

Changes to the MSA Grading scheme 2010

Following the last Marshals Working Group meeting changes have been made to the grading scheme, specifically for circuit marshals. The changes are as follows:

1. The Flag Marshal grade has been re-introduced. This is an optional grade that may be applied for by qualified "Experienced Track" marshals. They will need to obtain 10 attendance signatures as Flag + 1 training day signature, followed by an assessment day. Current marshals who previously held a Flag grade under the old grading scheme may apply for automatic grading. Simply send a request to your club grading officer so they can collate, confirm and forward them in batches to the MSA.
2. Marshals wishing to upgrade to Track and Experienced Track will require two upgrade signatures as of 1st January 2010. Because the grades demand multi-skilling, the marshal will be required to demonstrate their competence at both flag and incident handling during two separate upgrade days. If, during the incident handling assessment day, the marshal has a quiet day with no incidents, then a signature should not be given and the marshal will have to request another assessment.
3. If a marshal seeking Track or Experienced Track grades successfully deals with a major incident during a day's marshalling, then they may, at the discretion of the Post Chief, be given an upgrade signature instead of an attendance signature. In this case the card must be countersigned by an examining grade official on the same day.
4. Cards must only be signed at the end of a days marshalling. This applies to attendance signatures as well as upgrades and training. Post Chiefs giving attendance signatures are requested to make use of the comments section to highlight any positive or negative aspects of the marshal's day so that the marshal may build on their strengths and work to overcome their weaknesses.
5. It is recommended that no-one under the age of 18 be appointed as I/O or post chief. Thus marshals should not expect to seek experience signatures in these grades until after their 18th birthday.

We would like to emphasise the following:

- Marshals with a disability that prevents them from performing an aspect of their duties required for an upgrade should discuss the matter on a one to one basis with the MSA. Initial contact should be to the Volunteer Officials Co-ordinator
- It should be emphasised that signatures should only be given at the end of a day's marshalling and only by the person acting as the post of discipline chief. This means that some clubs will have to change their current practice of giving the signatures at sign on.

Any questions should be addressed to the Volunteer officials Co-ordinator at the MSA.

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