



CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY NOTICE No. 1 – March 2025.

Advisory Notices are intended to provide information and guidance on the Championship to ensure that our vehicles are in accordance with the National Competition Rules and Championship Supplementary Regulations and where possible provide early notification of any imminent regulation change.

National Competition Regulations:

- The old “Blue Book” has now been replaced by National Competition Rules, referred to as NCRs and are available digitally via MSUK Resource Centre. There is no hard copy available.
- The new NCRs were published on 4th November last year and generally the content mirrors the old “Blue Book” regulations; however, it has been reviewed, updated and unlike the Blue Book is subject to continuous updates.
- The current version [February 2025] is Version 8. If referring to the NCRs please check that you have the latest version. We are expecting version 9 to be published around the end of March. You can view and/or download the complete document or by chapter. While there have been eight updates since the launch of the new NCRs, we expect that this will now settle down to around two or three version updates per annum. Please note where significant rule changes are proposed, such as a helmet standard, a 12-month notice will still be given.
- The NCRs are presented in “Chapters”, which are sub-divided into “Appendices” and specific rules identified as “Articles”. Where rule changes occur, these will be highlighted in red text, where there are corrections to the text, these are in orange.
- In relation to our Championship the key relevant Chapters are:
 - Chapter 7 Competitor Vehicles & Vehicle Safety Equipment
 - Chapter 9 Competitor Personal Safety Equipment
 - Chapter 12 Race

Vehicle Digital Passports:

- MSUK launched new vehicle digital passport database during 2024. The scheme involves 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. Further information on this initiative will emerge during 2025.

Safety Scrutineering:

- My advice would be for anyone new to the championship or with a new car would be sensible to request a scrutineer check the vehicle.

Competitor Protection: Helmets:

- 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 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.
 - Please note that FIA has confirmed that Snell Standard helmets are NOT valid for FIA events. If you intend to compete in FIA events outside the UK, 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.

Full details on Helmets can be found in the NCRs: reference *Chapter 9, Appendix 7, Article 7.1*

Proposed Rule changes:

Please be aware of two proposed rule changes.

- MSUK have consulted on a proposal to make wearing of Balaclavas mandatory. Consultation on this proposal concluded in November 2024 and is currently being considered by MSUK Committees. I expect that they will introduce this rule change with immediate effect in the next month or so. My advice would be to ensure you have a flame proof, preferably a FIA standard Balaclava available to wear for this season.
- Please note that it is also proposed that Flame resistant socks and underwear will be mandatory from 1st January 2026.
- For events outside the UK the mandatory minimum standard in circuit racing would normally be FIA specification personal equipment.

Other items:

- **Harness Buckles:** Not a change in regulations: Just a reminder 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.
- Please ensure that any roll cage tubes which are located close to your helmet when seated in the vehicle have appropriate foam protection.
- I have come across several instances in the last year of fuel lines which have degraded due to use of modern fuels. This includes metal braided pressure hoses. Please check that your fuel lines are in good condition.
- Finally, just a reminder that fuel lines and fire extinguisher pipelines should not be located between ROP tubing and external body panels, i.e. should be inboard of ROP tubing. Not likely with a Morgan, but worth checking.

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

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