

Scottish Marshals' Reward Scheme

Dear Volunteer

Marshals are the true lifeblood of motorsport. Without marshals, there would be no events – it's as simple as that.

In order to recognise this, the Scottish Association of Car Clubs has decided to do something to show how much our volunteers are valued by events and competitors. Starting in January 2015 we are putting in place a recognition and reward system for ALL marshals across ALL MSA-governed motorsport events. Very simply put, each time you assist on an event you will gain points towards rewards. The details of these rewards will be announced shortly, but we can promise a truly exciting range of goodies.

In order to facilitate recording of event attendance we are using the MSA's Marshals' Grading Scheme. We ask all marshals who wish to be included in the Scottish Rewards Scheme to sign up for the free MSA Marshal Registration. The record card that is associated with this will be the base for the Scottish Reward scheme.

Registering with the MSA marshals' scheme is very simple. Please fill in your details, then tick the box that best (honestly!) describes your experience, bearing in mind that recent training is very important. If you are applying for anything higher than the Marshal grades please also complete the attached "Motorsport CV" and forward the form and CV to your club for countersignature to confirm that the grade applied for is appropriate. Please also include a recent photograph (or a link to, for example, a Dropbox file). The club will then forward the forms to the MSA.

For any specific questions please refer to the FAQ at the end of this letter.

What happens then? Two things. Firstly the record card that comes with the Marshals Grading Scheme becomes your marshalling record. Please make sure you gain a signature at every event you marshal. Secondly we will be running a series of MSA endorsed training events throughout the year in order to ensure our marshals are fully prepared for the tasks asked of them. They will be run in a variety of locations so please make every effort to attend one this year.

The advantages to having everyone registered with the MSA are many fold. Firstly, it allows the Scottish Clubs to communicate with all marshals very simply. Secondly, it allows us to record training attendance so as to allow those marshals who wish to progress to different grades. Thirdly (and most importantly) it gives us a consolidated, central database covering ALL marshals irrespective of discipline to allow us to operate the new Rewards Scheme.

Copies of the application form and more details can be found at www.motorsportvolunteers.co.uk

"Thank you for marshalling" has become a bit of a cliché, but in 2015 we intend to turn words into concrete rewards.

We look forward to seeing you at event soon.

Scottish Association of Car Clubs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Will registering with the MSA cost me anything?
 - No. It is a free scheme.
- Which Grade is best for me?
 - You are the best judge of this. The “higher” grades require more evidence of both roles and training undertaken. We will be running a lot of MSA endorsed training over 2015 to allow marshals to “brush up” on their skills, so this can be considered.
- Who decides if the Grade I applied for is awarded?
 - Any grades above the Marshal grade require a Car Club or Association signature to show the individual is suitable for the grade applied for. However, the MSA will also consider each application - please include as much detail in your “Motorsport CV” as possible. Remember, both training and event attendance is important.
- What information should I include in my “Motorsport CV”?
 - Basically, as much as you can. If you have a previous Marshal Record card this is perfect. If not (or it isn't complete) please use the attached template to record which events you have attended and in which role. Use the comments column for detail (e.g. You were a Marshal, but record that you were Paddock, stop line, flag, in-stage etc.). Attendance certificates for training sessions or copies of danglies/laminates with your name are also very useful!
- Who can countersign my form if I'm not a member of a club?
 - Please forward the form and CV to:
SACC Training Coordinator
Unit 3, Park Court
Broxburn
West Lothian
EH52 6EE
- What if I marshal at different event types?
 - No problem, just apply for all the categories that are relevant.
- Do I need to send a photo?
 - A photo is required for the Registration Card. You can either include a passport sized picture, or on the form write the address of a link to one stored online (e.g. Dropbox)
- Does registration commit me to anything?
 - No. The only commitment is for ongoing training and event attendance in order to maintain your registration grade. Each year you will be asked to confirm that you have complied with the requirements, and may be asked to show evidence.
- Can I be included in the Rewards Scheme without registering with the MSA?

- No. We are using the MSA's system as the base of our reward system so you need to register with the MSA.
- Can you tell me more about the Reward Scheme?
 - Get registered with the MSA, we will use that database to send out information!