

Judicial Advisory Panel – September 2015

A meeting was held of the MSA's Judicial Advisory Panel on 30th September 2015.

The Agenda included discussion on Camera regulations which had now been approved by Executive Committee. They are published on the MSA web site and come into effect on 1st January 2016. The regulations have been added to the end of section J (Competitors: Vehicles). It should be noted that they only need to be fitted if mandated by the organisers through their SR's. They may be voluntarily fitted, but only if sanctioned by the Chief Scrutineer and the Event organiser. Championships should be aware that if they mandate that cameras are to be used they should also specify the location and method of fitting.

There are many paragraphs in this new regulation and once again competitors and organisers should view them at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/japcameraregulationproposalsv5050515.pdf> in preparing for the 2016 season. There are also ramifications to the machinery of justice in Appendix 4 - Judicial Notes for Guidance, - Article 5 - Witnesses and Examination.

There was much discussion on the matter of Stop- Go penalties when they are converted to a Time penalty. The former quite clearly does not carry any penalty licence points, but there needed to be clarification of what happened regarding penalty points if converted to a Time penalty. Our chairman, Richard Norbury, had consulted with Race Committee chairman, Ian Watson and further discussion is ongoing. The aim is to produce wording that makes it clear that penalty points are not applied for a penalty that emanates from an offence that does not carry points however it is served.

There was also discussion about the powers of a Stewards' Panel on Appeal. It is understood that such a panel may uphold an appeal and nullify any penalty applied, but it also needs to be understood that a Steward's panel may vary a penalty either up or down and also impose a further penalty.

The next meeting of the Judicial Advisory Panel is on 20th January with a further meeting in September 2016

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