



# Become a Bemsee Marshal!



If you are interested in becoming a Marshal, or simply curious, you've come to the right place!! Here at Bemsee (The British Motorcycle Racing Club), we take the safety of our Racers very seriously. The Marshals play a huge role in limiting the dangers within the sport, they are not only there to clear the incidents as quickly and safely as possible, but also for prevention of incidents. They are the eyes and ears for race control and are a primary means of communication for the Racers.

The Marshals are a part of the bigger team that enables racing, and whilst the Marshals are volunteers, their role is vital and fully appreciated by the Club.

Some of the Marshals have been heard to state that they have 'the best seat in the house'. I have been marshalling for over 26 years and am still 'blown away' by some of the Marshal positions around the circuits. Marshalling connects you to racing in a way that being a spectator can never do, it places you at the edge and sometimes at the heart of the action!



Our Race calendar for 2025 promises to provide a varied and exciting mix of circuits and includes Brands Hatch, Oulton Park, Snetterton (300 layout), Donington Park (National and International layouts) and last, but not least, Cadwell Park. Good Marshal cover remains a key component in keeping our Racers as safe as possible. With each Marshal contributing to the overall teamwork required to run a meeting as efficiently and safely as possible, the statement 'the more Marshals, the merrier!' is just as appropriate as ever.

So, if you have ever thought about getting involved on the other side of the fence, then now's the time to make yourself known!

## How and Availability

The first thing to do is to contact me, to let me know you are interested in Marshalling. I can also answer any questions you may have. When I first started Marshalling, I made my fellow Marshals ears bleed with the quantity of questions I asked... there really is no such thing as a stupid question, as the former Chief Marshal, Mike Hodgins, would say!!

The next step will be to provide your contact details and other information that might be relevant to you, and I will need to know your availability for the 2025 season. We can do this in the following way:

Register online at <https://www.bemsee.net/registermarshalofficial>, and create your Marshal profile. Once you have registered, you will receive an activation email and can then log in to the system at <https://www.bemsee.net/login> and select your availability.

It is possible for you to simply register online without contacting me first, but if you are a new Marshal with us, it is likely I will contact you so that I can be fully informed when selecting where to put you on corner at any of our meetings. It is important to me that you feel a part of the team and I believe that this starts at the very beginning.

When selecting which days/meetings you want to attend as a Marshal, there is absolutely no obligation to Marshal more meetings or days than you would like to. All our meetings include a Friday test day and Saturday and Sunday are racing days. There is one exception... Oulton Park... this will run on Friday and Saturday only. You can choose to just Marshal for 1 day, 2 days or all 3 days.



Are you still considering becoming a part of this team of Marshals? If so, read on...

Approximately one and a half weeks before each meeting, you will receive an email with a link to your e-tickets. This email will also include a link to the Marshals Final Instructions, which will advise you where you need to 'sign on' and at what times, etc.



I will ensure you are kept up-to-date with as much information as you are likely to need. But you are more than welcome to contact me with any questions and to provide feedback, to ensure I get it as right as I can for everyone.

Please note that the online system closes for amendments to your availability for a meeting on the Monday prior to that meeting. If you need to change your availability for that meeting after the system has closed, you will

need to let me know as soon as possible, to reduce the impact on sending tickets, planning allocation of corners and ordering food and chocolates.



The Club provide a cooked breakfast on each day, an evening meal on Friday test day, and a packed lunch on each of our race days. In addition, at most of our meetings, we have a Marshal, Medics and

Officials BBQ on the Saturday night in the Marshals campsite. This is fully paid for by the Club and we have a Marshals Support Vehicle (which I CRASH around in). This carries the equipment for, amongst other things, the BBQ, and includes a marquee and a generator.



All the time the Club is able, on the test day (Friday at most of our meetings), you will receive a payment of £20 and for the race days a payment of £10 for each day. It is a requirement with HMRC that you become an Associate Member of the Club. All we ask is that you throw a £1 into the BEMSEE Benevolent Fund Jar, which enables the Club to help Racers and Members of the Club in difficult circumstances. This jar can be found on the signing on desk at our meetings and training day... you are then an

Associate Member. The Club fully appreciates the contribution of the Marshals and looks after them where they can.

It's not always possible to predict exactly which days and meetings you will be able to attend for the whole season, but if you can give an indication, it helps enormously from a planning point of view. So please feel free to select as few or as many meetings that suit you.

We recognise that Marshals have a life outside of their Marshalling role and life happens. It may be that you have put down for a meeting that you can no longer attend. Conversely, it may even be that you find you can attend a meeting you have not put down for. Either way, if you could just let me know, by either changing your option online, emailing or calling me, then I can take this into consideration when planning allocation of corners and ordering packed lunches and burgers for the BBQ.

## What You Will Need

You will have noticed that the Marshals all wear orange overalls... I would suggest that you give Marshalling a try before purchasing any overalls. I will help you out where I can, and if we can't find you some second-hand overalls in the van, which can be purchased for a small donation to the Benevolent Fund, I can always provide you with an orange bib for your first few meetings, so that you're visible to the racers. You will also need a good strong sturdy pair of boots to support your ankles, gloves and waterproofs. Neck warmers can also be a useful addition to your wardrobe in the colder months. Colours to avoid are red and yellow (to avoid being mistaken for a flag!)

