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The UK&ITA (a.k.a. UKTA) are a partner organisation and consultant to **Guinness World Records (GWR)** in the UK for land speed record breaking. UK&ITA assist GWR with information to allow verification of a contender's land speed record. The UK&ITA are independent professional specialists in land speed record courses and the timing (using calibrated equipment) of many types of unpowered and powered vehicles making speed record attempts.

UK&ITA personnel are not Guinness World Records Judges (also known as paid for GWR adjudicators). UK&ITA personnel at an attempt, or present during an event where GWR attempts are being made, cannot be independent witnesses for a contender's evidence submission.

Each contender for a Guinness World Record will have presented a detailed covering letter to GWR with an overview of their proposed speed bid. A contender will have then signed a written commitment or agreement to meet the rules and requirements of their particular attempt with GWR. These rules are stated in both a "**Specific Guidelines Pack**" and, with explanations, the on-line "**Guide to Your Evidence**". GWR requirements have to be onerous and very precise and must be fully met by each contender.

UK&ITA will need to receive a copy of a contender's specific guidelines 28 days in advance of an attempt. This is necessary to ensure that the surveyed course layout and timed distance are not only correct but are clearly marked. A contender must themselves obtain the necessary evidence for GWR.

ALL speed record attempts could be dangerous, therefore the contender's plan for positioning independent witnesses, obtaining photographic and videographic evidence from "start to finish", has to be explained to UK&ITA before an attempt takes place.

By allowing a number of GWR contenders to make their attempts at a single Straightliners and UK&ITA event, the major costs of: venue hire; ground surveying; timing equipment calibration and hire; medical and safety personnel; UK&ITA course personnel attendance; can be shared amongst several contenders.

It is suggested that GWR high speed contenders enter a Straightliners top speed test day on Elvington Airfield before they make any attempt. Speeds at the 80 ft timing traps of the Standing ½ mile and Standing 1 mile (or 1km and 2km) are recorded. Contenders will become familiar with the speed site and can confirm their running plan, in a very cost-effective manner. Straightliners test days are held on Elvington Airfield once a month between March and October, mostly now on a Monday. At every Straightliners Elvington event each vehicle going on to Runway 26 undergoes a technical inspection for safety. These checks **do not confirm** that a vehicle meets GWR UK approval. Dangerous designs could be turned away by Straightliners from a test event, until improvements have been made.

GWR speed Contenders should post copy documents (**do not send any originals**) to UK&ITA c/o Straightliners Ltd., 5 Carr Street, Brighouse, West Yorkshire. HD6 4AZ

Any questions about timing distances or the site at Elvington, please make contact with UK&ITA Directors: Malcolm Pittwood. 07712 732165. malcpitt01@gmail.com or Trevor Duckworth. 07971 172210. trevor@straightliners.co.uk