



Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs

Scottish Training Programme

Report of the 2018 year to 1 August

Overview

The Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs runs a programme of training events throughout Scotland which aims to cover all disciplines and levels of experience. The cost of these days is underwritten by the Association, and is supported by Grant Aid from the British Motor Sport Training Trust.

Training Events

The Association has delivered 7 days and been supported by a recovery training event delivered by the Association of Motorsport Recovery Operators. This is against a plan for delivery of 10 days, with the SMRC Race Marshals annual training and the SMMC Rescue Training days being cancelled due to heavy snow in March.

Events run have covered:

- Training topics for the MSA Instructors in Scotland
- Two events for Speed Marshals
- One event for Kart Marshals
- One event for Race Marshals
- Two Fire Training and Incident Handling Days
- One Rally Radio training day
- One event for Rally Marshals in Argyll
- One event for Senior Rally Stage Officials

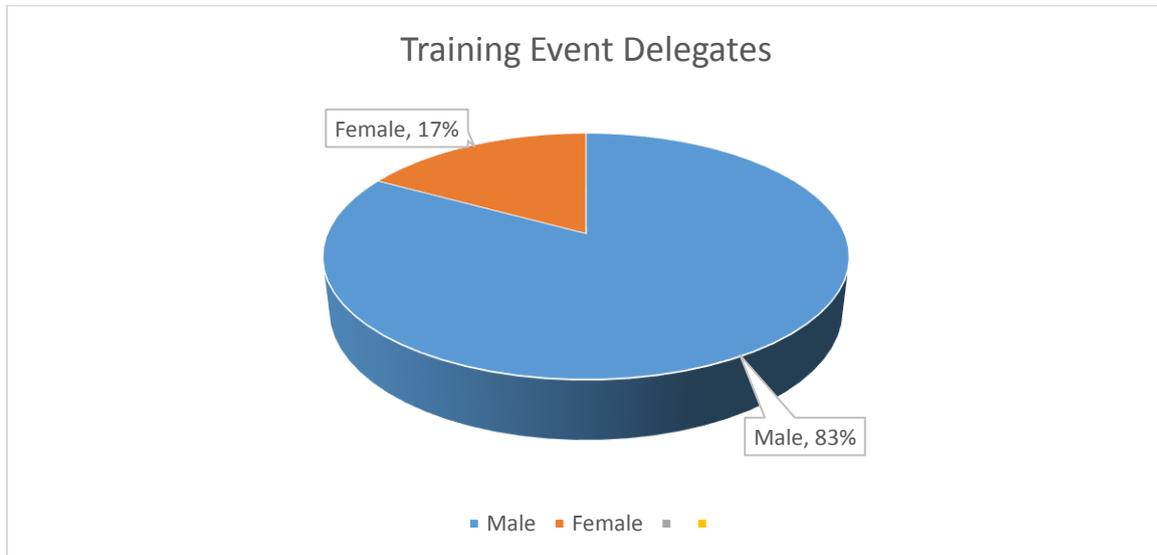
In addition the MSA has run a seminar for unlicensed officials and a training event for Safety Car crews in Scotland so far this year.

A significant proportion of the 2018 training calendar is biased towards the autumn, with at least 6 further days being run by the Association, covering a variety of topics (and often with more than one event per day), and a further day being organised by Stonehaven & District Motor Club in early August.

A number of other events have been provisionally in the calendar. Some of these such as rescue training for medical students, and medical training for doctors and paramedics will not run this year due to difficulties finding suitable dates and venues. Others such as training on Lewis and Skye have been deferred to 2019 following discussions with the local clubs and an assessment of their needs.

Delegates

Excluding the event run by AMRO, the training programme has reached 120 delegates this year, for an investment of 24 days of instructor time.



Events have averaged 5 delegates per instructor.

Traditionally events in the second half of the year have tended to see increased numbers of delegates.

