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## **Blancpain 2022**

Sprint at Brands Hatch Circuit

30<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May

Endurance at Silverstone Circuit

TBA

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# Introduction

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The Blancpain Sprint and Endurance races have been designated a Major Event for 2022.

The event typically falls over two weekends in May, but we are unsure at this time the impact Covid-19 has had on the race weekends. At the moment, only the Blancpain Sprint has been confirmed at Brands Hatch from the 30<sup>th</sup> April- 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Both races have had massive International interest in the past and requirements continue to grow year on year. The complexity of the demands from stakeholders, for both races, has led to us taking control of the coordination with restrictions in place for online bookings.

Gregory Smith is the designated Spectrum Planner leading the coordination and clearance of frequencies over both events.



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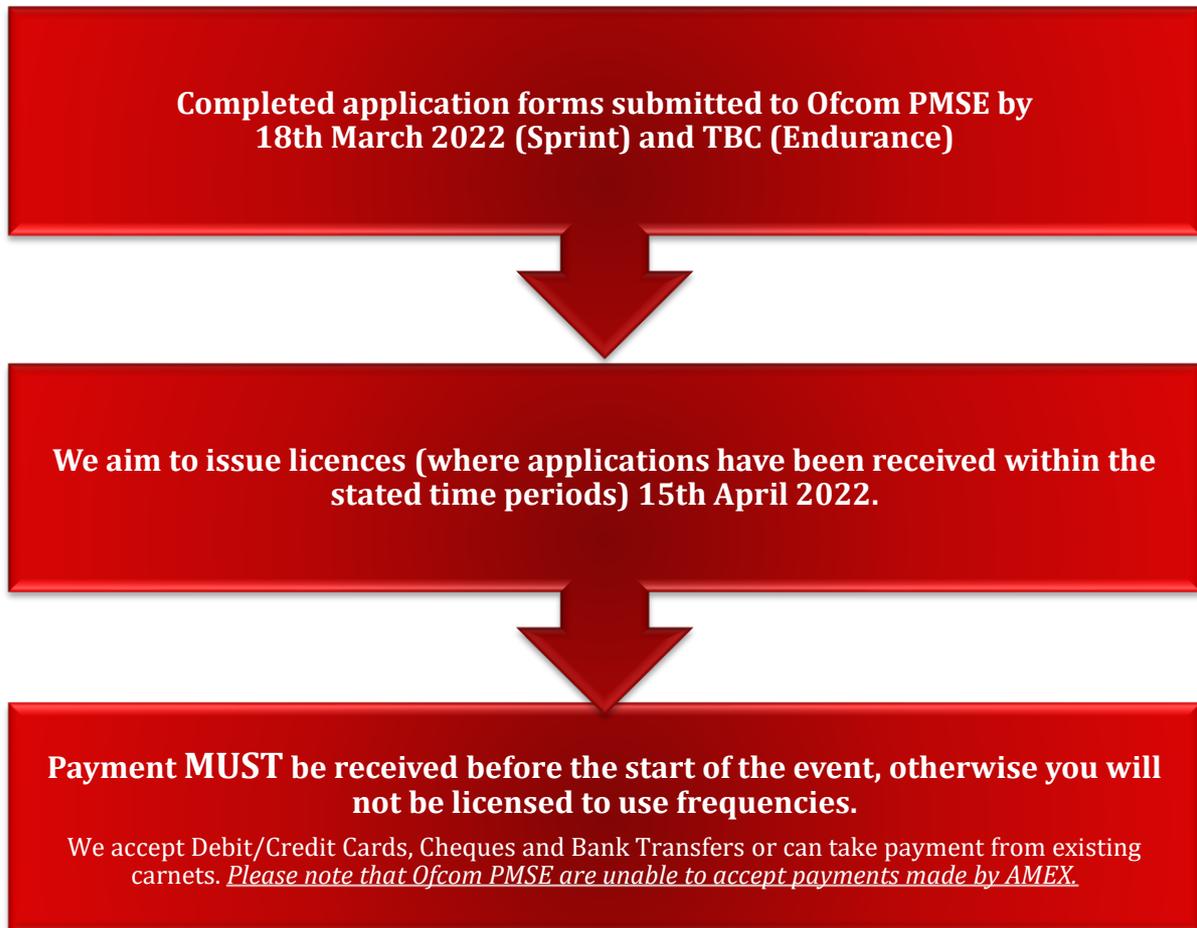
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# 1. Application Process



