

Scrutineers Pre-Season Brief 2025

Welcome to the 2025 FOC Superformance Ferrari Club Classic Series which promises once again to be something very special. As part of your preparations please note the amendments in the FOC 2025 Technical and Sporting Regulations. This season also sees the full launch of the National Competition Rules (NCR) It is important that you take the time to fully understand the implications in both publications before the first meeting of the year at the Donington Historic Festival.

Motorsport UK - National Competition Rules (NCR)

The National Competition Rules (NCR) are published on the Motorsport UK website as the replacement of the longstanding Yearbook. The way in which the regulations are presented, accessed and used enables live updates to be made throughout the year. The current version is Version 8 but this may be amended further during the season. Ensure you keep up to date. <https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/#ncr>

The following topics are points to note but these are by no means exhaustive. Please check the latest NCR for full details to ensure you are ready for 2025.

Helmets – During 2024 there were several competitors caught out with noncompliant helmets. For the benefit of doubt please note the following acceptable standards. Please check **NOW**...

For all Motorsport UK National Events

FIA 8860-2010
FIA 8859-2015
FIA 8860-2018
FIA 8860-2018-ABP
FIA 8859-2024
FIA 8859-2024-ABP
SNELL SA2015 (Not valid after 31.12.26)
SNELL SA2020

Secure Mountings - Please ensure that cameras, data loggers etc are securely mounted using a robust mechanical fixing and where possible a secondary fixing device such as a tether is used. **Suction mounts are not acceptable.**

Fire Extinguisher (PFAS) Legislation Update - The UK Environment Agency has announced upcoming legislation regarding the use of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), set to take effect this year. This has led to speculation and misinformation concerning the impact on aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) fire extinguishers.

There have been some concerns raised, that all AFFF or foam-based fire extinguishers will be banned because of this legislation. However, this is not entirely accurate. While the regulation will affect certain foam formulations, not all foam-based extinguishers will be impacted. Manufacturers have been developing compliant alternatives that meet both fire safety and environmental standards. Furthermore, extinguisher manufacturers cannot sell extinguishant products containing the restricted chemicals. Any extinguisher that has recently been purchased new, or an existing extinguisher that has, or will soon be sent for service and refilling will be filled with extinguishant complying with the forthcoming legislation. If you have any doubt, please contact the relevant extinguisher manufacturer or their appointed local agent for further advice.

Overalls – Concerns have been received from competitors who have been told that FIA 8856-2000 overalls are no longer compliant. THIS IS NOT THE CASE! It is the case that for international events FIA Standard 8856 2000 overalls were withdrawn with effect from 01 January 2023. But this only applies to FIA International Events. Under Motorsport UK NCR (Ch.9 Art.3.3) for events other than International Status, all FIA Standard 8856-2000 overalls continue to be acceptable, providing they remain in good condition.

Harness Homologation Holograms - Harness shoulder straps are still commonly found to be installed the wrong way round. Remember that the FIA-homologation hologram should be on the left-hand shoulder strap (from the wearer's perspective). It is important that this is correct as many harness buckle clips are specifically angled for the left or right-hand side.

FOC Technical Regulations

There are a number changes to the FOC technical regulations for 2025 which are highlighted by being underlined. Please satisfy yourself that your race car complies with the specific rules for the group you intend to compete.

The series includes a wide range of cars which have a variance of performance in terms of power and age. Specific weight limits are applied to maintain a close racing field. Please ensure you are confident that your car complies with the required minimum weight **before qualifying**. Please speak to me if you have any concerns and I will endeavour to make the scales (which have been calibrated) available before competition starts.

Not complying with the regulations

I am sure I say this every year but 2025 is going to be an exceptional season. A great deal of time and thought has been spent on the technical regulations to promote close racing across all groups. The FOC take pride in organising a friendly, relaxed yet competitive racing series. As in past years drivers of cars found not to comply with the regulations will be issued with a written "Non-Compliance" report and given the opportunity to rectify for the next meeting. However, areas of non-compliance deemed to be excessive such as found to be below the minimum weight limit, or safety related, will be reported to the Clerk of the Course as stated in the Motorsport UK NCR Ch 2.

Good luck and I wish you a safe and successful racing season.

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