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Apprenticeships

The MSA created the first apprenticeship in motor sport driving and has opened registrations for the first intake of 50 drivers and co-drivers. The Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) is funded by the Learning and Skills Council and is well established in many other sports.

The MSA is looking for the first intake of 50 competitors to enrol on the AASE motor sport programme which begins in August 2009. All AASE students must be aged between 16 and 24 and be able to demonstrate their potential to go on to become Elite performers within the sport. The MSA has drawn up a minimum level of performance that will be expected of successful applicants, which can be found at www.msauk.org/AASE.

Go regional

With the GoMotorsport.net website now attracting more than 2,000 new visitors each week, the focus of the campaign has moved on. Eight part-time regional Development Officers have been recruited to visit schools throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They will advise children and students about the many opportunities for taking part in motor sport.

The MSA's Let's Go Karting scheme allows children between eight and 16 to have a go in a kart for just £5. For those aged eight and over, there are Junior Dragsters and Cadet kart racing, while special classes in autograss, autotests, rallycross, circuit racing and rallying cater for teenagers of 14 and older.

The Development Officers will work closely with the existing motor sport infrastructure in their areas, including Regional Associations, venues, events and MSA recognised clubs.

Their names and the areas they will cover are:

Mark James, South Wales (based in Swansea)
Rob Manger, Southern England (Alton, Hampshire)
Duncan Vincent, Scotland (Knockhill)
Anthony Dunn, North East (Durham)
Phil Glew, North/North West (Sheffield)
Jonathan McDonald, Northern Ireland
Ed Pead, Midlands (Northampton)
Tom Gaymor, South East (London)

Meanwhile, www.GoMotorsport.net is worth visiting regularly as it is frequently updated. If your club is not listed, a club official should complete the questionnaire which can be downloaded from http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire.xls.

Return questionnaires by email to info@GoMotorsport.net or by post to Ben Taylor at Motor Sports House. If you have any questions, contact Alex Birley, who is coordinating Go Motorsport, on 07841 673012.

Code of Conduct

The MSA has incorporated a Code of Conduct in the 2009 *Competitors' and Officials Yearbook* (the 'Blue Book'), which is shown below for information.

The Motor Sports Association expects you, and your associates, at all times to:

- Abide by the MSA regulations
 - Respect the decisions of event officials
 - Treat all competitors, marshals and officials equally with respect
 - Maintain the highest standards of driving behaviour
 - Conduct yourself in a proper manner at all times and always behave in the best interests of UK motor sport
 - Make every effort to minimise the impact of your activities on the environment around you
- Abuse

The Motor Sports Association will not tolerate any form of abuse or aggression towards officials, marshals, spectators and competitors.

The Motor Sports Association and the National Court will impose the most stringent sanction against any transgression.

Safety

You are reminded that participation in motor sport carries an inherent risk and the ultimate responsibility for safety lies with the individual. The Motor Sports Association urges you to make the maximum possible effort to ensure your own safety at all times.

Picture post

The Bristol Pegasus Motor Club (BPMC) used a novel illustrated 'stamp' design when posting out regulations for its Wessex Sprint.

If you want to consider such an option for your club, useful guidance can be obtained from the BPMC Vice President, Dick Craddy, at craddy@old-down.freeserve.co.uk

Seats in Road Rallying

Extract from *MSA SCRUTINEERS E-BULLETIN #41*

We have been made aware of concerns regarding the condition of some 'standard' seats used in road rallying. Concern has been shown over the strength of some reclining mechanisms. Please pay particular attention when scrutineering such vehicles that the seat is 'fit for purpose' and does not pose a danger to the competitor.

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