

Scrutineers' Bulletin

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Club, Volunteer, Organising Team, and Sustainable Club of the Year Award Nominations

Nominations are now open for Motorsport UK's annual Club, Volunteer, and Organising Team of the Year awards. New for this year is the Sustainable Club of the Year Award which aims to highlight clubs that have taken a proactive and impactful approach to sustainability over the year.

This is your chance to recognise the efforts made by clubs, organisers and volunteers who go that extra mile to keep the motorsport community thriving.

Find out more information and nomination forms [here](#).

Karting Scrutineers Suitability Check Update

Any Scrutineers that work in Karting will have received a recent request to complete a suitability check in advance of the next season. Unfortunately, since sending that email, we have been made aware that there is an error with the DBS application site. We would like to apologise for this inconvenience and ask that alternatively you register below to complete your check. A member of the team will initiate your application and send a link within 5 working days of you registering.

[Register Here](#)

The completion of a suitability check for Scrutineers working with children and young people will be a requirement of your licence for next year so please don't delay - register to complete yours using the button above.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please visit <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/safeguarding/safer-recruitment/> or contact the safeguarding team.

Dave Edwards

It is with great sadness we report that Dave Edwards has passed away peacefully after a short illness in August. Dave and his wife Maggie, also a Scrutineer, were stalwarts of events, not just in the Southwest but all around the country, for over 45 years! For many of those years Dave was Chief Scrutineer at Castle Combe events as well as taking on roles at the British Grand Prix and Goodwood.

He will be sadly missed by his fellow Scrutineers and the whole of the Motorsport community.



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Fire Extinguisher issues

Following from the previous edition of this bulletin where we showed a number of issues that Scrutineers had found with fire extinguisher systems. We have some more examples of things to look out for here.

In these first photos the competitor seemed to be concerned about accidentally triggering the extinguisher so chose to drill holes and thread locking wire across the trigger button. We would suggest that this would seriously affect the ability for the button to be pressed and the system triggered in an emergency.



This second photo shows the pull cables for the extinguisher only connected through the lower part of the mechanism. The cables should pass through both parts of the trigger mechanism with the locking nuts on top of the top section, so that when the cables are pulled it squeezes the top and bottom arms of the triggering mechanism together. As it is in the photo the extinguisher would not be triggered by the cables!



Scrutineering basics

We would like to remind Scrutineers that when items on a vehicle need to be demonstrated as part of your scrutineering checks, you should always ask the competitor to demonstrate the items for you, you do not operate the function on the vehicle yourself.

A recent example has highlighted this where a competitor suffered an event ending mechanical fault it was later found that throttle body mechanism had become mislocated, allegedly after a Scrutineer had operated it by hand to check for a positive return.

Another common example is checking the extinguisher pull cables for free movement or running the test circuit on an electronic system. As the Scrutineer you don't want to be the one that accidentally triggers an incorrectly wired or installed extinguisher in the Scrutineering bay!



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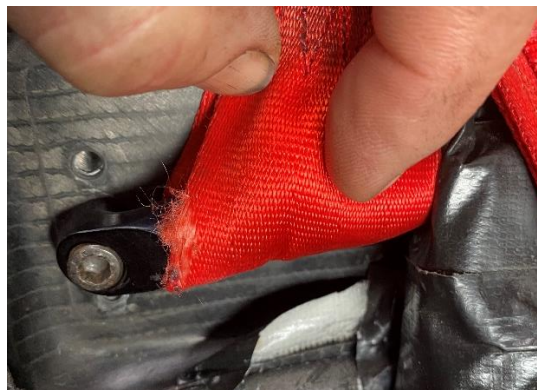
Equipment condition

The images below have been forwarded to us by Scrutineers at recent events and are all good examples of what to look out for when checking the condition of competitors Personal Protective Equipment.

These first photos show a set of overalls in poor condition with a hole through the outer layer. And three different helmets with significant damage to the outer shell, or as in the last photo, a severely frayed strap!



And these last two photos show two different examples of damaged harness straps found on single-seater race cars where the webbing has frayed on the chassis mounts.



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Superkart Number Plates

Can we please request that scrutineers pay particular attention to the display of number plates at Superkart events, especially in Division One, and take appropriate action on incorrect font and size of competition numbers.

Regulations U17.25-17.28.1 apply which for long circuit mandate numbers to be a minimum of 20cm high with a stroke width of 3cm and be of an Arial type font.

FIA Safety Department Note

We have received the following note from the FIA Safety Department, regarding label on FIA homologated socks manufactured by Marina Race, S.L.

From : FIA Safety Department **Ref. :** FIASDH-22-012

We would like to inform you that MARINA socks homologated according to FIA Standard 8856-2000 have been approved with 3 different labelling designs. All 3 labels are compliant with FIA 8856-2000 standard requirements.

Some few cases of MARINA socks being rejected in scrutineering have been raised to the attention of the FIA Safety Department.

Therefore, the FIA confirms MARINA socks using any of the 3 label designs as shown below are fully compliant with FIA standard 8856-2000 and shall be accepted in scrutineering.

OPTION A



OPTION B



OPTION C



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