

## **CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY NOTICE No. 1 – January 2024**

Happy New Year to everyone.

Advisory Notices are intended to provide information and guidance on the Championship to ensure that our vehicles are in accordance with the Technical & Supplementary Regulations and in particular provide early notification of any imminent regulation change.

MSUK are planning a number of changes during 2024 together with a small number of changes to the Technical Regulations which have come into force from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024. I trust the notes below are helpful.

### **Motorsport UK: Yearbook 2024 [otherwise known as The Blue BOOK]**

- The 2024 Blue Book is due to be published in mid January and is already available digitally via MSUK Resource Centre.
- The 2024 Blue Book will be the last to be published by MSUK both in its present format and the last to be published as hard copy.
- MSUK have recently completed a much awaited review and have rewritten the Technical Regulations in a new digital format. The new format will provide a complete set of regulations for each discipline of UK Motorsport. For Example the RACING section will include all relevant regulations without the need to cross reference to other sections of the Blue Book on matters such as Competitor Safety, Vehicles, Tyres, etc. The same will apply to Speed, Rally and other motorsport divisions
- This new digital document will mirror the regulations in the published 2024 Blue Book. The new format digital document will be trialled during 2024 and is scheduled to be fully launched by the autumn 2024. At this point it will be subject to continuous updates.
- The 2024 Yearbook does contain some changes in particular to helmets which you need to be aware.

### **Vehicle Digital Passports:**

- MSUK are preparing to launch a new vehicle digital passport database which is currently being finalised and is scheduled to be trialled during 2024. The scheme will involve creating a unique vehicle identity number for a vehicle and allows a digital passport to be created which will be held on a MSUK database.
- It is anticipated that the roll out of these passports will begin within a nominated division of the sport, with Racing being the most likely. Further information on this initiative will emerge during 2024.

### **25% Scrutineering Trials:**

- The 25% scrutineering trials undertaken during 2023 have now been evaluated and MSUK have confirmed that appropriate championships can in future continue to apply a policy of scrutineering 25% of an event entry. Thus CSCC can continue with the practice of 25% scrutineering for 2024 and beyond if the club so wishes.
- My advice would be for anyone new to the championship or with a new car to request a scrutineer check the vehicle.

#### Harness Buckles:

- Not a change in regulations: Just a request that drivers should ensure that their harness buckles when locked in place, are located roughly in line with the floor cross straps and just above your thighs and NOT high on the chest. Just a small but important safety aspect.

#### Competitor Protection: Helmets:

##### PLEASE NOTE THAT SNELL SA 2010 HELMETS ARE NO LONGER VALID [FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024]

- Most of you will be aware that Snell 2010 helmets were scheduled to expire from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, however there have been rumours of a possible extension of this standard. That is NOT the case.
- Please note that if you are intending to purchase a new helmet I would draw the following to your attention:
  - Before discarding your Snell SA 2010 helmet, please check if your helmet is a dual standard helmet. There are a small number of helmets which contain both a 2010 Snell label and FIA 8860-2010 label. Please note that while the Snell SA 2010 is not valid after 31/12/23, the FIA 8860-2010 standard is still valid and remains so until 31/12/28. If your helmet has this label regardless of the Snell label the helmet remains compliant.
  - In the past few days that the **FIA has confirmed that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, that Snell Standard helmets will NOT be valid for FIA events.** Thus if you intend to compete in FIA events outside the UK then Snell helmets will not be acceptable, and you will need an FIA standard helmet.
  - Current acceptable FIA standard helmets valid for UK and overseas are:
    - FIA 8860-2018
    - FIA 8860-2018-ABP
    - FIA 8860-2010 [not valid after 31/12/28]
    - FIA 8859-2015
  - **For ALL UK events the following Snell standard helmets remain valid.**
    - Snell SA 2015 [not valid after 31/12/26]
    - Snell SA 2020
      - Please note that both of the above Snell helmets must use FIA 8858-2010 tether anchors

I trust the above information is helpful, if anyone has any questions in regard to technical regulations, please do get in touch.

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