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1. Objective of Policy

Motorsport Australia has a responsibility to ensure that its motorsport passenger ride activities are conducted to the highest possible standards of safety. The objective of this Policy is to provide information to assist Event Organisers, to meet these standards.

2. Scope of Policy

This Policy outlines Motorsport Australia's requirements for:

- (a) preparing and submitting an application to conduct a MSPRA;
- (b) operating and administering an MSPRA; and
- (c) rides in competition vehicles only. For clarity, rides in Officials' vehicles (e.g. Course Cars) are excluded from this Policy

3. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified capitalised terms have the meaning stated in the NCR and below:

- (a) **Apparel:** Safety clothing as defined in Appendix A of this Policy;
- (b) **Automobile:** A vehicle running in constant contact with the ground (or ice) on at least four non-aligned wheels, of which at least two are used for steering and at least two for propulsion; the propulsion and steering of which are constantly and entirely controlled by a Driver on board the vehicle (other terms including but not limited to car, truck and kart may be used interchangeably with Automobile, as appropriate within types of Competition);
- (c) **Course:** The route to be followed by an Automobile in a Competition;
- (d) **Course Car:** An official vehicle available to the Clerk of the Course for on-track activities during an Event;
- (e) **Driver:** A person driving an Automobile in a Competition or activity and necessarily holding a Competitor Licence issued or recognised by Motorsport Australia;
- (f) **Event:** A motorsport activity which may include one or more Competition/s, Parade/s, or Demonstration/s;
- (g) **Motorsport Australia:** The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Limited trading as Motorsport Australia, the Board and any commission, committee or body within Motorsport Australia which holds a delegation of power from the Board
- (h) **MSPRA:** A 'Motorsport Passenger Ride Activity', being an activity (which may be held as a stand-alone Event or in conjunction with other sessions during an Event) on a Course in which a Passenger is carried in an Automobile at speed. The following will not be considered to be an MSPRA:
 - (i) The use of a Course Car or other approved vehicle where a Passenger or Passengers are permitted subject to the approval of the Organiser
 - (ii) the use of a recovery, fire, medical or other incident response vehicle undertaking official duties;

- (iii) a Parade; and
- (iv) any other activity involving the use of a vehicle on a Course which is necessary for the operation of the Event;
- (i) **NCR:** National Competition Rules;
- (j) **Official:** Officials at an Event which includes stewards, race directors, technical commissioners and any other official licensed by Motorsport Australia;
- (k) **Parade:** A display of a group of Automobiles at a moderate speed;
- (l) **Passenger:** A person, other than the Driver or Navigator, conveyed in an Automobile. Unless specified otherwise in the Standing Regulations or a relevant Motorsport Australia policy, such person must weigh with personal equipment not less than 60 kg;
- (m) **Policy:** This policy;
- (n) **Promoter:** A person or body with responsibility for financial and commercial matters of an Event;
- (o) **Organiser:** A person or body having responsibility for the organisation of an Event;
- (p) **Risk Warning and Disclaimer:** The risk warning and disclaimer identified for use by a Passenger and which is available at www.motorsportaustralia.org.au;
- (q) **TRA:** A Targeted Risk Assessment;

4. MSPRA Administration Procedure

- (a) Each MSPRA must be conducted in accordance with this Policy and with Motorsport Australia's rules, policies and procedures.
- (b) The process for the conduct of each MSPRA is:
 - (i) The details of a proposed MSPRA must be included in the relevant application form submitted to Motorsport Australia for approval prior to the MSPRA being conducted;
 - (ii) Each Passenger is required to disclose details of any medical condition which may make them unfit to participate in an MSPRA;
 - (iii) A briefing of each Driver and Passenger (and each guardian if the Passenger is under 18 years of age) will be conducted by the Clerk of the Course (or their delegate) prior to a MSPRA commencing. The briefing will be read to each Driver and Passenger and contain as a minimum the items identified in Appendix B. A printed copy of any material used in the briefing will be given to each Driver and Passenger;
 - (iv) A Risk Warning and Disclaimer must be signed by each Passenger following the compulsory briefing and prior to participating in a MSPRA. In the case of a Passenger under 18 years of age, the Risk Warning and Disclaimer must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

5. MSPRA Operational Requirements

5.1 General

- (a) Each MSPRA must be conducted within the limits of the Automobile and its Driver and at less than racing speed.
- (b) Any Driver losing control or exceeding the track limits (as defined in the Code of Driving Conduct) will be reported to the stewards. Nevertheless, a Clerk of the Course may stop any *Automobile* they consider to be driven inappropriately.

