



Association of West Midland Motor Clubs
Heart of England Rally Championship 2017
In association with DMack Tyres & Steve Blackham Motorsport



General Regulations

1. The Association of West Midland Motor Clubs [AWMMC] will organise a Regional Association Championship known as the “**Heart of England Rally Championship 2017**”.

The Heart of England Rally Championship 2017, hereinafter referred to as “the Championship”, will be run in accordance with the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association [MSA], [incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA], these supplementary regulations, any written instructions issued by the Championship Secretary.

MSA Permit No: 58 / 2017

2. The Championship is open to fully paid up members of a Motor Club which is affiliated to the AWMMC. The registration fee is £50 per crew registering at the same time or £30 per individual registering separately. [Cheques are preferred made payable to the AWMMC].

Competitors must register on the official registration form.

Registration will open on the publication of these regulations and close at the conclusion of signing-on of Round Five.

A registered contender may compete with a non-registered competitor and still score points.

3. The Championship will be decided from the final points tables based on a competitors best 5 scores from the 8 qualifying rounds. This applies to both the overall positions and the classes. If through “force majeure” any of the qualifying rounds cannot take place then the AWMMC reserves the right to either include another event on the same date or to alter the number of best scores to count as follows.

8 events = 5 best scores ~ 7 events = 5 best scores ~ 6 events = 4 best scores ~ 5 events = 4 best scores.

If less than 5 events take place then the final positions will be based on the total number of events run. Qualifying events will be of National B status.

4. The allocation of Championship points will be based on the final results of the qualifying events. The provisional points will be published on the AWMMC website [www.awmmc.org.uk] as soon as possible after the event. Queries should be addressed to the Championship Secretary whose details are on page 4. Subject to no protests being received, these points will be come final 7 days after publication and no further alteration to the points can be made. Similarly, at the end of the year, the Championship points will become final 7 days after the provisional points are published on the website. Communication with registered competitors will be through email, website or other electronic means.

5. Any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores within their best 5 scores. In the event of a further tie the greatest number of second highest scores shall decide and so on. Should this fail to resolve the tie then reference will be made to the fastest time on the first stage of the last event in which both or all the competitors who have tied take part. If this fails to resolve the tie then joint awards will be presented.

6. The Championship is open to Two Wheel Drive cars only. All vehicles must comply with the 2017 MSA “Safety and Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies”.

7. Any vehicles used by registered contenders may be subject to random eligibility and capacity checks throughout the year. These checks will be carried out by the Championship Scrutineer and/or members of the MSA Technical Commission, who shall be considered Judges of Fact in matters of eligibility. In the event of a car being found ineligible for any reason, then the penalties

specified in MSA Regulations [C:3.5.3] shall apply. The competitor will be responsible for any costs they incur as a result of eligibility checking, whether found eligible or otherwise.

The Championship organisers reserve the right to reclassify any vehicle if they consider it appropriate to do so.

8. Championship registration does not guarantee an entry on events. It is the responsibility of competitors to enter events in sufficient time. The AWMMC will not have any control over seeding as that is at the discretion of the event organisers.

9. Any query concerning these regulations or the running of the Championship must firstly be referred to the Championship Secretary. Any subsequent protest must be referred in writing to the AWMMC Panel of Stewards via the AWMMC Secretary within the time limits set out in the MSA Yearbook, together with the appropriate fee (Competition Fees Appendix 1). The AWMMC Panel of Stewards comprises any three from Barry Guess, Mike Sones, John Trevethick and Bob Milloy.

10. In the event of a variance between these Regulations and the AWMMC General Championship Rules, these Regulations take precedence. The Championship organisers reserve the right to grant waivers to disabled competitors.

11. Competitors must display the Championship decals as specified by the AWMMC from the start of every qualifying event. Decals must not be modified or altered. They can be trimmed where exceptionally necessary to fit the vehicle but this must be approved by the Championship Secretary and / or the Eligibility scrutineer. Championship decals must be fitted to each side of the vehicle. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure the decals remain on the car. Failure to display decals will result in both competitors forfeiting 50% of any points scored for their 1st offence. Where this results in a ½ point the points will be rounded down to a full point, e.g. 15 – 50% = 7½ and will therefore become 7. Subsequent failures to display decals will result in the loss of all points won on the event. However the event/s [when a crew fails to display decals] will still be counted in a competitors “best 5 events from 8” etc.

12. Once a competitor has registered for the Championship it is not possible to de-register. Even if the Championship decals are removed, either member of the crew may still be counted as an AWMMC registered competitor for the allocation of any points, subject to GR 11 above. Registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers must notify the Championship Secretary before or at Signing On and display a minimum of two AWMMC decals on the car to be eligible to score points, or if failing to do so will be subject to penalty as per GR11 above. Points will not be reallocated to other registered contenders.

