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MSA has acquired a stock of disposable breathalysers to be used at motorsport events for the purpose of controlling alcohol consumption during competition by competitors (and their associates – refer GCR 113 xiv) and/or officials.

These breathalysers will be made available to the organisers of MSA-sanctioned events, as well as the medical service providers to these events, on request.

The following people are empowered to order the breathalysing of any entered competitor or serving official during the course of a motorsport event:

- Clerk of the Course; and/or
- Stewards of the Meeting; and/or
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO)/Chief Medical Coordinator (CMC).

Only the CMO/CMC, or another suitable member of the medical crew that he/she may delegate this authority to, is empowered to administer breathalyser tests at motorsport events.

Where a breathalyser test delivers a positive result (i.e. there is any trace of alcohol in the person's system), a second test shall immediately be undergone, using a fresh device. Should the second test also deliver a positive result, the offender (whether a competitor or an official) shall be prevented from taking any further part in the event, with no right of protest. Should the second test deliver a negative result (to contradict the initial positive result), a third test shall immediately be administered, again utilising a fresh device. Two out of the three results obtained will determine whether the competitor/competitor's associate/official is to be allowed to take any further part in the event, or not.

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