

The "New Normal" at Bemsee for MARSHALS

FULL DOCUMENT

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The following guidelines have been produced in accordance with the current Government and ACU Guidelines and, as such, will be under constant review. Please check back regularly to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

It is anticipated that the "New Normal" will need to be adopted for the foreseeable future, but as Government and ACU Guidelines relax (or vice versa), we would ask that you please bear with us whilst we work to get this as right as possible for all involved.

We would politely request that Marshals read and familiarise yourself with these guidelines so that you can make an informed decision prior to selecting availability for one of our meetings (whether it be for a test day or race days). It is important that you know what to expect and this will also help to ensure that everyone can work more effectively as a team at the meeting.

A bullet point summary of the important points is also available.

Impact on the NHS Generally

Prior to laying out the guidelines for Marshalling, it is worth mentioning a moral consideration of just how much our 'fun' will impact on the NHS at this current time. I would like to assure you that the Club is very much aware of this moral obligation and will be contacting relevant medical services prior to each meeting to ensure the potential impact of a Bemsee meeting is acceptable to said services at that time.

PRIOR TO THE RACE MEETING:

Availability and Tickets

The Club will still be determining your availability via our online system or directly via the Chief Marshal. You can register as a Marshal at: <https://www.bemsee.net/registermarshalofficial> and availability can be set at: <https://www.bemsee.net/availability>

All Marshals will receive eTickets. Paper tickets will no longer be sent by post.

As before, a Race Meeting File will be published online where you will be able to view and print Marshal Final Instructions.

Marshal Numbers and Experience

With the need to adopt social distancing as much as possible on corner, it may be necessary to reduce the usual number of Marshals on corner. To that end we will need to ensure that each corner has as many experienced Marshals as possible.

Our usual stance is to welcome new and inexperienced Marshals with open arms and whilst we would not want to discourage any new or inexperienced Marshals, we ask that you make the Chief Marshal

fully aware of your experience and capabilities to ensure that an informed judgement can be made with regards to appropriate manning of corners.

At this current time, with social distancing measures in place and the addition of the ACU stipulation that all marshals should be experienced, it will not be possible to provide our usual one-on-one training whilst on corner. We hope you understand. Bemsee Marshal training is planned for February 2021 at Brands Hatch and we will happily welcome you there and as guidelines relax, we look forward to working with you on corner.

Marshals Considered to be at Risk from Covid-19

It would be irresponsible for us to invite any Marshal considered to be in the Covid-19 high risk category and we would respectfully ask that you seriously consider, prior to putting down availability if this is the case. We care about your health and would much prefer to welcome you to Marshalling again in a safer situation. We hope you understand.

Experiencing Covid-19 Symptoms?

It would be remiss not to state the obvious here... PLEASE, if you are displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms (i.e. a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), we would respectfully ask that you do NOT attend and notify the Chief Marshal of your non-attendance as soon as possible.

If you find yourself experiencing any of the symptoms whilst attending the meeting, please isolate yourself from others and get yourself home as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if you could please also notify the Chief Marshal.

AT THE RACE MEETING:

Circuit Entry, Parking, Camping and Getting to Corner

Remember you will need to show your eTicket to gain access to the circuit. Most circuits allow for you to show your ticket via your phone. It will no longer be possible to provide paper tickets (please see section *Availability and Tickets*).

Circuits and Clubs will be working hard to ensure that parking up in paddocks and surrounding areas can be managed to ensure there is appropriate social distancing. There will be an onus on Marshals to ensure space is managed sensibly on this.

With the current guidelines, it is not possible for Recovery to give Marshals lifts to corner, so please be prepared to make your own way to corner. Car sharing is not permissible under the current guidelines.

Overnight camping is now allowed at circuits, but please be aware that toilet facilities may be reduced due to extra cleaning requirements. Please check the Final Instructions provided prior to each meeting for up-to-date information.

Marshal Sign-on

Marshal signing on locations may alter from previous locations and this will be advised in the Marshal Final Instructions prior to each meeting.

