

NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



SCRUTINEERS COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: S3MIN0619VM/GIJ

SUNDAY, 8th JUNE 2019 - 11.00 am

METRO INN, Birmingham Road, Walsall WS5 3AB.

Present

C. SCRUTINEERS	No.	LEAGUE	SCRUTINEERS CLUB
Y	16	CGTRO(LINCOLN)	EA + Js
Y	14	EAST ANGLIA	EA
Y	01	EAST MIDLANDS	EM
*	11	ESSEX	Eve
Y	24	FENLAND	Rad
Y	02	GLOUCESTER	SH
Y	23	IRELAND	
Y	18	KENT	
Y	07	MIDLAND AP	
*	09	NORTH WESTERN	
*	21	NORTHERN IRELAND	
*	10	NORTH YORKSHIRE	
*	25	SCOTTISH	
Y	15	SHROPSHIRE AA	
Y	05	SOUTHERN	
*	04	SOUTH WALES	
*	19	THE DALES	
Y	06	WEST MIDLANDS	
*	22	WILTSHIRE	
Y	12	YORKSHIRE	

NASA Assistant Scrutineer.
NASA Assistant Scrutineer.
NASA Scrutineers Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Mr V.M. NASA Director – Scrutineering. Mr R.S.(Nasa Scr).

Scrutineers marked + are Club scrutineers representing League in place of League Chief Scrutineer.

VISITORS:

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1. INTRODUCTION.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) welcomed those present, and thanked them for attending.

Mr EE. (NASA Chairman) entered room and explained that due to the absence of Mr V. Mackenzie (Dir.), he read out an email clarifying the current situation regarding tyres. This would be discussed at the Chairmen's meeting also.

Following brief discussion, Mr EE then left room.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that this would be discussed further later in meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 13/04/19 and MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2. Age limit for Junior Specials.

What is current situation? - This is an agenda item and will be discussed later in meeting.

There were no other matters arising.

PROPOSED: EA Rep.

SECONDED: CGTRO Rep.

That the minutes be accepted as a true record.

UNANIMOUS

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Tyres. - Email - see later in meeting.

There was no other correspondence received.

4. VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION RULES & REGULATIONS.

a. Class 1 & 2. Experimental vehicles / Trials.

Class 1. –

Mr AT (N. Scrt) gave report.

Kia vehicle is affected by body roll, such that Mr VM (Dir.) has authorised modifications to springs to lower the vehicle. This has reduced body roll. It does not seem competitive to date.

Peugeot 107 has raced occasionally in Ladies class. Needs to race more before a proper assessment can happen.

Mr VM (Dir.) has authorised the fitting of a short infill panel to reduce the size of the tailgate opening in place of the cross bars.

Class 2.

Micra – Mr KB commented that the Micra seems to be over geared. A different, but rules compliant gearbox and differential is being tried. In general terms the car is competitive and will be racing in the UKAC meetings.

b. Tyres – Update /

Mr AT (N. Scrt) explained that the situation is as outlined by Mr EE.

The new tyre rules apply from 1st July 2019.

At present there are two main NASA authorised suppliers. – Maxsport and Kingpin.

Anyone else with an interest in doing the same must now apply to the NASA Board and comply with NASA requirements.

Maxsport have indicated that they will have a stock of new compliant tyres by end of next week.

For driven wheels the tyres are restricted and must be as the new rules, the tyres produced by Maxsport and Kingpin will be marked by the company logo being the colour red.

Other tyres may be used. These must be either a readily available road going tyres that are permitted in law for road use that are available from any regular tyre distributor or internet seller for a price of less than £50.00 inc. VAT. Also tyres on the NASA Permitted tyre list – Mr VM (Dir.) is compiling this and will be available shortly. E.g.. many are on the former option 'B' tyres. Competitors are responsible for ensuring the shore hardness is rule compliant.

For non-driven wheels the tyres are not restricted.

The "Wet Weather" tyres will be as listed. – AT1, RB1, Hakka, Hakka 2, Ultragrippa / Uniband – Note that list is unchanged from 2016. These tyres are not subject to shore hardness rules; however the tyre suppliers have agreed to supply them in the same form as other NASA compliant tyres.

It must be noted that any abuse of wet weather tyres – Shaving, use on dry polished tracks will be monitored and may result in tyre concerned being prohibited. Watering of track at a dry weather meeting does not constitute a wet weather situation.

