

GENERAL Motorsport UK (MSUK) EVENT INFORMATION 2026

For those new to **MSUK** there is helpful information on the **SPRC** website under 'Information' / 'Getting started' tabs.

Motorsport UK Rule Books: **Motorsport UK Rules** are now known as 'National Competition Rules' (NCRs) instead of the former 'Blue Book'. They are found on www.santapodracersclub.com/generalforms and click on the link by: '**Motorsport UK National Competition Rules 2026**'. Or on: www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/regulations/ and click on 'National Competition Rules' The Drag Racing Section is **Chapter 15: Pages 559-564** and also references other relevant chapters. **Note particularly** sections **8** and **16** regarding fuel and starting procedures.

You also need to refer to the **Car & Bike Drag Racing Yearbook 2026** found on the Santa Pod Racers Club website under 'Information' & 'Rulebook' or on: www.santapodracersclub.com/pdfs/msukdragracingrulebook.pdf

This is also sent on a memory stick on a lanyard when joining **Santa Pod Racers Club**.

This contains info you need on spec for your Race car and Racewear - **make sure you check that they are in date!**

Please note: the following sections have 2026 updates with changes highlighted in red:

GSR 1:5 FUEL SYSTEMS location, **GSR 1:9 NITROUS OXIDE**, **GSR 3:6 WHEELIE BARS**, **A 4:4 PARACHUTE (& GSR 4:8)**, **GSR 6:2 SEATS Mounting**, **GSR 9:12 CAMERAS**, **ET 10:3 DRIVER RESTRAINT SYSTEM (& GSR: 10:5 & 10:6)**

Chassis Tagging/Roll cages: Refer to **Car & Bike Drag Racing Yearbook 2026** for specs on Page 60 plus. The Chassis inspection itself is now £15. There are different levels of chassis tag: 6.00 - 7.49, 7.50 - 8.49, 8.50 - 9.99, and slower. (An 8.50 - 9.99 tag currently costs £80). To ask for a chassis inspection contact the UK Tech inspectors, Mark Norton and colleagues, through drtukq@aol.com and arrange for them to inspect your chassis. Note: If they need to travel to you (if not inspected at the track) there is a mileage charge to pay. They are very happy to give you advice on rules, and information on any changes needed to be made if your chassis does not pass inspection first time. They always aim to help you progress to get tagged. The 6.00 and slower tags last 3 years before needing re-certification.

MSUK logbooks: contact track scrutineers for further information on these. Phil Kenyon is taking the lead on this.

MSUK licences: on the MSUK website www.motorsportuk.org click 'Members' then 'Competitors' and 'Competition licences' and there is a link for 'Online licence application' where you then register, log in and then apply. **Note that:** The *minimum* **MSUK** licence required to compete is the **RS Interclub licence** (£82), **NOT** the **RS Clubman** licence.

Licensing runs: Once you have the licence, you need to do 3 'observed runs' at Santa Pod. Contact **SPRC** to arrange this beforehand. The first run is a burnout (if required) and a 60ft launch (full throttle to the 60ft mark on the track) then drive up the track at a reasonable pace and clear the track. The second pass is a burnout and 1/8th mile pass (full throttle to half-track) and reasonable pace to clear the track. Once these are completed and accepted by the Race Director, you need to do a full ¼ mile pass with an ET proportionate to the time for the class/your vehicle. You may be asked to do a blindfolded cockpit exit test, and may need to pull the parachute on the full pass if requested. Once you complete these runs to the satisfaction of the Race Director, your licence will be signed to the level of ET that you completed the runs for. If there are issues and you do not complete your runs as requested, you will need to carry out more observed runs until the Race Director is happy with your performance and signs you off.

Event entry: This needs to be done at least 3 weeks before any event. You need to register on the **SPRC** site and complete some basic details regarding chassis tag, equipment and other specifications. Once completed this stays on your record until there are any changes. You enter events online on: entries.santapodracersclub.com/

Scrutineering: is now done at the first **MSUK** event you attend, one other event and then potential spot checks.

Specifications for Safety Wear (please also read all the relevant sections in the **GSR Rules in the Yearbook**)

Refer to the **Car & Bike Drag Racing Yearbook 2026** Pages 76-79 (**GSR** stands for General Safety Regulations):-

Harnesses **GSR 10:5 Driver Restraint Systems:** SFI Spec 16.1, 16.5, 16.6 or FIA 8853-2016 acceptable for all classes.

Note the 2026 UPDATE regarding fitting of harnesses (**mounting points**) shown in **red** at the bottom of this section.

Head & Neck Restraint systems (eg. HANS): These are **mandatory** for **ALL** cars running full harnesses. A balaclava or mask is needed if you are running an open-faced helmet (as there is a gap where a neck brace used to be).

GSR 10:8 (FHR/HANS). The device/system must meet FIA Standard 8858-2002, 8858-2010 or SFI Spec 38.1 and must display a valid label accordingly. (**Note: the SFI version must be re-certified every 5 years**)

FIA Standard 8856-2000, 8856-2018 or SFI Spec 3.3 **head sock/balaclava** or SFI Spec 3.3 skirted helmet are **mandatory** when using a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)/HANS device.

