



BARC COVID-19 – 2021 OFFICIALS GUIDANCE v2

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This document supersedes the previously published BARC guidance for events in England.

With government restrictions easing on 19th July, Motorsport UK has published updated guidance to allow racing in the UK to adjust and most importantly to provide the safest environment possible for everyone involved whether competitor, official or member of the circuit staff.

The current Motorsport UK guidelines can be found using the link (and are included at the end of this document for ease): [Motorsport UK COVID-19 Guidance - 19 July 2021](#)

BARC will adopt the guidance in full. The Motorsport UK guidance allow for clubs to determine procedures in certain aspect of how events are run. How BARC events will be operated is outlined below.

The headings within the Motorsport UK guidance are used as the order of the items below.

Health Declaration / Clinically Vulnerable / COVID-19 Testing / Social Distancing

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance.

At BARC events Drivers Briefings will be allowed but will generally be undertaken in a manner that maintains reasonable social distancing. When indoors masks will be required at these briefings.

Track and Trace

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance.

Face Coverings

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance. In addition, correctly worn face masks / coverings (which covers both the nose and mouth – not a visor) will be required when entering Race Admin and/or Race Control and are strongly recommended within the assembly area, pit lane, pit garages, pit wall and grid plus in any enclosed space unless alone or while eating or drinking within a designated area.

Cleaning and Hand Hygiene / Ventilation

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance. In addition, garage doors should remain open to allow ventilation.

Signing on and self-declaration

BARC will continue to operate online sign-on as it has done under the previous guidance. The process is outlined below:

1. All volunteering for an event needs to be done via the Rev-Up system or via the usual way of volunteering.
2. It is essential that prior to each event that the official takes part in they must complete the self-declaration form found in the "sign-on" section of Rev-Up.
3. There will be no sign-on at an event as it is covered by the online self-declaration form. However, you must still report to the Chief Marshal on arrival to confirm attendance.

Pre-Event Scrutineering

In keeping with the new guidance BARC will scrutineer more cars pre-event. Not every vehicle will be scrutineered before going on track as the self-declaration will have been completed. However, scrutineers will make checks on an increased number of vehicles along with checks on competitors' equipment such as overalls, helmets, etc.

On-Event Documentation

BARC will continue to utilise electronic document exchange at events – items covered will be detailed in the Final Instructions for each event. Digital documents will be used for results (via www.tsl-timing.com), the virtual notice board and all judicial processes.

Marshals, Scrutineers, Clerks and Stewards

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance.

At BARC events, while on track the rules and regulations remain unchanged. Should a vehicle stop trackside as a result of a problem or an incident then a marshal should approach the vehicle from the front, where

possible and at a distance. They should then look for the “thumbs up” signal from the driver indicating that they do not need assistance.

Written reports can return but electronic communication remains the strongly favoured method.

All equipment should be returned to the position it was found at the start of the day so that it can be collected, sanitised and made ready for future use.

COVID-19 Officer / Trainee Scrutineers, Marshals, Clerks and Stewards

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance.

Vehicle Occupancy / Driver Changes

For Championships with pit stops all mandatory pit stop times will be included in Drivers Briefing notes or other official event documentation.

Alcohol Testing / International Travellers

The Motorsport UK guidance will be followed as detailed within the 19 July guidance.

Spectators

BARC will work with circuit owners to implement the Motorsport UK guidance where practicable.

General Guidance Information

At all times officials are responsible for their actions and as such the official must acknowledge that the current Covid-19 situation brings additional danger to the sport. They must realise just what this risk is and will be deemed to accept the situation by attending the event. If any official does not feel safe in the current climate and within the constraints of what is listed above then they should not attend the event.

Please remember that the actions of one official can compromise the safety of all those present at an event or indeed the integrity of our sport as a whole and as such the greatest level of care must be exercised. These guidelines have been prepared in order that we might safely take part in the sport we love and as such would ask that you show care and consideration at all times.

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MOTORSPORT UK COVID-19 GUIDANCE FROM 19 JULY 2021

Competitors, Multicar Preparers, Officials, Marshals, Recovery and Rescue.

The contents of this document have been carefully considered in light of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic and current UK Government guidelines. Requirements made within Motorsport UK events are centred around the importance of keeping our events and community safe from transmission of the disease and allowing all persons involved to feel ultimately safe and comfortable.

This document supersedes the previously published guidance for events in England. Any club or organiser may however continue with the previously published guidance or parts thereof, in lieu of this document.

Within your roles, you will be governed by our guidelines explained below. The following criteria details reasonable and practical steps to safeguard the health and safety of everyone working together in relation to COVID-19.

