

AUTOTEST COMMITTEE Held on 02 July 2019

The Chair presented the Permit and entry statistics for 1st January to 31st May:

Year	Permits	Entrants	Average Entry
2017	328	4,457	14
2018	307	4,334	14
2019	292	4,311	15

To date in 2019, the following number of Permits and entries were noted:

	Permits	Entries
Autotests	127	1,778
Production Car Autotests	125	1,545
AutoSOLOs	46	988

Following the presentation of these statistics, the Chair led a discussion into the differences between the three branches of the sport. It was said that the differences between PCAs and AutoSOLOs were very subtle and the product needed to be updated in order to be effectively promoted. More competitors were taking part in AutoSOLOs and there may be an opportunity to include a separate route within an event to take advantage of those competitors who wished to take part in the event but did not meet the AutoSOLO regulations. This would allow Clubs to increase their entry numbers. The biggest difference between the two disciplines was the use of "trailed" cars and the Committee needed to ensure that events were being run within the rules. The Chair noted that at the previous meeting the Committee had confirmed that they did not wish to rationalise the PCA and AutoSOLO regulations but felt that the Committee now had the desire to do so. This will be taken forward by the committee.

There was discussion at the meeting about All Forwards Autotests in the context of them having enough control of vehicle speeds. It was considered that the regulations are clear enough, but organisers may not necessarily following them correctly. Continuous education is needed for organisers to make sure they were running safe events.

2019 Motorsport UK British Autotest Championship has 25 registered competitors. The 2018 Championship had 19. After 6 rounds, the Championship was being led by Willie Keaning.

Motorsport UK Chief Executive, Hugh Chambers had attended an AutoSOLO in Abingdon recently and had really enjoyed himself and noted that this area of the sport was very accessible and should be promoted more widely to the public.

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