MOTORSPORT EVENT SAFETY REVIEW (MESR)

The MESR was established by the Scottish Government following the 2014 Jim Clark Rally. It presented 29 recommendations, which the MSA has committed to implementing in a staged manner over approximately two years until early 2017. These recommendations – including one added by the governing body itself – are as follows:

	Recommendation	Description	Status
1	Requirements for Rally Organisers	Safety Requirements, to be published and sent to stakeholders.	
2	Mandatory Rally Safety Manual	Rally Safety Templates to be added to the Safety Requirements, which after further refinement become the final Rally Safety Manual.	
3	Safety Delegate & MSA Observer	Suitable candidates to be identified and trained, and appointed to all multi-venue stage rallies.	
4	Predicted marshal numbers	To be included in stage safety plans.	
5	Registration/accreditation and training of marshals	New scheme including online learning. Marshals registered and trained.	
5a	Registration/accreditation database	To be developed and tested prior to use from 2016.	
6	Marshals Partnership Scheme	To encourage and reward marshals.	
7	Control and Management of the Press	Interim guidance to be given to clubs.	
		New accreditation scheme.	
8	MSA Steward and Clerk of the Course to be based in rally control	MSA Steward and Clerk of the Course to be based in rally control.	
		Role and responsibilities to be refined further.	
9	Designated Spectator Safety Officer and Event Safety Officer	Training programme to be created and suitable trainers appointed to implement the courses.	
10	Multi-agency planning	Clubs to improve their liaison at planning stages with the police, emergency services and local authorities.	
11	Police Scotland	To consider police assistance with training relating to crowd control.	
12	Safety Cars – equipment and training	To implement updated guidance for Safety Car crews and run training courses.	
		Introduce standard decaling for Safety Cars.	
13	Safety Cars for Spectator Safety	MSA guidance for clubs; booklet to be produced for interim use prior to Rally Safety Manual.	
14	Sponsor vehicles	MSA guidance required in Rally Safety Manual.	
15	Incident Cars	Essentially an additional Safety Car to provide a flexible response.	
16	Clarification on when the next (first) car can enter the stage with safety cars running	Clarifying within the Safety Requirements – and subsequently the Rally Safety Manual – the procedure(s) for the deployment of Safety Cars prior to the insertion of the first competitor.	
17	Spectator communication and management	Review the Spectator Code and issue guidance to clubs.	

18	Spectator safety film	Support FIA in creating a film. Make it available and promote it.	
19	Rally information to local radio and press	Include guidance in the Safety Requirements and Rally Safety Manual.	
20	No go and permitted areas	Adapt FIA standards. Include in all rally training, Safety Requirements and Rally Safety Manual.	
21	Spectator stages	Encourage the use of stages with specific provision for spectators. Include in the Rally Safety Manual.	
22	Assisting cars back onto the road	Initial guidance in Safety Requirements.	
		Developed further for Rally Safety Manual.	
23	Marshal powers	To review and consider the level of authority and powers of a marshal.	
24	Medical volunteer training	Approach to be agreed prior to implementation. Suitable candidates to lead.	
25	First on scene training	Deployment to be agreed and funding applied for.	
26	Availability and deployment of rescue vehicles	To review and address geographical shortfall of Rescue Vehicle availability.	
27	Vehicle tracking	Conclusion of the review of system availability. Inclusion in the Rally Safety Manual and implementation schedule.	
28	Radio frequencies	Secure second national exclusive frequency for rally safety.	
		Publication of updated Radio Operations Manual and rollout of second frequency with financial support to radio operators.	
		Further information to be provided in the Rally Safety Manual.	
29	Advanced technology	To review the benefits that may be afforded by advances in various technologies.	
		Specific requirements for the operation of drones for photography/videography.	
30	Programming of events (+ MSA)	To review whether some central direction and/or control of the rally calendar is necessary to ensure the delivery of various recommendations above.	

Status key:

= published and implemented.

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