

BECOMING A: TIMEKEEPER



Timekeeping is an essential element of most motorsport events, with the Timekeeper's role being to record Competitors' times and positions in order to determine the event results.

The tools used range from simple hand-held stopwatches to complex electronic timing systems that can accurately measure to the nearest thousandth of a second.

WHERE DO I START?

As with any Officials' role in motorsport, it is a good idea to build up some experience of the role before beginning your formal training period. Contact your local Club and ask if you can go along to their next event to shadow the Timekeepers – the role will vary by discipline so make sure you spend some time thinking about which discipline you would like to progress in.

It should be noted that Timekeepers should have no connection with any particular trader's or manufacturer's business that might benefit in a direct or indirect way from the result of a Competition.

If you have been out and about gaining experience in the role, your initial application should be accompanied by a letter of support from the Club or Timekeeper that you have been working with. For those with no prior experience or recommendation, the application will be passed to the Timekeeper Training Panel to organise a training programme with a suitable mentor in your chosen discipline.

TRAINING

Timekeepers can begin training from the age of 16 and are eligible to qualify as fully licensed Timekeepers once they turn 18.

All training for Timekeepers is conducted via modular training programmes; they begin as Trainee Timekeepers and subsequently undertake further modules to progress through the different grades and/or disciplines.

Training is carried out under the guidance of senior Timekeepers, who act as mentors throughout the training period.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Subject to prior arrangement with the Chief Timekeeper of an Event, new Timekeepers are encouraged to attend, observe and assist at all types of event with a view to upgrading.

Timekeepers are also encouraged to attend any learning and development sessions organised by Motorsport UK.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the New Officials' Registration Form (available in the [Motorsport UK Resource Centre](#)) and return it to the Membership Services Team at Motorsport UK, along with the relevant supporting documentation.