The Board have agreed to permit the using of any pre-01/07/2019 tyre to be used on driven wheels at any Non-Championship race meeting. i.e. local Club and or League race meetings that do not earn points etc; for any championship such as NASA National Championships, BAS, UKAC etc.

It is up to each League/Club to confirm that they will comply. (S. Wales League has already agreed this).

Brief discussion followed including reference to. Concerns regarding Hakka tyres being on wet weather list. Club racers use "hand me down" tyres. Sudden increase in cost for some tyres. Will supplies be in place ready for 1 July.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that Maxsport have emailed Mr VM (Dir.) stating that supplies will be available before 1 July.

c. Scrutineering Report.

Vehicle Condition.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that there were concerns regarding the poor condition of some race vehicles citing some examples – Class 2, 6 & 7.

The competitors must be advised that these vehicles and any of a similar condition need some remedial works.

Vehicles have been banned previously for poor condition, particularly if the competitor ignored remedial requests.

Removal of Blue Roll Cage Tags.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that if a tag is removed for any reason then a new tag is required. In each case the competitor must contact Mr VM (Dir.) to have a new tag fitted.

The CGTRO Rep. outlined a situation where a cage had been blasted and this had also wiped the tag number. The tag was to be removed at end of race meeting, however the vehicle had rolled and roll cage slightly damaged, therefore tag was then removed. Regrettably despite driver being ok with removal, there had been some abuse from family. The cage was subsequently re-tagged by Mr MT (Dir.).

Discussion followed including reference to. Visual damage is subjective. If in doubt as to extent of damage remove tag. Decision to remove tag up to scrutineer on day. Some competitors accept scrutineers actions others don't. If tag removed Mr VM (Dir.) must be informed. NASA owns tags. The cost is for the test.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that a scrutineer has the right to remove a tag. A competitor that refuses this will be reported for disciplinary action.

Pre-Season Scrutineering.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that pre-season scrutineering will become mandatory in future. The date this will be implemented is to be confirmed.

Brief discussion followed including reference to. Some Leagues already do this. It is good as far as safety is concerned. Better for a car to fail and have time to carry out remedial work before its first race. Concerns that some competitors would leave the sport. However other motorsports have the same so would things be that different. General support for introduction.

Juniors – Age Limit. – Junior Specials.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that the NASA insurers have agreed that the age limit can be reduced from 12 to 10 years old.

There will be a test procedure implemented so that the young persons suitability can be ascertained. i.e. vehicle control, ability to reach foot pedals and steering wheel. Knowledge of flags and race procedure etc. This yet to be finalised and agreed. All must ensure that the young person is a correct fit within the seat and the seat mountings comply with the rules. Seat must not be mounted direct onto any body panel – standard floorpan and or floor frame floorpan. Vehicle panel mounted seats can be affected by panel deformation during an on track incident.

The seat must be mounted onto a steel cradle/frame.

For Junior saloons it has been agreed that the controls location (pedals, gearstick, steering wheel, seat fitment) can be amended to suit a 10 year old's stature. However if an adult shares the vehicle the controls amendments must be removed and revert to standard production.

For Junior specials it has been agreed that the controls location (pedals, gearstick, steering wheel seat fitment) can be amended to suit a 10 year old's stature.

d. National Autograss Championships 2019

Fast Track/Path: Not this year.

Class 1 and Class 2 will be scrutineered in lanes as previously.

Other classes will be checked in pits by teams of scrutineers.

Brake and noise testing will be random.

Pre- NAC checking at local League is highly recommended.

i. Host Club & League responsibilities. - Club and League all in hand.

Brake tests - Host league to supply 6 persons.

"Signing on" – Host league to supply sufficient "Signing on" persons.

Separate signing on point to be provided – Scrutineering Tent.

Marshalls from host league required at head of lanes to direct vehicles to correct lanes.

ii. General.

Any illegality to be refused. Race cars found with non-compliant components will not be permitted to race.

Note. Only very minor repairs for compliance will be permitted.

The "welding Tent" will be closed for scrutineering. It will not "open" until racing begins.

3 Scrutineers per class on lanes plus someone doing paperwork.

Lanes: Class 1. Class 2.

Scrutineers.