13. The Championship will be divided into 5 vehicle classes:

Class A – Up to 1400cc

Class B – 1401cc to 1600cc

Class C – 1601cc to 2000cc

Class D – 2001cc and over

Class E – Historic cars complying with eligibility requirements set out in R49 of the 2017 MSA Yearbook. All vehicles must have a Historic Rally Vehicle Identity Form (HRVIF) available for inspection. Category 3 and 4 cars must also present the appropriate homologation form or any other documentation listed in 2017 MSA Yearbook. Only period modifications used in rallying on the particular make and model of car are permitted.

All forced induction engines (except diesel engines) are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7 to 1. [J 5.4.1].

No overbore beyond a class limit is permitted.

Twin cam and multiple valve engines will run within their nominated capacity class.

Production car engines with a maximum of 2 rotors.

a) Rotary engine equivalence 1.7. Forced induction rotary engines equivalence [1.7 x 1.7] = 2.89.

b) Rotary engines will be considered equivalent to 4 valves per cylinder petrol engines in respect of the maximum engine capacity including the application of equivalency fact (a) above.

Permitted Fuels: Competitors are permitted to use fuel that conforms to the definitions of Pump Fuel in the 2017 MSA Yearbook or fuel that complies with FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Art 9. Historic Rally cars may only use MSA Pump Fuel. Additives are NOT permitted unless specified in the MSA definition of Pump Fuel. No other fuels are permitted.

14. Scoring

The winners of the Overall Championship or individual classes will be the Driver / Co-Driver who score the highest number of overall or class points from their best 5 scores from the 8 qualifying rounds, or whatever is the final number of events held as detailed in GR3.

a). Overall Points

Each registered driver/co-driver will score points according to the position they gain against other registered competitors on each qualifying event. Non-registered competitors will not affect the points awarded. Overall Points will be awarded as follows:-

30 points to the highest placed registered driver/co-driver, 28 points to the second, 27 points to the third and so on down to 2 points to the twenty-eighth placed driver/co-driver and every subsequent driver/co-driver who finish the event. 1 point will be awarded to every non-finisher provided they have officially started the event.

In addition to the above 5 additional points will be given to a registered driver and co-driver who finish the final event of the Championship.

b). Class Points

10 points will be awarded to the 1st registered contender [driver and co-driver] down to 1 point for the 10th registered contender in each class. 1 point will also be awarded to every non-finisher provided they have officially started the event.

NB. Class points will be awarded based on the Class entered on each event. If these do not match the Championship classes as shown at Para 13 above then the Championship Secretaries will determine the relevant Championship class where points will be awarded. It is the contenders responsibility to ensure they are entered in the correct class on every event.

c). Junior Driver and Co-driver Awards

Open to all registered competitors who were born on or after 1st January 1994.

10 points will be awarded to the highest placed Junior finisher, 9 points to the second highest placed finisher and so on down to 1 point for the 10th finisher and if applicable, all other finishers below 10th. 1 point will also be awarded to every non-finisher provided they have officially started the event.

In addition on each round Junior Drivers or Co-drivers will receive Bonus points as follows: Class A ~ 2 bonus points, Class B ~ 1 bonus point. No bonus points will be awarded to competitors in Class C, D or E. This is to try and equalise the power differences between the classes.

d). Lady Driver and Co-driver Awards

10 points will be awarded to the highest placed Lady finisher, 9 points to the second highest placed finisher and so on down to 1 point for the 10th finisher and if applicable, all other finishers below 10th. 1 point will also be awarded to every non-finisher provided they have officially started the event.

In addition on each round Lady Drivers or Co-drivers will receive Bonus points as follows: Class A ~ 2 points, Class B ~ 1 point. No bonus points will be awarded to competitors in Class C, D or E. This is to try and equalise the power differences between the classes.

e). Category Award for Front Wheel Drive Cars

10 points will be awarded to the highest placed registered driver and co-driver, 9 points to the second highest placed finisher and so on down to 1 point for the 10th finisher and if applicable all

other finishers below 10th. 1 point will also be awarded to every non-finisher provided they have officially started the event.

15. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Overall Drivers

Champion Driver* – AWMMC Trophy

Second Driver* – A Trophy

Third Driver* – A Trophy

Overall Co-Drivers

Champion Co-driver* – AWMMC Trophy

Second Co-driver* – A Trophy

Third Co-driver* – A Trophy

* The Overall Award winners are not eligible for class or category awards

Class Awards

1st Driver and Co-driver in each class – an Award

2nd Driver and Co-driver in each class – an Award

3rd Driver and Co-driver in each class* – an Award

* Subject to a minimum of 4 registered contenders

Ladies Awards

Highest placed female competitor - driver and co-driver – Award each

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Highest placed Driver and Co-driver under the age of 23 as at the 1st January 2017 – Award each

Category Awards

Highest placed Front Wheel Drive car where both crew are registered contenders – an Award

To qualify for a Championship or individual awards a competitor must have started at least 3 qualifying events.