Financial Outturn

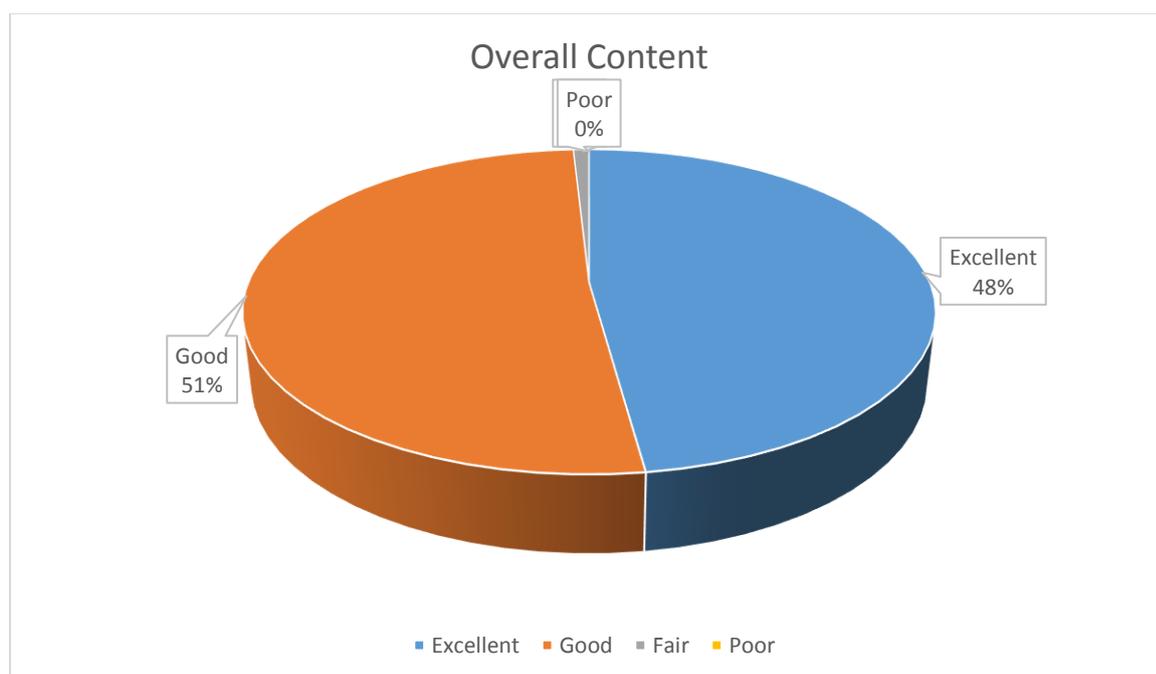
For those events organised by the Association they have been delivered for a total cost of £3,943, with an average cost of £32.86 per delegate. This has been very substantially supported by grant aid from the British Motor Sports Training Trust to whom we are extremely grateful!

This funding has covered venue hire, hire of equipment such as multimedia projectors, training aids, a specialist motorsport fire training rig, catering costs, and out-of-pocket expenses for the volunteer instructors.

Feedback and Performance

Each event requests and receives feedback from delegates on a standardised form. This allows some comparison between events, and provides a means for instructors to assess their own performance and development. Results are shared with the instructors concerned and the MSA.

Delegates returned 106 feedback forms, at a response rate of 88%.



Feedback on the activities undertaken remains high (96% rating them “good” or “Excellent”). Similarly the Facilities were generally considered of high standard (49% Excellent, 49% Good).

Joining instructions have received more mixed feedback. Responses are still predominantly positive but 15% rated them “fair” and 3% “poor”. This year we have introduced online registration to improve delivery but the loss of the administrative support provided by SMMC has meant they have often been delivered relatively close to the events.

Conclusion

The training programme is reaching a substantial number of people, although compared to the number of registered marshals in Scotland this is still relatively low (approximately 9% of registered marshals¹ were reached in the first half of 2018). Training when attended is appreciated, valued and appears to have a significant impact on the level of learning. The greatest challenge remains reaching the significant proportion of marshals who appear not to attend training, and to target the training effectively at them.

All clubs in Scotland have been asked to identify their training priorities for 2019, to establish the gaps and requirements experienced by event organisers. It is also planned to run a survey of registered marshals during August to establish individuals' requirements. Both of these will feed in to the training needs analysis being carried out by the association in preparation for designing the 2019 programme.

This is being complemented by several initiatives being undertaken by Scottish Motor Sports to support marshals through the grading schemes, and attract more volunteers into motorsport in Scotland.

The Association is grateful to the British Motor Sports Training Trust, Knockhill Racing Circuit and the other venues who continue to support the programme so generously. We are also indebted to the small number of volunteer instructors who give up their time to train their fellow volunteers at the events.

¹ Total registered marshals in Scotland at 1 August 2018 is 1342