

Action Required Now: MSUK Rule Proposals that affect your Club and your racing.



Regardless of the club you race with, if you take part in any race Series (not championships), you need to read this and take action, by emailing Motorsport UK directly, before 29th August.

If you do disagree with the MSUK proposal to preventing Clubs to structure their own race calendars in the way that they know best for their competitors, please send an email to MSUK in your own words, but if it helps, you may copy and paste the suggestions laid out at the bottom of this letter.

Please share this with every driver, forum, social group and club you know, fill the form out accordingly and email it direct to: raceconsultation@motorsportuk.org

OVERVIEW:

A Motorsport UK race committee meeting took place on 19th June. It has taken seven weeks for these proposals to be published (8th August), leaving licence holders just three weeks to have their say.

Proposal 1: <https://motorsportuk.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/1.-Action-Sheet-Q6.2-Series-for-Consultation.pdf>

This proposal has significant implications for anyone who races in any Series (without points or an overall winner).

Drivers enter Series races, rather than championships, for several reasons:

- Cost savings, by not having to commit to a full season. This proposal stands to hurt those competing on a budget.
- Unlimited number of events and venues. What is the reason for limiting a series to only 6 rounds?
- Friendly racing, with arguably less contact/aggravation/politics, as there are no points to fight over.
- Higher driving standards.
- Relaxed and friendly paddock atmosphere with competitors willing to help each other.

- Simple regulations.
- Freedom to change regulations through the season, allowing a club to move quickly if a problem becomes apparent.
- Cost savings that are passed on to drivers: a series has a cheaper MSUK registration fee.
- Series have raced overseas successfully for many years. Why is this to be stopped?
- Drivers want easy to digest regulations. Having to change to the 'prescribed format' that championships currently use, makes it more time consuming for competitors and organisers alike.

Our reasons for opposing this proposed rule change:

- If clubs (or individuals) are misusing the Series by being a championship in everything but name, the MSUK can crack down on them, no need to re-write the rule book.
- We don't believe there is any confusion among drivers between a Series and a championship.
- If clubs wished to comply and register their Series as a championship, the date for doing so has already passed!
- Circuits would receive less revenue, if Series are restricted to only 6 events, leading them to put prices up further.

CONCLUSION:

We strongly oppose the following parts of the proposal:

- That these proposals were even made by the MSUK Race Committee, who should be acting in the best interests of licence holders, not restricting their freedom of choice.
- The short period of time remaining for licence holders to respond.
- Restrictions proposed on numbers of rounds.
- Preventing an overseas round.
- Having to re-write established regulations to the much longer 'prescribed format'.
- It must not have any reference to Cup, Trophy or any other similar title.

We support the following parts of the proposal:

- A Series may not be entitled to suggest an overall Award.
- Motorsport UK will mandate specific wording at the head of any set of Series Regulations which will make it clear there are no accumulated points, nor an overall season's winner.
- Support an initiative to make it clear that end of season series awards are not to be issued for reasons of cumulative success, with penalties against clubs or promoters who don't comply.
- The HRDC has always made it very clear that it only runs its races in a Series format and does not imply in any way that it subscribes to accumulative awards.

Proposal 2: <https://motorsportuk.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/8.-Action-Sheet-Q11.3-in-car-devices-for-consultation.pdf>

Conclusion: Proposal 2 is not of concern, as it gives those clubs wishing to allow this technology the right to add this to their regulations.

Possible wording you may like to edit, or copy and paste, to:

raceconsultation@motorsportuk.org

Dear Motorsport UK,

I am writing in response to two regulations proposals.

Action-Sheet-Q6.2 I do not wish to see series restricted to a maximum of 6 rounds. A series should be allowed to have a round(s) overseas, as many Clubs have done so in many seasons' past (provided the correct application is made).

I wish to continue enjoying a series' simple regulations, friendly paddock atmosphere and the ability to enter rounds as my budget allows, sometimes with different race series and organisers.

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Provided a racing club is able to authorise the use of these devices in their regulations, I don't have a problem with this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed/Typed:

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