

# Concordat

This concordat reflects the willingness of the land management organisations in the three countries and the motorsports governing bodies to work together constructively, in line with their respective corporate positions.

## The Motor Sports Association (MSA)

The MSA is the sole UK Governing Body for 4-wheeled motor sport. Its aims are to ensure the safe and fair organisation of motor sports events and to ensure that this use is sustainable. There are over 700 motor clubs registered with the MSA organising over 50 events, including Special Stage Rallies, per annum in the national forests.

## Mutual Goals

High quality motorsport events for competitors and spectators, maximising the efficient use of roads in publicly-managed forests throughout Great Britain.

Venues and events with high standards in planning, event and spectator management, delivering high quality competition and spectator experiences.

Highest standards of health and safety practice and culture.

Free flow of relevant information between the parties.

Informed and motivated staff, organisers and officials, with shared objectives for both competitive sport and professional event management.

## The 4 Organisations will:

- Endorse this statement of the ongoing commitment to the future sustainability of the sport.
- Work in line with the arrangements of the jointly signed Master Agreement between our organisations.
- Work to develop links between local motor clubs and the managers of forests covering their area.

- Respond positively to conflicting interests, seeking win-win mutually beneficial solutions.
- Maintain ongoing dialogue to make the best use of forests for motorsport and to minimise negative impacts.

## The Land Managers will:

- Appoint Motorsport Liaison Officers to work with colleagues to ensure best use is made of public forests in their area.
- Work collaboratively with motorsport event organisers at all stages of the organisational process to bring about successful outcomes for the agreed annual programme of motorsport events.
- Assign exclusive use of the forest venues to the MSA for the duration of the event, to allow for proper venue management and to ensure people are safe, including participants, spectators, event staff and visitors.

## MSA will:

- Ensure the highest standards of health and safety are central to the planning and implementation of events and that these are carefully monitored throughout.
- Define the standards of event planning and management required of their network of participant clubs.
- Work with and support those clubs ensuring the defined standards are fully met.
- Have responsibility for the forest venue for the duration of the event and corresponding responsibility to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure participant, spectator, event staff and visitor safety.
- Promote responsible behaviour by spectators attending events, in accordance with access legislation.



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