk.org.

The dates are as follows:

- Saturday 13th November – Leeds
- Saturday 20th November - Brentwood, Essex
- Saturday 27th November – Droitwich
- Saturday 4th December - Milton Keynes



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Wrapped & Painted FHRs

Motorsport UK have been made aware of instances involving FHR devices being wrapped and presented at Scrutineering. The guidance given in this instance is the same as that for helmets.



Wrapping – as with painting – should not be a reason to reject the use of an FHR. The helmet manufacturers' guidelines should always be followed. If in doubt, the competitor should always seek the guidance of the manufacturer.

As always, the Scrutineer will judge the overall condition of any FHR to ensure they are satisfied the FHR is safe for use. If the FHR has been wrapped poorly, or there is any indication the FHR may be damaged or has been dismantled and not sufficiently reassembled, then the Scrutineer will be in a position to reject the FHR and possibly impound it for the duration of the meeting.

If the Scrutineer is in doubt as to whether there is damage beneath any wrapping, they may ask for the competitor to demonstrate the condition, which may involve removal – or partial removal – of the wrapping. If the competitor refuses, then the Scrutineer is within their rights to reject the FHR and may impound it for the meeting.

All of the above applies in the same way to painted FHRs, and those with partial wrapping or stickers. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their equipment remains – and is presented – in a suitable and usable condition.

FHR tether

The following example of an FHR, which has been modified to fit a tether that is clearly from a different model of HANS device and required folding to fit, no longer complies with its homologation and is therefore ineligible.

More importantly, the device is not designed to be used with this type of tether and may cause a danger to the user in an incident.

The details of homologated tethers and anchor posts for each FHR device type can be found in FIA Technical List No.29 [here](#).



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Thank You to Nigel Blackmore

Nigel Blackmore will be retiring after 20 year career in Scrutineering. Based in Hampshire, Nigel has been a regular on Scrutineering teams in the south at various motorsport events, as well as fulfilling his role as a regular administer of Vehicle Passport inspections in the area, offering advice and guidance to many competitors in the process.

Motorsport UK wish Nigel all the best in his retirement.



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