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2027 Licenced Official Seminars

We are pleased to confirm the dates for the 2027 Motorsport UK Officials Seminars, taking place across the UK and Channel Islands in January and February. The seminars are for Clerks, Stewards and Scrutineers (Car, Kart & Environmental).

January

09 January – Cobham, Surrey
16 January – Chester
17 January – York
23 January – East Midlands (+ Kart)
24 January – Bristol (+ Kart)

February

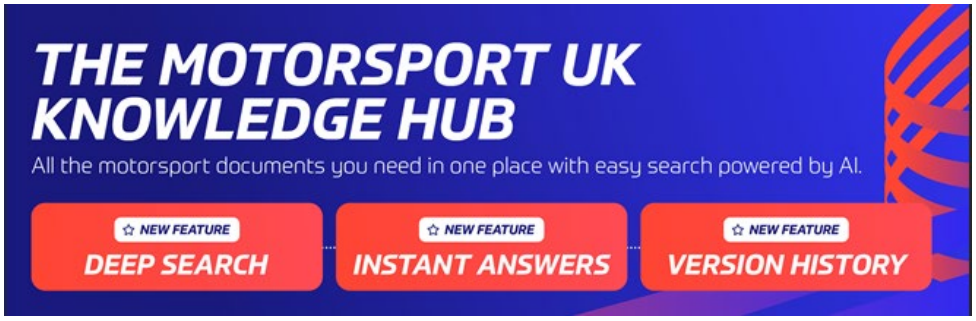
06 February – Northern Ireland
13 February – Scotland
20 February – Guernsey



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2026 National Competition Rules Edition 5

The latest edition of the **2026 National Competition Rules (NCR)** is now available via the Motorsport UK Knowledge Hub. The key changes are summarised here:
https://motorsportuk.org/the-national-competition-rules-2026-updates/



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Renewing for 2027

To renew your Motorsport UK Officials Licence for 2027, you'll need to complete a mandatory Knowledge Check specific to your discipline and role.

The Knowledge Check consists of multiple-choice questions covering the key processes and regulations relevant to your role. It's designed as a helpful opportunity to refresh your knowledge and make sure that you're up to date ahead of another year of motorsport.

Before you get started, we recommend reading through the chapter(s) of the National Competition Rules (NCR) relevant to your discipline. You can keep the NCR to hand and refer to them while completing your Knowledge Check too.

For some extra support, you can watch our Knowledge Check webinar on the Motorsport UK website or Learning Hub. It talks you through what to expect and will help you prepare before you get started.



If you hold a Trainee, Assistant or Probationary grade, you don't need to complete a Knowledge Check, but you're very welcome to have a go if you'd like to refresh your knowledge ahead of the new season.

If you hold multiple Officials Licences, you'll need to complete the relevant Knowledge Check for each type of licence.

If you require reasonable adjustments, please see our guidance document here. If you need any further support with your renewal, our Member Services team is here to help by email or phone.

START YOUR RENEWAL

2027 Formula 1 British Grand Prix



If you are interested in being a part of the British Grand Prix scrutineering team at Silverstone on 01-04 July 2027, and hold a Scrutineer Car licence grade or higher, please click here to access further information and guidance, including the application details and link.

Due to the expected number of response, there may be a need to review applications as we aim to provide an opportunity for first time scrutineers as well as a rotation of previous attendees. Even if you have attended previously, you still need to follow the application process detailed in the link above.

The event is split between F1 and support races and those interested must be able to attend all four days – Thursday to Sunday inclusive.

Conflict of Interest and Vehicle Document Inspections

When undertaking inspections for Motorsport UK vehicle documents, Scrutineers should remain mindful of both actual and perceived conflicts of interest.

Scrutineers must not inspect their own vehicle for the issue, renewal or amendment of any Motorsport UK vehicle document, including Vehicle Passports, CAT 2 SRVIFs, HRVIFs, or any other document requiring a Scrutineer's inspection.

The same principle applies to vehicles owned by close family members, relatives or friends, or in any situation where a conflict of interest, or the perception of one, could reasonably exist. In these circumstances, the inspection should be carried out by another eligible Scrutineer.

It is also important to consider the circumstances in which an inspection has been requested.

Where a Scrutineer is approached through a personal relationship, asked to travel a significant distance outside their normal area, or where it becomes apparent that there may already have been difficulty obtaining or completing the relevant vehicle document locally, it is good practice to pause and establish the background before becoming involved.

