

Stage Rally Review report published

The MSA-commissioned Review of Stage Rallying has been published following its presentation to the Motor Sports Council. Undertaken over the past 12 months and chaired by Steve Stringwell JP, Chairman of the Motor Sports Council Judicial Advisory Panel, the Review aimed to understand the challenges facing this discipline of the sport and propose recommendations to address them where possible.

The 21-page report provides details of the Review Panel's recommendations, analysis of licence and event statistics, and feedback from MSA Officials Seminars. It can be found on the MSA website or by clicking here: <http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/RallyReviewReport.pdf>

"I don't think that anyone expected the Review to come up with a quick overnight fix, but we have made a number of recommendations for action and we have drawn conclusions for others to consider," said Stringwell.

"Some of the issues within the report are already being addressed, such as a review of component lifing, the trial of FIA Appendix K regulations on three major rallies which will extend to the MSA British Historic Rally Championship next year, and the approval of FIA R/GT regulations for implementation in January 2012."



Revamped Wales Rally GB concludes WRC season

Last month's Wales Rally GB once again enjoyed the privilege not only of hosting the FIA World Rally Championship season finale but also the title decider, with Sébastien Loeb claiming a record eighth consecutive world title.

This year's expanded pan-Wales route re-introduced classic stages such as the Great Orme and Clocaenog, allowing the event's economic benefits to be spread further across Wales.



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MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton and Andrew Coe, Chief Executive of event organiser International Motor Sports, paid tribute to "the cooperation and efforts of the volunteer officials, motor clubs, councils, landowners and emergency services involved." They also extended their thanks to "all those who worked so hard to put on a first-class sporting event" and to "the many thousands of British fans who filled every car park and lined special stages across Wales throughout the rally."

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Omagh MC is Club of the Year...

Omagh Motor Club has been named the 2011 JLT MSA Club of the Year, following its nomination by the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs.

Omagh MC has approximately 250 members and ran Autotests, Navigational and Stage Rallies as well as a Hill Climb in 2011, its 75th Anniversary year. The club organised a championship Autotest event in support of National Motorsport Week, and has a range of development programmes and initiatives to train and mentor younger event officials. It also engages successfully with a cross section of local charities and was ranked 'Club of the Year' at the *Ulster Herald's* Sports Personality Awards.



"We are delighted to receive this award," said Omagh MC's Gary Milligan. "We strive to run competitor-friendly events and to encourage young people into the sport. The award is a reflection of the hard work put in by all our volunteers and is particularly welcome as we have just celebrated our 75th anniversary."

A representative of Omagh MC will be presented with £1000 and a JLT Rose Bowl Trophy at the MSA Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in London on 20 January 2012.

... and Andrew Holley is Marshal of the Year

Andrew Holley has won the 2011 JLT MSA Marshal of the Year award, which is designed to reward excellence among the 12,000-strong team of MSA-registered volunteer marshals without whom motor sport could not take place.

A highlight of Holley's marshalling career has been taking responsibility for – and transforming radically – the British Motor Racing Marshals Club North Region's training programme, in his capacity as its Regional Training Manager. He has used his experience as a helicopter pilot instructor to create and manage an operational matrix for the training programmes that is both complex and yet simple to follow, which has enabled hundreds of people to pass smoothly through the training sessions.



"I was completely gobsmacked when I was told I'd won, as I didn't even know about the award, let alone that I'd been nominated!" said Holley. "I do what I do simply because I love the sport, so I was taken aback to be recognised in this way."

Holley will receive a trophy at the MSA's Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in London on 20 January 2012.



Snape appointed Officiel d'Honneur

The MSA has bestowed its highest accolade, Officiel d'Honneur, upon Brian Snape in recognition of his outstanding contribution to UK motor sport.

Snape has served the sport through many years' membership – and past Chairmanship – of the MSA Timekeeping Advisory Panel, and the mentoring of countless trainee timekeepers.

The MSA's Allan Dean-Lewis, who presented the accolade, said: "It is a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to make this very special presentation to Brian Snape to recognise what he has done to assist the success and safety of our sport over many years, especially in the area of Rally Timekeeping. He joins an elite band of around 25 other people who hold the Officiel d'Honneur title, which says much for the respect that so many people hold for Brian in what has been a lifetime interest in our sport."



