

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE ON COMPLETION OF FORM SSS/RS1

Form SSS/RS2
(January 2007)

(Application for authorisation of a motoring event on the public highway) (Scotland)

Applicants are reminded that a race or a trial of speed on the public highway is prohibited under Section 12 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. It is also an offence under Section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to promote or take part in a competition or trial (other than a race or trial of speed) involving the use of motor vehicles on the public highway in Scotland, unless the event is authorised by or under the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (as subsequently amended) and is conducted in accordance with any conditions imposed by or under these Regulations.

Applicants are advised to read the Standard Conditions listed at Schedule 2 to the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) (Scotland) Regulations 1976. The event, if authorised, will be required to be held subject to these conditions except in so far as they might be modified by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club after obtaining the approval of the Secretary of State.

Applications must be submitted to the Royal Scottish Automobile Club not less than 2 months and not more than 6 months before the date of the event, except that an application may be submitted more than 6 months beforehand if the event is one of those specified in Schedule 3 to the Regulations.

If the number of competing vehicles does not exceed 12, you do not need to apply for authorisation of the event.

- (a) The promotor (who is the person primarily responsible for the organisation or arrangement of the event) may be a club, a limited company or other organisation or a private individual. Please ensure that your answer to question 1 gives the correct style of the club, company, organisation or individual promoting the event.
- (b) In accordance with Standard Condition No 2, the total number of competing vehicles must not exceed 120 in a night event (an event any part of which takes place between 10 p.m. and 7.a.m.) or 180 in any other event, unless the event is one of those specified in Schedule 3 to the Regulations, and/or the condition has been modified by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (c) If the event is a time schedule event, a time limit event or a problem solving event (see note g), the interval between the dispatch of any two competitors from the starting point must be in accordance with Standard Condition No 5 be not less than one minute, unless the event is one of those listed in Schedule 3 to the Regulations, and/or the condition has been modified by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (d) State whether cars, solo motor-cycle combinations, cars towing caravans or other vehicles. If other vehicles, state which. If the event is a veteran or vintage event (i.e. one in which all the vehicles driven by competitors were registered before 1 January 1930), this should also be stated.
- (e) "Route" in relation to an event means a route which the rules of the event require or are likely to cause the competitors taking part in the event to travel. If there are two or more likely routes between particular points, traversing different quarter-inch Ordnance Survey sheets, the numbers of all the sheets likely to be traversed should be given in answer to question 9; all the likely routes should be shown on the quarter-inch sheets asked for on the reverse of application form SSS/RS1.
- (f) A public highway is a way over which the public have right of passage, and includes footpaths, bridleways and green lanes as well as metalled roads. As applied to a road, it comprises not only the carriageway but also any footways and verges. Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 provides that it

shall be an offence for a person to promote or take part in a trial of any description between motor vehicles on a footpath or bridleway which has not been authorised by the appropriate local authority. If the route lies in whole or in part on a footpath or bridleway, authorisation must be obtained from the appropriate local authority, who must be satisfied that consent in writing has been given by the owner and occupier of the land over which the footpath or bridleway runs.

- (g) A “time schedule event” is one in which individual competitors or groups of competitors are required by the rules of the event to arrive at or depart from control points at or between specific times or to arrive at the finish of the event at or between specific times. A “time limit event” is one in which the competitors are required by the rules of the event to travel the route of the event by a fixed time which causes them to maintain an overall average speed on the public highway exceeding 10 mph (see note (h)). A “problem solving event” is one in which the competitors are required by the rules of the event to travel the route by a fixed time and are given before that time the task of setting or solving a number of set problems (whether the problems are required to be set or solved before or after that time) and in which there is an average of more than one set problem for each three miles or route.
- (h) To calculate a competitor’s overall average speed on the public highway, the total distance in miles to be driven by each competitor on the public highway in the event should be divided by the interval in hours between the time when he is to start driving in the event and the time he is to finish, excluding any period during which the vehicle is off the public highway or at a rest halt (see note (l)).
- (i) A rest halt is a place specified in the rules of the event as a place where competitors are required to stop during the course of the event, or may stop during the course of the event without incurring a penalty or demerit in the event, in either case for the purpose of obtaining rest or refreshment.
- (j) Standard Condition No 6 provides that the rules of an event shall not require or be such as are likely to cause any length of public highway (other than a motorway) to be traversed more than once by a vehicle driven by a competitor during the course of the event. The Royal Scottish Automobile Club may, with the written approval of the Secretary of State for Scotland, modify this provision in respect of the events listed in Schedule 3 to the Regulations and also in respect of other events, to the extent that the modification is to permit competitors:
 - 1 to travel twice the same length of trunk road or Class A road,
 - 2 to reach a finishing point in the same place as a starting point or,
 - 3 to use: (l) a rest halt,
(ii) private property on which part of the event is being held, or
(iii) a filling station.
- (k) Maps should be marked with black ink or ball-point pen. Please ensure that maps are marked neatly, and are folded as little as possible.
- (l) The fee to be submitted with an application shall be a basic fee of £67 for the first 50 miles or part thereof increased by £35 for each subsequent 50 miles or part thereof of the length of the event on the public highway. If the event is not authorised, or is subsequently cancelled, the fee shall be reduced to £10. Cheques should be made payable to RSAC Motorsport Limited.
- (m) A control point is a place, other than at the start or finish of an event, where the route being followed by competitors or the times being kept by them are checked.