

MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL

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Section F

Existing Regulation

F7.1 The Chief Medical Officer at all events will:

F7.1.1 Prepare a duty roster in liaison with the Chief Incident Officer and the Clerk of the Course, deploying their team so that principal danger areas are under supervision and particularly ensuring that at least one doctor is on call in the pits or paddock area.

F7.1.2 Allocate duties to all available doctors after ensuring that each is adequately equipped with oropharyngeal airway, large field dressings or the equivalent and, is familiar with the venue, the means of summoning assistance and of disposing of casualties.

F7.1.3 Each doctor should make a point of introducing themselves to adjacent marshals, and in particular to those through whom Race Control will be informed of ambulance movements.

F7.1.4 Identify with the Clerk of the Course the locations specified for ambulances at the venue.

F7.1.5 Settle with the leader of the first aid personnel the locations of their team, and the arrangements for relief.

Proposed Regulation

F7.1 The Chief Medical Officer at all events will:

F7.1.1 ~~Prepare a duty roster in liaison with~~ **Deploy their team, in conjunction with** the Chief Incident Officer/**Safety Officer** and the Clerk of the Course, ~~deploying their team so that principal danger areas are under supervision and particularly ensuring that at least one doctor is on call in the pits or paddock area to ensure adequate cover for the event and that the medical centre, if present, has medical cover.~~

F7.1.2 Allocate duties to ~~all available doctors after ensuring that each is adequately equipped with oropharyngeal airway, large field dressings or the equivalent and,~~ **each member of the team, appropriate to their skills and qualifications. Ensure each team member** is familiar with the venue, **facilities, equipment,** the means of summoning assistance and ~~of disposing of casualties~~ **casualty evacuation and removal.**

F7.1.3 **Ensure** ~~each doctor should make a point of introducing~~ **team member introduces** themselves to ~~adjacent marshals, and in particular to those through whom Race Control will be informed of ambulance movements.~~ **the personnel they are stationed with, confirms and checks the means of communication and with event control**

F7.1.4 Identify with the Clerk of the Course **and Chief incident/Safety Officer** the locations ~~specified~~ for Medical Intervention / Rescue Unit and ambulance ~~vehicles~~ **vehicles** at the venue **unless such is detailed on the relevant MSA Track Licence.**

F7.1.5 Delete.

F7.1.6 Satisfy themselves that all first aid posts and ambulances are adequately equipped.

F7.1.7 Ensure that all first aid personnel are aware of the method of calling aid and of disposing of casualties, and that an ambulance may depart from the meeting only on the instructions of the CMO in consultation with the Clerk of the Course

F7.1.8 Ensure that drivers of ambulances and rescue units are fully aware of the need at all times to preserve free access for their vehicles to the track and/or internal roads; that the latter should always be preferred except in dire emergency; that an ambulance may not cross or proceed onto the track until instructed to do so by a doctor with the approval of the Clerk of the Course.

F7.1.9 When on the track an ambulance must always obey Marshals' signals and travel only in the direction in which the event is being run; and that the Ambulance drivers know the appropriate route to the hospital chosen for that meeting (Drivers should be instructed to return to the circuit as quickly as possible after delivering a casualty).

F7.1.10 Assure themselves in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course that at points where ambulances may have to cross the track all personnel concerned are prepared to handle such a situation safely and efficiently.

F7.1.11 If appropriate see that the Medical HQ is open and staffed as a casualty station.

F7.1.12 Determine the location of a telecom phone, provide themselves with the necessary coinage or charge card, and note telephone numbers of the hospital in use and of the ambulance pool if known.

~~F7.1.6 Satisfy themselves that all first aid posts and ambulances are adequately~~ **Ensure that all medical vehicles and the Medical Centre (if applicable) are equipped to the MSA minimum specified level.**

~~F7.1.7 Ensure that all first aid personnel are aware of the method of calling aid and of disposing of casualties, and that an ambulance may depart from the meeting only on the instructions of the CMO in consultation with the Clerk of the Course~~ **medical staff have reliable communication with event control and the public telephone service, either by radio, mobile phone or a nearby landline. Ascertain the telephone numbers for the designated hospitals and if possible the relevant NHS Ambulance Control.**

~~F7.1.8 Ensure that drivers of ambulances and rescue units~~ **emergency vehicles are fully aware of the need at all times to preserve free access for their vehicles to the track and that and/or internal roads; that the latter should always be preferred except in dire** ~~They know the evacuation routes for the venue and the route(s) to the designated hospital(s).~~ **Ensure that all emergency vehicle drivers are aware that they must not enter the track 0without explicit permission from Race or Rally Control. They should proceed only in the direction in which the event is** ~~being run, unless explicitly otherwise instructed~~ **that an ambulance may not cross or proceed onto the track until instructed to do so by a doctor with the approval of the Clerk of the Course.**

F7.1.9 Delete.

~~F7.1.10 Assure themselves in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course that at points where ambulances may have to cross the track all personnel concerned are prepared to handle such a situation safely and efficiently~~ **any personnel located on evacuation routes are briefed as to their role in assisting casualty evacuation.**

F7.1.11 Delete.