MSA company report online now

The latest MSA company report is now available on the MSA website. The publication provides an overview of the MSA's role, a review of its activities in 2011, comprehensive event and licence statistics and a summary of the audited financial statement from the previous financial year.

To view the report online, click here: http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/annual_reports/MSA_2011.pdf

A limited number of hard copies are available to MSA licence holders on request; please email media@msauk.org



LARA reaches quarter-century

The Land Access and Recreation Association, of which the MSA is a founding and funding member, is celebrating 25 years of safeguarding off-road motor sport.

LARA was formed in 1986 as a direct response to increasing pressures on stage rallying in Mid Wales, but since then the organisation has developed a strong reputation among national and local government as a well-informed point of contact for issues concerning off-road car and motorcycle sport and recreation.

“LARA was born 25 years ago because there were situations that needed to be addressed, as there are now, particularly for rallying with the possible sale of the Forestry Estate,” said new Chairman, John Richardson.

“LARA will continue to monitor proposals by both national and local government, as well as those from other bodies such as National Parks which could be detrimental to the continuation of our sports and leisure activities as we know them. We will respond accordingly to defend our aims and objectives and to protect what we currently have.”

Alongside the MSA, LARA's members are: Amateur Motor Cycle Association; Association of Land Rover Clubs; British Motorcyclists' Federation; Green Lane Association; and Trail Riders Fellowship.

For more information, visit www.laragb.org

ALRC to support Race2Recovery with auction at 2012 National Rally

The 56th Association of Land Rover Clubs National Rally will feature a charity auction in support of Race2Recovery, a team of wounded soldiers that competes in motor sport in support of Service Charities.

Race2Recovery will compete on the Monday of the event, which takes place from 1-5 June 2012 at Belvoir Castle near Grantham. Money raised by the team will be donated to the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes and Combat Stress.

The ALRC is currently seeking auction items; among those donated so far is a three-week off-road trip in Morocco. For more information or to donate an item, contact ALRC Events Manager Simon Kirk on simonkirk123000@yahoo.co.uk



Autotest Committee creates guidelines for taster events

The Autotest Committee has created a set of guidelines for running grassroots taster events, which have proved to be an effective way of bringing new people into the sport.

1. Be prepared to think about running events in mid-week evenings, Saturday or Sunday, whichever may prove more popular.
2. Keep the regulations short and simple. Use the chart in Section M, page 204, to choose which permit(s) you need for the sort of event YOU want to organise.
3. Make it as easy to enter as possible, be prepared to accept paper and e-mail entries, and make the closing date as late as possible, or close in two stages with appropriate fees.
4. Take advantage of inviting as many clubs as possible/allowed, where the regulations permit. Consider contacting your local Regional Development Officer, colleges and road safety officers to encourage newcomers to motorsport.
5. Encourage as many different types of cars to enter as possible, put the emphasis on the standard road-going shopping car, but allow the more or specially modified cars, and frame the classes to suit.
6. Consider organising a multi-permit event, to include some or all of the options, taster events, autotests, production car autotests, and autoSOLOs to maximise the attraction to parents and their children to compete, and hence the number of entries for the day.
7. Design and lay out the tests to allow the different types of event to use the same marker positions wherever possible, wherever the regulations permit. Don't make them too long, it's not an endurance event.
8. Design and lay out the tests to be user-friendly to the least experienced drivers and the most ungainly vehicle entered, the others will all make their own mistakes.
9. Have someone there to guide and advise the newcomers that you've encouraged (press-ganged) into competing.
10. Don't make the evening/day too long, let the pace be leisurely, announce the results promptly, and send them home happy, they'll come again.



PM visits F1 teams and praises UK motor sport

Prime Minister David Cameron opened the new McLaren Production Centre at the team's base in Woking, Surrey last month.

"In the UK, there has been an over-reliance in the past on the financial and service sectors," said McLaren Group Chairman Ron Dennis. "Now, industry is realising that Britain's grand manufacturing tradition is a solid platform upon which to build – and I want the McLaren Group to play its part in the crucial recalibration of UK plc.

"I'm delighted that the Government is embracing that initiative too: we need to encourage young people to embrace the STEM subjects, by which I mean, science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

Cameron also visited the Lotus Renault Formula One team's Oxfordshire base, where he praised the UK's world-leading motor sport industry.

