

Welcome to the September ABKC News

We just have a few items of interest this month. Motorsport UK have had success in attracting some of the larger unlicensed championships to come under permit either later this year, or for 2024. More circuit clubs are also in the process of re-joining and becoming affiliated to Motorsport UK once more.

National Competition Rules

The National Competition Rules (NCRs) are being worked through as an eventual replacement for the Blue Book, ABKC executive are part of the process in reviewing the draft. For 2024 it has been decided they will be trialled but the default will remain the current but updated Blue Book. Championships will be invited to opt in to use the NCR, for instance the British Kart Championships might do that.

Club Survey

Dan Parker, Karting Manager at Motorsport UK, invites all clubs to take this survey, asking some technical and environmental questions to help with their future strategy. The survey is on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2023kcs> . Please help Dan and your club by taking the survey.

Regulation Changes

Please note the various amended or new regulations out for consultation, so have your say if you have comments.

Tyres

Tyre tenders for 2024 for Bambino (all-weather) and Cadet categories are now being assessed and testing will be carried out pending a decision.

Grants

The British Motor Sport Training Trust have published a piece for the Trust that explains how to apply for a grant underneath their Safety Development fund. This is available here - <https://britishmotorsporttrust.org/news-post/how-to-apply-to-the-british-motorsport-trust-for-a-safety-development-fund-grant/> . They also have a new website for the BMSTT. Motorsport UK are urging clubs to make use of the grants on offer.

Club and Volunteer of the Year competition

Please get your applications in for these very worthwhile awards, Motorsport UK are hoping for more applications than last year.

Motorsport TV

A new manager – Brandon Begg - has been appointed who will aggressively add content for all disciplines. They will also produce more “How to” guides for competitors. They ask clubs that have live streaming to

send in the links so they can be publicised. A new website design is planned for maybe next year.

ARKS

The new arrangements with clubs setting their own fee for the ARKS licence test seems to have settled down well.

Training for those working with children

The Motorsport UK safeguarding team has been working to develop training to support teams, mechanics, Examiners and Instructors to understand their safeguarding responsibilities.

“Driving Safer Cultures” is Motorsport UK’s new course to support you to better understand your safeguarding responsibilities. This 3 hour, in-person course can help you to better recognise, respond and report concerns involving children and adults at risk in your environment.

This course is for all team managers, mechanics, personnel, Examiners and instructors who work with children under the age of 18 or adults at risk. Those who have recently taken part in our “Creating Safer Teams” course do not need to attend this training.

Our safeguarding team have identified the following two dates to deliver the “Driving Safer Cultures” course at the Motorsport UK offices in Bicester:

- 26th September 2023 – 9am to 12pm
- 30th November 2023 – 1pm to 4pm

You can sign up for these dates by clicking below.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/MotorsportUK1/DrivingSaferCultures>

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Walker on safeguarding@motorsportuk.org

Kartmania

Interest is high and clubs are urged to support and let Martin know without delay if they are planning to attend. (kartmania1@gmail.com) The cost of power has increased to £190.

British Kart Championship 2024

Motorsport UK have released the dates of the Rotax 2024 British Championship, announcements about the other classes are expected soon.

Membership

Welcome to new members UKC Global, Champions Kart Club and Tyro Karting, all in the process or having become Motorsport UK affiliated.