

Licence Penalty Points Accumulation and Suspension of Licence

This clarification is of Regulatory value and immediate effect.

1. Points awarded for breaches of the General Regulations are not themselves a penalty - the points awarded are mandatory for certain offences and the number of points awarded is dependent on the actual penalty imposed. All points accrued will be noted on the Competitor's licence record and will be included within their points total.
2. GR C.2.1.8 applies and any competitor who amasses 12 points within a 12 month period will be suspended by Motorsport UK. This action will occur on receipt of the Steward's report following the conclusion of the Event / Meeting at which the Competitor has amassed 12 or more points. The Stewards will not take such action at the Event/Meeting but their authority to suspend a Licence in certain circumstances remains (C.2.6.2 and 2.6.3).
3. The period of suspension is currently fixed at 3 months and will apply from the first day following the conclusion of the relevant Event/Meeting.
4. The person suspended in this way can make an application to the National Court. The procedure is set out in GR C.2.1.9 and 2.1.10 and a fee is payable - see Appendix 1 to the GR.
5. In the current climate, Motorsport UK will arrange for a virtual sitting of the Court as soon as practicable.
6. In order to obtain a reduced period of suspension it is necessary to demonstrate to the Court that exceptional hardship will arise from the continued application of the suspension. What amounts to exceptional hardship is a Judicial matter – in other words for the Court to consider fairly and taking into account all facts and matters – however the applicant must be able to show there is good reason for a reduction or waiver of the period of suspension. The Court cannot re-open individual convictions which have resulted in the award of points.
7. The effect of the Regulations and this clarification is that a person who is taking part in an Event spread over 2 days (or more) of a Meeting, may, for example, reach a total of 12 points or more on day 1 but may continue to compete for the remainder of that Event and will NOT be suspended until the first day after the conclusion of the Meeting. Motorsport UK will formally notify the competitor that a suspension has been activated and confirm the relevant dates.
8. The Stewards and Clerks are of course nonetheless entitled to impose penalties whereby a competitor is Disqualified from the Race, Event, or Meeting, and which is a penalty in its own right (and carrying points where appropriate).