"We are manufacturing and innovating with the best cars in the world," he said. "It is not just about the track, we are creating incredible intellectual property at the very highest end of manufacturing. When the drivers get into these cars, they are driving something completely made in Britain and we can be really proud of them."

Carfax Stages held at RAF Benson for first time

This year's Oxford Motor Club Carfax Stages Rally took place at RAF Benson for the first time last month.

Club Chairman Kevin Belcher said: "This was the first time a rally has taken place at this venue and we are extremely grateful to the Station Commander and Squadron Leader for their support. The event was a huge success, the competitors all reported fantastic feedback and we raised almost £5000 for the Royal Air Force Association and Thames Valley Air Ambulance."



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Among the competitors was MSA Board member Ben Cussons, who added: "I was participating in my first rally as a co-driver, and it was fantastic to see a new venue available to the rallying community. Credit to Oxford MC for producing this and what was a really enjoyable day's motor sport with fast and exciting stages."



Wheldon kart event raises £17,000 for charity

The Dan Wheldon Memorial Kart Race took place at Daytona Milton Keynes earlier this month, raising over £17,000 for Alzheimer's Society.

Organised by sportscar racer Johnny Mowlem, the event attracted a raft of professional drivers, who joined over 100 members of the public. Taking victory was Team Button – DW Lionhearts, comprising Jenson Button, Wheldon's father Clive, and family friends Doug Coleman and Mark Lewis.

"The turn out tonight has been amazing," said Clive Wheldon. "To have all these famous racing drivers racing for Dan and raising money for Alzheimer's Society is fantastic. I was at the Autosport Awards where Dan got an award and received a standing ovation, and that also brought a lump to my throat and made me very proud. It's nice to have all of his achievements in motor racing recognised. I just wish he could have been here tonight. I hope we repeat this event next year with people like Jenson and all the other drivers who have come to support him. I take my hat off to them."





Scottish aces join West of Scotland's 50th

Five of Scotland's most successful drivers were guests of honour at West of Scotland Kart Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance and Prizegiving earlier this month.

F1 driver Paul di Resta, four-time IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti, and sportscar aces Allan McNish, Marino Franchitti and Ryan Dalziel fielded questions from – and presented awards to – the club's latest champions.

McNish said: "All of us started at West of Scotland and we learned so much in its friendly and competitive environment. It is really great to see that the next generation of superstars are on their way through!"

MRC unveils 2012 plans

The Monoposto Racing Club has unveiled plans for a 13-round championship 2012, which will be its 54th year.

The 2012 Monoposto Championship will also feature non-championship rounds such as the Spa Summer Classic. "We recognise that the current economic climate makes racing difficult for many competitors," said club chairman Nick Harrison. "But we believe that our relationship with MSVR has enabled us to provide the most cost effective single-seater racing championship, which should tempt more eligible cars out of their garages and onto the best circuits in the UK."



Northbrook students join Bognor MC for marshals' training

Level 2 Motorsport students from Northbrook College joined forces with Bognor Motor Club for a marshals' training day at Goodwood Motor Circuit last month. The training included: Health and Safety; What is Marshalling; Practical Fire Fighting; First

Response; Communications & Flags; Practical Incident Handling; Race & Post Management; and Specialist Roles and Speed Events.



Licence holder driving for breast cancer awareness

Competitor Nina Baker is aiming to raise awareness of breast cancer through motor sport.

Baker was diagnosed with the illness in 2009. She has lost two sisters to the illness, which also claimed her brother-in-law Alan's life in September.

"We ladies are still a minority in what is generally considered as fun for the boys, so I decided to raise awareness of breast cancer (and hopefully a lot of money!) through motor sport and my beloved Ginetta G32," said Baker.

Baker has set up a fundraising website: www.JustGiving.com/Breast-Cancer-Car. Any companies or individuals who donate in excess of £250 will be acknowledged on her car, which is scheduled to appear at Sprint and Hill Climb events across Scotland, including MSA British Championship rounds at Doune and Kames.

Stoneman back in action following cancer treatment

Former FIA Formula 2 champion Dean Stoneman returned to the cockpit last month following treatment for testicular cancer. Stoneman, who was diagnosed with the illness in January following his F2 triumph in 2010, joined the World Series by Renault test at Motorland Aragón in Spain.

