

## Q&A – recently announced permit changes

### What is Motorsport UK trying to achieve with these changes, and why now?

- Above all, we want to inspire and enable more people to participate in our sport in a safe, fair, fun, inclusive and progressive environment.
- The investment strategy and restructuring of permits and licences aims to create a sustainable future for our sport and address a number of fundamental risks which are causing a decline in membership numbers, particularly at grass roots level. This includes a lack of investment in grass roots motorsport, to help clubs grow their membership

### How do the permit changes and new RS Clubman licence benefit the sport?

- The simplified permit and licence structure aims to create a more accessible and easier to understand route into the sport for new competitors
- Permit cost increases cater for enhanced personal accident and public liability insurance, and allow more investment into the grass roots of the sport to help clubs grow their membership and encourage greater participation in motorsport
- The RS Clubman licence will not only allow us to understand who is competing with our insurance – which is a requirement – but it will allow us to engage with grass roots competitors and encourage repeat participation to create a closer relationship with the sport
- The RS Clubman licence will enable all grass roots competitors to benefit from our comprehensive Member Benefits scheme, which can save you hundreds of pounds on motorsport and general motoring costs every year

### Why are permit costs going up for clubs?

- Over the last 20 years or so Motorsport UK clubs have benefitted from a relatively stable insurance market. For 9 of these years the permit insurance per capita remained static. Unfortunately the motorsport insurance market has now changed and we have had to renegotiate our cover, which accounts for the majority of the change in price. For example, public liability insurance cover for clubs has now been increased to £100million. There has also been an enhancement to personal accident insurance for members.

### Why has the price increase been a flat on across all permits?

- Permits are increasing by a flat fee of £5 across all events.
- At a grass roots level, this can represent a higher proportionate increase. With the introduction of the free RS Clubman licence – for which many people pay in the existing equivalent licence type – the financial contribution from the competitor will be made via permits, representing a shift to a ‘pay-as-you-play’ system.
- In general the shift better reflects a fair differential between the various permit tiers

### What new financial benefits are there for members in 2020?

- We always listen to the feedback we receive from members and look to develop commercial partnerships and benefits that will help everyone in the sport. Thus, in 2020, we are extending member benefits to include reduced cost fuel, reduced cost tyres, free eye tests, discounts at Halfords, reduced insurance premiums and many more money saving deals.
- In addition, if you are racing and over 45 you no longer need to have an annual medical until you are 60, thus saving you on average £100 per year.
- Your personal accident insurance cover has improved substantially to offer you peace of mind, and everyone in the sport is now covered by a £100m public liability provision.
- And if you enjoy track days, then up to five days a year are covered for personal accident insurance included with your licence

### Have Motorsport UK members been consulted on this?

- Yes. We’ve done a lot of surveying and gathering feedback from clubs and members over the last year to understand where we should focus our efforts and investments.
- The changes are a direct result of the feedback received and everyone’s wish to help ensure a sustainable future for the sport.

### How do I know what type of permit to get, or which licence is required to enter?

- Chart 26 in the 2020 yearbook outlines the new minimum licence requirement for different types of event – also available here:  
<https://www.motorsportuk.org/assets/competitorsminimumacceptablelicences2020.pdf>
- We will send specific licence information to each member on 18<sup>th</sup> November telling them what their new licence type(s) will be.

#### **Are the increased prices paying for the move to Bicester?**

- No. The relocation to Bicester is an entirely separate exercise and has a ring-fenced budget.
- The relocation project is underpinned by the sale of the existing HQ building in Colnbrook.

#### **Do I need to change my event SR's (supplementary regulations) to include the revised eligibility/event types/licence types?**

- Yes. You need to update the eligibility section of your event SRs to reflect new minimum licence eligibilities. This will be published in the Yearbook from 1<sup>st</sup> December and is available on the Motorsport UK website here:  
<https://www.motorsportuk.org/assets/competitorsminimumacceptablelicences2020.pdf>

#### **Why can't I run a clubmans car race?**

- The permits structure has been re-aligned as part of simplifying the overall structure, so previous clubman races will now require interclub permits.

#### **Why do all officials get free licences?**

- Motorsport relies heavily on a volunteer workforce, whether it is the marshals, stewards, scrutineers, clerks or timekeepers – they make it all possible.
- It does not seem fair to us that they provide this service and yet we charge them for a licence. We think it is the least we can do to thank them for their ongoing dedication and support of the sport.
- Under the new Investment Strategy we are committing to a five year plan to recruit and train 2,000 more Marshals and 1,000 more Officials

#### **What other benefits will there be for clubs with these changes?**

- A number of investments will be made to specifically benefit clubs and help grow grass roots membership numbers
- Examples include an all-new Club Development grant fund with an increase in the value of awards, and introducing marketing resources and promotional workshops to assist clubs in attracting new members and running better events
- We will also develop a learning hub to offer dedicated courses and curriculum content for clubs and members, covering safety, safeguarding, among others key areas of delivery

#### **Will there be a club insurance cashback scheme?**

- No. With today's insurance market this, unfortunately, isn't possible.