Overtaking is not permitted, save for circumstances where an Automobile has stopped on the Course in a safe position or otherwise is moving slowly due to a mechanical failure or similar problem. Where a Driver leaves the Course and is unable to continue, the Driver must immediately pull clear of the Course where it is safe to do so and wait in the *Automobile* for further direction from an official unless it is unsafe to do so.

- (c) Each MSPRA must be under the control of the Clerk of the Course (or their delegate) who will be responsible for all operational matters for the MSPRA. In addition to their normal duties, the Clerk of the Course (or their delegate) will:
- (i) take a cautious approach to the design and conduct of each MSPRA;
 - (ii) approve each Driver, Passenger and Automobile combination which has applied to participate in an MSPRA;
 - (iii) monitor each Driver and Automobile during an MSPRA to ensure they are acting in accordance with this Policy; and
 - (iv) ensure there are an adequate number of officials and emergency response vehicles relevant to the activity at each Course to:
 - (A) ensure that each Passenger is correctly:
 - (I) fitted and restrained as required for each Automobile with proper consideration for the physical attributes (height, weight, etc.) of each Passenger; and
 - (II) attired in accordance with this Policy at all times while the Automobile is on the Course; and
 - (B) ensure a safe environment for the conduct of a MSPRA.

NOTE: Resourcing requirements may vary depending on the Course and the discipline (and the broader Event if relevant).

5.2 Panic Codes

A panic code will be determined and agreed upon by each Driver and Passenger that can be used by the Passenger to indicate they are no longer agreeable to the continuation of a MSPRA. In the event of the panic code being used or displayed by a Passenger, the Driver must promptly slow down and exit the Course.

5.3 Scrutineering

Each Automobile and the Apparel to be used in a MSPRA must pass scrutineering in accordance with the NCR and meet any stated requirements for the MSPRA.

5.4 Number of permitted Passengers

Unless approved otherwise by Motorsport Australia, each Automobile may carry only one (1) Passenger at a time during each run in a MSPRA.

5.5 Separation of Automobiles

The minimum Automobile separation stated in Appendix A must be maintained during each MSPRA unless approved otherwise by Motorsport Australia.

5.6 Experience and Familiarisation with Course

Before commencing a MSPRA with a Passenger, each Driver must as a minimum:

- (a) complete a Course familiarisation on the day of the MSPRA as stated in Appendix A; and
- (b) be able to demonstrate that they have participated in at least three events of an equivalent status and type as the MSPRA.

5.7 Licencing

Unless otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia, each Driver in a MSPRA must hold a Competition Licence which meets the following criteria:

- (a) where a Driver is participating in that Automobile in another session of the Event in which the MSPRA is being conducted, a level of Competition Licence sufficient to permit that Driver to participate in that Automobile in that other session of the Event; and
- (b) in any other case, a Competition Licence which permits the Driver to participate in the level and discipline of the MSPRA as stated by Motorsport Australia in the applicable permit for the MSPRA.

5.8 Automobile

Each Automobile in an MSPRA must:

- (a) comply with all Motorsport Australia Rules, policies and procedures;
- (b) be passed as suitable for carrying a Passenger in a MSPRA by the Chief Scrutineer (or other official appointed by the Event Organiser); and
- (c) meet the following requirements;
 - (i) where the Automobile is entered in another session of the Event in which the MSPRA is being conducted, in accordance with any Rules, policies and procedures which otherwise apply to the entry of the Automobile in that session of the Event; and
 - (ii) in any other case, as required for an Automobile in the level and discipline of the MSPRA.
- (d) [Be fitted with a window net, compliant with schedule I, covering the Passenger side window opening in any Passenger ride where that Automobile is required to be fitted with a window net or racing net on the Driver's side.](#)

5.9 Apparel

During a MSPRA each Driver must as a minimum wear the following level of Apparel:

- (a) where a Driver is participating in that Automobile in another session of the Event in which the MSPRA is being conducted, Apparel sufficient to permit that Driver to participate in that Automobile in that other session of the Event; and
- (b) in any other case, as required for a Driver in the level and discipline of the MSPRA as stated by Motorsport Australia in the applicable permit for the MSPRA; and
- (c) a Passenger must as a minimum wear the level of Apparel stated in Appendix A.

5.10 Age Limits

Each Passenger shall be at least 12 years of age.

