REVISED REGULATION PROPOSALS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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EXISTING REGULATION (2015 Yearbook)

J 5.20.5 Be prohibited from carrying cameras/videos unless authorised by the Chief Scrutineer and Event Organiser.

J 5.21 No current regulation

PROPOSED REGULATION

J5.20.5 Deleted

J5.21 On-Board Cameras

J5.21.1 The carrying of on-board cameras/videos is prohibited unless authorised by the Chief Scrutineer and Event Organiser.

J5.21.2 Where Event or Championship Regulations require the fitting of a camera, the location and method of fitting should be specified.

J5.21.3 Where forward facing cameras are fitted for judicial purposes, they should be mounted so as to capture an image that provides a ‘driver’s eye’ view that should include, where possible, the steering wheel, ‘dashboard’ and a view of the circuit ahead with a field of vision of approximately 100 degrees. In open wheel cars and karts both front wheels should be in view where possible. The fitting of rear-facing cameras may also be required for judicial purposes.

J5.21.4 Where cameras are permitted but not mandated by the Organiser, they may be mounted in any location on the vehicle which is considered safe by the Chief Scrutineer.

J5.21.5 The mounting of any camera must be specifically approved by the Chief Scrutineer. Any mountings must use a mechanical means of attachment sufficiently robust to withstand anticipated stresses and vibration and must not present any sharp edges or projections in the vicinity of the driver’s body or helmet. Where possible, a secondary means of attachment should also be used. Suction mounts are not acceptable as the primary mounting method. Where cameras are fitted by professional TV or film companies, the Chief Scrutineer has discretion to approve non-mechanical mountings.
J5.21.6 For karting, U12.6.1 and U19 apply.

J5.21.7 Competitors may be obliged to use mountings and/or cameras specified and/or approved by the Organiser and these too must comply with GR J5.21.5/U12.6.1/U19.

J5.21.8 Fitting of cameras to helmets is only permitted in accordance with K10.3.3(d).

J5.21.9 Fitting of on-board cameras in Road Rallies is forbidden (R7.2.9).

J5.21.10 Unless specified by the Organisers, the choice of system is free but playback must be possible at the Event by regular means such as a lap top computer.

J5.21.11 Clerks of the Course and Stewards should view relevant on board footage during any judicial process unless they consider there is a good reason why it should not be viewed. Where the camera has not remained under the control of the Organisers, the Clerk of the Course/Stewards must be satisfied as to the authenticity of such footage and must consider the weight they will give to such evidence.

J5.21.12 Where a camera is mandated, in the event that no images are available upon request (other than due to a proven defect with the equipment) sanctions may be applied in accordance with MSA Regulation C2.1.1. The burden of proof to establish the cause of such failure shall lie with the competitor.

J5.21.13 The Clerk of the Course may also refer the matter of lack of recorded images to the Stewards of the Meeting for further sanctions or referral to the MSA.

J5.21.14 In the event of judicial action being instigated, all relevant on board footage must be retained until the time period for conclusion of all judicial matters has elapsed.

J5.21.15 Where it is necessary for a Clerk of the Course to review footage after an Event, such footage should normally be reviewed within a period of 7 days of the Event.

J5.21.16 Competitors should be aware of any rights including copyright in relation to footage captured by on board cameras at an Event. Footage may not be shared or otherwise used for broadcast or commercial purposes or on social networking sites, forums or any other internet media without the permission of any rights holders.

J5.21.17 Any breach of camera regulations may be subject to the penalties provided for in MSA Regulation C2.1.1 with an option to report any matters to the Championship Stewards where appropriate.

Date of Implementation: 1st January 2016

Reason: To bring together existing regulations for on-board cameras and to set parameters for the use of cameras (particularly where these are required by event or championship organisers) and their use in judicial proceedings.
Appendix 4 - Judicial Notes for Guidance

Article 5 - Witnesses and Examination

(Bullet Point 3)
Data logged evidence, video and other photographic evidence may be considered by Clerks of the Course, Stewards or the National Court, providing they are satisfied as to its authenticity, and in all circumstances at their sole discretion.

Reason: To expand guidance relating to consideration of data logged evidence in judicial hearings to ensure its authenticity and correct interpretation.