

IET Formula Goblin: 2021 Event Season COVID-19 Manual

Greenpower is committed to following the guidance and advice from both our governing body, Motorsport UK, and the Government in a way which highlights the safety of our staff, volunteers, and competitors. We are mindful that the Government Roadmap has been set out to remove current restrictions and we will endeavor to update and adapt our procedures in line with any new information that is published.

This document is intended to be a comprehensive guide to all the changes to the event season, to help you plan and prepare for Greenpower events. We are reliant on your cooperation to ensure all measures are successfully implemented and followed. We value you and your contribution to the project and although we are confident in our procedures we will always listen to your concerns and ideas on how to improve current procedures for all involved.

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Open letter for team leaders

We understand that for many the idea of attending events will seem daunting after a year of social distancing and limits on everyday life. For this reason, we have produced a letter for teams to pass on to interested parties explaining our procedures and how they will ensure the safety of participants attending our events. Please pass on this letter to any teacher, colleague, parent or SLT that you feel would benefit from understanding our policies. We hope by sharing our procedures in this way we can enable more teams to join us for the 2021 season.

Dear Reader,

This letter is aimed to show you how and where Greenpower events fit into the current government and Motorsport UK restrictions surrounding COVID-19.

As of 29 March 2021, organised sport has reopened in England. The definition of which sports can resume is that the sport is required to run under a governing body. In the case of Greenpower this is Motorsport UK and enables us to return to events if we run within their guidelines. Motorsport UK has been proactive in its efforts to enable clubs to resume, under their new guidance "Restart" which can be found in the Key Information sources section below.

Key elements of this guidance are as follows:

- Wearing face masks for all ages throughout the duration of the events.
- Limiting attendance to reduce numbers at events.
- Ensuring Track and Trace measures are in place.
- Ensuring hygiene is maintained at events.
- Limiting interaction between participants, officials and spectators whilst ensuring safety procedures are in place.

Additionally, to this guidance we have taken it upon ourselves to introduce further policies, these are as follows:

- Restructured event format promoting safe practises.
- Dedicated paddock areas for each team with sufficient space for 2-meter separation.
- Regular vehicle and equipment cleaning
- Prohibiting the sharing of equipment such as overalls and gloves.
- Mandating the use of a balaclava if helmets are to be shared.
- Prohibiting spectators from outside of the mandated team limit from entering the event
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We continually review advice given by both the Government and Motorsport UK to ensure we stay up to date with the most recent guidance along with conducting our own post event reviews. Surveys are sent out to all teams after an event and following our two F24/F24+ (ages 11-25) events ran in 2020 under these procedures, we found all participants were satisfied with the level of protection offered at our events. We hope this has helped to give you a greater understanding of our event procedures and that this will help enable your team to attend an upcoming Greenpower event this year. If you have any further question or would like more information on a specific area, please contact our designated Covid-19 Officer outlined in key information sources below.

Kind regards,

The Greenpower Team.

Key Information Sources

- Covid-19 officer for Greenpower Education Trust:
Olivia Procter-Moore
Email address: olivia@greenpower.co.uk
Contact: 07932953050
- Latest Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Latest Motorsport UK advice: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/restart/>

COVID-19 Secure event procedures

Please ensure you familiarise yourself with all changes documented below before attending the event. If you have any questions about the changes being implemented, please contact olivia@greenpower.co.uk.

***To clarify the term "team" has been used to identify a singular car. Therefore, it is possible for one organisation to have multiple teams. ***

Prior to the event

- Only **15 people per team** can attend the event. This includes all adults associated with your team who will be present throughout the event. Please ensure all attendees are included on the online sign on form that must be completed 1 week prior to the event date. A link to this form will be sent to you via email.
- If a team has more than 15 people in attendance or a person has not registered prior to the event the offending person will be asked to leave the venue.
- **No public spectators** will be allowed onsite throughout the day. Only those registered with a team will be permitted to enter the event.
- 2 weeks before the event a safety briefing video will be sent via email. All team members must watch and understand the safety briefing video prior to the event. Any questions ahead of the event please contact gavin@greenpower.co.uk.

