

COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATE – Q&A

The following Q&A is intended to provide clarity on questions that may be raised upon review of the Getting Back on Track event resumption guidance. **This document has been updated on 11th September 2020 and will continue to be reviewed as new government guidance is available. Any updates to the last published version are marked in red for ease.**

I am an official or marshal and I have tested positive for COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms?

Anyone who has tested positive and/or has developed COVID-19 symptoms may not participate for 14 days following the test, even where there are no symptoms, or where there are symptoms for 14 days after becoming symptom-free. Anyone wishing to return within 14 days may only do so after a negative test and only if you are fit to undertake your duties.

Some Marshals and Officials have concerns about attending events under current conditions?

Whilst Motorsport UK has set out guidance to allow for Events to resume, participation is not mandatory, and every individual must consider their own circumstances and determine whether they should participate. Organisers will follow Government advice that the personal views of individuals are to be respected and that it is the responsibility of all participants to adhere to the guidance for the protection of all involved.

What if I become unwell during the meeting?

You should immediately isolate yourself and inform your team if any, and the club officials, by phone. If necessary, the organisers will refer you to the onsite medic, if any. The organisers will need to record your details and the nature of your condition. It is not always obvious that the symptoms that may be presented are associated with COVID-19 and therefore you would need to leave the venue. You must follow all Government and Public Health England (PHE) advice.

Will Scrutineers be undertaking the usual safety checks?

The declaration which all participants are required to complete and submit pre-event, whether by email or online administration systems, require the Competitor to detail their equipment and expiration dates as appropriate. The Competitor is signing to declare that their vehicle and equipment is of the required standard and in compliance. The Scrutineers will have sight of the information and can perform sight checks. Specific advice will be issued to the Scrutineers.

Will Motorsport UK be providing any signage or standard designs to be used?

Motorsport UK had prepared royalty-free designs for deployment by organisers/ venues and these are available on the [“Getting Back on Track”](#) section of the website.

Marshal reports are to be verbal and not necessarily supported by written reports; how do we know when a written report is still required?

Judicial guidance is now available on the Motorsport UK website [“Getting Back on Track”](#), including the possibility of messaging to a dedicated address from post. The Chief Marshal/Clerk of the Course/Event Organiser will advise you based on your role.

Under the current Government guidance, is there a restriction on the number of marshals per post?

Marshal numbers should be kept to an absolute minimum and in line with the latest Government advice there should be no more than 6 marshals per post (effective Monday 14th September 2020) provided that the post is capable of facilitating current government guidance in respect of social distancing.

The Event Organiser (in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course) must ensure that Marshal appointments are to be made to ensure a safe level of cover but not exceeding its function and to take overall responsibility for their post allocation.

The creation of additional marshal posts can always be considered but must be approved by Motorsport UK with the Venue Operator beforehand, in order that the relevant amendment is made to the Track Licence.

It is the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course to ensure the above is complied with and, upon completion of their track inspection, they must confirm that Marshals are located in the appropriate areas in accordance with the track licence.

Will it still be possible to pay the kart circuit for practice or racing when I arrive?

No. You will be required to pre-register/ enter and pay using the club’s online event management system.

Are participants required to wear a face mask?

There is now the requirement for **all** Event participants to wear a face mask in all areas of the venue at **all** times (effective Monday 14th September 2020).

I have a medical exemption from wearing a face mask.

Motorsport UK has removed the provision for individual personal exemptions from wearing a face mask and these persons will no longer be allowed to attend Motorsport UK Events.

What will the officials do for those that are not complying or refuse to comply with the COVID-19 requirements?

Each participant must be considerate of their actions and the impact on others.

Motorsport UK has been permitted to resume events by the respective Governments and under the “Getting Back on Track” guidance. It is imperative that all participants adhere to both Motorsport UK and Government guidance so that we can continue to run Events.

It is now mandated that face masks are to be worn in all areas at the Event (with the exception of competitors whilst in their car or kart competing). In the event that an individual fails to comply with COVID-19 requirements in the first instance, the officials in conjunction with the COVID-19 Officer will give a gentle reminder. Continued transgressions will result in the COVID-19 Officer bringing the report to the Clerk of the Course and Event Stewards, who will issue penalties, and the matter will also be reported to Motorsport UK and could also result in eviction from the venue.

Please remember our Officials do not wish to remind anyone of the need to comply. Any abuse towards Event Officials will not be tolerated.

Will catering facilities be open as usual at the venue?

You should contact the venue or organiser and review their website to confirm.

Will the medical cover at the venue be operational as before?

The medical cover required for any Event remains unchanged.

Will my family and sponsor be able to come to the events?

Organisers and venues may need to limit attendance to ensure that they can adhere to social distancing requirements and any limitation on gatherings. Should guest tickets be provided to you these individuals will be classified as spectators and may not interact with the “Event Bubble”.

The recommendation is for Driver +3 however organisers may request agreement from Motorsport UK to alter this restriction, other than karting which is currently restricted driver +2. Non-Team personnel should be classified as spectators and as referenced above.

Are spectators permitted at events?