A letter is issued in April/May to each League Chief Scrutineer requesting names, for duties at the NAC's.

A few Leagues have already replied - Any more??

Note. Volunteer scrutineers will be given gate refund and award for "Working" at NAC's.

Mr VM (Dir.) to liaise regarding pre-paid passes.

Mr GJ (Sec.) commented that the response this year was disappointing. Few had returned the forms. Therefore any outstanding forms and or volunteer names must be returned to him asap. Leagues may send by post or email.

More persons are required.

See Scrutineering times guide in reminders section at end of minutes.

NASA CLASS SCRUTINEERS LIST PROVISIONAL

CLASS	MEN'S	LADIES & JNR
	SCRUTINEER	SCRUTINEER
1	S. Smith Dave Digby F. McLeod M. Brown D. Robins P. Peek	S. Smith Dave Digby F. McLeod M. Brown D. Robins P. Peek
2	N. Taylor C. Taylor S. Smith R. Lillington	N. Taylor C. Taylor S. Smith R. Lillington
Team 1	T. Simmonds Grant S. Ford I Fay J. Napier	T. Simmonds Grant S. Ford I Fay J. Napier
Team 2	N. Grasby D. Grasby TBC TBC	TBC TBC TBC TBC
Team 3	V. Mackenzie K. Butcher P. Smith	V. Mackenzie K. Butcher P. Smith
Team 4	M Uka M. Morgan E. Dudley TBC	M Uka M. Morgan E. Dudley TBC

Bold Type = Confirmed as volunteering for 2019 NAC

Normal Type ? = Volunteered in past not confirmed for 2019 NAC

Post race Checking - The gasket costs will only be paid for vehicles stripped on the day on the field.
Up to a maximum of : Class 1 & 2 £50, Class 3 - 10 £50. Oil allowance of: All Classes - £20.

e. Rules Clarification requests from League Scrutineers.

Junior Specials – Battery Location.

Mr KB (Js) expressed concern regarding battery location on certain Junior Specials. The battery box is outside of the main chassis hence non-compliant. He showed photographs to clarify.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that the battery box must be within the chassis structure. A chassis structure must be hit first in the event of a rear impact, rather than the battery box. The vehicles concerned must be advised of this.

Towing Eye – Toyota Yaris.

The CGTRO Rep. enquired if the Toyota Yaris towing eye can be removed.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that No it must be retained.

Class 1 Micra and Yaris - Sensors

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that all sensors must be in correct location working. If sensors are found to be disconnected then the vehicle will be disqualified and competitor reported for disciplinary action.

Class 1 Micra and Yaris – Steering column.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that the standard production steering column must be retained.

Class 1 – Micra – Battery Tray

The Ireland Rep enquired if the standard battery tray can be removed. – No.

Class 1 – Mini – Electronic Ign.

The CGTRO Rep. commented that he had been told that the one specified in the rules was now unavailable and had been superseded. Is there an alternative.

Mr GJ (Sec.) commented that the LU142 unit has been superseded and the equal unit is LU142AP12. The other specified units are still available.

Class 2 – Toyota Yaris. - Exhaust

Mr NT (CI 2Y) confirmed that the standard production exhaust manifold must be retained. The use of a “4 Branch” type is prohibited.

The lambda sensor must be located in the exhaust system.

Class 2 – Toyota Yaris. – Steering column.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that the standard production steering column must be retained.

Class 2 – Toyota Yaris. – Gearbox.

Mr NT (CI 2Y) confirmed that the standard production gearbox must be retained.

Seats – Modification of.

Some competitors are using motorsport seats that have had their padding removed leaving just the basic GRP base. Is this permitted.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that a proprietary motorsports seat must be used. However modification of same by any means is not permitted.

Seat mounting support bars. The Ireland Rep enquired if 25mm bars were sufficient. – Yes.

Identification – Numbers and letters.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) confirmed that Identification must be as rules. If the lap scorers cannot read a vehicle I.D. correctly then the competitor cannot complain if the vehicle is not noted by them.

5. DRAFT RULE CHANGES: - As previous meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Weight of vehicles.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that the introduction of minimum weights may be considered in the near future. He invited comments.