By signing the online registration form and watching the safety briefing each driver states they conform to the following minimum requirements:

- They can operate the isolator switch
 - They know how to operate the brakes and can meet the minimum braking requirement as defined in the regulations.
 - They are capable of exiting the car quickly in the event of an emergency
 - They know how to tighten their safety harness and helmet strap.
 - They know what the flag colours mean and how to respond
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- Please familiarise yourself with the scrutineering checklist. Due to social distancing restrictions, we will be asking teams to perform their own scrutineering checks on the day under the supervision of a scrutineer.
 - A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of a completed registration form to confirm that it has been received by the Greenpower Team.
 - **No one will be permitted to access the event prior to the day** including the night before.
 - A face covering must be worn **at all times** whilst on site, face shields will not be accepted, this applies to **everyone** in attendance. The covering does not have to be medical grade but must cover the nose and mouth. Those who cannot wear a face mask or covering **MUST NOT** attend the event. Participants who do not adhere to this will be asked to leave. We understand that this may be difficult for some participants, for more details please go to the Motorsport UK Website: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/motorsportuk-powerpoint-presentation-v3.pdf>
 - All team members must source their own gloves and overalls to ensure these items are not shared at the event. We strongly recommend helmets are not shared amongst team

members however this decision lies solely with the team. If Helmets are to be shared a balaclava must be worn.

- We recommend each team prepares a first aid kit to be brought to the event to treat minor injuries. For a suggested list please see Team Members PPE below.
- You must adhere to your organisational policy and government advice on vehicle sharing and transport when organising and travelling to the event.
- You must not have, or been in contact with someone who has CV-19 symptoms. If you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone with symptoms, please follow the government advice on self-isolation and do not attempt to attend the event.

Arrival on Event day

- Access to the site will be limited to specific times of the day. For further information please check your pre-race information which will be sent to you two weeks prior to the event.
- Please ensure a registered team leader is among the first to attend the event.
- Registered attendees will be checked in at the gate upon arrival.
- Students may be dropped off/collected at/from the venue by adults who are not registered team members however they must leave the venue as soon as the student has been dropped off. **No public spectators** will be allowed onsite throughout the day.
- If you experience CV-19 like symptoms at the event you must leave the event with your full team and inform Greenpower via the number provided on your pre-race information pack.
- Do not attempt to contact Greenpower in person if you have symptoms or are with someone that does. If you or a team member are seriously ill whilst in attendance at our event, medical care will be provided.
- Please adhere to any procedures put in place by the venue, as well as current Government guidelines. Any persons found to be regularly breaking the rules/guidelines will be asked to leave the venue.
- Throughout the day please follow basic hygiene requirements for hand washing with soap and water or use of hand gel with a minimum alcohol content of 60%.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.

Sign-on and Race Admin

- Registered attendees will be checked in at the gate. Please ensure a registered team leader is among the first to attend the event.
- On the morning of the event an official will come to your paddock to give you your race stickers, including numbers.
- Race admin will be located outside in a well-ventilated position. Team members queuing for Race Admin must maintain two-meter spacing from each other.
- The event will operate on a paperless policy. Race Admin is open solely as a point for information or to purchase spare parts.
- You will not be required to present your sign on sheets at race admin. Please stay within your paddock area with your team and wait for a scrutineer to come to you.
- The standard list of spare parts will be available at the event. Teams must purchase parts before they can be handed over. We will not be bringing items pre purchased to the event for collection nor will we accept returns from previous website purchases.
- All payments must be made by card. Cash, cheque, and invoicing will not be accepted.

Scrutineering

- On the morning of the event, you will be asked to push your car in front of your paddock area.
- In order to reduce the amount of common touch points at events we ask that the team leader conducts their scrutineering checks under the supervision of a Greenpower scrutineer on the day of the event.
- The vehicle must be presented as if it were about to race. All covers and bodywork must be attached and the tallest driver belted in with helmet and gloves on. Scrutineers may request the removal of panels to check compliance, please be ready to comply.
- Once approved a Greenpower scrutineer will issue a scrutineering sticker.
- **Do not** enter the track before receiving a scrutineering sticker.
- The Chief Scrutineer has the right to inspect any aspect of the car at any point throughout the event.
- If for any reason more extensive work needs to be carried out on your car. A scrutineer will remove the car to a separate area to complete any work and sanitise the car before returning it to outside of your paddock.