All Marshals will still be required to read and agree to a declaration, which will be on display. The Chief Marshal, or an appointed person, will then be able to register that you are signed on prior to assigning you to your section.

Please refer to the *Food and Trophy Presentations* section with regards to breakfasts.

Radio Use and Earpieces

Those of you who Marshalled at Brands Hatch before the lockdown, may remember that we adopted a radio single use policy. This same policy will be adopted going forward. To reduce the risk of cross contamination, a note will be taken of which radio number is taken by each radio user, and each user will use the same radio for the duration of the event.

When the radios come in for recharging at the end of each day, they will be cleaned, together with the container the radios are transported in. Please note that the location these will need to be returned to will be notified via the radio at the end of the day.

Earpieces will be kept by a user for the duration of the meeting and returned and placed directly into the earpiece container at the end of the meeting.

Social Distancing and Protective Equipment for Each Sector

Whilst on corner, Marshals will be required to adopt social distancing. Although the current guidelines state 1+ metres, the requirement would be to adopt a social distance of 2 metres wherever possible. Where it is not possible to social distance at 2 metres, Marshals will be expected to wear a face covering and ensure they are not facing each other.

Marshals will be allocated to groups of 2 or 3, dependant on corner requirements and numbers. Rotation will be suitably limited, to reduce movement whilst on corner.

Where a flag Marshal needs to be relieved of duty, it will be necessary for the Marshal taking over the flag duty to clean the flags with suitable supplies, which will be provided (as below). The hand over should be possible whilst maintaining a 2-metre distance, ideally between sessions.

We recognise that it will not always be possible to adopt social distancing, for example, when there is a faller and the bike needs to be recovered to a safe place. In this instance, it will be a mandatory requirement that ALL Marshals will need to wear a face covering of their choosing and ensure that they pick up and recover the bike in the correct manner (i.e. facing in the same direction when picking up and recovering a bike).

One or two Marshals on a sector, will be allocated to attendance of a fallen rider.

For the safety of Marshals on corner, we will be providing the following equipment for each sector as follows:

- Face masks and clear shields for the use of Marshals who have been allocated to attendance of fallers and potentially injured riders
- Freezer bags (in case of rain, to help keep equipment as dry as possible whilst not in use)
- IPA spray for use on equipment where necessary
- Hand gel
- Hand wipes
- Tissues
- Various rubber gloves
- Clinical waste bags

Cross contamination is a consideration whilst on corner, and our advice is to ensure that you clean your hands regularly, to reduce risk. You may also want to consider bringing more than one face covering with you and a spare pair of gloves (optional).

Dealing with Incidents

As stated, it is unlikely that Marshals will be able to maintain social distancing when attending an incident. However, it is important for Marshals to stay within their allocated group of 2 or 3 (dependant on numbers and type of corner). There will be a maximum requirement of Marshals in attendance, to reduce the need to break social distancing guidelines.

For example, in the case of gravel... there would be groups of no more than 3 Marshals. One for each handlebar and one to steady the rear of the machine whilst negotiating the gravel. It would still be possible for a Marshal to 'spot' whilst maintaining social distance from the other Marshals.

Only 1 or 2 Marshals on each sector, will be allocated to attend fallers (dependant on the nature and size of corner) and this will need to be strictly adhered to. Allocated Marshals will be issued with a clear face shield in addition to a face mask for this purpose. Spares will be available as required.

After attending an incident, Marshals should use the hand gel provided and circuits will be expected to ensure all toilet facilities are open and fully stocked.

Please note: The IPA spray is highly flammable, until it has fully evaporated, so please bear this in mind if an incident occurs immediately after use of the spray or when taking a cigarette break!

Wherever possible, the Marshal attending a faller will maintain social distancing. Riders will be briefed that they will need to stand apart from Marshals on corner and keep their gloves on wherever possible. They will also be briefed to follow the direction of the Marshals.

