

Questions about taking part in sprint & hillclimb events under Covid-19

Why have changes been made?

Motorsport UK has had to respond to the Covid-19 environment and, in consultation with the Sprint & Hillclimb Sub-Committee and organising clubs, has produced rules and guidance that allows motorsport to take place. These changes enable events to be classed as organised sport and meet the requirements for contact and social distancing, as well as respecting the safety of all those involved with our events.

What changes have been made to the entry procedure?

All organising clubs have adopted an online entry system to avoid handling paperwork. Once your entry has been accepted, you will be sent details of how to sign-on. Again, this is online and must be completed before the event. You must still take your documentation (eg competition licence, membership cards, vehicle paperwork) to the event as normal.

What changes have been made to scrutineering?

Competitors will complete a pre-event declaration form. Scrutineering on the day will only be carried out on a sample selection of competing cars, but it is the driver's responsibility to ensure their car is safe and fit for each event.

What do I need to do about my mechanics?

You will be asked to name any mechanics or essential helpers who will be going to the event with you as part of the signing-on process. You must provide their name(s) and contact details. There may be a limit to the number of helpers you can take with you, set by the organising club, to restrict the number of people in the paddock and allow social distancing.

Will I be able to stay overnight?

Overnight camping is permitted after 12th April, but this may be restricted to self-contained units, or restrictions applied to the use of shared toilet and washing facilities. This should be advised by the organising club. Other overnight accommodation, such as hotels and guest houses, will not be permitted for leisure purposes until at least 17th May.

Will double-driven cars be allowed?

Two drivers can enter and share the same competition car but must sanitise the contact areas of the car between drivers.

Will I need to wear a face mask or covering at the event?

There is not normally a requirement for a face mask or covering to be worn in open areas as long as 2m social distancing can be observed, but they will be required in any indoor facilities. This may differ between events but will be specified by the organising club.

Please note that the above advice is given in good faith but is brief and general advice and is liable to change. You should refer to the latest rules and/or guidance from HM Government or Motorsport UK. 12.04.21

Will the usual start line procedure be used at events?

Most hillclimb events will use the normal timing procedure but changes will be made to avoid the marshals touching the cars unless they sanitise the car or their gloves. Marshals are permitted to touch the tyres without sanitising.

At other events, drivers may be required to line up their car as close as they can to the start line. The procedure will differ slightly between events, depending on such things as the gradient of the start line. Please be considerate of start line marshals and assist as requested.

Will cars that require an external battery or starter be permitted?

As specified in the Motorsport UK regulations, only cars built after 30.12.18 are required to self-start. However, organisers will have to make provisions to comply with the requirements for social distancing and contact which may prevent marshals handling starting equipment. This will differ between events, depending on the location of the holding paddocks, but should be stated in the Final Instructions.

Will plastic tyre coverings be allowed?

Tyre covers were prohibited at some events last year, in order to comply with social distancing. Most organising clubs have reverted to permitting its use this year. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that tyre coverings are removed by their team (not the marshals) and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. However, note that single-use tyre coverings will be banned from all events from the end of 2022.

What happens if I stop on track, either due to a breakdown or accident?

Any driver involved in an incident must indicate that they are OK by signalling with a "thumbs up" at the front windscreen at the earliest opportunity and to the approaching marshal. If a driver fails to give the "thumbs up" signal, it will be assumed they need medical assistance.

Do I need to fit towing points to my racing car?

The regulations have been amended to ensure that all cars have towing point(s) which are accessible from front and rear. This could be an existing part of the car, such as a rollbar or suspension point, as long as it is clearly marked and of adequate strength. Please refer to the Blue Book S10.2.15 (page 334).

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