

Scrutineers' Bulletin

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Officials' Learning and Development Week 2021

Well... what a week that was!

- 9 webinars
- 2,820 total views
- 822 questions answered

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in one or more of our webinars over the past week – we were delighted to have over 300 people join us for the two Scrutineer-specific webinars! If you couldn't join us, the recordings will be emailed to you in the next few days, along with the questions and answers, plus the presentation slides.

If you have watched the webinars relevant to your role, you may now complete the Officials' Learning and Development Week course in the Learning Hub by accessing the feedback survey in section 3. Once you have completed the survey, please proceed to the next section, and download your certificate. By downloading the certificate, your attendance will be noted on your licence record.

For Scrutineers, completing the survey and downloading this certificate satisfies your grade maintenance requirements for 2021.

For those who have not attended a webinar, you will need to watch the relevant recording(s) before undertaking the feedback survey.

If you have any queries on this, please contact training@motorsportuk.org

Q&A: Key Themes

Thank you for all your questions during the Scrutineers' role-specific webinar on Tuesday 26th January (Kart Scrutineers) and Friday 29th January (Car Scrutineers). We received over 150 questions during the webinars, with some of the key themes including:

- Seat mountings
- Scrutineering procedures post-COVID-19
- Vehicle Passports
- Environmental Scrutineering

All of these questions and answers are now being tidied up and checked for validity before we share them with you via email.



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Scrutineering Team numbers

There seemed to be some confusion following the Scrutineer webinar regarding our guidance on the size of the Scrutineering team. What we presented were our plans for the future of Scrutineering once the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, where we anticipate Scrutineering team numbers will return to normal.

However, currently we are still under the COVID-19 restrictions and the Guidance published last year still applies, in that the number of scrutineers needs to be kept to a minimum. These guidelines apply until we are able to advise that we are no longer operating under COVID-19 restrictions.

Helmet Sticking Procedure guidance

This procedure has been produced to enable helmet and FHR stickers to be applied safely in accordance with current COVID-19 guidelines and procedures. It is up to the individual whether they wear gloves when performing this procedure. We recommend that hand sanitiser is used before and after the process.

Step 1: Helmet sticker strips should be cut up into individual stickers and stored in a box, when issuing a sticker. The issuer should select a sticker using tweezers or long nose pliers. At **NO** point should the sticker be touched by hands, as after 48hrs in the box they are considered uncontaminated.

Step 2: The person bringing the helmet for sticking should hold the helmet in such a way that when the lining is pulled back, the FIA Standard and/or any other associated information labels can be seen. On **NO** account should the scrutineer touch the helmet.

Step 3: When the inspecting scrutineer is satisfied that the helmet is of a current standard, they should carry out a visual inspection of the exterior to ensure there is no damage. This can be achieved by requesting the helmet be orientated for a complete inspection.

Step 4: When satisfied that the helmet is of a valid standard and the condition is acceptable the issuing scrutineer can give the sticker, using tweezers, and indicate where it is to be affixed to the helmet. This has to be completed in the scrutineers' presence.

FHR Devices: The same procedure applies for the FHR. Stickers should be stored and issued in the same way and the presenter should do what is required to allow the scrutineer to check the FIA standard and the overall condition. Affixing the sticker is also the same procedure.

Payment and Sanitising: The competitor should put the correct fee into a separate container – we advise not exchanging cash back to the competitor. The scrutineer should leave the money for 48hrs (72hr for coins) to be considered uncontaminated. Hand sanitiser should also be used before and after the procedure as an additional precaution.



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Yearbook Updates & Navigating the Resource Centre

The information below can be used to help navigate our website and find useful and relevant documents.

Motorsport Yearbook: The Motorsport UK Yearbook is now a live document and is updated frequently. This can be found by going to <https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/> and selecting the respective heading on the left-hand side of the page. If you save any documents locally to your PC/laptop/phone, i.e. sections of the Yearbook, it is worth checking the Resource Centre frequently and overwrite any locally saved copies.

Consultation Archive: Regulations published for consultation are found by going to <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/regulations/>. From here you can view meeting dates for each committee, any proposed changes for consultation, approved changes, and the consultation archive. You can also sign up for alerts on this web page. Enter your email and select the sections you wish to be kept up to date on.

Resource Centre: The Resource Centre is now a central point for you to locate all documents uploaded to the website - you can bookmark the URL: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/>. To filter for the documents, you need to use the checkboxes on the left-hand side of the page, for this example we will be using **Technical: Car**. You will see that there is a small expansion arrow - click this to show all the subheadings under Technical: Car. Note: having the Technical: Car box checked will display all documents under this heading, for example, to display just the Vehicle Passport documents, ensure this is the only box checked.

Harness bolt size clarification

Regulation K2.1 is highlighted in red in the 2021 Yearbook indicating that it has been amended, and this has resulted in a few questions about the bolt sizes mentioned in the regulation.

Please note that the minimum bolt sizes mentioned in this regulation are unchanged from previous years' publications. The amendment is the last sentence that allows harnesses to use mounting bolts smaller than the stated minimum if that is what they are supplied with by the harness manufacturer.

This change was required as FIA homologated harnesses are frequently supplied with bolts smaller than 7/16th UNF or M12 by the manufacturers. This change allows these harnesses to comply with our regulations.

Weighbridge and Noise Meter Calibration under COVID-19 conditions

We previously advised in the July Bulletin that any certification for the above-named equipment expiring during 2020 is recognised as valid until 31st December 2020, in recognition of the difficulties some venues have had in getting equipment calibrated during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

We have agreed to extend the exemption from the requirements of E4.1.3 and G7.10 for Weighing Equipment and Sound Meters to be currently certified until the end of June 2021.

This exemption applies to any noise meter or weighing equipment either owned and supplied by the Scrutineers or the venue/organising club. Note that where appropriate, test weights and noise meter calibrator boxes can still be used to demonstrate accuracy.



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