Discussion followed including reference to. Speed of modified classes. High cost of saving weight by using specialist components. Use of titanium components in place of steel. Method of obtaining a specified minimum weight – weigh many at random – take average. Junior specials already have minimum, most vehicles used to vary widely now within a few kg of specified figure. General support.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) requested that this be taken back to local leagues for discussion and comment.

Ballast Rules. - Reminder

Mr GJ (Sec.) commented that the original drawing showing how to fix ballast was produced in conjunction with a Autograss constructor years ago. Very few ballast users have been seen to comply.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) reminded all that ballast rules including fixing method must be complied with.

Safety Ware

Mr AT (N. Scrt) explained that the use of safety ware (Overalls, gloves, etc.) was being discussed at the Chairmen's meeting. This may lead to the introduction of minimum fire protective ware similar to other oval motorsports. The cost of such ware is no longer prohibitive and items readily available. Once requirements are formalised all will be informed.

Class 3 – Radiator location.

Mr DG (N. Scrt) commented that radiator location has been seen to be non-compliant with inadequate shielding on a few vehicles. The radiator itself must not be visible from any side window. The shield is there to protect not only the driver but any other driver or marshal alongside the vehicle.

Class 3 – Windscreen Mesh – Post 2010 Fiesta – For info.

The WML Rep. commented that due to the severe rake of the windscreen on his car (previously the experimental Class 3) he had found difficulty with a clear view through the windscreen mesh whilst racing. He had discussed this with Mr VM (Dir.) and it had been agreed that he could re-shape the mesh to provide a better view. This had been done by having an inset with a near vertical surface on the offside. It was still rule compliant as the ends of the mesh were still connected to the windscreen perimeter.

Class 6 – Location of suspension/engine/radiator cradle.

Mr GJ (Sec.) commented that the rules and drawing had been updated following concerns regarding the wording of the 2019 rules. The updated rules for front engine vehicles in classes 4, 5, 6, & 7. will be available on Website shortly.

A paper copy to each league will be issued at the Chairmen's meeting.

The CGTRO Rep. strongly disagreed with the changes as the original pre-2019 rules were sufficient why and by whom were they changed?

Brief discussion followed including reference to location of standard production non-space-frame mini front sub-frame and compliance.

Mr GJ (Sec.) commented that changes had been done during the revision of the rules. The situation would be monitored and if the 2019 rules needed further clarifying further then that would be done in future.

Junior Specials – Rear Suspension.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that despite claims that the Corsa suspension units were unavailable it had been found that this was not the case. A competitor had recently easily obtained items at a very low cost.

Following investigation into the alternative "swing arm" type suspension the amount of component needed and their cost were too high. Also the effect on the overall class of a few converted cars being used would be negative. Therefore the situation will remain as at present with only Nova/Corsa components permitted.

Junior Specials – Future Engine/donor Car Suspension.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) commented that whilst the engines etc were still readily available there may be a time when alternatives will be needed. This must be considered. Any ideas etc would be welcome. If needed in a few years an experimental car could be tried.

Discussion followed.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) requested that this be taken back to local leagues for discussion and comment.

NASA Website.

Mr AT (N. Scrt) explained that Mr JB is no longer involved in dealing with the NASA website. A new person has been appointed. The Website is being updated. In the meantime any item to be placed on website must be sent to the NASA Secretary – Mrs DT.

Meeting Closed 1.15 p.m.

N.B. REMINDERS:

1. **Rule Book & Licence.**

All members must be accompanied by their Rule Book and Licence at all times at a race meeting. Both the members Rule Book and Licence must be presented at "Scrutineering" and "Signing on" There must be a photograph of the member placed on the Licence.

2. **JUNIORS - Rule Book & Licence.**

All Junior Drivers must be accompanied by their Letter/Form of consent to race and Rule Book and Licence at all times at a race meeting.

The Letter/Form of Consent, Rule Book and Licence must be presented at "Scrutineering" and "Signing on"

There must be a photograph of the member placed on the Licence.

"Orange" "Official" scrutineers jackets

Not all "orange" "official" scrutineers jackets have been returned to Mr G. Jones (Sec.) following the National Championships. Could they please be returned as soon as possible.

These jackets are intended for use at the National Championship Meetings only.

They have not been generally issued to Clubs or Leagues for use locally.

If any are seen at race meetings then the Leagues concerned may be charged a certain sum of money and the jackets confiscated.