Winners of Ladies, Juniors, or Category Awards can also win class awards [driver and co-driver]

Additional awards may be announced during the year.

Perpetual awards must be returned in November of each year to the Championship Secretaries. Awards will be presented at the annual AWMMC Awards Evening, the date and venue of which will be announced during the year.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

Championship Secretary:

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Championship Website: www.awmmc.org.uk

AWMMC Heart of England Rally Championship Calendar 2017

Qualifying Events

Rnd	Date	Event	Venue	Motor Club
1	28/29th January	Brean Stages Rally	Brean Leisure Park	Club Rallysport West
	Event Website: www.crswrallies.co.uk			
2	19th March	AGBO Stages	Weston Park	Owen MC
	Event Website: www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk			
3	22nd April	D'Isis Stages	MIRA	Quinton MC
	Event Website: www.quinton-mc.org.uk			
4	27th May	Red Dragon IT Stages	Down Ampney	EMCOS
	Event Website: www.emcos.co.uk/EMCOS/HOME.html			
5	10/11th June	Abingdon CAR-nival	Dalton Barracks	Sutton & Cheam MC
	Event Website: www.abingdoncarnival.com			
6	20th August	The Dukeries Rally	Donington Park	Dukeries MC
	Event Website: www.dukeries-motorclub.co.uk			
7	24th September	Patriot Stages	Caerwent	Forresters CC
	Event Website: www.forresterscarclub.co.uk/index.html			
8	8th October	Adgespeed Stages	Three Sisters	Wigan & District MC
	Event Website: www.wiganmotorclub.org.uk			

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

YEAR	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER	CAR
1998	Nick Beddoes	Andrew Allen	Escort Mk 2
1999	Stuart Hassall	Stephen Leech	Peugeot 205
2000	Eric Weaver	Tony Mantle	Darran T9
2001	Dennis Rowlands	Peter Swann	Escort Mk 2
2002	Oliver Davis	Ben Davis	Escort Mk 2
2003	Dave Rennocks	Adrian Camp	Nova 1600
2004	Julian Jones - Escort Mk 2	Eric Tong	V8 Metro
2005	Julian Jones - Escort Mk 2	Adrian Camp	Nova 1600
2006	Julian Jones - Escort Mk 2	Simon Millington	Escort Mk 2
2007	Richard Davies	Gareth Wilcox	Escort Mk 2 1400
2008	Andy Baker	Dave Tortoishell	Peugeot 205
2009	Andrew Graham	Colin Stevens	Escort Mk 2
2010	Duncan Edwards	Colin Stevens	Escort Mk 2
2011	Paul Evans - Escort Mk 2	Tom Bishop	Peugeot 205
2012	Nigel Williams	Portia Gregory	Escort Mk 2
2013	Julian Jones - Escort Honda	Gareth Wilcox	Escort Mk 2
2014	Jack Didcock	Chris Williams	Peugeot 205
2015	Julian Jones – Escort Mk 2	Jamie Vaughan	Honda Civic
2016	John Petrie	Michelle Petrie	Peugeot 106 GTi

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HEART OF ENGLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2017
CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

First Name:		Surname:			
Address:					
Address:					
Address:					
County:		Postcode:			
Tel Home:		Tel Work:			
Mobile:		Occupation:			
Under 23? - Date of Birth required:					
Email:					
Club: [must be affiliated to the AWMMC]					
*Class: [See Regs]	A	B	C	D	E
*Entry Type:	Driver		Co-Driver		
Car Make:			Only 2 wheel drive cars permitted		
Model:					
Cubic Capacity cc					
* Circle appropriate categories					
Registration Fee - £50 for a crew [please complete two forms] or £30 single registration All CHEQUES must be made payable to the "AWMMC" For On-Line payments – Account Name S P & BM Gregg, Bank Sort Code 60-03-26 Nat West, Account No. 36807664					
Official Use	Date Paid	Cash / Cheque / Bank	Amt Pd	Champ Reg'n No.	

CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

I have read the rules, terms and conditions of the Heart of England Rally Championship issued by AWMMC and agree to be bound by them and by the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motors Sports Association Ltd. I also agree to abide by and be bound by the Supplementary Regulations issued by event organisers of the events which I enter and which form part of the AWMMC Heart of England Rally Championship ("The Events").

INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of my being permitted to take part in "The Events" I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified AWMMC., such person(s), Company or body as may be selected by AWMMC to promote or organise the Events and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents, together with other competitors and their respective servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, cost, expenses and demands in respect of death or injury to or damage to the property of myself my passenger(s), driver(s), mechanic(s) or associated personnel arising out of or in connection with this entry or my taking part in the Events or any of them.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Age _____ (if applicable state "over 18")

If the entrant is under 18 years of age this form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian

This entry is made with my consent: Signature _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Full Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

You are advised that information from this form will be stored on a data retrieval system and may be used for organisational and publicity purposes associated with the Championships

Send or Email Form to: Championship Secretary:

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