BECOMING A: MOTORSPORT UK STEWARD

The Motorsport UK Steward’s main duties are to see ‘fair play’ and to ensure that the event is being run in a safe manner. The Chief Steward at any event where there is a licence requirement (e.g. circuit racing, stage rallying, rallycross, karting) is appointed by Motorsport UK, with two Event Stewards appointed by the organising club to form a panel of three. For grassroots events such as trials and autotests, there may be a minimum of one Event Steward for the meeting.

The Stewards of the Meeting act as the second judicial body at an event and are responsible for hearing and adjudicating upon any appeal against a decision by the Clerk of the Course or other official.

WHERE DO I START?

Motorsport UK Stewards (and Event Stewards) must be well versed in the organisation and running of motorsport Events, so it is incredibly important that you build up your experience over a number of years, accepting advice and guidance from those already in the role.

As a Senior Official, applicants must be at least 18 years old and you are strongly advised to volunteer as an Event Steward for a period before applying to become a Motorsport UK Steward.

Your application must be supported by a Motorsport UK Recognised Club as well as an existing Motorsport UK Steward.

TRAINING

The training for a Motorsport UK Steward is conducted via a modular development programme, during which time they are classed as a Trainee Steward. The programme consists of two modules – a theory based module which can be carried out on Motorsport UK’s online learning platform, The Learning Hub, and a practical module which will need to be completed by attending a set number of events and working with a range of different Motorsport UK Stewards.

Once the modular training programme has been completed, they will undergo and pass an assessment before a full Stewards licence is granted.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Whilst the majority of events that require a Motorsport UK Steward are run at Interclub level, as you develop your experience in the role over a number of years, you may be appointed to more senior level events such as National Championship meetings or even International Series and FIA Championship events. This could also lead to the FIA selecting you to be one of their permanent Stewards for one of their Championships such as World Touring Cars or even Formula One!

Motorsport UK Stewards are required to attend 2 out of 3 biennial Licensed Officials’ Seminars in order to retain their grade.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Trainee Steward application form (available in the Motorsport UK Resource Centre) and return it to the Learning & Development Team at Motorsport UK along with the relevant supporting documentation.