This does not mean that a Scrutineer cannot assist a competitor outside their usual area. There may be entirely legitimate reasons for doing so. However, where the circumstances are unusual, or there appears to be an existing technical or eligibility question, please contact the Motorsport UK Technical Team before undertaking the inspection.

A quick conversation can establish whether there is any relevant background and help ensure that the inspection is independent, consistent and properly informed.

The underlying principle is simple: consider not only whether you are able to undertake the inspection, but whether you are the appropriate person to do so.

Impact Data Recorders – 2027 Requirements

From **01 January 2027** FIA Impact Data Recorders (IDRs) will be mandatory for competition vehicles in **Race, Stage Rally** and **Rallycross**.

IDRs are small, lightweight devices fitted inside competition vehicles that automatically record data during high-G impacts. The information collected will help Motorsport UK better understand incidents and support evidence-based improvements to safety across the sport.

Competitors are responsible for ordering and fitting IDRs ahead of their first event in 2027. **Scrutineers are not expected to purchase or supply IDRs on behalf of competitors, clubs or championships**. Scrutineers may be required to verify that an IDR is installed in accordance with the published guidance, but responsibility for installation and activation remains with the competitor.

Motorsport UK has published a dedicated IDR webpage covering installation, ordering and preparation for the 2027 season. This includes a regularly updated FAQ section with information relevant to competitors and licensed officials.

Building on the introductory sessions delivered at the 2026 Scrutineers' Seminars (content available via the Learning Hub), further practical guidance and training will be provided at the 2027 Seminars.

In the meantime, scrutineers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the published guidance and direct any outstanding questions to **IDR@motorsportuk.org**.



Road Rally 2027 – Technical Regulation Guidance

A number of changes to the Road Rally technical regulations will take effect from **01 January 2027**, including requirements relating to engines, transmissions, wheels and tyres, lighting and Roll Over Protection Systems.

Motorsport UK National Competition Rules: Chapter 22 – Future Regulation Changes

The Motorsport UK Rallies Team has now published a dedicated Road Rally 2027 Technical Regulation Changes guide, developed with input from the Road Rally Working Group to the Rallies Committee.

The guide explains the changes, their background and practical implications for competitors and officials. Scrutineers involved in Road Rally events are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the document ahead of the 2027 season.

Questions concerning the changes can be directed to the Motorsport UK Rallies Team.

Stage Rally – Rally2 / R5 Eligibility Clarification

Following the most recent meeting of the Rallies Committee, a change to the eligibility of 'modified' Rally2/R5 vehicles (and other Category 2 vehicles based on FIA Appendix J Article 261 designs) has been proposed.

This change would see any vehicle that was either homologated and originally constructed as a Rally2 or R5 vehicle by the original manufacturer, or with a body shell constructed according to a manufacturer's homologated design, prohibited from being modified to Category 2 regulations.

Currently, if granted a Category 2 vehicle passport, such vehicles are permitted to run in Class 2 on Stage Rallies. Those which have already been granted a Category 2 passport may continue to be used for the life of the vehicle, however the following timeline will be applied for those currently in the planning or build stage:

- **31 December 2026** – deadline for submitting an application to start the Category 2 process
- **01 March 2027** – deadline by which the completed application form must have been received by the Technical Team at Motorsport UK

Any applications either not received or not completed per the above timeline will not be accepted.

Further to the above, it is proposed that all modified Rally2/R5 vehicles in Class 2 must run a 32mm turbo restrictor.

The reasons for making these changes are to preserve Class 1 as the highest-performance vehicles eligible for Stage Rallies, while ensuring other Class 2 vehicles based on road-going cars are not unduly affected.

The consultation document is available to view here.

Camera Glasses (*Update from September 2026 – 250*)

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

Chapter 9 – Competitor Personal Safety Equipment: https://ebooks.motorsportuk.org/najd/p357

Practical Guidance for Scrutineers

Scrutineers should take a proportionate, best-endeavours approach to identifying prohibited Smart/Camera/AI Glasses. There is no expectation to routinely inspect competitors' spectacles or identify technology that is not readily apparent. Where there is a reasonable indication that prohibited equipment is being used, this should be addressed through the normal scrutineering process.

The regulations remain clear, but enforcement should be practical and proportionate, recognising the limitations of identifying increasingly discreet technology.

🎃 Happy Halloween 🎃 ...

A recent horror from Donington Park 18 October – close enough to Halloween...