In the case of a faller that does not require medical attention, the allocated Marshal, will direct said rider to a safe place away from the Marshals, where an appropriately masked Marshal, can still keep an eye on them, in case they deteriorate, whilst the session continues.

Dealing with Fallers Requiring Medical Attention

In the case of a faller that requires medical attention, ONLY the allocated Marshals should attend. They will need to ensure that they are wearing gloves, mask and face shield. Wherever possible it is advisable to maintain social distancing but we understand that this may not always be appropriate.

The Marshal will need to signal the IO for a session stop where necessary and attend the faller, with due care and attention to their wellbeing. ACU guidelines do NOT permit the lifting of the rider's helmet visor, so this should be borne in mind. Although we recognise how difficult it will be for many Marshals to maintain an appropriate distance, please bear in mind that, where a session stop and medical attention has been requested, the medics will be on scene to deal with the casualty as quickly as possible.

Once the Marshal has handed over to the medical staff and they are no longer required, it is important (at the request of our Medical personnel and CMO) that they step well away from the incident to give the Medics the space they need to attend the injured rider. If the Medics require further help, they will call for appropriate assistance. All medical staff will be wearing appropriate PPE to deal with the casualty and whilst the masks provided offer some protection, they are not appropriate for dealing with a casualty.

Medics to Look at Rider at the End of Session

If the rider can travel in the back of Recovery with the bikes, Recovery will take the rider to Tech Bay with the bikes and Medics will be requested to see the rider there.

If the rider is unable to travel in the back of Recovery, Medics will be requested to attend the rider at the corner on the outside of the circuit if possible, if not, it will need to be trackside.

Circuit Contamination

Nothing has changed here, except the need to ensure social distancing and cleaning of hands after handling equipment. It will not currently be possible for Recovery to provide lifts to Marshals to places of contamination ... we can only do our best with this situation.

Session Stops and Concerns

Your safety remains THE most important thing... your Incident Officer will have no hesitation in stopping the session if required.

I would like to stress that nobody expects any Marshal to put themselves in an uncomfortable or unsafe situation. If you have any concerns whilst on corner, please speak to your Incident Office or give the Chief Marshal a call and request they come and talk to you.

Food and Trophy Presentations

At this current time, unless the guidelines with regards to catering and social distancing dramatically changes, it may not be possible to provide a cooked breakfast in the usual manner to which you are accustomed. The same may apply to lunches. However, it is anticipated that circuits will be able to provide takeaway breakfasts and packed lunches, which the Club will fund, as usual.

Given the current guidelines on large social gatherings and the potential logistics, it is with regret that plans to provide the usual Marshal BBQ and Trophy Presentations on a Saturday night are on hold. This will, of course, be reviewed on a regular basis.

Please check final instructions for each meeting for more information, as you may need to consider your food requirements for the days you are at the circuit or think about how you will take meals when there is the absence of on-site provision, although we hope this will not be the case.

Remuneration for breakfast and lunches will be applied, where applicable.

Payments

We will continue to pay remuneration to Marshals in cash, with a payment of £20 for Marshalling on a Friday (anticipated work day) and £30 per caravan/tent for those camping over at circuits and Marshalling on both the Saturday and Sunday (in line with HMRC, to cover towards travelling costs for those travelling further distances). **You will need to ensure that you make the Chief Marshal aware when signing on so that provision can be made for camping allowance.**

I would like to stress that EVERY Marshal is considered as an invaluable volunteer. We care a great deal for your personal safety and feel it is important to be as transparent as possible with regards to what you may expect at a race meeting, so that you can make an informed decision under the current circumstances.

Please advise me as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a meeting you have put down for. This has become more important than ever, when considering that we may be limiting Marshal numbers due to social distancing requirements. We may be able to replace you with another Marshal if I am made aware of your non-attendance with adequate time.

Stay safe and please stay in touch... you can always give me a call or send an email if you have any questions or just want a chat.

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These guidelines have been produced with the consultation of other experienced Marshals and Medical personnel.