

## **BUSHWHACKER RALLY – COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR COMPETITORS**

### **Prior to the Event**

Competitors may enter ONLY via the RALLYSCORE entry management system at [www.rallyscore.net](http://www.rallyscore.net)

Payment is to be made with your online entry. Entries will NOT be accepted without payment.

Competitors may be requested to e-mail a copy of their competition licence and club membership card to the Event Secretary. These must also be available for inspection at the event.

Competitors will be requested to complete Signing On and Scrutiny declarations online via Rallyscore. Signing-on must be completed by 8pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Failure to do so may result in you being refused to start the event. No paper copies of these declarations will be accepted.

In the days leading up to the event, please re-read the self-declarations you made at the time of entry and inform the Club of any changes. **If COVID-19 symptoms appear you MUST NOT come to the event**, regardless of what was previously declared.

There will be no signatures on licence upgrade cards.

### **On the Day of the Event**

Throughout the day, from arrival at the venue until the last competitor leaves, now-familiar measures to minimise the spread of COVID-19 will require your full co-operation. These include social distancing, regular sanitising, and PPE where necessary. Obvious signage will reinforce each message at key locations.

**Competitors must have a face mask available in their car, or where appropriate on their person, at all times. Face masks, gloves and hand sanitiser must be available for all team personnel.**

Please remember to have your competition licence and club membership card available as spot checks may be made.

**The Competitor Liaison Officer should be your first point of contact for all queries – Gary Milligan (07708 151796)**

Hand sanitiser dispensers will be prominently placed at the entrance to the venue and at the toilets. Bins will also be available at this location. Please ensure that any used sanitiser wipes are “bagged”.

### **Covid-19 Officer**

Omagh Motor Club has appointed Simon MacRory as COVID-19 Officer to ensure that Motorsport UK guidelines are implemented, liaise with stakeholders, and monitor the COVID-19 situation locally. The Covid-19 Officer is obliged to report to the Clerk of the Course any violations of this Protocol. Consequent actions may include disqualification from the event.

The COVID-19 Officer is supported in his role by (and will provide feedback to) Dr Paul Trafford, chairman of the Medical Committee of Motorsport UK, as its COVID-19 Medical Officer.

### **Scrutineering**

As each competitor will have completed a Pre-Event Scrutineering declaration, physical pre-event scrutineering will be limited.

Throughout the event, scrutineers may carry out random checks on cars (as well as helmets, frontal head restraints and race suits) to ensure that they match the information declared.

### **In the Service Park**

Social distancing among everyone at the venue is crucial. **In specific situations where team-members are temporarily unable to maintain social distance, competitors are responsible for providing appropriate PPE to ensure that those involved are able to work safely in line with latest Local Government advice.**

**Where two or more vehicles share the same awning or paddock space, there must be adequate distance between vehicles to allow them to be worked upon with social distancing.**

**Sharing of tools and equipment should be avoided. In exceptional circumstances, sanitisation must take place between different users.**

Minimising risk from COVID-19 is the shared responsibility of everyone. **Face masks / coverings must be worn where social distancing is not practical (e.g. mechanics working on a car, or physical checks as part of scrutineering).**

Providing food and drinks for team members and others directly involved with a competition vehicle is permitted, provided social distancing and other safety measures are respected.

A QR code notice will be placed at the entrance to the Service Park. Please encourage anyone who has not already been registered on Rallyscore to use this to aid track and trace.

### **Medical Support**

Anyone feeling unwell with COVID-19-like symptoms should inform the Event Secretary or the Competitor Liaison Officer of their concern before leaving the venue to contact their doctor or call the NHS helpline 111.

### **On the Stages**

**Should your vehicle stop on a stage, as a result of a problem or an incident you will be approached by a marshal from the front of your car (where possible). The marshal will look for your 'thumbs up' signal to indicate to that you are well and do not require assistance. Failure to do this will be understood to mean that you need additional help (causing unnecessary delay if not). You may need to help marshals move your vehicle.**

- The safety of everyone at the event will be uppermost in the minds of the organisers at all times. Procedures to deal with on-stage incidents may differ from previous experience and will follow all Motorsport UK guidelines.
- These rules are mandatory. They apply in the context of a serious pandemic and have been developed with reference to guidelines from Motorsport UK and the NI Executive. Failure to comply may result in an entry being denied or a competitor being disqualified from the event.
- Competitors are responsible for their own actions, as well as the actions of team members at the event. COVID -19 adds additional risk to our sport. By attending the Event, competitors and others are deemed to acknowledge and accept this additional risk. If anyone does not feel safe or comfortable in the circumstances outlined above, they should not attend the event.
- Omagh Motor Club are grateful to the members and competitors who make our events so successful. Thank you for your understanding, we wish you a very enjoyable event.

## **Background**

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has had many serious consequences. Omagh Motor Club extends its sympathy to all who have suffered, and gratitude to those who have helped mitigate its impact.

We look forward to the Bushwhacker Rally on Saturday 18th September 2021, however, virus-related risks remain and must be managed. This means significant changes to how Omagh Motor Club organises and runs this event. The Club expects the full co-operation of all, particularly competitors and their team members, in these challenging circumstances. We also want everyone to enjoy their day.

This document was created with input from officials, guidance from Motorsport UK, Sport NI and the N.I Executive. It has been developed by the Club Safety Officer to bring together procedures which, if followed, should minimise the risk of Covid-19 at the event.

Further information on the current regulations and guidance can be found at:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/covid-19/>

<http://www.sportni.net/return-to-sport/>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

The latest guidance from the NI Executive for Sports Events organisers are as follows;

- For outdoor venues, the guidance will continue to note the health benefits of 2 metres social distancing.
- The guidance will further advise that social distancing requirements are strongly advised but are not a requirement.
- Where possible, those organising fixtures/events and venue operators, should maintain a minimum of 1 metre social distancing and ideally 2 metres.

This version is for Competitors; a separate (similar) document will be sent to Officials and Marshals.

A Risk Assessment has been carried out using generic guidance from Motorsport UK, Sport NI, and others.