



CONSTITUTION FOR IRISH MOTORSPORT FEDERATION'S COUNCIL INCORPORATING ITS SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS

AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE IMF ON 25 JANUARY 2024

The rules for the Specialist Commissions / Advisory Groups published annually in the Motorsport Ireland Year Book should be read in conjunction with this Constitution.

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME.

The Irish Motorsport Federation Limited (hereinafter called "IMF") shall constitute a Committee to be known as 'Motorsport Council' (hereinafter called "the MSC").

2. ADDRESS.

The business of the MSC will be conducted from the offices of IMF, currently at 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

3. STATUS.

3.1. The Council is hereby constituted by IMF trading as Motorsport Ireland (MI) and its constitution may only be amended by a resolution of the Board of IMF.

WHEREAS

3.2. The Irish Automobile Club Ltd (hereinafter called "the IAC") has been designated by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (hereinafter called the FIA) as having the right to control automobile and kart sports and competitions in the Republic of Ireland and IAC has delegated this power to IMF.

3.3. IMF has (by virtue of that delegation) the right to promote, organise and administer events.

3.4. IMF has the right to initiate, control, promote, organise, and administer the Irish National Championship competitions for automobiles and karts (hereinafter called the Championships).

3.5. IMF hereby designates the MSC as the Sporting Committee of IMF for the purposes of Art. 5 of the Statutes of the FIA having the powers set out in this constitution.

OPERATIVE DATE:

3.6. This version of the Constitution shall have effect from 25 January 2024, and from that date, any previous version of the Constitution shall be disregarded.

4. THE MOTORSPORT COUNCIL

4.1. MSC-OBJECTS .

4.1.1. The MSC shall constitute the legislative assembly for the control of motor sports in the Republic of Ireland and will decide on questions of Automobile and Kart motor sporting regulatory matters.

4.1.2. The MSC shall nominate from time to time people or an organisation who will constitute the National **Court** of Appeal for the purposes of the FIA's International Sporting Code.

4.1.3. The MSC shall exercise the judicial powers and responsibilities for national motor sports in the Republic of Ireland. The MSC's decisions and those of its **Courts** shall be final and not subject to review otherwise than by Judicial Review.

4.1.4. Any decision (other than a judicial one) of the MSC which has in the opinion of the Secretary of IMF a financial impact on the business of IMF will be subject to ratification by the Board of IMF. The MSC shall report to the Board of IMF.

4.1.5 The three Motorsport Ireland nominations to the board of IMF will be proposed by the President and shall be subject to ratification by the MSC. This is in alignment with Article 5.2.1.

4.2 MSC - MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the MSC shall not exceed twenty- two and shall comprise the following:

4.2.1. President / Vice President

The President and Vice President of the MSC shall be elected by the MSC members from its own membership

4.2.2. Members

- (a) 3 persons nominated from time to time by the IAC.
- (b) 3 persons nominated by the Board of Directors of IMF.
- (c) The Secretary of IMF.
- (d) 3 Representatives of the Affiliated Clubs, selected by the Clubs based on Geographical Groupings and selection methods as set out from time to time by the MSC and published annually in the MI Yearbook
- (e) The Chairman of the Karting, Race, Rally Technical, Safety, Volunteers & Officials and Rules Specialist Commissions (SC).
- (f) The Representative of each of the Clubman and Speed Groupings which are for the time being;
 - (i) Autotest, and Trials
 - (ii) Autocross, Hilclimb/Sprint, Rallycross respectively.



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The Representative for each Grouping to be agreed by the Chairmen of the Specialist Commissions in each Grouping.

- (g) 3 persons, being The Conveners (or their representatives) of the IMF's Advisory Groups (AGs) as set out at 6.1.1 hereunder
- (h) Such other person(s) as the Board of Directors of IMF from time to time shall nominate.

4.3. MSC - QUORUM .

A quorum for meetings shall be 60% of the membership, present in person, **or attending by electronic means**, and entitled to vote.

4.4. MSC - VOTING.

Motions at meetings shall require a majority of 75% of members present in person, **or attending by electronic means**, and entitled to vote.

4.5. MSC - FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.

The MSC will meet at least quarterly during the course of each year. Additional meetings may be called by the President. **Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means or a combination of both.**

4.6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MOTORSPORT COUNCIL(MSC).

4.6.1. The President shall be elected every year at the first meeting of the MSC in that calendar year.

4.6.2. The election shall be by secret ballot and the following procedures shall apply:

4.6.2.1. Voting papers shall be pre-printed forms supplied by the Motorsport Department (MSD).

4.6.2.2. A candidate who receives more than 50% of the vote cast shall be declared elected.

4.6.2.3. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and another secret ballot shall be held, and so on, until one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast.

4.6.2.4. In the event of a tie, another ballot shall be held, after which the President of the Royal Irish Automobile Club (RIAC) will have the casting vote.

4.6.3. Those entitled to vote shall all be members of the MSC for the year of the election.

4.6.4. The Returning Officer shall be a member of the MSD, selected by the Motorsport CEO or IMF Chair.

4.6.5. The maximum number of consecutive terms of office a person may serve as President is four. A term is defined as the period beginning on the election of the President and ending on the election of the President at the next such election.

4.6.6. A sitting President who wishes to retire before the end of their fourth consecutive term should preferably give the MSC at least three months notice.

4.6.7. When a sitting President is retiring at the end of their fourth consecutive term, prospective candidates for the position, who comply

with 4.6.10, should preferably announce their intentions at least three months before the end of the term and be entitled to make submissions to the MSC, after which an agreed candidate may emerge.

4.6.8. There shall be no limit to the maximum number of non-consecutive terms a member may serve as President.

4.6.9. The outgoing President shall always be eligible for election provided they have not served four consecutive terms and provided they are nominated as in 4.6.11 and 4.6.12 below.

