

Scrutineers Pre-Season Brief 2021

Last year was a strange season and the beginning of 2021 would appear to be no different. But we do have a racing season to look forward to and as part of your preparations please note the amendments in both the Motorsport UK Yearbook and FOC 2021 Technical and Sporting Regulations. It is important that you take the time to fully understand the implications in both publications before the first meeting of the year.

Motorsport UK Yearbook

During pre-season it is advisable to check all safety equipment (including driver PPE) to ensure it is in good condition and valid as stated in this year's yearbook. As last year you can request a hard copy with your licence application or go to www.motorsportuk.org Please pay particular attention to sections J, K, and Q. Changes or new additions are highlighted in red and I urge you to go through the yearbook to ensure there are no surprises later in the season.

The following amendments are of particular interest but this list is by no means exhaustive and you advised to review all amendments.

- **Cameras & Information Devices J5.20.14** – Must be fitted using a mechanical device with a secondary attachment recommended. Suction mounts **are not** acceptable as the primary mounting method.
- **Seats, Seat Belts & Headrests K 2.1** – Extensive revision to requirements.
- **External Circuit Breaker K 8.1.1** – Push button circuit breakers must only isolate the electrical circuits; any re-set must be operated by a separate button or switch.
- **Section Q** – Extensive amendments to detail and section numbering.

Spa Francorchamps 2021

We have the pleasure of Spa on the fixture list this October. Those of you that have raced at Spa will recall there are additional requirements when we race in Belgium. These must be complied with as we will be under the watchful eye of the Belgian race organisers.

- **Fuel Tanks** - Standard as fitted by the manufacturer will be permitted. If the original tank has been replaced it must be with a FIA tank to FT3-1999, FIA FT3.5 or FIA FT5-1999 and in date
- **Helmets** – Helmets to standard as specified in the Motorsport UK Year Book, Section K with FHR to FIA 8858-2010 standard.
- **Harnesses** – Must be to FIA 8853/98 / 8854/98 / 8853-2016 and in date. There is no extension to belt life under FIA regulations. The FIA hologram must be on the left shoulder strap.
- **Seats** - Must be to either FIA 8855-1999 or FIA 8862-2009 standard and in date.
- **ROPS** – Safety cages, must be a full cage
- **ROPS Padding** – Must be to FIA specification in the region of the driver's head.

- **Racing Underwear** - Clothing including full underwear to minimum FIA 8856-2000 standard (which has always been the case at Spa).
- **Fire Extinguishers** – Extinguishers must be secured by a minimum of 2 screw-locked metallic straps and the securing system must be able to withstand a deceleration of 25 g. **No over centre clips are to be used.**

FOC Technical Regulations

There are few changes to the FOC technical regulations for 2021 which are highlighted by being underlined. Please satisfy yourself that the car complies with the specific rules for the group you intend to compete. Please take particular notice of the defined minimum weight limits for your specific car and group.

Not complying with the regulations

A great deal of time and thought has been spent on the 2021 technical regulations in making them effective but without becoming protracted. The FOC take pride in organising a friendly, relaxed yet competitive racing series. With this in mind as in past years drivers of cars found not to comply with the regulations will be issued with a written “Non-Compliance” report and given the opportunity to rectify for the next meeting. However, areas of non-compliance deemed to be excessive such as found to be below the minimum weight limit will be reported to the Clerk of the Course as stated in the Motorsport UK yearbook section C point 3.

Good luck and I wish you a safe and successful racing season.

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