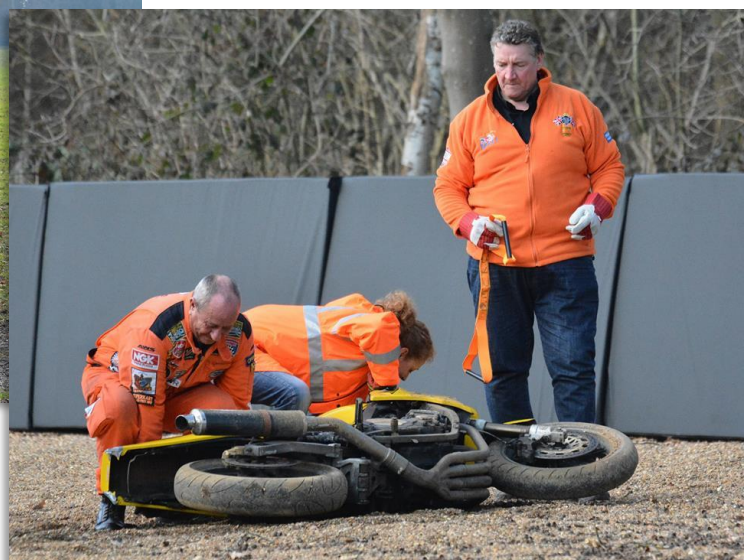


Many bring everything but their kitchen sinks because they have been caught out and learned the hard way. Once you have attended a meeting or our training day, you will have a better idea of what will be useful for you as a Marshal. A touch of humour and a smidgeon of common sense may prove to be useful assets 😊

## Marshal Training




***You don't need previous experience.  
We will give you training.***





Our ACU accredited Marshal Training can be completed in your own time, and is available **ONLINE**. Please note that although the online training is available for most of the year, there is a deadline of the end of March if you want to receive an ACU/BMCRC Certificate and be ACU accredited, but otherwise, please don't worry about deadlines. Details are included in the online training.

BMCRC Marshal Training – Training Resources



Information Modules		
<i>Optional but recommended</i>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
> <a href="#">Welcome and Introduction</a>	📄	X
> <a href="#">Useful Information</a>	📄	X
Main Training Modules		
<i>Required for ACU certificate and accreditation</i>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
> <a href="#">Marshalling Fundamentals</a>	📄	📋
> <a href="#">Safety</a>	📄	📋
> <a href="#">Flags</a>	📄	📋
> <a href="#">Clearing Incidents (Part One)</a>	📄	📋
> <a href="#">Clearing Incidents (Part Two)</a>	📄	📋
Incident Officer Training Modules		
<i>Required for Incident Officer's, otherwise optional</i>	<b>Modules</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
> <a href="#">Radio Communications</a>	📄	📋
> <a href="#">Incident Officer Fundamentals</a>	📄	📋

**Practical Training and Zoom Calls**

Book your place for practical outside Marshal Training at Brands Hatch on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 (14:00 to 17:00)

**PRE-REQUISITE:** If you are new to Marshalling bikes, please complete the online Marshal Training PRIOR to attending the Practical Training....

[Update Availability](#)

Can't make the practical training but have some questions? Don't worry, it's not mandatory and you can always take part in one of our Start of Season Zoom Group Calls on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 by booking your place here:

[Book Zoom Call](#)

Further information about the BMCRC Marshal Training can be found in the Welcome and Introduction module!

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In addition, we provide face to face Marshal training for the practical aspects – **Incident handling, Flags, Medical and Fire**. This takes place at Brands Hatch in February each year, with a pre-requisite being the completion of the online training for any new Marshals who have not Marshalled bikes before.



When Marshalling for real, we won't throw you in the deep end. It is my role, as Chief Marshal, to support and help you in your role trackside. I will put you with experienced Marshals, and they will act as your mentors, showing you the ropes and looking after you.

Whilst basic aspects of first aid are covered in our training (virtual or otherwise), you don't need any first aid experience. You can be assured that at Bemsee meetings we make use of a fast response system, meaning that a trained medic and/or doctor are never far away.

Training is ongoing for all of us. I've been marshalling since 1998 and I've probably made every mistake in the book and undoubtedly will make many more before I'm finished. We work as a team and are all there to support each other, limiting the dangers and helping to make it happen!

Please be assured that there is no obligation to do anything you feel uncomfortable with, and you can learn at your own pace. Your personal safety, and that of your colleagues, is THE most important thing. We can't help the racers if we're in danger ourselves.

## AND Finally

I would like to thank you for taking the time to show an interest. On behalf of the Bemsee Marshals Team, I hope we will be welcoming you into our fold sometime soon. I am very proud of our Marshals, they really are a great bunch of people, from all different walks of life, and I love supporting them.

You can contact me via the details provided below, alternatively, if you're at one of our meetings, drop

into the race office and ask them to contact me. Providing I am not out on circuit, I can come and find you and introduce myself to you.

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