Currently, the Motorsport UK guidance does not provide for spectators. Motorsport UK is aware that some venues may be permitting spectators to their venues however they will not be permitted to interact with event participants who will be considered to be within the “Event Bubble”.

Can I still hire a transponder for the event?

Transponders may still be hired under sanitised conditions. You should check with the organisers that transponder hire is available at the event.

For Cadet or Bambino Karts it may not be possible to maintain social distancing when lifting the kart itself, how should we deal with this situation?

Where social distancing cannot be maintained in this situation face masks must be worn by the adults handling the kart and hand sanitising before and after touching the kart.

How can we be assured that the venue toilet facilities will be regularly sanitised?

Public Health England has published guidance which should be adopted by all concerned and this is duplicated below. Motorsport UK will be providing designs for signage and these are available at: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/restart>.

Maintaining hygiene, through handwashing, sanitisation facilities and toilets

To help everyone maintain good hygiene, consideration should be given to:

- Using signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, avoid touching your face and to cough or sneeze into your arm.
- Providing regular reminders and signage to maintain hygiene standards
- Providing hand sanitiser in multiple locations in addition to washrooms.
- Setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible
- Enhancing cleaning for busy areas
- Providing more waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection
- Replacing hand dryers with paper towels in handwashing facilities
- Minimising the use of portable toilets
- Sufficient provision of automated hand sanitising dispensers in public places

For Speed Events, it is stipulated that marshals may not touch the vehicle to assist with alignment and this must be undertaken visually only. Some vehicles must be pushed to the line how do you suggest this is undertaken?

Marshals may touch the vehicles bodywork at the start line having sanitised the bodywork area to be touched with an alcohol wipe before doing so. The alcohol wipe must be safely discarded after each use. It is appreciated that some vehicles may be moved or held in position by touching the tyres which is also permitted.

If the bodywork is not sanitised and if there is any contact with the vehicle the marshal would need to change gloves and sanitise their hands on each and every occasion which is not considered practical.

For Speed Events how will the start line accuracy be maintained?

In consideration of the relaxation to the current guidance as detailed above organisers now have several options available for starts enabling organisers to have flexibility regarding start lines in a socially distanced environment and using their preferred method:

- We have given an exemption to GR S3.2.1 to allow for a 1m box behind the start line. Guidance on utilising the European Start system is available at [Getting Back on Track](#) on the Motorsport UK website.
- Marshals may touch the vehicle at the start having sanitised any contact areas first, using an alcohol wipe which must be renewed on each occasion.
- Marshals may align the vehicle at the start line using a pole.

It will be for organisers to decide what best suits their event. There is no regulatory requirement for Sprint and Hill Climb starts to operate as they currently do. It may be that operating practices need to be altered depending upon the timing system used. It will be for each organiser to decide whether during these early stages of event resumption hill records should be suspended.

Can the Rescue Unit be used for casualties?

The Medical Advice is simply that if you use a vehicle for a casualty it requires sanitising after such use and during that process, without other cover, the event must halt. Rescue Units themselves are varied and some will find sanitising all of their equipment a rather lengthier process than others. A CQC Ambulance is so configured that this process might only take 10-15 minutes.

The CMO is responsible for ensuring the proper sanitisation of the Rescue Unit in the event of a casualty and that as organisers you must allow for the additional delay to the meeting for your Rescue Unit to complete the sanitisation should it be necessary. Something that you should verify when making the booking.

Are we still permitted to call county ambulances in the event of the need for a patient transfer?

Organisers should speak with their local ambulance authority when making preparations for the meeting to identify whether the county ambulance would be available in this situation.

Have ARKS examinations resumed?

The Association of Racing Kart Schools does not see any impediment to the ARKS Novice Driver Tests being resumed where circuits are offering practice days. Of course, social distancing must be observed during the test, and all participants must follow the circuit rules regarding COVID-19.

All participants must take responsibility for their own and others safety, and should they feel unwell in any way do not attend, and if at the circuit leave as soon as possible having notified the organisers. Novice drivers should pay for their test in advance using the voucher system available from www.arks.co.uk

Have ARDS assessments resumed?

With the resumption of driving lessons in England ARDS have confirmed that their instructors will again be available for in-car instruction and to undertake assessments from Monday 6th July.

Each individual school will have undertaken their own COVID-19 risk assessment in order to identify the procedures they would need to adopt. However, it would reasonable to suggest that with both the instructor and driver wearing a helmet and balaclava and with the vehicle contact areas (inside and out) being sanitised between change of occupants that this would be acceptable. For further clarification on what provisions may be in place at your local ARDS school please contact the relevant ARDS school direct.

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If I have gained 12 penalty points against my karting licence, will I still receive a warning letter?

Motorsport UK has suspended Karting penalty totting (C2.1.8 and 2.1.8.1) under its powers within A2.4 of the General Regulations removing warning letters and licence suspensions for accumulation of karting penalties for the remainder of 2020.

This does not indicate in any way any relaxation of driving standards and competitors must drive with respect. In appropriate cases licences may still be suspended (C.1.1.5 and C.2.6.3) and the facts referred to the National Court based on the severity of the individual offence.

What if I have further queries?

Should you have further queries, please contact Restart@MotorsportUK.org