5.11 Passengers with a Disability or Impairment

A Passenger with a disability or other impairment which may reasonably compromise their ability to safely participate and self-extricate in an MSPRA will be permitted to participate in an MSPRA, providing prior approval has been granted by Motorsport Australia.

NOTE: Refer to Motorsport Australia Medical Standards for further information on conditions which may reasonably compromise a Passenger's ability to participate in a MSPRA.

5.12 Medical Requirements

- (a) Where a MSPRA is held in conjunction with other sessions of an Event, the minimum medical requirements during the MSPRA will be the same as those which apply to the Event.
- (b) In any other case, the minimum medical requirements during the MSPRA will be the same as those required for the relevant Motorsport Australia discipline at a Club Event level.

6. Discipline Specific Requirements

6.1 Rally/Road and Off Road

Each MSPRA conducted in the Rally/Road and Off Road disciplines is subject to the following additional requirements:

- (a) At any time when the Clerk of the Course is not directly controlling a MSPRA, a stage commander or similar official will be appointed;
- (b) The start of each run of the MSPRA must always be controlled by an official who must ensure that the Course is safe before allowing the next Automobile to enter the Course.

6.2 Race and Speed

Each MSPRA conducted in the Race and Speed disciplines is subject to the following additional requirements:

- (a) Unless otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia, each MSPRA which is held in conjunction with other sessions in an Event may only be conducted using an Automobile which is being driven in another session in the same Event. The Organiser of each Event during which an Automobile participates in a MSPRA but which is not otherwise participating in the Event must apply to Motorsport Australia for approval for that Automobile to be used in the MSPRA before commencement of the MSPRA;
- (b) No Automobile is permitted to enter the Course during a MSPRA unless specifically instructed to do so by an official.

6.3 Timing and Results

- (a) Timing of Automobiles during a MSPRA may be undertaken by the Organiser only for the purpose of ensuring that each Automobile is being driven in compliance with this Policy.
- (b) No official results or lap times for a MSPRA will be published.

7. Exemptions to This Policy

- (a) Motorsport Australia acknowledges that there are some unique activities (such as Charity Ride Days etc.) that may not be able to comply with the MSPRA in its entirety, due to the particular circumstances of such Events, and their prospective Participants. Event Organisers may seek an exemption from Motorsport Australia in relation to specific requirements of the Policy in order to be able to conduct such activities.
- (b) Event Organisers will need to submit a detailed TRA for each individual requirement of the MSPRA that they are unable to comply with, highlighting mitigation measures that will be put in place by the Organisers to address any potential risks that may be identified. The application for any exemption to vary the requirements of the MSPRA must be submitted to Motorsport Australia Permits (permits@motorsport.org.au) at least 8 weeks prior to any proposed activity.
- (c) Exemptions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and where the

Organiser can demonstrate a comprehensive management and mitigation of all risks.

8. Implications for Non-Adherence

- (a) Any breach of this Policy may result in disciplinary action being taken by Motorsport Australia.
- (b) One or more penalties may be imposed upon any Organiser, Driver or Competitor who has breached this Policy in accordance with the NCR.

9. Related Rules, Policies or Procedures

- (a) Motorsport Australia OH&S Policy
- (b) Motorsport Australia Risk Management Policy

10. General

- (a) The Policy Manager is the Manager – Risk and Safety to whom any questions in relation to this Policy should be directed.
- (b) This Policy will be reviewed every 2 years if not sooner.

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Appendix A – Requirements for an MSPRA

Discipline	Autotest	Speed	Rally/Road	Off Road	Race
Minimum Course Familiarisation	Driven the Course at least once prior to the commencement of the MSPRA.	Completed at least two laps or runs of the Course. Note: This may include a sighting lap or timed practice.	Driven on or conducted reconnaissance of the Course at least once with a licensed Co-Driver.	Driven on or conducted reconnaissance of the Course at least once with a licensed Co-Driver.	Unless otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia, there must be at least three laps or runs of the Course completed. Note: This may include practice, qualifying or race laps.
Minimum Automobile Separation	As determined by the Clerk of the Course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the 'group 3' Course density stated on the Track Licence. • In the case of the use of a single road being used in an 'up and back' manner (as opposed to a 'loop') and in addition to the above separation, the MSPRA shall be subject of a risk assessment and appropriate tracking of Automobiles on and off the Course. At no time shall more than one Automobile at a time be permitted on the Course or designated Course in this situation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Automobiles at a minimum interval of 60 seconds (or longer as required so that under normal circumstances the Automobiles cannot catch each other.) • In the case of the use of a single road being used in an 'up and back' manner (as opposed to a 'loop') and in addition to the above separation, the MSPRA shall be subject of a risk assessment and appropriate tracking of Automobiles on and off the Course. At no time shall more than one Automobile at a time be permitted on the Course or designated Course in this situation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Automobiles at a minimum interval of 60 seconds (or longer as required so that under normal circumstances the Automobiles cannot catch each other.) • In the case of the use of a single road being used in an 'up and back' manner (as opposed to a 'loop') and in addition to the above separation, the MSPRA shall be subject of a risk assessment and appropriate tracking of Automobiles on and off the Course. At no time shall more than one Automobile at a time be permitted on the Course or designated Course in this situation. 	40% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the 'group 3' Course density stated on the Track Licence.