2019 National Autograss Championships

2nd, 3rd & 4th August 2019.

Host: Evesham AC.

John Wilkin Raceway.

Dodwell.

Evesham Road

Stratford Upon Avon

CV37 9SY

Off B439

Scrutineering times:

(All to be confirmed)

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www.national-autograss.co.uk

FRIDAY: Noise Testing

2.00 p.m. -- 3.30 p.m. (Break 3.30 - 4.30)

4.30 p.m. -- 7.30 pm.

FRIDAY: Scrutineering

2.00 p.m. -- 4.00 p.m. (Break 4.00 – 5.00)

5.00 p.m. -- 8.00 pm

SATURDAY: Noise Testing

7.30 a.m. -- 8.30 a.m.

SATURDAY: Scrutineering

8.00 a.m. -- 9.00 a.m.

SUNDAY: Scrutineering

8.30 a.m. -- 9.00 a.m.

(Repaired vehicles only)

Post Race Scrutineering

SUNDAY: (After Final Races)

4^h August 4.30 p.m. -- 11.00 p.m.

2019 National Autograss Championships Ladies & Junior

30th, 31st August & 1st September 2019.

Host: Southern League.

Bearley Raceway (Off

A303)

Tintinhull

Nr Yeovil

Somerset

BA22 8PE

Scrutineering times:

(All to be confirmed)

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FRIDAY: Noise Testing

2.00 p.m. -- 3.30 p.m. (Break 3.30 - 4.30)

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1st Septembert 4.30 p.m. -- 11.00 p.m.

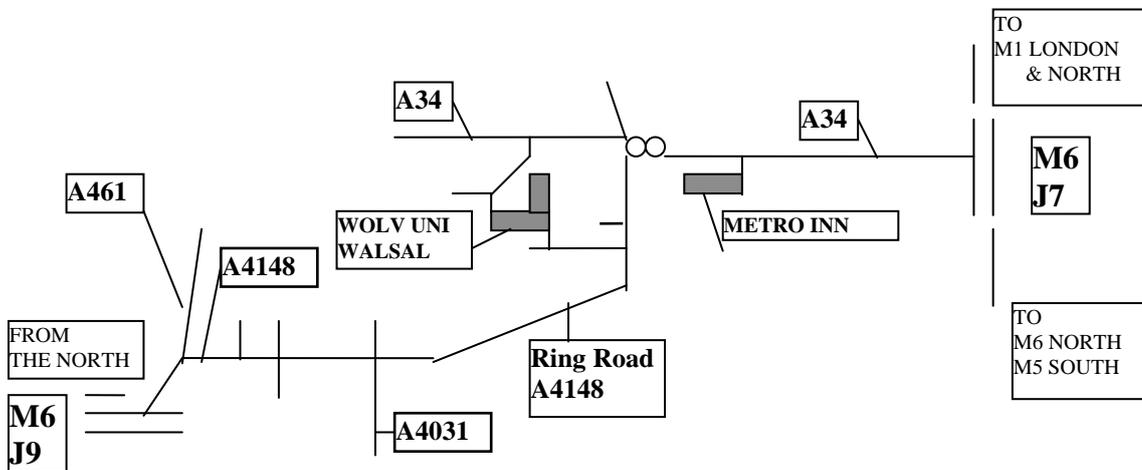
NOTE:

Any scrutineer who wishes to take part in scrutineering duties at the NAC's must attend at least one scrutineers committee meeting.

1. Scrutineers must give all assistance required to drivers/constructors in preparing vehicles to comply with the 2019 Edition Rule Book.
2. For future reference: **WANTED:**
Details, photographs, etc. of reasons for vehicles to fail scrutineering, examples of incorrect or dangerous practices.
- 3 **FUTURE MEETINGS: 11.00 am**
Metro Inn, Birmingham Rd, Walsall WS5 3AB

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020 Rules - Confirmation

NASA AGM - SUNDAY 24 November 2019



People attending the meeting must park their vehicles in CAR PARK. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS.

Follow signs to RECEPTION, a porter will then direct you to the correct room.
Enter car registration number into parking control screen otherwise there will be a charge.

You are advised to bring your own refreshments.

The premises have a NO-SMOKING rule.

4. Comments required from leagues on:
NASA Rules & Regulations - Clarification's, Changes for future etc.

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