"I have been thinking of this test constantly for the last few weeks," said the 21-year-old. "After what the family has been through, it was great to have my father and uncle here too. As I expected the first day was very tough and physically demanding having not driven for over 13 months. It's looking promising for next year and now need to continue with my recovery and fitness regime."

AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL



Meet your governing body at ASI

The MSA will once again be on hand at Autosport International, which takes place at the NEC in Birmingham on 12-15 January.

MSA staff will be available throughout the show to answer your questions. The governing body's stand will also feature the Reaction Race, allowing members of the public to test themselves against MSA Academy drivers on a BATAK wall. Meanwhile the Go Motorsport stand will focus on a campaign to encourage visitors to 'Join Your Local Motor Club', featuring cars and personnel from a number of active clubs who will offer advice to those looking to get involved with the sport.

Motor sport companies and fans from more than 50 countries are expected to attend the show, which is Europe's largest motor sport trade exhibition. There will also be an entertainment programme including appearances from F1 driver Paul Di Resta, BBC F1 anchor Jake Humphrey and his co-presenter and DTM driver David Coulthard. Meanwhile special displays will pay tribute to both three-time F1 world champion Ayrton Senna and Britain's rallying heroes.

The MSA has teamed up with Autosport International to offer licence holders a £5 discount on entry to any of the show's four days. To register as an MSA member and receive the discount, visit www.autosportinternational.com or call 0845 218 6012 and quote MSA12.



AASE class of 2011/12 inducted at Loughborough

Twenty-seven promising young drivers were inducted onto the MSA Academy's Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence programme at Loughborough College last weekend.

AASE is a two-year, government-funded course that focuses on the areas of human performance that combine to create successful athletes in a number of sports including football, rugby, cricket, athletics and swimming.

The inductees were first welcomed by MSA Academy Coordinator Greg Symes and course leader Tom Gayle. Team UK graduate and GP3 star Alexander Sims then offered advice and fielded questions, before handing over to sport performance expert Fergus Mumford MSc, who introduced the students to the concept of sport psychology. Nutritionist and dietician Hayley Kutler concluded the day with an introductory workshop.

"The first day was everything I expected and more," said 16-year-old Jack Barlow, the 2011 Super One Junior Rotax and Kartmasters Grand Prix Champion. "I applied for AASE to get a better understanding of all aspects of motor sport and what it takes to be a successful driver. The first workshops on psychology and nutrition were really interesting, and I'm looking forward to developing my skills through the year."

Symes added: "It was great to get the programme underway with the largest group of AASE students to date. They all seemed very keen and focused on using the course to maximize their potential as athletes. We will help them to achieve this over the next two years through various workshops, and access to performance experts, coaches and world-class facilities such as Silverstone's Porsche Human Performance Centre."



Lynn and Williamson selected for FIA Institute Academy

Team UK's Alex Lynn and Lewis Williamson have been chosen to join the FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy.

The pair was nominated by the MSA to compete with 26 drivers from 25 countries in a gruelling series of physical and mental aptitude tests in Austria, culminating in an on-track shootout to secure one of 18 places available on the FIA Institute-backed programme.

"That now makes it the FIA, the MSA and the BRDC," said Lynn, who was named British Club Driver of the Year at last weekend's Autosport Awards. "It's an honour to be recognised by so many important organisations and the experience with Team UK this year certainly helped me prepare for the selection process with the FIA."

Williamson added: "Just being nominated by the MSA and then chosen to go to Austria was a great achievement, but being picked for the final 18 is the next step on the ladder for me. Whatever category I move into it will be important to be strong in all areas, not just behind the wheel, and this is a massive opportunity to build on what I've learnt on Team UK."



Wozencroft takes up role as National Rally Coach

Former British Super 1600 Rally Champion and Junior World Rally Championship works driver James Wozencroft has been appointed the new MSA National Rally Coach.

A former member of original MSA Rally Elite, Wozencroft has been working on the MSA Academy as an MSA Coach for the last two years and also works as a coach on the FIA Institute Young Driver Excellence Academy.

"I'm delighted that the MSA has put its faith in me, and I look forward to working one-on-one with the country's most promising young rally drivers on the Team UK programme, both in and out of the car," said 27-year-old Wozencroft.

