

MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION U18 POLICY

As the governing body of UK motor sport, the Motor Sports Association is committed to ensuring the welfare, development and education of young participants in motor sport.

Education

- The MSA believes that all young participants (and their parents) should understand the importance of maintaining their education alongside motor sport activities, particularly those students who are legally obliged by their age to continue in full-time education.
- The MSA believes that time taken out of school for the purposes of motor sport activities should be kept to a minimum.
- The MSA believes that the educational development of a young person should always take precedence over motor sport activity.
- The MSA will work with championships and events to avoid potential conflict with educational commitments wherever possible.

Child Safeguarding

- The MSA has an obligation to ensure that MSA licensed coaches, instructors and officials provide the highest possible standards of care when given responsibility for young people.
- The MSA provides a Child Safeguarding Policy which includes details on the recruitment, selection, suitability and deployment of individuals working with young people in motor sport.
- The MSA's Child Safeguarding Policy details who will require a current Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check at Enhanced Level.
- The MSA has contracted GBGroup to undertake the DBS checking process on its behalf.

Anti-doping

- The MSA believes in the right of competitors to participate in doping-free sport and has adopted the UK Anti-Doping and FIA's Anti-Doping Protocols.
- The MSA believes that all licence holders should be aware of the anti-doping commitments they make when signing their licence application form.
- The MSA recognises that Anti-Doping legislation may be difficult for competitors to comprehend and is therefore able to supply licensed competitors with a simplified guide to Anti-Doping legislation.
- MSA Coaches regularly deliver Anti-Doping workshops to competitors in a range of championships.

Go Motorsport

- The MSA is committed to attracting new people to motor sport through the Go Motorsport campaign.
- The MSA has appointed Regional Development Officers (RDOs) to work with clubs and organisations and to spread the motor sport message through presentations to schools and colleges.
- RDOs are also tasked with working with MSA Clubs to assist their development activities
- The MSA does not charge competitors under 16 years of age for their first MSA competition licence.

Official designation

The MSA will designate as 'U18-compliant' those clubs, championships and events that commit to uphold the principles outlined in this MSA U18 Policy.

**Further information is available in the MSA Child Safeguarding Policy from the MSA website or on request directly from the MSA.*

