



## SAFETY CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY MOTORSPORT VENUES

### 1. OBJECT.

1.1. These criteria define the conditions that should be satisfied for a speed event held at a temporary venue on roads or tracks closed to the public, before being accepted by the Motorsport Ireland MOTEV Group. Alternative solutions or exceptions might be accepted only as the result of a study by the MOTEV Group of each case individually, in consideration of past experience gained in the case of an existing course, or other special circumstances in the case of a new course.

1.2. A course is seen as a road or track in open country, closed to the public for the duration of an event. Built up areas are not considered as suitable for speed events and if requested would be subject to the full safety precautions needed for circuit racing. Built up areas are defined as roads bounded by kerbs or footpaths backed by either private houses or commercial buildings that have direct access on the footpath. They may also include obstacles such as lampposts, telegraph poles, traffic signs etc.

### 2. APPROVAL.

Approval is granted following a Safety Inspection arranged through Motorsport Ireland. For new venues, a minimum of 12 weeks notice must be given.

### 3. COURSE LAYOUT.

3.1. The shape of the course, both in plan and profile, is not in general subject to restrictions in these regulations, as it is dictated by certain variable factors: the character of the terrain, consideration of the economics, aesthetics, tradition, the type and speed potential of vehicles envisaged, etc. Areas presenting any special risk should be referred to MI by the Safety Delegate.

#### 3.2. Surface.

The surface may be one of the metallised types commonly used for public roads and must be well maintained where possible. Changes of surface should not occur in curves or areas of hard braking or acceleration.

#### 3.3. Track Edges and Verges.

In principle, both sides of the track should have verges at least 2m wide. This is not applicable to hillclimbs/sprints.

#### 3.4. Visibility.

From any point on the course, the driver of the fastest car should have unobstructed forward vision for a distance along the course equal to the car's braking distance. Should this not be possible a signalling system should be installed to give warning.

#### 3.5. Protection to the Public.

The public will only be admitted to those areas that can be fully controlled and where they are not exposed to danger, taking into account the distance from and the height above the course, also the speeds attained there. The public should at all times be behind suitable protection, be it natural or installed.

#### 3.6. Prohibited Areas.

Prohibited areas must be fully defined by the Safety Officer. Under no circumstances should spectators, or unauthorised personnel, be allowed in these areas whilst events Safety Delegate are in progress. Prohibited area signs must be displayed.

## 4. COURSE INSTALLATIONS.

#### 4.1. Paddock.

The Paddock Area is subject to proposals and study by the Safety Delegate.

#### 4.2. Observation/Marshals Posts.

The posts are intended to provide Observers and Marshals with the necessary facilities to perform their duties during events. These posts, set adjacent to the track, should provide sufficient stabilised area, protected from competing cars.

#### 4.3. Number and Location.

These are determined for each course by studying the circuit characteristics and vision. Visual contact must be maintained between preceding and following posts. Each post must be numbered in sequence from the Start to Finish.

Locations will be proposed by the Clerk of the Course and agreed with the Safety Delegate.

#### 4.4. Protection.

The posts must be situated so that only in case of an incident the staff would be forced to operate unprotected. Hillclimb and sprints marshals are generally encouraged not to vacate their posts, but to wait for assistance. Ideally they should have the same protection as at Race Circuits. Where this is not possible /practical, the Safety Delegate, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course, will study each post situation.



#### 4.5. Course Control.

The Clerk of the Course must be based close to the track and have direct access to the competition area. The Clerk of the Course and his team need the facilities necessary to perform their duties in satisfactory working conditions. Course control must have access to an outside network telephone connection.

#### 4.6. Equipment.

For race only the Clerk of the Course must be linked by either radio or telephone with the main posts on the course and those that are not linked to Course Control must be in direct contact with the main posts.

#### 4.7. Return Routes.

Return routes, other than the track, shall be controlled at all times during events and marshalled at both ends. Strict control must be maintained upon the movement of vehicles and a system of signalling when the route is in operation.

#### 4.8. Course Maintenance.

Proper maintenance of the course, its installations and its facilities, is a condition of the licence. Courses should be checked on a routine basis also directly after events to make sure that repair and refurbishment programmes are initiated without delay.

### 5. SERVICES.

5.1. A Doctor, two ambulances (one for hillclimbs/sprints), a rescue vehicle and a recovery vehicle must be provided at each event. In addition, an evacuation route must be planned and kept open during the meeting. The nearest suitable hospital must be notified.

5.2. Fire extinguishers must be provided at the start and finish and all other points as agreed with the Safety Delegate and personnel must be competent to operate them.

#### 5.3. Toilet Facilities.

These must be provided at all temporary venues.

6. An Inspection Fee of €100.00 will apply to all venues inspected both permanent and temporary, (see Appendix 15, and the GCR's).

For all new venues the promoting club must notify MI 12 weeks prior to the event and include plans and a description of the venue, the Safety Plan, together with details of classes proposed. A Safety Inspection will be carried out as soon as possible.