



Dear Competitor,

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As another racing season fast approaches please note the amendments in both the Motorsport UK Yearbook and FOC 2020 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. One area that tripped up some of you last season is the correct fitting / threading of the rear harness anchor points. The article below will explain the correct fitting:

When installing harness shoulder straps on ROPS harness bars with a 3-bar adjuster such as I this case, the installation should always be carried out as shown in this example to the right, including diagram below. Noting in particular that the adjuster is placed as close as possible to the harness bar, and the strap passes back through for the important third time, leaving at least 100mm free length. Remember that a useful harness installation guide is available on the Technical Resource area of our website [here](#).





Spa Francorchamps 2020

We have the pleasure of Spa on the fixture list again, but this time in June when I hope the weather will be more favourable than 2019. However, 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 or 8854/98 standard and in date. Please note there is no extension to belt life under FIA regulations.
- **Seats** - Must be to either FIA 8855-1999 (less than 7 years old) or FIA 8855-2009 (less than 10 years old) standard.
- **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 2020 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 type and group.

Not complying with the regulations

A great deal of time and thought has been spent on the 2020 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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