The Blancpain races are designated a Major Event by Ofcom PMSE and applications for frequencies will not be subject to our usual three working day turnaround rule.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website at:

[www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/radiocommunication-licences/pmse](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/radiocommunication-licences/pmse)

On the right-hand side under the 'In This Section' heading click on 'Apply for a PMSE Licence' and then expand the 'Download PMSE Application Forms' section.

Please use the 'Motorsport Licence Application form. If you are unsure then please contact us for guidance.

Completed application forms can be sent in via email to [pmse@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:pmse@ofcom.org.uk).

The deadline for application submissions will be six weeks before each race and specific dates to be found in section 2 of this document. It is advisable to get your frequency

application request in as soon as possible before that date as any applications we receive after the cut-off date may not be accommodated as required.

Key information to include is as follows:

- Technical details surrounding the equipment - How it is setup and being used
- The number of channels required
- The frequency tuning capabilities of the kit
- Dates and times of use
- Name/details of the team you are representing

## 2. Coordination and Licensing

### 2.1 General Information

Upon receipt of your application you will receive a confirmation email that we have received your application form. Any coordination issues or changes that may be required will be addressed directly to the applicant. Please be aware that some frequency ranges in the UK are not authorized for PMSE use, so we recommended that all requirements are submitted with plenty of time to allow for any equipment re-tuning that may be required.

The use of wireless microphones and IEMs is restricted throughout the UK due to Digital TV carrier signals. The list of available TV channels for these events can be found on the 'UHF Planner' tool after the Ofcom PMSE login page. You may want to consult this tool first, before applying, so that you can see what is clear to use outdoors at the race sites. Please note the availability of frequencies may also be limited due to other licensed users in the event's area as well as the DTV footprint in the event's location.

### 2.2 Payment and licence documents

It is imperative that we receive payment as soon as possible, and before your licence is scheduled to start, so we can issue your licence documents to you with your coordinated frequencies. To help with this we accept Debit/Credit Cards, and Bank Transfers or can take payment from existing pre-paid carnet tokens. When paying by Debit/Credit card you will receive a Secure Trading payment link to your email address. Your licensing documentation will be dispatched upon receipt of payment.

Please note that Ofcom PMSE are unable to accept payments from American Express (AMEX).

### 2.3 Deadlines

	<b>Sprint Event</b> Bands Hatch April 30 <sup>th</sup> -May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022	<b>Endurance Event</b> Silverstone TBC
Application Deadline	March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	TBC
Licence Issue (estimated)	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	TBC

### 3. Event Time

Operation of the frequencies during the event may be subject to strict licensing times. These times must be adhered to. It is your responsibility to ensure that these rules are followed to ensure smooth running for all stakeholders. If there are concerns about licensing times, please contact the Event Coordinator.

If, when on-site, interference is experienced on your frequencies please contact either the Event Coordinator, Our office or the Out of Hours PMSE Spectrum Coordinator immediately.

We will investigate why you may be subjected to this interference and offer you suitable alternatives within the constraints of your equipment should this be appropriate. Contact details can be found in Section 4 of this document.

## 4. Useful Contacts

### Event Coordinator Details

Email: Gregory.Smith@ofcom.org.uk

Direct Dial: +44 (0) 7773 213 839

### Office Details

Ofcom PMSE office hours are 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday

Telephone: +44 (0) 207 981 3803

E-mail: pmse@ofcom.org.uk

### Emergency Contact Details

For help outside of the above stated office hours, please contact our Out of Hours Spectrum Planner on mobile/cell number: +44 (0) 7866 423619

*Please note there is an extra £55 premium charge, per licence schedule, for our out of hours service.*