



Scrutiny of Vehicles and Apparel

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Motorsport Australia is committed to the safe and socially responsible resumption of motorsport in a COVID-19 environment. This document details what will be accepted as the procedure to use when conducting Scrutiny of Vehicles and Safety Equipment at events in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Return to Race Strategy.

Safety for Personnel – Organisers/Scrutiny Team

Event organisers should work with the Scrutiny team to ensure that the good hygiene, social distancing and all other necessary measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission are implemented at the event.

Event Organisers – Entry Declaration

Event Organisers must be sure that each Competitor, Driver/Co-Driver etc. has signed an Entry Form, which includes the necessary Motorsport Australia Disclaimer.

In addition to the Entry Form the following must also be completed and submitted to the Event Organisers prior to the event:

- A Self-Scrutiny Declaration completed by each Competitor and each Driver or Co-driver/Navigator.
- A Self Scrutiny Checklist, relevant to the event being entered, completed by each Competitor.

NOTE: Event Organisers, Officials and Competitors are reminded of the Motorsport Australia National Competition Rules (NCR) as follows:

Excerpt: (view Motorsport Australia NCR ONLINE - [CLICK HERE](#))

141. SAFETY EQUIPMENT – APPAREL

Each occupant of an automobile must comply with the requirements of apparel for that competition. Any non-compliant apparel may be impounded by the Organiser for the duration of that Event.

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144. RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETITOR AND DRIVER

- (i) *Each competitor shall be responsible for all acts or omissions on the part of any person connected to their entry.*
- (ii) *Each such person or body shall be jointly and severally liable for any breach of the NCR.*
- (iii) *Each competitor must ensure that their automobile complies with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout the competition.*
- (iv) *The presentation of an automobile for scrutiny is deemed to be an implicit statement of conformity to the relevant regulations.*

Apparel Inspections

Where there is a need for inspections of apparel the following should be undertaken:

- Undertake apparel checks at the Competitors location, ensuring where possible that social distancing is maintained. Avoid a central location and using the same table etc., unless the area can be cleaned after each contact/use.
- Officials should not handle any apparel. Where necessary, require the Competitor to show each item of their apparel and any necessary labelling.
- Remind the Competitor that it is their responsibility to ensure compliance.
- Spot checks should be maintained by Officials where possible, working with the Competitor to show compliance i.e. 'can you show me your shoes please'.

Vehicle Inspections

Complete vehicle inspections should only be conducted as necessary, again avoiding contact by Officials where possible.

Spot checks should be maintained by Officials where possible, with visual checks as required i.e. looking through the window of a vehicle on the 'dummy grid' to see that the safety harness is correctly positioned over an FHR device.

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Any request by an Official to undertake a vehicle inspection should consider the following;

- Need for inspection, i.e. critical safety matter.
- Use the Competitor to show compliance where possible, i.e. Label on a safety harness.
- Should an eligibility inspection be deemed necessary, the Event Officials must consider all the risks of contact and what methods may be employed to conduct such an inspection.

Completion of Scrutiny Documentation

General: Event Scrutiny documentation should, where possible, be completed in Electronic Formats. This includes Scrutiny reports, Vehicle Damage Reports etc.

Vehicle Log Book: Event Organisers, in conjunction with the Chief Scrutineer, will set up suitable facilities to receive Vehicle Log Books from Competitors in a safe and controlled manner at the event.

Example collection method:

- A suitable closed container (i.e. cardboard box, plastic crate with lid) with a slot so that each Competitor can drop their log book into the container. Ensure the container is in a suitable location where social distancing etc. can be maintained whilst the Log Books are dropped off.
- One Scrutineer should be allocated the task of retrieving the container, whilst wearing suitable PPE such as gloves.
- Once all Log Books are received the container can be sprayed (through the slot) with an aerosol based disinfectant (i.e. Glen 20™) and shaken to distribute the books in the container – and the process repeated a few times.
- The Scrutiny Team members, whilst wearing suitable PPE (i.e. gloves), can then access each Log Book to check the vehicle history and complete the necessary event details etc.
- Log Book can be returned to the Competitor by the following methods, ensuring suitable Social Distance etc. is maintained:
 - Place Log Book under vehicle wiper blade or onto Vehicle seat.
 - Ensure that the Competitor is verbally advised that the Log Book has been returned to that location, and that they verbally acknowledge its return.
 - Consider alternate collection method – i.e. table where the Competitor can approach, make the request from a suitable social distance, whereby the Scrutineer can place the Log Book on the table and step back so the Competitor can retrieve it.

Vehicle Damage Reports (VDR): The VDR Form is produced in a format that enables it to be competed electronically. Each completed form is to be submitted to Motorsport Australia with the complete Post Event paper work. Any necessary Vehicle Log Book notations are to be made prior to the Log Book being returned to the Competitor.



Where an incident has resulted in a serious injury **or** significant structural failure of the safety elements of the vehicle or apparel, this should be advised to the Motorsport Australia Technical Department as soon as possible via email technical@motorsport.org.au. It is highly recommended to take photographs of vehicle/equipment/apparel damage from a suitable distance and in a suitable high quality format so that these photographs can be reviewed further as required.

Competitor Non-Compliance

Should it be found that a Competitor, Driver or Co-Driver/Navigator is using non-compliant apparel or has otherwise competed in a non-compliant vehicle, be it a safety or eligibility non-compliance, then that Competitor, Driver or Co-driver/Navigator must be referred to the Clerk of the Course/Stewards, in accordance with the NCR and the Motorsport Australia Return to Race Strategy.

The Clerk of the Course/Stewards will be required to investigate the matter, as appropriate, and ensure that action is taken commensurate with the infringement which may include disqualification from the event and any other penalty as deemed necessary.