

2010 North Region Training Weekend

Dear Marshal,

Now that the racing season has just about finished, it is time to look ahead to next year's training weekend, which in 2010 will be held on the **20th and 21st February** at Oulton Park circuit, near Tarporley in Cheshire.

The format of the days will be similar to the training days held early this year. Saturday's training will be completely under cover in the Fogarty Moss Centre and will cover training for Post Chiefs, Flag marshals and senior Specialist marshals. However the training on the Sunday will be for new and Cadet marshals, Track and Experienced marshals, Incident Officers and Specialist marshals, and it will be partly inside and partly out.

Please note that if you want to upgrade to the grade of Experienced marshal, you need two training signatures. If you are looking for your first annual training signature then you should attend 6U on the Sunday; for your second annual signature then you can choose either 2U on Saturday (flag training only) or you can attend 6U again. 2U is designed for marshals who have completed several flagging sessions already and is NOT suitable for those starting their Experienced marshal upgrade. It is not the North Region's policy to give the two training signatures in the same year.

Whilst no-one should be pressurised into upgrading, we have been particularly short in recent years of both post chiefs and flag marshals, and I want to see new faces in both of these areas. Please see the accompanying 'session chooser' to help you decide which training session is best for you.

If you are new to marshalling, or have only completed 1 or 2 race meetings then you should attend the Trainee marshal sessions (tick box 8U). You must be aged 16 or over to complete this training; if you are under 18 your parent / guardian MUST complete an indemnity form on your behalf BEFORE the event - if you fill out your date of birth on the application form I will send you a blank indemnity form in advance of the training.

If you are aged 14 or 15 I am afraid that you cannot take part in the Trainee Marshal training but instead you can attend the Cadet Marshal training (tick box 9U). This will include aspects of the Trainee Marshal training as well as some Specialist training, but we cannot let you conduct any live fire training. Again see the comments above concerning indemnity forms.

Please complete the form and return it to me by **Monday 8 February 10**. If you wish to complete it electronically, you can either send me an e-mail and I will reply with a blank form; alternatively, just e-mail me all the relevant details. Additionally, to save postage, I will e-mail the final instructions to you, rather than post them, if you enter an e-mail address (but PLEASE write it clearly!) You can also volunteer electronically on the Volunteers In Motorsport website (see 'Training Day Details').

MSV (the owners of Oulton Park) will be selling hot food over the weekend in the Chequers restaurant at lunch time; this will be at your own cost. They have asked if I can provide an idea of how many marshals will be buying food at lunch-time, so please indicate this on the volunteering form. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring your own packed lunches, and you will be able to use some of the rooms in the Fogarty Moss Centre to eat your lunch. Hot drinks should also be available all day in the Centre or in the Chequers restaurant.

Please bear in mind that early February can bring particularly inclement weather, so for all those volunteering for Sunday I advise you to bring warm, waterproof outdoor clothing. Harry Cabot (our regalia 'rep') has promised to be in attendance on both days to sell his range of club regalia and clothing.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me by e-mail (preferably) or by post; otherwise, final instructions will be e-mailed or posted prior to the event. Finally, may I wish you all a very Merry

Christmas and a prosperous (I wish) New Year, and I look forward to meeting and welcoming you all on the 20th and 21st.

Yours sincerely

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