Paddock Area

- **Access to the site will be limited to specific times of the day. For further information please check your pre-race information which will be sent to you two weeks prior to the event.**
- Each team will be allocated a paddock area which will remain theirs for the whole event. You cannot change paddock area unless you have been given permission by Greenpower staff.
- Only those signed up on your entry form may enter your designated paddock area. **Do not** enter another team's paddock area.
- Enclosed spaces must be well ventilated, awnings/gazebos must remain open to allow good ventilation.
- Common touch points, driver controls, and seating **must be sanitised** on the car each time it enters your designated paddock area before any work can be conducted on it, including driver changes.
- Please familiarise yourself with the venue signage on the day. Some one-way systems may be in place along narrow walkways at certain venues.

Team Members Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- A face covering must be worn **at all times** whilst on site, face shields will not be accepted, this applies to **everyone** in attendance. The covering does not have to be medical grade but must cover the nose and mouth. Those who cannot wear a face mask or covering **MUST NOT** attend the event. Participants who do not adhere to this will be asked to leave. For more details please go to the Motorsport UK Website: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/motorsportuk-powerpoint-presentation-v3.pdf>
- Each team member must have their own gloves and overalls which are **not to be shared** at the event. Considering the high risk of transmission of Covid-19 we strongly advise that helmets are not shared however this decision lies solely with the team leader. Helmets must be cleaned after each use. Where helmets are to be shared a balaclava must be worn.

- Throughout the day please follow basic hygiene requirements for hand washing with soap and water or use of hand gel with a minimum alcohol content of 60%. Teams must supply their own hand sanitiser and must have enough to last the whole event.
- Although medical cover is provided at the event, we recommend all teams bring their own first aid kit to treat minor injuries. Please request medical assistance if required. The first aid kit should include (from NHS website):
 - antiseptic
 - painkillers
 - wound-cleaning gauze
 - sterile dressings
 - bandage tape
 - plasters
 - tweezers
 - medication for pre-existing medical conditions
 - scissors
 - thermometer
 - antihistamines
 - sunburn treatment
 - insect repellent
 - insect bite treatment

Event Format

Spectating:

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to permit those who are not part of a registered Greenpower team to attend the event solely to spectate. We understand that for many this is an essential part of the Greenpower race day, and we will update this policy as soon as the restrictions allow. Where possible, team leaders may film their participants who have photo permissions, for the participants families to view after the event.

- Registered team members will be able to view the track in the designated viewing area. Social distancing must be maintained at all times and a face covering must be worn in these areas. Failure to comply will result in the viewing area being closed for the event.

Example timetable:

Time	Activity
08:30-09:30	Site open for teams to arrive. If you believe you will not be able to make this time slot call Olivia on 07932 953050
09:00	Scrutineering begins
10:30	Event area opens
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Event area reopens
15:30	Awards given to teams and event closes

Team Briefing:

- Two weeks before the event a safety briefing will be sent via email. All team members **must** watch and understand the safety briefing video prior to the event. If you have any questions, please contact gavin@greenpower.co.uk.
- There will be no team briefing on the day of the event. Please ensure you have access to the safety briefing video for reference. If you still have questions on the day please ask a member of staff.

Driver changes:

- The car must be returned to your paddock **immediately** after leaving the event area. Driver changes will not be permitted outside of your paddock area other than for serious incidents.
- Common touch points, driver controls, and seating **must be sanitised** on the car each time it enters your designated paddock area before any work can be conducted on it, including driver changes.

Awards and judging:

- Due to the current restrictions, we will not be conducting face to face judging whereby the judges must speak with teams directly or review items such as a portfolio. This will result in a change to the awards that are on offer for the event. We will continue to award the following prizes with judging being conducted from a safe distance:
 - Slalom 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - Drag 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - Best Presented Team
 - Best Bodywork
 - Spirit of Greenpower
 - Overall Winner

Under these restrictions we will not be able to award the following prizes:

- Sprint 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Greenest Bodywork
- Portfolio Award

We understand the enjoyment students get from being able to talk to our judges about their cars and we will endeavour to return to the judging parade as soon as it is safe to do so.