MSUK EVENT INFO Specs for Safety Wear (continued) (please also read all relevant sections in the Yearbook)

Race Suits, Gloves and Footwear **GSR 10:10 PROTECTIVE CLOTHING** The following are minimum standards. It is **highly recommended** that SFI spec 3.3/20 gloves and footwear are used when SFI spec 3.2A/20 suits are required, that SFI spec 3.3/15 gloves and footwear are used when SFI spec 3.2A/15 suits are required, and that SFI spec **3.3/5** or FIA standard 8856-2000, 8856-2018 gloves and footwear are used when SFI spec 3.2A/5 or FIA standard 8856-2000, 8856-2018 suits are required.

[The following would cover most of our combinations:-

Front engine, open-bodied vehicles with nitrous oxide and/or turbocharger(s) or supercharger, or any car with a torque converter in the driver's compartment (no floor covering the transmission): Jacket and pants or fire suit meeting SFI Spec 3.2A/15, gloves and footwear meeting SFI Spec 3.3/5 (******) or FIA standard 8856-2000, 8856-2018 mandatory. ****** though above GSR 10:10 it *'highly recommends'* that gloves and footwear should be SFI Spec **3.3/15**

Note: an update for cars between 7.50 & 9.99 not having an OEM or steel firewall and running certain combinations.

Arm restraints are **mandatory** in all open-bodied vehicles and must meet **SFI Spec 3.3** from 1st January 2026.

Helmets Chapter 9, Page 355 of the **Motorsport UK National Competition Rules 2026 (NCRs)** Standards: **7.1.** Helmets bearing one of the under mentioned 'standards' may be approved by the ASN (MSUK) subject to other criteria being met. See also Chapter 7 App 13 Diagrams 7, 8 & 9 (Pages 307 & 308). *Diagrams relate to stickers.*

ALL MOTORSPORT UK NATIONAL EVENTS:

The following are accepted:

FIA 8859-2015 (not valid after 31.12.2035)

FIA 8859-2024

FIA 8859-2024-ABP

FIA 8860-2018

FIA 8860-2018-ABP

SNELL SA2015 (not valid after 31.12.2026)

SNELL SA2020 (not valid after 31.12.2031 - predicted)

SNELL SA2025 (not valid after 31.12.2036 - predicted)

(These are the current helmet standards also shown on the **SPRC** website as being accepted by Motorsport UK)

on: entries.santapodracersclub.com/2026/notice-board/a-message-from-the-scrutineers-about-helmets/

Clutch, Flywheel, Flywheel Shield, Flex plates, Transmission Shield and Bellhousing and Trans blanket

See pages 95-96 of the **Drag Racing Yearbook** especially **ET 2.1 & ET 2.4**

Note: in section **ET 2.4** Spring-loaded, **positive reverse lockout device** and functional **neutral switch** is **mandatory**.

* **Expiration periods** for safety equipment and Racewear can be found on pages 23-26 of the **Drag Racing Yearbook**

***** NOTE: There are numerous other General Safety Regulations which you should thoroughly read *****

If you need any advice on **MSUK** events, please speak to Dave, Rob, Pete and Chris on the WB committee.

They are all regular **MSUK** event runners and will be happy to advise you.

Various recommendations for work needed and Racewear & Safety equipment (for any event type)

There are many fine companies to buy from. Here are just a few recommended by Wild Bunch members

UK

Hauser Racing on: hauserracing.com Chassis, Race cars, axles, components, services and much more

Robinson Race Cars on: robinsonracecars.com Chassis, roll cages, axles, transmissions, tyres, safety wear, harnesses

Webster Race Engineering on: websterraceengineering.co.uk Chassis, Race cars, axles, exhausts and much more

Our very own **Roy Wilding** for chassis, axles, gearboxes and more : [pm Roy Wilding on facebook](#)

Demon Tweaks on: demon-tweeks.com/uk for a huge variety of motorsports parts and safety wear

McGill Motorsport on: mcgillmotorsport.com for harnesses, hans devices, arm restraints and much more

Merlin Motorsports on: merlinmotorsport.co.uk for various racewear parts, helmets, hans, harnesses and more

Real Steel on: realsteel.co.uk Great company: Mostly engine, transmission, axle, suspension and fuel systems parts

USA

* **PROFOX Racing** on: profoxracing.com Racesuits, Racesuit bundle kits (including gloves, boots and balaclavas), arm restraints, underwear and more. For instance there is a bundle for SFI 3.2A/15 racesuit kit on:

profoxracing.com/kit-7-2pc-sfi-15-nomex-drag-suit/ There are usually special sales 10% + off ; Very quick delivery

* **Good Vibrations Motorsports** goodvibesracing.com Highly recommended for great customer service and quick delivery. They sell a huge variety of safety wear and high performance speed equipment, parts and Race Suits

* **Summit Racing** on: summitracing.com Well established company, mostly Racing equipment & some safety wear