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Appendix B: Competition Guidance for Northern Ireland

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Guidelines for Northern Ireland

The following information provides guidance relating only to the restart of motorsport in Northern Ireland from Friday 23 April 2021 (updated with effect from 21 June 2021) and must not be relied upon for any other jurisdiction in the UK.

Specifically, the information is for clubs and their activities in Northern Ireland and which fall under the jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland Government who are continuing to adopt a phased approach to the easing of restrictions through the Department for Communities with assistance of Sport NI and the Northern Ireland Sports Forum.

Motorsport UK continues to communicate a plan on how to best resume motorsport activities while operating under applicable restrictions in this jurisdiction and the most recent advice issued on 13 May 2021 is available to view through the following link: <http://www.sportni.net/return-to-sport/>

Travel guidance issued by the Northern Ireland Government should always be adhered to and is available through the following link: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/safer-travel-guidance-public-transport-users-walkers-cyclists-drivers>

Guidelines are subject to the Northern Ireland Government COVID-19 Routemap. Current information is available through the following link: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-recovery-plan>

Further information available here: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>



Specific guidance for Clubs and Organisers

1. It is the responsibility of each club or venue to undertake a documented COVID-19 Security Risk Assessment. Guidance for the COVID Officer is available here.
2. A template for the COVID Risk Assessment is available here.
3. Competitions should only be undertaken at your own club or venue where physical distancing and hygiene measures are in place with a limited number of Spectators permitted and controls in place to protect maximum numbers allowed along with measures to reduce the potential spread of the virus.
4. Indoor changing facilities can be used however this use must be minimised as far as possible.
5. Hospitality services and toilet facilities at clubs and venues may only reopen subject to Northern Ireland Government guidance.
6. Organised outdoor competitions are permitted subject to an appropriate risk assessment with numbers (including competitors, officials, management and essential support personnel) not exceeding 500 and up to 500 spectators permitted however subject to social distancing policies. Measures in line with Motorsport UK protocols must be in place to limit the risk of virus transmission.
7. A register of all attendees will be maintained in accordance with this guidance document.
8. PPE requirements including cleaning measures are subject to guidance from Public Health Advice Northern Ireland and must be adhered to.
9. Limits on the number of participants accessing facilities should be risk assessed to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. The use of Lateral Flow Tests should be considered for larger planned events.
10. Children aged under 13 years of age are not required to wear a face covering as set out in Northern Ireland Guidance and Public Health Advice.
11. Travel to and from competition must not mix households i.e. no car sharing.

