



SCOTTISH MOTOR SPORTS NEWS

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2018/19 SMS ACADEMY



Knockhill hosted session two of the 2018/19 SMS Academy (19 January 2019), with the athletes focussing on fitness, nutrition, and how to create a complimentary plan to support their training and competition. The session also doubled up as an 'Introduction to Coaching' for Academy athlete parents. Motorsport UK level 4 coach, James Wozencroft, delivered the course to parents to educate them on the benefits of coaching and the best ways to support their young athletes. Highlighting the benefits of effective coaching on continuous development, the training also helped parents to review their young athlete's current support systems and find a means of best practice to support them throughout their motorsport careers.

THE SCOTTISH ROAD CAR SERIES

The Scottish Road Car Series (SRCS) is back and ready to go for its second year! Promoted by the Scottish Association of Motorsports Clubs (SAMSC), the SRCS will run with two classes in 2019. The focus remains very much on bringing newcomers into the sport to have fun in their road car, however this year there is the addition of the 'Street Car Showdown.' The SRCS and Street Car Showdown classes will run in tandem but with separate scores and standings in the interest of fairness. The Street Car Showdown class has been included to allow for modified cars to take part in the nine-event series.

The dates for the 2019 season were recently announced:

ROUND	EVENT DATE	VENUE	CLUB
1	Saturday 2 March	Ardeer	Scottish Sporting Car Club
2	Saturday 30 March	Grampian Transport Museum (Alford)	Stonehaven and District Motor Club
3	Saturday 18 May	Knockhill	Glenrothes Motor Sports Club
4	Sunday 26 May	TBC	63 Car Club
5	Sunday 9 June	Errol Airfield	Saltire Rally Club
6	Saturday 17 August	Leuchars	Glenrothes Motor Sports Club
7	Sunday 22 September	Ardeer	Scottish Sporting Car Club
8	Sunday 6 October	Errol Airfield	Saltire Rally Club
9	Sunday 1 December	Kames Motorsport Circuit	East Ayrshire Car Club

SMS is looking forward to another exciting year of competition within the series!

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN SPORT

Disability Inclusion Training (DIT)

In partnership with Disability Motorsport Scotland (DMS) and Scottish Disability Sport (SDS), SMS has created a Disability Inclusion Training (DIT) course. This course will enable clubs and events to support, include and provide opportunities to people with disabilities. It will educate clubs on how to best support those with additional needs by making reasonable and appropriate adjustments within their current set-ups, in alignment with safety regulations. The training course is due to be piloted next month with key members from Motorsport UK, the SACU, SAMSC and the Level 2 coaching team to finetune any necessary adjustments prior to general release. SMS urges clubs to get involved with DIT and support the project.

Safeguarding in Sport

As Scotland's National Children's Charity, Children 1st's defining mission is 'the achievement of a happy, healthy and secure childhood for every child and young person in Scotland.' The 'Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport' were developed by SportScotland's Safeguarding in Sport to enable sports to put measures in place to achieve this goal. At present, all sports in Scotland are working towards being fully compliant with the Minimum Operating Requirements (MORs) by 2020. Motorsport is currently achieving 83 per cent compliance and is on track for completion within the timescale.

One key area in which SMS would like to see a strong, improved focus is within Standard 4 – *Every Child has a say in our Sport*. To promote growth within this area, we will focus on involving children in decisions that affect them and providing genuine opportunities for them to contribute their ideas and feedback within our clubs and events.

A way in which SMS is currently doing this is through the creation of a Karting programme designed by schoolchildren, for schoolchildren. West of Scotland Kart Club (WSKC) attended a school assembly last year to talk to children about Karting, engineering, marshalling and sport in general. Using the children's ideas, a four-week programme was developed and piloted. Upon completion, students

were invited to offer their feedback on what went well, what could be improved and what they'd like to see more of. They spoke, and we listened by adapting the programme where appropriate. By taking an approach like this, young people are significantly more engaged in the sport as it has been tailor made to suit what *they* want. By utilising this project as a method of good practice, SMS will continue to develop 'Children's Voice' within our sport and will assist our clubs to do the same.



SPORTSCOTLAND UPDATE

SMS is undergoing Sportscotland's annual investment review process, in which motorsport's short-term targets are assessed against longer-term goals. We are sitting comfortably within the current review and are on track to complete and in some cases exceed our 2020 targets.

2019 is set to be a busy year for SMS as we continue to complete our four-year investment cycle by delivering on all key areas of our current strategy. This year, SMS will also be creating the new strategy for the 2020-2024 funding cycle. This will be submitted for approval in November. We will shortly be consulting our membership for their opinions on motorsport past, present and future to help shape the sport moving forwards.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT – KINGDOM OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club (KORMC) projects have continued to grow and achieved several successes in 2018. Now in the second year of its Sportscotland Direct Club Investment (DCI) funding support, the club is delivering above and beyond its sport and community targets. Over the year, KORMC has successfully:

- Grown club membership from 6 to 100+ and currently has a waiting list for new members

- 63 of these members are under 18
- 8 of these members are female
- Delivered 20 group coaching sessions to complete beginners/ motocross newcomers
- Delivered a session to Kirkcaldy High School
- Seen one of its youth members win Fife council's 'Young Volunteer of the Year' award. Well done to Conor Paton!



KORMC also won the National Lottery's 'Good Causes Award' for its work taking young people off the streets and giving them a healthy alternative in life. Kacper shared his story of how the club has helped him:

"Before being introduced to Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club, I was in with the wrong crowd and always getting involved in stupid stuff, like fights and taking drugs."

"If you looked at me two, three years ago I was a totally different person. I didn't go to school. Motocross has just changed me, it's a passion, something I've always wanted to do, and I've finally managed to take a step in the right way rather than the wrong way."

Sport can make a huge difference to people's lives in a number of ways and this is just one example of the great work motorsport is doing in Scotland!

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER APPOINTMENT

It was recently announced that Gillian Sefton has been appointed as the new SMS National Development Manager, having previously worked as the Development Officer.

The role was subject to a two-stage interview process; nearly 30 applications were received, with a shortlist invited to the first stage interview with Greg Symes (Motorsport UK), Donald Young (SACU) and Sandy Hodge (Sportscotland). These were whittled down to four applicants who were asked to present on how they would drive forward the 2020-2024 strategy and funding cycle. Greg, Donald and Sandy were joined by Colin Clark (Motorsport UK) and Sandy Mack (SACU) on the interview panel for the second stage.

Commenting on her appointment, Gillian said: “I’m delighted to have been offered this exciting opportunity to help grow the sport we’re all so passionate about. I have enjoyed my previous work as National Development Officer and look forward to combining my experiences and skills with the challenges and opportunities that the National Development Manager role will present.”

SMS is now in the process of recruiting for the National Development Officer position. Applications went live on Wednesday 20 February and will close at 12:00 on Monday 11 March. A full job description, person specification and how to apply can be found [here](#).

The position is currently being advertised through the SMS, SACU, Motorsport UK, Sportscotland, UK Sport and SSA websites in addition to all respective social media platforms.

If anyone has any questions on how to apply, please contact info@scottishmotorsports.co.uk