Reid added: "Firstly, I'd like to thank Mark Higgins for his invaluable contribution as National Rally Coach over the last couple of years. He leaves big shoes to fill, but I'm sure that James will settle quickly into his new role and prove to be an excellent mentor for the programme's rally drivers."

Team UK 2012 line-up is selected

The Team UK selection panel convened at Motor Sports House last month to decide the national squad's 2012 line-up.

The panel comprised: MSA Performance Director Robert Reid; MSA Director of Development Ben Taylor; National Race Coach David Brabham; National Rally Coach James Wozencroft; MSA Academy Co-ordinator Greg Symes; Team UK Administrator Fiona Miller; and MSA Coach Tom Gaymor.

Reid said: "It was good to get together and consider the candidates not only for Team UK next year, but also for a new group that will be invited to join the MSA Academy. It was a difficult decision at times, but we have come up with a great list of drivers and are really excited at the prospect of working with them throughout next year."

The full Team UK 2012 line up will be unveiled at January's Autosport International.

Webb to embark on full-time US career

Oli Webb will contest the 2012 Firestone Indy Lights series in the US with Sam Schmidt Motorsports. The move follows three outings in this year's championship, which yielded a podium finish on his debut in Edmonton.

"This is a really exciting step in my career and I am delighted to have signed with Sam Schmidt Motorsports for 2012," said 20-year-old Webb. "I am now 100 per cent focused on racing in the US and see this opportunity as the first step towards competing in the IndyCar Series in the future."



Widening participation and raising awareness of motor sport around the country, particularly among young people



Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen tackle 12-car for television

Five's *Fifth Gear* will shine a spotlight on one of the most affordable forms of motor sport today (Friday 9 December) with a film in which presenter Vicki Butler-Henderson navigates for Intercontinental Rally Challenge champion Andreas Mikkelsen on a 12-car navigational rally.

More than 300 such events are organised throughout the dark winter months by MSA-registered motor clubs across the country, and no special equipment or licences are required beyond a road-legal car and an ability to read a map. Competitors are given a set of clues, which they must crack while averaging 30mph between a series of checkpoints. As in stage rallying, crews set off individually at one-minute intervals and incur penalties for not sticking to the route or prescribed schedule.

Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen contested Loughborough Car Club's Zebulon Pike Memorial 12-Car Rally in rural Leicestershire aboard a standard Škoda Fabia vRS. "I didn't really know what to expect and map reading isn't my specialist subject as I can get lost in a car park!" said Butler-Henderson, a Go Motorsport ambassador. "It was a terrific way to spend an evening. You exercise your brain, enjoy plenty of good banter and participate in a great sport with some healthy competition... all for a £15 entry fee and the cost of a few litres of fuel."

Mikkelsen added: "It was very different to anything I have done before. It was great fun, though, and clearly a fantastic way to start in motor sport. It's important for a young driver to gain experience any way he or she can and, more importantly, it's the perfect place for a budding co-driver to start off. I can now see why Britain has produced so many top world championship co-drivers over the years."

Join the Go Motorsport campaign

There are many ways for you to play your part in encouraging more newcomers into all areas of motor sport:

- Direct anyone interested in competing, volunteering or visiting a live motor sport event to the 'Go Drive', 'Go Help' and 'Go See' sections of the Go Motorsport website, www.GoMotorsport.net
- Help us to set up a visit to your local school by emailing the relevant contact details to info@GoMotorsport.net
- Promote the initiative by running Go Motorsport decals on your competition car. A selection of free decals is available from info@GoMotorsport.net
- Include Go Motorsport advertisements in your event programmes. Artwork is available from the 'downloads' section of www.GoMotorsport.net
- Establish web links to the Go Motorsport website where relevant or possible.
- Distribute Go Motorsport and Let's Go Karting promotional materials. Flyers, pencils, DVDs and other materials are available from info@GoMotorsport.net

RDOs gather for season review at Silverstone

The Go Motorsport campaign's nine Regional Development Officers gathered at Silverstone last month to review their activities from the past year and discuss plans for 2012. The RDOs, who are tasked with promoting motor sport in their areas, working with clubs and delivering the campaign message into schools, were joined by MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton and MSA Director of Development Ben Taylor.

"It was an excellent day," said Taylor. "It's important to share experiences and learn from each other and we took the opportunity to outline the direction of the programme for 2012 when we will be focusing much more on helping clubs to grow their membership."

