

June 2025

Welcome to the June issue of the Marshals' Bulletin – sent to all Marshals registered with Motorsport UK.

Marshals Pathway - Update

The Marshals Pathway, which replaced the previous Marshals' Grading Scheme, was launched just under three years ago in July 2022.

Earlier this year, we spoke to Marshals (of all disciplines and grades) at several Marshal Training Events across the country. We asked for their feedback on the Pathway, notably its structure and requirements, and whether it was suitable for the disciplines it applied to.

Following on from this feedback, and in consultation and with approval from the Volunteer Officials Committee (committee members include Marshals who are graded in all the disciplines), we have made some amendments to some of the individual Discipline grading requirements, effective immediately.

For those wishing to upgrade to *Race: Grade 2 (Flag) and Race: Grade 2 (Incident) at the same time,* we have made it clear that the requirement is a minimum of 15 days Flag and a minimum of 15 days Incident. The two practical assessments for Flag and Incident must be completed on separate days.

For those wishing to upgrade to *Rally: Grade 1*, there is no longer a need to undertake an assessment. We will still require a letter of nomination from an Organising Club, and for all attendance and training requirements to be met.

For those wishing to upgrade to **Speed: Grade 1**, we have changed the requirement to just one practical Assessment in either an Off-Track Role, or an On Track Role, and one Knowledge Check in whichever role the practical assessment was not carried out for. The practical assessment and knowledge check may be undertaken on the same day. We have also clarified which roles count towards Off-Track signatures at Speed events.

For those wishing to upgrade to *Speed: Grade* 2, we have changed the requirement to just one practical Assessment in either an Off-Track Role or an On Track Role, and one Knowledge Check in whichever role the practical assessment was not carried out for. The practical assessment and knowledge check may be undertaken on the same day.

For further information, please find the link to the updated Marshals Pathway Interactive HERE

Case Studies

Joseph Redman – Cadet Marshal. Read the full case study here.

Dan Smith – Off Track: Grade 3 (Post Chief); Speed: Grade 2 (Experienced); Race: Grade 2 (Flag). Read the full case study here.

If you would like to email me in your experiences of starting marshalling and if relevant, training to be a Licensed Official, do please email me at marshals@motorsportuk.org and please included photograph/s which might be used too.

Marshal Training

We are always happy to include (when space is available) upcoming Marshal Training and also future events which are looking for Marshals – please email marshals@motorsportuk.org with as much notice as possible please.

Both the <u>British Rally Marshals Club Training</u> and <u>the Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs</u> <u>Training</u> offer training via Zoom through most of the year.

Forthcoming Events

Dunfermline Car Club will be running the **Mach 1 Stages Rally in July** and is a round of several Championships:

- The Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship
- North of England Tarmacadam Rally Championship
- Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship
- Back to Roots Tarmack Rally Championship
- Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge

The rally will consist of 12 stages over two days, taking place at the Machrihanish Base in Campbeltown in Argyll on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of July.

With two stages running simultaneously on the day, the Chief Marshal will be looking for a fantastic team to come along and support the rally, covering all roles, including timekeeping and mid stage posts. Some Marshals will be moved around between stages, so you may end up covering both timing and mid stage posts.

As an incentive all Marshals will receive a food voucher for Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast, but the highlight being, a carvery meal on Saturday night, which will be served in the Officers Mess on the base, (no its not a black tie affair!!) and yes a meal with knives and forks, and there will be pudding too!!

There may be accommodation available for Marshals and Radio Marshals, but is a case of first come, first served !!

If you would like to Marshal on this rally then once again its simple, just click on the link and register your details: https://form.jotform.com/251112736912047

Radio Marshals, please click on the link below and Diana Baines will be in touch:-

https://form.jotform.com/251113502297045

The Royal Scottish Automobile Club will be running the Scottish Rally, the 4th round of the Scottish Rally Championship will be back again in Dalbeattie on the 19th of July. The rally, once again will be based at Jas P Wilson Forestry and Firewood Equipment Specialists, however for the 1st time, the rally will not only start here, it will have two services and the main finish will be based here as well.

The rally will once again be visiting the classic stages of:

- Glengap run by Wilma Davidson
- Kinharvie run by Graham Pollitt
- Dalbeattie run by Ian Evans.

The main start and finish and service areas will be run by Alistair Reid.

As ever, the rally needs the valuable support of the Marshals and Radio Marshals to ensure a safe running of the event, and this year, instead of a cash incentive, all Marshals will receive a goody bag and gift, details of which will be announced nearer the time.

If you would like to Marshal on the rally, or attend as a Radio Marshal, all you have to do, is register using the links below:

Marshals https://form.jotform.com/220912691161047

Radio Marshals https://form.jotform.com/240644932355054

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions – Training and Upgrading

- For all the Marshal Grades, all attendance and training has a life span of 48 months. The interactive document showing all the main disciplines and grades is <u>HERE</u>.
- If you are collecting signatures but have run out of space in your PRC, there are continuation sheets available in the Resource Centre, or you can email marshals@motorsportuk.org for a new PRC.
- Event attendance can be signed by someone of the same grade or higher than the Marshal who requires the signature.
- Upgrade Assessments can only be signed by Marshal Assessors holding the grade for the discipline which they are assessing and they must be the last part of the process to upgrade.
- Training Modules can only be signed by licensed Motorsport UK Trainers.

- A Training Event is a total of six hours delivered by Motorsport UK Licensed Trainers of which a minimum of two hours must be face to face. This should be completed every two years to maintain the grade/s that is held.
- The days to obtain the minimum requirements to upgrade must always be separate to the additional days required for assessment.
- A *Knowledge Check* is the Assessor asking questions to ensure that the Marshal has taken in enough information regarding, for instance, flags and flagging for a Race: Grade 2 (Incident) upgrade.
- If you have a question regarding your proposed upgrade, or any other marshalling query, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org so that we can assist.
- If you require an upgrade assessment, please give the Chief Marshal of the Event as much notice as possible. It is up to **you**, the Marshal, to arrange your assessment with the Chief Marshal and it is not something that Motorsport UK is able to assist with.
- The 2025 Application for a Motorsport UK Marshal Registration form for upgrading is available on the Motorsport UK website within the Resource Centre HERE
- If posting paperwork for an upgrade, please always remember to take a copy before posting, and put 'For the Attention of Sue Fletcher' on the envelope.

Here to help

You can contact us in the following ways: training@motorsportuk.org – for any training related queries marshals@motorsportuk.org – for any queries relating to marshalling

01753 765000 – if you would like to speak to someone over the telephone.

If you would rather post your paperwork for upgrading (once the Club that you Marshal with has completed the Club Endorsement), please send to:

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