



The SACU are pleased to announce that new regulations to support motorsport on public roads in Scotland have now come into force.

Following consultation, the Scottish Government introduced new regulations to the Scottish Parliament in order to better support motorsport. These regulations are now in force and allow for the introduction of a two stage application process which will allow motorsports events to be held on closed public roads. This follows on from the Scottish Parliament having recently voted to approve the regulations introduced by the Scottish Government.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson, said:

“We have a proud tradition of Motorsport in Scotland and this government recognises the need to balance the potential for economic benefits and public enjoyment from motorsports with a high degree of safety.

“We have listened to motorsports governing bodies and taken steps which will simplify the consideration of events by creating a robust and proportionate framework for the authorisation of motorsport on public roads in Scotland.

“We know that motorsports can be dangerous and that the risk needs to be correctly assessed and managed, however, this step will help usher the return of major sporting events to our communities, boosting local economies and help to continue Scotland’s rich legacy in motorsport.”

What does this mean for the SACU? In simple terms the legislation now allows the SACU to permit and authorise large scale road racing events similar to the Northwest 200 in conjunction with local councils and other authorities on Scottish Roads. There are other smaller scale benefits that need exploration as well.

SACU Chairman Major Sandy Mack MBE said that “ this is great news for all motorsport in Scotland, lifting a legislative bar to these events opens up a huge potential for closed roads racing in Scotland. Our Scottish Motorsports Partners Motorsport UK have been working on this for some time, the SACU’s invitation to contribute has secured our position and authority to permit such events.”

New legislation notwithstanding, there are many other steps to promoting events of this nature so it may be some time before two wheeled events of this nature take place.

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