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

Flags & Lights Panels

In 2022, Motorsport UK, with the support of the British Motorsport Trust, began a roll-out of FIA specification light panels at circuit venues across the UK, and Cadwell Park has become the latest venue to install the light panels this year.

Previously Light Panels served to supplement the traditional flag signals shown by Marshals around a circuit. As of 2024, Light Panels will be the primary signaling method at venues where they are installed, however, please note the following:

- Marshals are still permitted to use flag signals, but these are now supplementary to those displayed on a Light Panel.
- If you are single staffed on a post, you should opt for lights first, then flags.
- If there are multiple Flag Marshals on post, then both can be used as long as lights take priority, however, the importance here is the coordination of the flagging team to make sure the signals are consistent with one another.
- If you are at an event using both Light Panels and flags, it is important to remember that the light panel system has an inbuilt signal hierarchy.
- Remember that red signals will always take priority over all other signals, whereas white, change of surface and blue signals have the lowest priority, this will determine which signal should be displayed on the light panel, and which signals can be displayed using flags particularly in situations where more than one signal is needed.
- The regulations do **not** say that flags are not to be used at all.
- Light Panels can significantly increase fairness particularly within a judicial context e.g. overtaking under yellows, as the light panel system can automatically log the time at which a signal was displayed at a Marshals' post.
- The visibility of the signal is overall much better, particularly in poor weather conditions.
- Some series may also use on-board signalling systems which further aid communications with competitors.

Acquired Rights Scheme

A reminder that there is now only a short time to submit paperwork to Motorsport UK (by **31st March 2024**) to request the opportunity to upgrade via the Acquired Rights Scheme. After this date, there will be no further extensions to the Acquired Rights Scheme and the standard Marshals Pathway must be followed for upgrades. The closing date for applications under the Acquired Rights Scheme was extended for the final time, to allow Marshals to obtain any missing modules during this current training season,

please remember, that this is only suitable for Rally, Speed and Kart Grading. Details on the application process can be found in the Resource Centre of the Motorsport UK website, or by clicking [HERE](#). And if you still need some guidance, you can always contact us, and we'll be happy to point you in the right direction!

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions - Upgrading

- 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 marshals@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.
- Training Modules can only be signed by licensed Motorsport UK Trainers.
- 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 marshals@motorsportuk.org so that we can assist.
- If you need to update your details, you can do so on the Motorsport UK website. If you have forgotten your login details, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org and we can reset them for you (please remember to include your Motorsport UK number).
- 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 form for upgrading is available on the Motorsport UK website within the Resource Centre. It is called "2024 Application for a Motorsport UK Marshal Registration" and is [available here](#).
- If posting paperwork for an upgrade, please always remember to take a copy before posting, and put 'For the Attention of Sue Fletcher' on the envelope.

Here to help

The Volunteer Development Team at Motorsport UK has nearly 100 years of active volunteering experience in motorsport – so if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

You can contact us in the following ways:

training@motorsportuk.org – for any training related queries

marshals@motorsportuk.org – for any queries relating to marshalling

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

If you would rather post your paperwork for upgrading (once the club that you Marshal with has completed the Club Endorsement), please send to:

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