

SCRUTINEERS' BULLETIN

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2027 Licenced Official Renewals and Knowledge Checks

Invitations to complete the 2027 licence renewal process will be sent during the week of 14th September. As part of renewal, we'll continue our programme of online knowledge checks for Licenced Officials.

The knowledge checks are an important part of our ongoing development as a community of officials. They're designed to support learning, encourage consistency across all disciplines and help everyone stay up to date with the latest regulations and best practice. Most importantly, they're there to help identify where further guidance or development may be useful, with support and learning resources available throughout the process.

A webinar explaining the 2027 renewal process is available below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4mmIPZmISw>

<https://motorsportuk.org/clubs-organisers/club-webinars/>



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2027 Licenced Official Seminars

Our programme of 2027 Licenced Official Seminars will provide an opportunity to come together, share knowledge and prepare for the season ahead. Seminars will take place across the regions between 9th January and 28th February 2027, with dates and locations being advertised soon.

NCR Updates: 2026 Edition 4: Chapter 6: Tobacco Advertising

Following a number of queries, the article below from the July Bulletin (248) is included again for ease of reference.

Edition 4 of the National Competition Rules introduces a clarified provision within Chapter 6 relating to the display of historic or period-correct tobacco advertising on competition vehicles.

<https://ebooks.motorsportuk.org/najd/p218>

The amendment reinforces that responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002, and any other applicable legislation, remains solely with the Entrant.

For Scrutineers, the key point is that they are not expected to provide legal advice or determine whether the display of such advertising is lawful. Where tobacco advertising is identified on a vehicle at an event, Officials need only to reiterate the responsibility of the entrant to ensure compliance with NCR Chapter 6 Article 8.1.e.

Officials involved in Vehicle Passport and Historic Eligibility inspections should note that, where a vehicle is presented with historic tobacco advertising, the Applicant is responsible for providing supporting evidence demonstrating that the vehicle type, model or period-correct competition specification competed with that livery in period. The role of the Scrutineer is limited to ensuring it is recorded as part of the application process. The inclusion of tobacco advertising within Motorsport UK or FIA vehicle identification documentation does not constitute approval of that advertising and should not be regarded as evidence of compliance with the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002.

Camera Glasses

To support event Officials in responding to emerging examples of 'Smart' Glasses, the relevant NCR provisions are summarised and signposted below.

Remember that any aftermarket camera devices fitted to, or within, the helmet are prohibited under NCR Ch.9 Art.9.4. This also includes the use of 'Smart' or AI Glasses, as the NCR states that only glasses for the sole purpose of correcting eyesight in accordance with Chapter 6 Appendix 2 Article 6.7 (and/or sun protection) are permitted.

The use of any type of Smart/Camera/AI Glasses in competition is prohibited, and the relevant NCR articles are linked below:

Chapter 6 Appendix 2 – Medical: <https://ebooks.motorsportuk.org/najd/p223>

Chapter 7 Appendix 9 – Onboard Cameras : <https://ebooks.motorsportuk.org/najd/p286>



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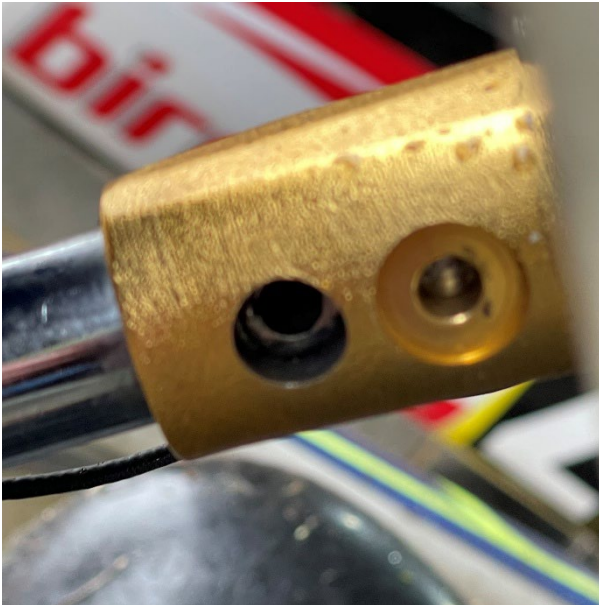
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Kart Steering Hub Attachment

The images below were sent to us by a Scrutineer after this issue was found on a kart following a practice session. The bolt holding the steering hub had sheared and the head of the bolt on the underside of the column had fallen away. Fortunately, in this instance the nut and remaining length of thread had stayed within the hole through the boss and the column, maintaining a degree of control and allowing the driver to return safely. However, it wouldn't have taken much for the remaining parts to work themselves free and for steering control of the kart to be lost completely.

All Kart scrutineers will be familiar with checking this part of the kart at pre-event safety scrutineering, and where there is no secondary fixing or retaining device, the advice given is to wrap tape around the bolt – as you will see from the pictures here, this would allow both parts of the broken fixing to be retained through the holes, helping to ensure that a sufficient degree of steering control is retained should such a failure occur.



Kart Battery Attachment

A Kart Scrutineer sent this photo of a battery completely unsecured within the battery tray. Whilst from the photo, the battery tray itself appears to be fitted correctly in accordance with National Competition Rule Ch.18 App. Art.34.11, having the battery completely unsecured within the tray significantly reduces the effect of securing the tray! When safety scrutineering karts – or during general observations – please pay attention to how batteries are retained on the kart. They should be securely fixed within their relevant housing.



Motorsport UK Knowledge Hub

The Motorsport UK **Knowledge Hub** is now the central location for regulations, guidance, forms and supporting documents, replacing the previous Resource Centre.

Visit the Knowledge Hub here: <https://motorsportuk.org/knowledge-hub>

For Scrutineers, the day-to-day objective remains the same: finding the information you need, when you need it. The Knowledge Hub introduces a number of new features to support that, including the ability to search the content of documents rather than just their titles, ask questions in plain language and view document version history.

One page that's worth bookmarking is **Scrutineering Forms and Reports**, where you'll find the inspection records, rejection notices, sealing reports and other documents regularly used at events, all in one place. Find Scrutineering Forms and Reports here: <https://motorsportuk.org/knowledge-hub/scrutineering-forms-and-reports>

As the Knowledge Hub continues to develop, it will become the primary home for Scrutineering guidance, Technical Bulletins and supporting information, making it the first place to check for the latest documents and advice.

Ultimately, its value will be determined by how well it meets the needs of those using it. If there's guidance you can't find, or content you think would be useful to add or improve, we'd genuinely welcome your feedback. Your comments will help us continue to develop the Knowledge Hub into a resource that better supports officials, competitors and organisers alike. Contact us here: <https://motorsportuk.org/contact-us/> or email feedback@motorsportuk.org.

Club Webinar - Race with Respect

The Safeguarding Team and the Club & Volunteer Development Team will be hosting a webinar to provide more detailed information about the **Race with Respect** initiative and what it means for clubs, volunteers, and officials. The webinar will cover:



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- An overview of Race with Respect
- The difference between Race with Respect and Safeguarding
- How Clubs can support the initiative
- How Motorsport UK can support Clubs and Volunteers

Date: Wednesday 30 September

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

This webinar is aimed at club members, volunteers, and officials. Attendance is entirely voluntary, but we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

If you would like to register your interest, please do so [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Safeguarding Team, safeguarding@motorsportuk.org



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