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## MSA GENERAL CIRCULAR 7 OF 2020

The matter of “official” and “unofficial” practice sessions that take place the day before racing at a motorsport event for which MSA has issued an organising permit, is currently the subject of debate and this circular therefore aims to clarify the situation for circuit racing and karting. Any other categories of motorsport are free to engage with MSA as and where necessary to obtain similar clarity for their categories.

Official practice sessions linked to a specific event are required to comply in all respects with the requirements for racing and are covered by MSA insurance.

Unofficial practice sessions are not required to comply with MSA’s requirements for events and none of MSA’s insurance policies are in force for such practice sessions.

It is in the best interests of all parties, notably competitors and race officials, that they are covered by insurance when taking part in all aspects of motorsport events and it is therefore obviously preferable that all practice sessions attached to a specific motorsport event for which MSA has issued an organising permit, are run as “official”. However, MSA recognises that in certain instances this may not always be practical and, as a compromise, MSA is prepared for its insurance policies to be in force for “unofficial” practice sessions attached to a specific motorsport event provided the following minimum requirements (as envisaged in GCR 142) are complied with:

- There must be an appointed official to take overall control of on-track activity. This does not necessarily have to be the appointed Clerk of the Course for the event. It may be the Chief Marshal or one of the other event officials deemed suitable by the event organiser.
- All marshal posts must be manned by at least one marshal.
- Sufficient suitably-maintained firefighting equipment (including 9kg fire extinguishers at all marshal points and in the pits) must be present.
- Exit of the pit road must be manned.
- The entire length of the circuit must be in sight of the marshal collective placed alongside the circuit, who are in radio/telephone contact with the official at race control.
- A medical rescue service, complying with the provisions of Appendix "L" to the MSA General Competition Rules must be on site and ready to attend to injured parties.
- Practice sessions must be stopped (red-flagged) should there need to be an on-circuit intervention by the medical team and/or the firefighting team.

Event organisers who are unable to run the practice sessions attached to a specific MSA-sanctioned motorsport event as “official” shall be permitted, on providing valid reasons to MSA, to run them as

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“unofficial” subject to compliance with the abovementioned bullet points and MSA’s insurance policies will then be in force. No event organiser may run practice sessions attached to a specific MSA-sanctioned event without MSA insurance cover being in force.

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