

## **Cross Country Committee**

The Cross Country Committee has met once since the last SAMSC meeting. With the minutes of the last meeting published there have been some proposed regulation changes. There is a change proposed to flag operation which brings it in to line with custom and practice. The more significant proposal is about moving to a system similar that used in French cross country events where minimum weights are applied depending on engine capacity. The principle of using this was discussed at the last committee and the MSA agreed to look at potential wording for consideration, and is due to be discussed again at the next meeting in the new year. There is quite a lot of disquiet about this proposal amongst some of the cross country clubs in England.

The delays in issuing the tender for the British Cross Country Championship, which following on from the championship's cancellation this year is having a depressive impact on entries at a variety of events, have continued and despite various suggestions that this is imminent it has remained this way since June. The Committee has encouraged the MSA to move this matter forward although to date with little effect. The plans developed for a National Cross Country Championship, including a series of National A Competitive Safaris, including a round in Scotland (run by the Scottish clubs) now appear to be hitting similar delays as Motorsport UK are again suggesting the imminent arrival of the tender, but with 2019 less than six weeks away the sport needs certainty if it is to avoid another damaging year where competitors travel to compete in France instead. Plans to host a round in Scotland continue to develop building on the success of the Scottish "Borders" Hill Rally last weekend

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