

# MARSHALS' BULLETIN

## March 2026

Welcome to the first 2026 issue of the Marshals' Bulletin – sent to all Marshals registered with Motorsport UK.

### **Clarification on Displaying the Green Signal Following Safety Car Withdrawal**

Ahead of the forthcoming racing season, clarification has been sought regarding the procedure for displaying the green signal following the withdrawal of the Safety Car. This topic has been discussed with Race Committee and, following those discussions, we have been asked to provide the following guidance via the Marshals' Bulletin.

At race circuits equipped with light panels that provide full circuit coverage, the green signal will be displayed simultaneously and will be clearly visible to drivers around the circuit. In these circumstances, it is acceptable for the green lights to be extinguished before the completion of a full racing lap, provided that the green signal has been displayed for a minimum duration of 10 seconds.

Light panels are considered the primary and clearest means of displaying signals to drivers. As such, the use of flags is required only in the event of a light panel failure, where an additional signal is required to supplement that shown on the light panel, or where the spacing of panels means they cannot provide full coverage.

To ensure consistency and confidence in application, Race Control should make certain that the procedure to be followed is clearly explained during the marshals' briefing.

### **Speed events balaclavas**

From 2026, it is a requirement for all Sprint & Hill Climb competitors in modified and above categories to wear a flameproof balaclava. While it is not the ultimate responsibility for Marshals to check competitor PPE, we wanted to make you aware that this rule change is in effect should you be Marshalling in paddock or start line areas.

Competitors always take final responsibility for ensuring their PPE is in accordance with the regulations, and you should report any instances of non-compliance to your area/Post Chief or directly with the Scrutineers and/or Clerk of the Course. If you would like to find out more about this rule change, you can view it within the National Competition Rules (Chapter 14, Appendix 2, Article 4.3).

### **Karting Slow Boards**



The 2026 season for Karting will see the implementation of Slow Boards at all Motorsport UK Permitted Events, replacing the black / yellow quarter flag. The full Slow Board procedure can be found in the National Competition Rules, in Chapter 18, Appendix 5, Article 1.33. The NCR contains how a Slow Procedure can be called, what on track sessions it can be called in, and the restart procedure. The Motorsport UK Kart Flag module is being updated accordingly to reflect the implementation of the Slow Boards. Where required on an event, please liaise with the Clerk of the Course or Chief Marshal if you need further guidance.

### **Training Events Calendar**

From the start of the new year, the Training Events Calendar has returned to the Learning Hub. The calendar will provide details of upcoming training events delivered by Licensed Motorsport UK Trainers, including location, training modules, organising Club, and registration links (or relevant contact details). We have requested that Trainers submit details of their events so that we can advertise them on the Calendar which is ongoing; while the calendar may only have some events to choose from currently, we hope this will become a central resource for all Marshals to use in future.

To access the calendar, log in to your profile, visit the Learning Hub, and select **Training Events Finder**.

### **Upcoming Training Events**

Castle Combe Racing Club are organising a practical Race and Off Track Marshals Training event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Castle Combe Circuit.

To take part please contact [HelenM@ccracingclub.co.uk](mailto:HelenM@ccracingclub.co.uk).

Both the [British Rally Marshals Club Training](#) and [the Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs Training](#) offer training via Zoom through most of the year.

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

### **Use of mobile phones**

As the use of mobile phones change with multiple events now using applications such as Sportity and WhatsApp to communicate with their volunteers and Officials, we along with the Volunteers and Officials committee have taken the opportunity to clarify acceptable use on events.

It remains the case that you should not use a phone/ mobile device for any purpose when competition is live – vehicles are on the circuit, the hill or the stage. This allows you to focus on your role, your own safety and that of those around you.

There may however, be occasions when you are required to make use of your phone in support of the event whilst competition is ongoing. For example:

- You have been asked to send pictures of check sheets to the results team
- The Clerk of the Course or other Senior Official has specifically request pictures of an incident / location or need a photo of a report
- A Senior Official that you know is on the event with you is trying to phone you. They will know the status of the event and will be trying to call you for a specific reason.
- Messages appearing on event specific apps such as WhatsApp and Sportity. These may provide details of action that you need to take.

Whilst these are examples of situations when you can use a phone whilst competition is ongoing you must remain mindful of what is happening in your vicinity and the risks of you concentrating on other matters. Priority should always be given to any incidents or matters needing your attention at your location.

If resources allow and you want to take pictures or videos you must remove your tabard and move to an area designated for spectators before you do so.

Phones/mobile devices can be used when you are stood down. You can also take a selfie of yourself/team and post it to (social media tag) to share with the Community provided there is no live activity on the stage/hill/circuit.

## **Tabards**

Towards the end of last year, Motorsport UK sadly lost its tabard supplier as they entered liquidation. Thankfully, they had the foresight to send over the remaining stock to us just before they closed. We can therefore fulfil limited requests to Marshals if they email us with a size, but the stock is limited and we may not be able to fulfil your request immediately.

We are currently sourcing a new supplier to ensure we can continue to fulfil Tabard requests going forwards in their usual quantities across a variety of sizes. Primarily, tabards are offered free of charge for all new Marshals, but we will take this opportunity to explore how we can offer replacement tabards to existing Marshals too. We are proud to be able to offer these tabards free of charge to new Marshals, and we are committed to ensuring this continues in years to come.

## **Marshals Participation Survey**

The Volunteer Development Team wish to better understand Volunteer participation at Motorsport UK events. The outcome of this review will enable us to shape the future of Marshals and Officials within the sport and the way in which we recruit, retain and recognise members in future.

If you haven't done it already, we would be grateful if you could spare five minutes of your time to complete the Marshals Participation Survey [HERE](#). Please note that we will only be using this data to map out participation levels by licence type and discipline; the results of this will then allow us to devise further questions to better understand the make-up of our community, and begin to identify specific training needs.

## **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 [HERE](#).
- 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 [volunteers@motorsportuk.org](mailto:volunteers@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 [volunteers@motorsportuk.org](mailto:volunteers@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 *2026 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.

### **Here to help**

You can contact us in the following ways:

[volunteers@motorsportuk.org](mailto:volunteers@motorsportuk.org) – via email

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