JOB DESCRIPTION: Technical Director

Department: Technical
Location: Motorsport UK House, Colnbrook
Manager: Chief Executive
Grade: F
Direct Reports: Functional Responsibility for the Technical Team (3 heads)

Role Purpose
Your primary remit is to plan, manage and give strong leadership to the technical team and to oversee the work of the technical team.

To provide strategic direction to the Motorsport UK Board and Executive on Technical policies. In addition to engage fully with the Sport and Safety Director on all matters relating to Safety policies within the sport, including Risk Assessment and Management. Through Motorsport UK line management structure, the Technical Director will ensure that such policies for which they are directly responsible are approved and implemented within Motorsport UK and across UK motorsport through the regulations of the Motorsport UK Board.

Responsibilities
To represent Motorsport UK at international and national level on FIA Commissions, Working Groups and other governmental or legislative agencies as required to maintain the Motorsport UK’s position as leading the way with cutting edge Technical policies.

To provide thought leadership on the development of new technologies in motorsport, within the context of seeking greater participation, reducing costs and meeting the demands of environmental expectations.

To investigate serious accidents and, together with the Sport and Safety Director, make recommendations if necessary, to improve Risk Management procedures at venues, events and/or to safety equipment/vehicles approved by the Motorsport UK.

To provide an infrastructure for the provision of administrative support to the relevant specialist committees, through the technical and other panels with the object of maintaining and improving technical standards in UK motor sports.

Together with the Sport and Safety Director encourage people to take up and continue enjoying motor sports in a safe and managed risk environment.

The Technical Director will report to the Chief Executive and liaise closely with other departmental directors to ensure the implementation of Company Technical policies as approved by the Motorsport UK Board and/or the Motorsport UK Management Group.

The Technical Director will liaise with national and international agencies to ensure that Motorsport UK policies and procedures are acknowledged as state of the art within the motor sport and wider political and legislative communities.

As a member of the Motorsport UK Senior Management Team, the Technical Directors job may involve additional responsibilities and tasks.
Person Profile

You will be a self-starter, capable of working autonomously. You must have highly qualified technical knowledge of motorsport. Applications are invited from candidates with a Degree in Engineering qualification or equivalent as a minimum. A proven track record of managing/directing the teams with a wide range of different activities. You must be highly methodical and well organised. You will be highly adept with Microsoft Office suite packages. We operate in a fast-moving world and you will be expected to keep abreast of the environment, thinking on your feet, and applying yourself accordingly. You must have a full, clean driving licence.

Terms

Working hours are typically 37.5 hours a week, however the workload is significant, and we require commitment and flexibility in order to achieve our company objectives, usually with some flexibility around start and finish times.

You’ll likely have to work extra hours when deadlines are approaching, including working into late to get a job finished to everyone’s satisfaction.

While the majority of the role is office based, however you will be required to attend external client meetings

Knowledge and Skills

- a detailed understanding of motorsport across its full spectrum
- a commitment to regularly attending UK motorsport events
- passion and enthusiasm for delivering high quality work
- a flexible approach when working as part of a team
- an ability to interpret and negotiate stakeholders’ requirements
- an analytical mind with a meticulous attention to detail
- good presentation skills and the confidence to explain and sell ideas, while overcoming objections
- time management skills and the ability to cope with several projects at a time
- accuracy and attention to detail when finalising work
- being open to feedback and willing to make changes to your work
- effective networking skills to build contacts
- a thirst for knowledge and commitment to continuous improvement
- a flexible, responsive and can-do attitude
- a proven significant track record of success working in motorsport at a senior level

Qualifications

You must hold a qualification of a Degree in Engineering or equivalent as a minimum.