### **RS Clubman licence questions**

#### **Why do RS Clubman competitors get a free licence?**

- We want to boost participation at grass roots level so that the sport continues to attract new people. To best do so, we believe there is a need for an accessible licence to encourage people to get into motorsport for the first time. RS Clubman licence holders will also be entitled to our Member Benefits scheme to reduce their motorsports costs.
- Until now most of these competitors had no Motorsport UK licence, but competed with their local club card. This meant that Motorsport UK had no connection with the community, despite providing insurance via the permit. It is essential that we know the details of everyone competing with our insurance.
- For 2020, it will be compulsory for these grass roots competitors to have at least an RS Clubman licence. However drivers and passengers in events with a certificate of exemption will not require an RS Clubman licence.

- They will make their financial contribution via the permit system that is embedded into every entry. So effectively they pay-as-they-play. We think that this is both fair and important in terms of growing the grass roots of our sport.

#### **Will I need a medical for an RS Clubman licence?**

- No, unless you have any relevant medical history to declare. There is no specific requirement for a doctor's medical declaration but there will be a medical self-declaration on the application form for the licence.

#### **Do all passengers require a RS Clubman licence? Why?**

- Passengers of 18 years old and above will require a licence at Motorsport UK permitted events.
- Passengers and drivers will not require a licence if an event has a certificate of exemption.

#### **How should Clubs treat competitors who come to an event but have not applied for their licence?**

- For events from January 2020 event organisers will need a supply of RS Clubman application forms which will be published to the Motorsport UK website in due course.
- There will not be a mandatory requirement to submit a photo for an RS Clubman licence
- On-the-day licences can be obtained by filling out an RS Clubman licence application form on arrival, which the event organisers should provide, and which needs to be sent to Motorsport UK following the event for processing.

#### **What are the benefits to having an RS Clubman licence?**

- RS Clubman licence holders will receive the full member benefits package including reduced cost fuel, reduced cost tyres, free eye tests, discounts at Halfords, reduced insurance premiums and many more money saving deals.
- Members will receive comprehensive Motorsport UK personal accident insurance for the Motorsport UK permitted events they take part in.

#### **Will there be more admin at signing on?**

- The admin will only differ slightly. There will be a reduced size 2 page RS Clubman application form which includes personal details and a brief medical self-declaration. This can be submitted to Motorsport UK after the event.
- The licence form can be completed and activated by club officials on the day of the event, if not already fulfilled.

#### **Will new competitors using the RS Clubman licence need a photo?**

- No. Submitting a photo will not be a mandatory requirement for the RS Clubman licence

#### **Will having an RS Clubman licence negate the requirement to be a club member or a member of an invited club?**

- No. Competitors and passengers previously using their local club membership card alone will now need the new RS Clubman Licence along with their local club membership card. This only applies to Motorsport UK grass roots events run on a Clubman permit.
- The new free RS Clubman licence will include comprehensive personal accident insurance and access to the Motorsport UK member benefits scheme.

#### **Will the new RS Clubman continue to be a free licence in future?**

- Yes. There are no plans to introduce a charge for the RS Clubman licence in the coming years. The principal is that members pay as they play via their permit and so there is no intention to charge for the licence.

#### **Could a club official issue a "provisional" licence to a newcomer without having to fill out a licence form?**

- No. Club will need to provide application forms on the day should they be needed, and applications can also be made online on the Motorsport UK website

**As a disabled competitor, please could you tell me the medical requirements for an RS Clubman licence?**

- We encourage and promote the entry of our events on an equal basis, but the safety of competitors is of the utmost importance, and so specific requirements do remain for disabled competitors. The RS Clubman licence has the same rules.
- Among the key requirements are a video from your doctor explaining your disability and demonstrating whether you are able to exit your vehicle unaided in less than 10 seconds. Likewise, the vehicle you compete in will need a passport before it can be used if fitted with hand controls.
- The following document makes clear the requirement for disabled competitors:  
<https://www.motorsportuk.org/assets/processguidancefordisabledcompetitorsv1.0.pdf>
- We have no wish to be over-burdensome in the requirements we make of any competitors but we believe that each of these requirements is vital for safety.

**Is there a minimum age for the new RS Clubman licence? How will it affect passengers?**

- The minimum age to compete in events varies across different disciplines.
- For passengers, if you are over 18 you will need an RS Clubman licence, but again the minimum age varies as to whether you are able to enter.
- The table for minimum ages is available on the Motorsport UK resource centre