

Cross Country Committee

The Cross Country Committee met at the start of May and the current intention is for a further meeting in August. Further discussions about the use of Frontal Head Restraints and Challenge events is likely to occur at the August meeting. There were discussions around the construction of the firewall in UTVs (eg Polaris or Yamaha Comp Safari/Hillrally vehicles). The subject of American Style ROPS was considered again, noting the need for these to comply with the current regulations to ensure structural integrity. An item of flags at Cross Country events was also held over until the August meeting.

The British Cross Country Championship had seen a strong start to the season but had experienced the challenge of a large fire (unrelated to the event) occurring on adjacent land. This had led them to reflect on their plans to evacuate both competitive and service/camping areas, although fortunately neither was required due to the efforts of the emergency services.

The lack of Cross Country scrutineers was discussed at length and discussions are starting with Technical to look at ways to recruit and retain cross country scrutineers for the future. The issue centres around the multidisciplinary nature of the training programme whilst seeking to ensure standards are maintained.

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