

Scottish Sprint and Hillclimb Championship update May 2020

The current situation

I don't think I need to update anyone on the current situation regarding the COVID-19 virus there is enough information available (<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>) I do however hope that you are all safe and well and if not, you are getting the best possible care.

The committee have exchanged information over the last two months, as you would imagine there have been many questions since Motorsport UK (<https://www.motorsportuk.org/motorsport-uk-extends-suspension-of-motorsport-permits-to-30th-june/>) suspended all permits for Motorsport venues across the UK, these have been very fluid as you would imagine.

Following the decision by the Governments to slightly alter their stay at home message and the country became divided in what it can and can't do the situation gives us a guinea pig with England opening up earlier than Scotland to monitor whether the virus continues to reduce or we see a spike, my thoughts are if there is a spike Scotland will remain in lockdown even further.

I have had conversations with MUK and the BHCC co-ordinator and they have discussed the recent guidelines my main question was how do you deal with an incident like the one below using the new guidelines (<https://www.motorsportuk.org/restart/>) they imagine an incident team separate to the normal organisation that will be kitted out with the required PPE, these personnel after attending an incident would have to clean down and re-kit before attending another incident which effectively means the meeting stops until they are back on post much like if the Doctor is attending to someone we can't run until they have finished.



As most clubs run on a minimum of personnel anyway this is going to be difficult to achieve, there are also distancing needs for timekeepers and officials at signing on (this can be achieved remotely using the new MUK forms) but in reality most operations require some interaction that social distancing make difficult (but not impossible)

Like most we are keen to get things moving but only when absolutely safe to do so, if we work to the new 4 stage plan that has been proposed for Scotland which will be reviewed every three weeks, if all goes to plan it will be at least August before mass gatherings will be allowed which means only Golspie, Doune, Boyndie and Kames currently on the schedule would run unless other clubs can rearrange dates to fit.

Again this will be subject to availability of the relevant personnel many who have indicated they are in the “at risk” category and therefore may not be able/want to attend.

We are committed to assisting the community getting back on it's feet and we will continue to monitor the situation with a further update once the government have made a further announcement. (<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>)

If you have any questions that can't be answered on the links above or just want a chat to pass the time please let us know secretary@sshcc.org.uk

Stay Safe

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