Health Declaration

- You are not required to complete a Health Declaration; however, we do request that you monitor your own health and wellbeing, stay aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms, and do not attend the event if you suspect any illness
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms at any time, please report it immediately to the club COVID Officer via mobile phone and leave the premises, with as little contact with other individuals as possible
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend any events, or if on site, leave and self-isolate immediately
- If you are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person, do not attend the site. If already at the event, leave and self-isolate immediately

Clinically Vulnerable

- Please refer to the government guidance on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable [HERE](#)

COVID-19 Testing

- We strongly encourage you to be mindful of potential COVID-19 infections and suggest that you may wish to take a Lateral Flow COVID-19 Test to check your wellbeing before attending events.
- Lateral Flow COVID-19 Tests can be obtained in advance, free of charge from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- Results can be logged on <https://www.gov.uk/report-COVID19-results>

Social Distancing

- Whilst the public are now not required to social distance, we encourage our members to maintain their distance from other individuals outside of their social bubble to avoid becoming a close contact of COVID-19.
- A close contact is defined as:
 - Anyone who lives in the same household with another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
 - Someone who has had any of the following contact with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19:
 - Face-to-face contact under 1m, including being coughed on, or having face-to-face conversation
 - Been within 1m for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - Been within 2m of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up in total over one day)

Track and Trace

- Organisers are encouraged to continue retaining details of participants where practicable

Face Coverings

- We strongly encourage face coverings to be worn in high density areas, all public areas, indoor settings – except when eating or drinking
- Individuals may choose to wear a mask and officials in certain circumstances may request that you do so, and these situations/requests must be respected
- See international traveller section below

Cleaning and Hand Hygiene

- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds regularly, and before eating, drinking, or touching the face
- Sanitise hands before and after handling equipment or shared objects
- Ensure regular cleaning of work items with enhanced attention to touch points in working areas
- Radios should continue to be sanitised at pick-up and drop-off due to aerosol risks

Ventilation

- Ensure windows and non-fire doors are kept open whenever possible to enhance flow of fresh air
- Make sure ventilation systems are kept running, as they run fresh air through the buildings from the outside
- Any necessary contact activity should be outside if possible; COVID-19 virus particles disperse most efficiently in open air

Signing on and self-declaration

- Each individual club can now choose their preferred approach to signing-on and self-declaration
- Signing-on and self-declarations by the use of paper copies before the event is permitted, however we strongly encourage the use of online signing-on systems
- Clubs are permitted to generate a self-declaration form to accommodate for their discipline needs. If this is the case the form must contain the Motorsport UK declaration and required fields unmodified. Additional information is permitted

Pre-Event Scrutineering

- The format of scrutineering can now be decided by each individual club, allowing the return of the pre COVID-19 Scrutineering format, or amending the current approach by increasing the number of cars scrutineered on the event but no less than 10%
- All Competitors must continue to submit a pre-event Declaration

On-Event Documentation

- While we encourage that electronic document exchange remains, organisers may revert to printed documentation where it is considered appropriate

Marshals, Scrutineers, Clerks and Stewards

- Marshal posts and Scrutineering teams can return to full capacity in all disciplines
- Radio Marshals can return to using one vehicle during the event, it is recommended windows are open where possible to increase ventilation and radio sanitisation applies as above
- Scrutineers are permitted to carry out Safety and Technical checks with physical contact on the equipment. We encourage the use of hand sanitizer before and after handling the competitor's equipment
- Track Inspections must continue to be undertaken by the Clerk of the Course who will report back to the Event Steward(s)

COVID-19 Officer

- The role of COVID-19 Officer can now be undertaken by the Meeting Steward(s) who will include their observations within their submitted report. A briefing document supplied to the Motorsport UK Steward will be copied to the Organiser. Where a Motorsport UK Steward is not appointed for an event, the Clerk of Course can take on this role.

Trainee Scrutineers, Marshals, Clerks and Stewards

- Trainee Officials are now permitted to attend events to continue their on-event training and carry out their upgrade assessments, this includes entering Race Control and other areas in a shadowing capacity

Vehicle Occupancy / Driver Changes

- It is strongly recommended that a record of occupants sharing a vehicle be retained and contact areas be sanitised between driver/occupant changes

Alcohol Testing

- Organisers wishing to undertake breathalyser tests should do so only where single use apparatus are used under sanitised conditions

International Travellers

- International Travelers and holders of a Motorsport UK Travel Exemption Letter will be required to socially distance from non-participants of a meeting and wear a Face Covering/Mask when social distancing is not possible
- Garages or hospitality areas must be restricted access separating the international traveller from spectators, or individuals not within the team. This can be done using tape or barriers.

Spectators

- Spectators are now permitted to attend events; however, we encourage reducing the mixing of the spectators and competitors by keeping both bubbles separate where possible