F7.1.12 Delete.

F7.1.13 Report to the Clerk of the course when the above points have received attention and they are satisfied that the medical organisation is adequate for practice or racing to begin.

F7.2.1 In the event of an accident involving a competitor receiving injuries such that, or it otherwise being considered that, the competitor no longer meets the necessary medical requirements, the Chief Medical Officer, in consultation with the Clerk of the Course shall withdraw the competitor's licence and advise the MSA of details of the injuries/medical condition suffered. The MSA will hold such a licence as suspended until such times as the driver has been cleared medically.

F7.2.2 Medical examinations leading to the issue of a MSA medical certificate are not permitted at an event (H10)

F7.2.3 The appropriate local hospital authorities must be notified by the organisers of a meeting as to the time and date of the meeting, including practice.

F7.2.4 Where regulations call for an Ambulance the vehicle should be large enough so that the Doctor, MSA registered paramedic or Crew Member to operate without restriction of movement. Low roofed vehicles should be avoided.

F7.2.5 The Chief Medical Officer at Speed and Kart Race Events should satisfy themselves that they have available adequate equipment and materials to enable them to carry out duties within their training and experience.

F7.1.13 Report to the Clerk of the Course, **via event control**, when ~~the above points have received attention and they are satisfied that the medical organisation is adequate for practice or racing to begin.~~ **facilities are appropriate for the event, raising any regulatory detail with the Clerk of Course and MSA Steward.**

F7.2.1 ~~In the event of an accident involving a competitor receiving injuries such that, or it otherwise being considered that, the competitor no longer meets the necessary medical requirements or presents with other medical conditions, such that it is considered inappropriate for them to continue to compete, then, the Chief Medical Officer, in consultation with the Clerk of the Course shall to withdraw the competitor's licence upon medical grounds. and advise~~ **If a competitor receiving is injured in an accident such that, or it otherwise being considered that, the competitor no longer meets the necessary medical requirements or presents with other medical conditions, such that it is considered inappropriate for them to continue to compete, then, the Chief Medical Officer, will request the Clerk of the Course shall to withdraw the competitor's licence upon medical grounds. and advise** **The Chief Medical Officer should pass a report to the MSA (via the MSA Steward) of detailing of the nature of the injuries/medical condition suffered. The MSA will hold such a suspended licence as suspended until such times as the driver holder has been is medically cleared medically.**

F7.2.2 Medical examinations leading to the issue of a MSA medical certificate are not permitted at an event (H10)

F7.2.3 The appropriate local hospital's ~~authorities~~ **authorities** must be notified by the ~~event~~ **event** organisers of ~~a meeting as to the time and venue, date and times of the meeting. including practice.~~

F7.2.4 ~~Where regulations call for an Ambulance the vehicles should be large enough so that the Doctor, MSA registered paramedic or Crew Member to operate without restriction of movement. Low roofed vehicles should be avoided~~ **to permit medical attendants to work without restriction.**

F7.2.5 ~~The Chief Medical Officer at Speed and Kart Race Events should satisfy themselves that they have available adequate equipment and materials to enable them to carry out duties within their training and experience.~~

The Chief Medical Officer shall assist the MSA Steward in the completion of the MSA Medical Statistics Form in order that the MSA is able to collect data as part of the MSA risk Management Programme.

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2013

Reason: *This entire section has been reviewed by Medical Advisory Panel in the interests of ensuring compliance with current requirements and practice, taking the opportunity to both shorten and clarify wording as appropriate.*

Section H

H 10.1.1 An applicant 18 years of age or over applying for a Car, Truck or Kart (not Kart Clubman) Racing Competition Licence must pass a Medical Examination by their General Practitioner (GP) before applying for their first licence following their 18th birthday.

Thereafter they will be required to complete an annual medical self-declaration until the age of 45. Applicants 45 years of age and over must undergo and pass an annual medical examination. The Competition Licence must be issued within 3 months of the date of the medical after which time the report will need to be revalidated by the examining GP. For International licence requirements for those 45 years and over, refer to 11.

H 10.1.1 An applicant ~~14~~ 14 years of age or over applying for a Car, Truck or Kart (not Kart Clubman) Racing Competition Licence must pass a Medical Examination by their General Practitioner (GP) before applying for their first licence following their ~~18th~~ 14th birthday.

Thereafter they will be required to complete an annual medical self-declaration until the age of 45. Applicants 45 years of age and over must undergo and pass an annual medical examination. The Competition Licence must be issued within 3 months of the date of the medical after which time the report will need to be revalidated by the examining GP. For International licence requirements for those 45 years and over, refer to 11.

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2013

Reason: *The increase in classes for teenage competitors has led to significant numbers of licences being issued initially on self-declaration. If a competitor competes for 3 – 4 years and is then discovered to have a medical condition incompatible with holding a competition licence, this leaves the MSA in an embarrassing situation. Overall there is no increase in costs for the competitor.*