

BUSHWHACKER RALLY – COVID-19 PROTOCOL OFFICIALS & MARSHALS

Prior to the Event

Officials and Marshals will be requested to complete Signing On declarations online via Rallyscore – www.rallyscore.net

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 official leaves, now-familiar measures to minimise the spread of COVID-19 will require your full co-operation. These include social distancing, regular handwashing, and PPE where necessary. Obvious signage will reinforce each message at key locations.

Signing-on at the circuit is not required, as self-declaration/sign on must be completed pre-event.

Officials and Marshals should carry personal hand-sanitiser bottles, as well as face masks and disposable gloves for their personal use as and when required throughout the meeting.

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

Marshals will be briefed by the Chief Marshal either prior to the event or on the day of the event if appropriate. Marshals should then make their way to their posts where they should find all of the equipment they require for that location. Any deficiencies should be reported to the Chief Marshal.

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.

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.

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 of their concern before leaving the venue to contact their doctor or call the NHS helpline 111.

On the Stages

Should a vehicle stop on a stage as a result of a problem or an incident, then a marshal should approach the vehicle from the front where possible. The marshal will look for the 'thumbs up' signal from the driver to indicate that they do not need assistance. If this signal is not received then the marshal will call for additional help to assist the driver, and to relocate his or her vehicle. At all times, marshals should only approach a vehicle when it is felt safe to do so.

Once a marshal has indicated a problem on the stage, emergency and medical intervention may be mobilised to deal with the incident. If the incident is serious in nature, then the Rescue and Medical staff will take charge. In this case, assistance from marshals, Chief Observer and other officials is unlikely to be required.

Specific arrangements for Rescue and Medical personnel will be provided separately to those concerned, based on procedures developed by Motorsport UK.

- The safety of everyone at the event will be uppermost in the minds of the organisers at all times. Procedures to deal with on-track 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.
- Officials and Marshals are responsible for their own actions 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 marshals and officials 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 Officials and Marshals; a separate (similar) document will be sent to Competitors.

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