4.6.10. A candidate for the position of President must be a member of the MSC in the year of their election and for at least two of the previous five years prior to the year of their nomination for election. A president who, for whatever reason, does not fulfil a full term of office, shall not be eligible for election to the position again until at least 12 months have elapsed since ceasing to hold the position of President.

4.6.11. A candidate for the position of President must be nominated, that is proposed and seconded, by at least two current members of the MSC for the year of the election.

4.6.12. Nominations for the post of President must be made on a pre-printed form, received from the MSD, signed by the proposer and seconded and lodged with the Motorsport department not later than 17.00 hours on the day which is 7 days before the date of the MSC Meeting at which the election is to take place.

4.6.13. All members of the MSC who are entitled to vote shall receive the names of the candidates together with the names of the proposer and seconded, at least 4 days before the date of the MSC meeting at which the election is to take place.

4.6.14. Candidates shall be entitled to provide members with written submissions which must be circulated as set out in 4.6.13 above and shall be entitled to address the MSC for no longer than 5 minutes each before the election, if they so wish

4.6.15. The Vice President shall be elected annually at the MSC meeting following the Meeting at which the President is deemed elected. The general manner of eligibility, nomination and election is to be as set out herein in respect of the President, save that the requirement to have served at least two of the previous 5 years on the MSC is reduced to a requirement to have served 1 such year.

4.6.16. In the event that, for whatever reason, the office of President becomes vacant during a term, then the Vice President, if available and willing to do so, shall assume the duties of, and shall be considered as, President for the remainder of the term, and an election for Vice President shall take place at the first possible subsequent meeting of the MSC, with due allowance for time required for nomination, etc. In the event of the Vice President not being so available and willing, then the Office of President will be left temporarily vacant with the Vice President acting



temporarily, and an Election for President shall take place at the earliest MSC meeting at which such election is possible, due allowance being made for the nomination process as set out in 4.6.12 above. For the avoidance of doubt, where advance notice of a vacancy is given, the nomination and election process, may, but is not required to, take place while the departing President is still in office, and if the departing president, at the relevant time in each case, is still a member of the MSC, he shall have rights of nomination and voting.

5. SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS (SC'S).

5.1. SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS - GENERAL.

5.1.1. The MSC shall form standing commissions (hereinafter called Specialist Commissions) all of which will be subject to appointment or re-appointment by the MSC on 1st January annually.

5.1.2 SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS - OBJECTS

5.1.2.1. The Specialist Commissions are responsible for the general administration and control of the discipline or specialist area which are relevant to them, and for dealing with all matters in relation to same which do not require an MSC input. This function is to be carried out in accordance with Terms of Reference, Standing Orders and other details as drawn up by the MSC and published annually in the MI Yearbook.

5.1.3. SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS - SUBCOMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

5.1.3.1. A Specialist Commission, subject to the approval of the MSC, may form (or may dissolve) a Sub-Commission or Working Group to assist in its work. Such Sub-Commission or Working Group shall comprise such numbers and members as the Specialist Commission thinks fit, and shall report back to that Specialist Commissions. Sub-Commissions will normally be dissolved once the assigned task has been completed. However, subject to the approval of the MSC, standing Sub-Commissions may be formed in respect of a particular sub-discipline or issue. All such Sub-Commissions and Working Groups shall operate under terms of Reference drawn up by the MSC and published annually in the MI Yearbook.

5.1.4 The MSC for the present has formed the following Specialist Commissions:

Autotest Autocross
Hillclimb/Sprint Karting
Race Rally
Rallycross Trials
Safety
Rules
Volunteers & Officials

Technical

but may, from time to time, vary these.

5.2. SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS - MEMBERSHIP.

5.2.1. The Chairs of Commissions will be proposed by the President and shall be subject to ratification by the MSC.

5.2.2. The members of every Specialist Commission to be appointed in accordance with the rules drawn up by the MSC and published annually in the MI Yearbook.

5.2.3. The Chairmen and members shall hold office in accordance with the rules drawn up by the MSC and published annually in the MI Yearbook.

5.2.4 The Chairperson of Discipline Commissions shall not act as Steward or Clerk of the Course of any event in their own discipline without the permission of the MSC.

6. RULE CHANGES

All rule changes to GCRs & Appendices must be approved by the MSC, who may set out detailed procedures for the process.

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

7.1. Membership of the MSC, its Specialist Commissions, including Sub-Commissions is honorary and unremunerated. A Member attending a meeting of a Commission shall be entitled to claim a contribution towards his/her out of pocket travel expenses, which will be reimbursed in accordance with an expense reimbursement scale, published from time to time by IMF.

7.2. IMF shall indemnify the MSC, its Specialist Commissions, including Sub-Commissions from and against all costs, claims, losses, expenses, liabilities, payments and demands of whatever nature arising as a direct result of the exercise of the powers granted to them.

7.3. IMF shall, as it may deem necessary, provide resources required to facilitate the conduct of the business and meet the objectives of the MSC, the Specialist Commissions including Sub Commissions.

7.4 The three Motorsport Ireland nominations to the board of IMF will be proposed by the President and shall be subject to ratification by the MSC.

7.5. Each member of MSC, its Specialist Commissions, including Sub-Commissions must sign annually and be bound by the conditions of the 'Code of Conduct for Members of the Motorsport Ireland Council and Commissions'. Persons cannot take their seat on their respective Council/Commission/Sub-Commission until they have signed said document and returned it to the President, Commission Chairman or MSD.



8. ANTI-DOPING

8.1. *The anti-doping rules of Motorsport Ireland are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as amended from time to time.*



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