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Minimum Apparel	As per the minimum requirements for the Driver.	As per the minimum requirements for the Driver.	As per the minimum requirements for the Driver (including helmet and FHR where required), save for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flame-retardant overalls to be a minimum of FIA 8856-2000, FIA 1986, or SFI 3.2A/1 (single layer) or superior are mandatory. • Flame-retardant underwear is not mandatory. • Minimum footwear is enclosed shoes. • Flame-retardant socks are not mandatory. • Gloves are not mandatory. 	As per the minimum requirements for the Driver (including helmet and FHR where required), save for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flame-retardant overalls to a minimum of FIA 8856-2000, FIA 1986 or SFI 3.2A/1 (single layer) or superior are mandatory. • Flame-retardant underwear is not mandatory. • Minimum footwear is enclosed shoes. • Flame-retardant socks are not mandatory. • Gloves are not mandatory. 	As per the minimum requirements for the Driver, (including helmet and FHR where required), save for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flame-retardant overalls to a minimum of FIA 8856-2000, FIA 1986 or SFI 3.2A/1 (single layer) or superior are mandatory. • Flame-retardant underwear is not mandatory. • Minimum footwear is enclosed shoes. • Flame-retardant socks are not mandatory. • Gloves are not mandatory.

Appendix B – Driver/Passenger Briefing

1. Driver Briefing

Each Driver must be briefed as a minimum in the following matters before participating in a MSPRA:

- (a) Motorsport Australia Safety 1st Policy and its effect on the MSPRA;
- (b) Passenger disclaimer completion and handover process;
- (c) Marshalling procedure/requirements;
- (d) Driver and Passenger Apparel;
- (e) Course entry and exit locations and procedures;
- (f) Location of marshals and fire point;
- (g) Flag signals to be used;
- (h) Number of laps or time on Course;
- (i) Speed restrictions (pit lane, paddock, on Course-if applicable);
- (j) Overtaking rules and restrictions (if applicable);
- (k) Driving standards and expected behaviour;
- (l) Behaviours that may result in action being taken against Participants. For example:
 - (i) Racing.
 - (ii) Aggressive manoeuvres (cutting off, blocking, etc.).
 - (iii) Drivers not driving an Automobile clearly within their limits and at significantly less than usual Competition speed;
- (m) Sanctions may be imposed for breaches of this Policy, including but not limited to the imposition of a warning, fine or disqualification from the Event;
- (n) Procedure if Automobile is stopped on Course. For example:
 - (i) Exit Automobile and proceed to safe location (behind barriers);
 - (ii) Do not work on or push Automobile;
- (o) Other items, regulations or conditions relevant to the MSPRA;
- (p) Provide each Driver with a Course map with relevant markings for the MSPRA (exit points, fire points etc.);
- (q) Panic code (i.e. hand signal, verbal comment such as 'stop the ride' or similar).

2. Passenger Briefing

Each Passenger must be briefed as a minimum in the following matters before participating in a MSPRA:

- (a) Motorsport Australia Safety 1st Policy and its effect on the MSPRA;
- (b) Passenger disclaimer completion and handover process;
- (c) What to expect while participating;

- (d) Apparel for Passengers;
- (e) Procedure if Automobile is stopped on Course. For example;
 - (i) Exit Automobile and proceed to safe location (behind barriers);
 - (ii) Do not work on or push Automobile;
- (f) Panic code (i.e. hand signal, verbal comment such as 'stop the ride' or similar);
- (g) The Passenger must not place any part of their body outside the Automobile or undertake any action such as filming the ride by handheld means while participating in a MSPRA;
- (h) The Passenger must not engage in any action that may impede, distract or cause effect to the Driver.