The day also featured an Autotest set up by East Midlands RDO Richard Egger, to demonstrate how easily such an event can be an effective way of getting people behind the wheel for the first time. Northern Ireland RDO Jonathan MacDonald was delighted to

set the quickest time aboard a Peugeot 106 kindly provided for the day by MSA Board member and Autotest Committee Chairman Mike Sones.



TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

Race and Rallies regulations for consultation

Regulation changes proposed by the Race and Rallies Committees are now available for consultation at www.msauk.org/regulations

Suspension bushes in Speed events

The 2012 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook contains new regulations regarding suspension in the Road-going category of Sprint and Hill Climb events. (S)11.7.6. states that "for Road-going Series Production Cars bushes may be changed for similar polymer materials but not to spherical or similar metal joints." (S)11.7.2. states that "shock absorbers may be of any make and may be uprated from standard."

The MSA Technical Department wishes to clarify that if an uprated shock absorber had a metal top bush as part of the shock absorber assembly, it would be permitted because this bush would be considered part of the shock absorber assembly, which may be uprated.

Rotax MiniMax inlet throttle restrictor

Competitors are reminded that from 1 January 2012 a new inlet throttle restrictor will be mandatory for the Rotax MiniMax class. 2012 MSA Kart Race Yearbook regulation (D)4.4.1.1. states that an "inlet throttle restrictor must be in place at all times. Restrictor plates must be as supplied by J.A.G. and comply with the official fiche, no modifications allowed."

The amendment to the Rotax fiche will be issued in time for 2012. A copy of the new Rotax engine fiche, applicable to all Rotax classes, can be downloaded from the Kart Technical Documents section of the MSA website:

Rotax MiniMax and Junior Blue amended minimum driver weights

The 2012 MSA Kart Race Yearbook details a change to the effective minimum driver weight for the MiniMax class, which will increase to 37kg from next year. This is achieved by mandating a minimum class weight of 135kg and a maximum kart weight (without driver) of 98kg.

Similarly, the Junior Blue class is also subject to an increased minimum driver weight of 37kg from 2012. This is in the lowest class weight/restrictor band.

TRAINING

MSA Seminar Series for 2012

Application forms for representation at the 2012 Seminars for Club Officials have been sent to all Club Secretaries and Regional Associations. If you have not received yours and wish to attend, please contact Alan Page at the MSA on 01753 765120 or alan.page@msauk.org

Seminar dates and venues are as follows:

Day/Date	Location
Sunday 22 January	Holiday Inn, Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks
Saturday 28 January	Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells
Sunday 29 January	Mercure Hotel, Swindon
Saturday 4 February	Ramada Hotel, Kings Lynn
Sunday 5 February	Holiday Inn, M6, Coventry
Saturday 11 February	Swallow Hotel, Preston
Sunday 12 February	Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington
Tuesday 21 February	Monterey Hotel, St Helier, Jersey
Wednesday 22 February	LaTrelade Hotel, Guernsey
Sunday 26 February	Park Plaza Hotel, Aldergrove, Belfast
Monday 27 February	Civil Defence HQ, Douglas, Isle of Man
Sunday 4 March	Huntingtower Hotel, Perth
Saturday 10 March	Mercure Hotel, Exeter

MSA Registered Marshals Grading Scheme (Race, Kart and Speed disciplines)

The marshals grading scheme, which has remained unchanged for the past five years across all disciplines, is kept under constant review. As a result of views submitted, the Marshals Working Group – with support from the Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel – has introduced some changes to further improve and develop parts of the scheme.

From 1 January 2012 these changes will be applied to all Race, Kart and Speed marshals seeking upgrades. However, for those only needing a training day signature for their upgrade, the existing scheme will continue until 31 March 2012.

Personal Record Cards

The 2012 MSA Personal Record Card (PRC) has been amended to reflect these changes; the cards are now colour coded to be discipline-specific, and are intended to follow a marshal through their career. Further PRC changes have been made to cover attendance, training and upgrade signatures.

Once completed, marshals should forward the card to their club, which will then verify that the requirements have been met. The club will then forward the card to the MSA for consideration and processing, after which it will be returned to the marshal so that any further signatures may be obtained and recorded.

For full details of the changes – which do not affect Rally Marshals, for whom a separate review is expected to be completed during 2012 – please click here:

www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/MWG2012Changes.pdf