



## September 2023

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

### 2024 Renewals

You can now renew your registration for 2024 by logging in to the Motorsport UK website. If you know of any Marshals who are unable to renew online, please help them by printing off a 2024 form which you can find on the Resource Centre, or email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) and we can post one to them.

If you are waiting for an upgrade or are due to be assessed for an upgrade in the next few weeks, please do not renew for 2024 yet as this may result in us having to reissue your registration card.

### Registered Marshal grade

In 2021 this grade replaced the discipline-specific “Trainee Marshal” grades and has since been superseded by the Registered Marshal (Accredited) grade, which is provided to all Marshals upon completion of the Registered Marshal Accreditation Course on the Learning Hub. This Registered Marshal (Accredited) grade enables you to participate at events across all disciplines.

So that we can ensure that all Marshals registered with Motorsport UK have completed consistent awareness training for their role, we now require all those holding the Registered Marshal grade (without accreditation) to complete the online course before renewing for 2024.

The Registered Marshal Accreditation Course should take around 25 minutes to complete and, upon completion, you will be able to renew your registration at the Registered Marshal (Accredited) grade. **Those that already hold the accredited grade (or another registration at grade 1 or above) do not need to do anything and can renew as normal.**

To view a guide on how to complete the Accreditation course, please click [HERE](#).

### Reminders

#### Cameras and mobile phones whilst on duty

- Please remember that cameras and mobile phones must never be used whilst you are on duty and the track or stage is live. We have received reports of marshals recording footage whilst they are on duty; not only does this put the Marshal in question in danger (as they are concentrating

on what they are filming rather than what is happening around them), but also puts their colleagues in danger too.

- Cameras must only be used at the request of a Senior Official, such as the Clerk of the Course.
- If you need to take a phone call whilst on duty, please speak to your Post Chief, I/O or Sector Marshal and then stand off the post.
- If you wish to take photographs, you must remove your tabard, or cover your overalls to show that you are not on duty and stand down away from the post.

### **Appropriate clothing whilst marshalling**

- Please remember to wear appropriate clothing when marshalling. Your legs should be covered – we have had reports of marshals burning their legs on hot exhausts for example.
- Wear either a tabard or a pair of overalls to make yourself visible.
- Be careful that clothing does not clash with the flags, depending on which discipline you are marshalling in.
- Wear sturdy boots or shoes; please never wear sandals.
- Remember, even in the summer it can be cold, wet and windy, so always take waterproof clothing with you and layers which can be added to or removed; it is always recommended that clothing should be made of natural fibers, especially the ones next to your skin. A hat can provide shade from the sun, wind and rain, and can keep you warm in the winter and cooler in the summer.

### **Upgrades**

The deadline has now passed for upgrades to be carried out under the old Grading Scheme, but if you have any queries, questions or issues, then please do contact us using [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) – we are here to help. You can find all of the requirements for the Marshal's Pathway [HERE](#).

We are looking at all upgrade applications on an individual basis this year to give as many marshals as possible the opportunity to upgrade if they meet the relevant criteria.

*For upgrades in 2023, event attendance signatures are valid from 2018 onwards. Training module signatures are valid from 2019 onwards and both in person training and online training delivered by Motorsport UK Trainers counts.*

So far in 2023, we have processed 191 upgrades via the previous Grading Scheme or the new Marshal Pathway.

We do accept Personal Record Cards (PRCs) and other paperwork electronically, however, please include the inside of the PRC showing personal information and photograph where applicable. If posting original paperwork, please make copies as they can sometimes go missing in the post.

### **Acquired Rights Scheme**

191 people have upgraded via this scheme in 2023. All applications under the Acquired Rights Scheme must be submitted to Motorsport UK by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.

Further details on the application process can be found in the Resource Centre of the Motorsport UK website, or by clicking [HERE](#).

Please note that the Acquired Rights Scheme should not be used to try and avoid doing assessments to upgrade.

## Club and Volunteer of the Year Awards 2023

Nominations are now open for Motorsport UK's annual Club and Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Comprising of four different awards (Club, Sustainable Club, Organising Team, and Volunteer), these awards aim to highlight those who have made an exceptional contribution to your club, and event or more over the past year.

It is also a 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, including the nomination forms, via the link below.

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/awards/>

## Stage Commanders

The Motorsport UK Learning and Development Team are pleased to announce a new modular Stage Commander Programme taking place from October 2023.

This programme will consist of an in-person workshop, an online training module, and an opportunity for you to demonstrate your knowledge and skills as part of a Stage Commander team at a Multi-Venue Stage Rally.

To apply for a place on the programme, you must hold a Rally Grade 3 registration and you will need to complete the form [HERE](#). You will be required to upload a letter of endorsement from a Clerk of the Course and/or Organising Club, so please make sure you have this to hand before starting your application.

If you cannot make any of the workshop dates on the form, don't worry, you will be given the opportunity to attend future workshops when they are announced. In the meantime, we will be in touch regarding next steps.

This information has also been communicated directly to unregistered Stage Commanders identified in 2023 Safety Delegate reports, and all Rally Clerks of the Course.

## Volunteering opportunities

Whether you have been marshalling for years and are looking for more events, or you're just starting out and aren't sure how to get involved – we've got you covered! Here are a few tips on how you can find events and get involved in the action:

1. You can use the [Find an Event](#) section on the Motorsport UK website to search for events near you. The search allows you to filter events by discipline and club.
2. Find events via an online volunteering platform such as [Rally Stage Team](#) or [Another Day in Orange](#).
3. [Find your local Club](#) using the Motorsport UK website – many Clubs will also have their own volunteering platforms, such as the [British Motorsport Marshals Club](#) and [BARC](#)
4. Contact your local motorsport venue – you can find contact details for fixed venues in the [Motorsport UK Yearbook](#), starting on page 29.
5. Ask your Regional Association for help – details can be found on the [Motorsport UK website](#)

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

- If you are collecting signatures but have run out of space in your PRC, there are continuation sheets available on the Resource Centre, or you can email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org). Once you upgrade, you will receive a copy of the new PRC.
- A Marshal's attendance in a PRC or on an attendance sheet can be signed by someone of the same grade or higher of 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 must always be separate to those used when doing assessments.
- 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](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) so that we can assist.
- For the time-being, all newly registered Marshals will continue to receive a welcome email with the Registered Marshal PRC attached to print.
- The new Marshal PRC will continue to be provided to marshals once their upgrade has been approved by Motorsport UK.
- If you do need to update your records on the Motorsport UK website, and have forgotten your login and password details, please email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) and we can reset it for you (please remember to include your Motorsport UK number when you email in).
- If you require an upgrade assessment, then 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 now available on the Resource Centre of the Motorsport UK website and called "*2024 Application for a Motorsport UK Marshal Application*", if you have recently had your upgrade assessment(s) and need the form to complete before sending to your club for their nomination, please email [marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto:marshals@motorsportuk.org) and we can send you a copy.
- 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 Officials' Pathway 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](mailto:training@motorsportuk.org) – for any training related queries

[marshals@motorsportuk.org](mailto: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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