

### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN MSA SANCTIONED EVENTS

- Racing in a controlled environment
- Trained and dedicated officials
- Proper medical and safety facilities
- Competitor's Medical Insurance
- Media Coverage
- Prestige

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL MISSION

To support and promote Motorsport South Africa's own environmental protection code, through education and the implementation of control measures to protect the environment.



#### ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL VISION

To promote and assure sustainable awareness amongst all Motorsport competitors, their crews, organisers and race officials in South Africa and thereby setting an example to the supporting public and all motorists.



### **HOW TO CONTACT US**



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## MOTORSPORT & THE ENVIRONMENT

In recent years we have seen a growing global concern and consciousness about Environmental problems. We are reminded by the mass media that we have to preserve our planet or face catastrophic consequences in the near future.

Sporting events worldwide are getting bigger by the day and is an important economic factor in society, but so too the negative effects associated with it. These also concern the Environment and the planning and staging of environmentally-sound motorsport events is thus essential. This will increasingly become a matter of course for most sporting codes.

Motorsport is often perceived as one of the noisiest and most polluting leisure activities of mankind and our activities are thus subjected to closer scrutiny by public groups seeking to minimise man's impact on his environment.

On the contrary motorsport has amazingly positive messages to send when it comes to addressing global environmental challenges. Rather than to be apologetic and to avoid issues concerning the environment, motorsport wishes to be a major role player not only to encourage environmentally

friendly rules, but also to set an ideal platform to launch eco-friendly technology for the automotive industry.





### WHY ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN MOTORSPORT?

All sporting codes have been requested by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to adopt and endeavour to support the universal Environmental protection declaration. National federations, like Motorsport South Africa (MSA), that are affiliated to the Fédération International de Motocyclisme (FIM) shall further adapt to their Statutes in order to give proper prominence to Environmental matters and to the principles of the FIM Environmental Code.

MSA has proved itself as being a reliable, committed partner for Environmental awareness and protection, but also wishes to encourage all motorsport stakeholders to investigate new energy efficient technologies.

MSA's aim is therefore to go beyond good intentions and to ensure sound environmental practices at all times - compatible with FIM and IOC requirements - and which will warrant sustainable motorsport in South Africa.









### THE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE

In 1996, Motorsport South Africa became the first National Sporting Federation in South Africa to adopt an Environmental Code and through the work of their Environment Panel, it ensures that the highest standards of environmental compliance are achieved at motorsport events. Fundamental elements of national environmental legislation, which are relevant to South African motorsport, have been incorporated in the MSA Environmental Code.

The implementation of the MSA Environmental Code aims to prevent pollution and to minimise the potential for adverse environmental impacts by addressing several key environmental protocols. By ensuring that these impacts are minimal, MSA also endeavours to:

- Appoint Accredited/Licensed MSA Environmental Stewards at all motorsport events
- Identify possible negative environmental impacts and adopt/ implement best practice environmental management.
- Establish and maintain working relationships with relevant landowners and regulatory bodies to ensure - and enhance - existing environmental management practices.
- Educate competitors, their crews, race officials and race organisers on environmental issues and ways to minimise environmental impacts.
- Applying an environmental auditing programme based on this code at each race.





# CONCERNS & NON-SANCTIONED RACING

MSA is aware that illegal "motorsport" activities are staged from time to time throughout South Africa. These events lead to several complaints from the general public. The nature of the complaints usually deals with the negative and damaging impact that these racing activities have on the Environment which sometimes results in disastrous consequences.

MSA urges all its licensed competitors no to partake in any of these events, since it reflects negatively on the image of sanctioned motorsport and can severely damage the reputation of licensed competitors and the sport in general.

MSA issues Organising Permits for all MSA sanctioned events once it has satisfied itself that the safety of competitors, officials and spectators have been taken into account – and that the organisers will adhere to MSA's requirements insofar as environmental matters are concerned. Individuals and/or clubs who partake in these illegal activities are cordially invited to **contact MSA for details** regarding sanctioned Clubs and events where they can enjoy the full benefits of the sport.

