



**Scottish Association of
Motor Sports Clubs**

***From the Training Co-
Ordinator***

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Report to the SAMSC General Meeting, Tuesday 15 March 2022

During the course of 2021 we delivered a series of 12 marshals and officials with a total attendance of 1273. On average, 98% of delegates rated the sessions as excellent or good. We also ran four webinars aimed specifically at Medical, Rescue & Recovery personnel involved in a first response role at incidents. These had a total attendance of 833 and on average 96% of delegates rated these sessions as excellent or good. Whilst aimed at the Scottish marshalling community there is a lot of evidence that our reach goes considerably further, with a substantial number of delegates from elsewhere in the UK, and overseas, including regular visitors from Portugal, Kenya, Bulgaria and Georgia. These webinars have been supported by the association's training portal, developed and maintained by Jon Bolton at SMMC – this is a superb resource that other areas of the country are now trying to emulate.

We have also seen a resumption of face to face marshals training with an event on Mull, before the Mull Rally with 10 attendees, and the Safety Services Weekend for Medical, Rescue & Recovery at Knockhill in December, which included piloting a training programme for recovery operators on behalf of Motorsport UK. This brought together 122 Doctors, Paramedics, Rescue Teams and Recovery Operators from all over the UK and Ireland for two full days of intensive specialist training with a mix of workshops, practical skill stations and simulations. 96% of delegates rated their experience of the whole event as excellent or good.

In addition we were able to support the Scottish Sporting Car Club with First Aid and Defibrillator training, through the grant aid from the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

Our 2022 programme is now underway having held four webinars and SMRC have run a very successful training event for Race Marshals at Knockhill. Plans are well in hand for the first rally/cross country face to face event covering closed road events and being run in Duns. Further Face to Face training is planned to include practical topics such as fire training, stage setup and practical timekeeping. The dates for these sessions are aligned with significant events in the Scottish Motorsport Calendar. The British Motor Sports Training Trust have generously awarded the Association grant funding for our 2022 programme covering 36 training activities of £19,490 (provided we run the events).

We have been liaising with colleagues in other parts of the UK, and have some strong collaborative relationships with members of the Training Advisory Group at Motorsport UK, and within the North of England and East Midlands. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure collaboration with the BRMC despite attempts to discuss a co-ordinated programme to provide better access to training for volunteers nationally, and better resource sharing across the national trainer resource (as well as providing better value for money for the BMSTT). This has been raised at Regional Committee and we will continue to work towards a national collaboration.

Additionally we have been working with members of the Motorsport UK Medical Committee to review training for Rescue teams, and as a result the units within Scotland have agreed to collaborate and adopt a

common approach to training and rescue operations in what we hope will become a means to work with Motorsport UK to continue to drive improvements in standards of rescue operations.

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2022 Training Programme

- 12 x Monthly marshals webinars, covering modules from the Motorsport UK Marshals Grading Scheme
- 6 x bi-monthly marshals webinars, covering general interest topics (these will attract an attendance “signature”, but will not count for upgrading purposes)
- 6 x bi-monthly medical, rescue & recovery webinar, providing CPD for safety teams
- Face to face training:
 - April, Scottish Borders - Practical training to include Closed Road Rally Marshalling, Rally Radio, and Firefighting
 - May, north of Scotland - Practical training to include Marshalling at Speed Events and Firefighting
 - September, south of Scotland - Practical training to include Firefighting and First Aid
 - October, Mull - Rally Marshals Training

In addition we plan to deliver rescue medical training, emergency vehicle driver safety training, some night exercises for rescue & recovery units, and a rescue & medical conference in addition to the regular December Safety Services weekend.

Details of the calendar can be found on the SAMSC Training Portal at www.training.scottishmotorsportsclubs.co.uk