- Sanitised trophies will be left in the paddock of the winning teams. The list of winners will be announced in the post event round up document and on our website. Participation awards will be placed in the paddock of all teams that attend the event.
- All awards will be judged on the day. All awards carry additional (minus) points towards a team's overall score for the day. The overall winner will be the team with the least points.

Race:

- There will be 12 opportunities for each car to complete a run.

- A “Run” consists of a slalom section followed by a drag section to the finish. The driver will remain the same for both sections of a run. The slalom and the drag event will be timed separately.
- Once the driver and pusher have finished their Run, they must return to their paddock where the car and any common touch points must be sanitised ready for the next driver and pusher.
- There is to be no driver or pusher changing outside of your paddock area.
- Teams must use the **same set of batteries** for all races. Battery changing **will not** be allowed once the races have started.

General:

- **Team leaders** are responsible for conducting a full safety check on the driver before leaving your paddock area. This is to include and will be shown within the safety briefing:
 - **Helmet** strap done up with a maximum of a two-finger gap below the chin.
 - **Harness** straps are tight with the lap strap tight around the waist and not around the stomach/chest.
 - **Hair** is tucked down the back of overalls with nothing else loose which could get caught such as a coat hood.
 - **Gloves** are worn along with full length sleeves and trousers. Closed toe footwear must be worn.
 - **Brakes** can be applied by the driver with enough stopping force.
- A visual safety check will be conducted on entry to the event area and your car will be returned to your paddock area for remedial action if they do not comply.
- Only one person per team can push the car to/from your designated paddock area. The car must be pushed at a walking pace.
- The car must be turned off at all times whilst outside of your paddock area. Only turn your car on when instructed by a marshal.
- Any rule infringement will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Clerk of the Course, any decision made by the Clerk of the Course is **final**.

Marshal and on track Interactions

- If you stop on track a marshal will approach face on and at a safe distance, the driver must **present a thumbs up** signal to indicate they are okay, and the marshal will move your car off track.
- You must stay strapped in the car whilst you are pushed off track, unless you are concerned with the safety of your vehicle.
- All marshals will be wearing face coverings and gloves.
- Whilst being recovered drivers will be asked to keep their helmets on.
- If you are injured or require assistance you **do not** have to present a thumbs up signal. The marshal will call for medical and if necessary, will approach the car wearing a face covering and gloves.

Venue facilities

- As our events can be subject to adverse weather, we will still aim to provide a catering facility. Any catering outlet will have satisfied both the venue and Greenpower’s requirement for suitable measures to limit contact.

- **Face coverings** must be worn by all persons entering the catering facility.
- Only card payment will be accepted. Cash payment will be refused.
- No BBQs or other cooking equipment are permitted on site. You are welcome to bring your own food to this event, please clear up any litter you create.
- Toilet facilities will have a regular cleaning schedule throughout the event.
- Where queues are required to access facilities social distancing measures must be followed (stand two-meters clear of all persons)
- No dogs are allowed on site except assistance dogs – Greenpower reserve the right to remove persons from the site if they fail to comply with this regulation.
- Ball games are not permitted on site.
- Smoking is not permitted at Greenpower events.
- Please adhere to any procedures put in place by the venue, as well as current Government guidelines. Any persons found to be regularly breaking the rules/guidelines will be asked to leave the venue.

Covid-19 symptoms onsite

If any member of your team falls ill during the event and starts to display symptoms of Covid-19 you must do the following:

- You must **isolate immediately**. Report to the secretary of the meeting by calling 07932 953050 and await further instructions. Please do not seek out a member of staff.
- The person, along with their whole cohort, must be taken off site.
- Greenpower must be kept informed on the condition of the person in order to inform attendees at the event for the purposes of Track and Trace.

Checklist

Criteria	What must you do to comply?	Achieved
Source personal gloves and overalls for all team members.		
Source personal helmets for all team members (Optional) plus balaclava's (mandatory).		
Source cleaning sanitiser products for cleaning the car, tools and hands.		
Source suitably stocked first aid kit.		
All team members (Max 15) have completed the registration form 1 week prior to the event date		
Familiarise yourself with the scrutineering checklist.		

All team members have watched and understood the safety briefing video.		
Charge batteries and wait for the event!		