



Association of West Midland Motor Clubs
Heart of England Rally Championship 2018

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

In association with DMack Tyres & Steve Blackham Motorsport



Championship Website: www.awmmc.org.uk

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 2018”**.

The Heart of England Rally Championship 2018, 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: 11/2018

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 to be made payable to 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 competitor’s 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.

The general regulation D11.1.3 is provided for a good purpose; to give certainty of Championship dates to competitors insofar as is possible. However, in the event that an MOD venue is unavoidably lost on a scheduled championship date, it is now no longer necessary to seek MSA approval under D11.1.3 when agreeing an alternative date after publication of these regulations. The Championship Secretaries therefore reserve the right to inform all competitors of a change of date as soon as possible should this possibility arise.

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 7. Subject to no protests being received, these points will become 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 2018 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 Secretaries. 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 Secretaries and/or the Eligibility Scrutineer. Championship decals must be fitted to each side of the vehicle. It is the competitor's 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 competitor's "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 Secretaries before or at Signing On and display a minimum of two AWMCC 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 2018 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 2018 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:
 - Rotary engine equivalence 1.7. Forced induction rotary engines equivalence $[1.7 \times 1.7] = 2.89$.
 - 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.

14. **Permitted Fuels**

Competitors are permitted to use fuel that conforms to the definitions of Pump Fuel in the 2018 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.

15. **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.

- **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.

- **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 GR 13 above then the Championship Secretaries will determine the relevant Championship class where points will be awarded. It is the contender's responsibility to ensure they are entered in the correct class on every event.

- **Junior Driver and Co-Driver Awards**

- Open to all registered competitors who were born on or after 1st January 1995.
- 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.

- **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.

- **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.

16. 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** (**Subject to a minimum of 4 registered contenders*)

- 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

- **Ladies Awards**

- Highest placed female competitor - Driver and Co-Driver – Award each

- **Steve Blackham Motorsport Junior Awards**

- Highest placed Driver and Co-Driver under the age of 23 as at the 1st January 2018 – 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 award 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

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AWMMC HEART OF ENGLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 2018

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Rnd	Date	Event	Venue	Motor Club
1	27/28 th January	Brean Stages Rally	Brean Leisure Park	Club Rallysport West
Event Website: www.crswrallies.co.uk				
2	18 th March	AGBO Stages	Weston Park	Owen MC
Event Website: www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk				
3	28 th April	D'Isis Stages	MIRA	Quinton MC
Event Website: www.quinton-mc.org.uk				
4	26 th May	Red Dragon IT Stages	Down Ampney	EMCOS
Event Website: www.emcos.co.uk/EMCOS/HOME.html				
5	9/10 th June	Abingdon CAR-nival	Dalton Barracks	Sutton & Cheam MC
Event Website: www.abingdoncarnival.com				
6	19 th August	The Dukeries Rally	Donington Park	Dukeries MC
Event Website: www.dukeries-motorclub.co.uk				
7	30 th September	Patriot Stages	Caerwent	Forresters CC
Event Website: www.forresterscarclub.co.uk/index.html				
8	8 th October	Adgespeed Stages	Three Sisters	Wigan & District MC
Event Website: www.wiganmotorclub.org.uk				

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

YEAR	DRIVER	CAR	CO-DRIVER	CAR
1998	Nick Beddoes	Escort Mk 2	Andrew Allen	Escort Mk2
1999	Stuart Hassall	Peugeot 205	Stephen Leech	Peugeot 205
2000	Eric Weaver	Darran T9	Tony Mantle	Darran T9
2001	Dennis Rowlands	Escort Mk2	Peter Swann	Escort Mk2
2002	Oliver Davies	Escort Mk2	Ben Davies	Escort Mk2
2003	Dave Rennocks	Nova 1600	Adrian Camp	Nova 1600
2004	Julian Jones	Escort Mk2	Eric Tong	V8 Metro
2005	Julian Jones	Escort Mk2	Adrian Camp	Nova 1600
2006	Julian Jones	Escort Mk2	Simon Millington	Escort Mk2
2007	Richard Davies	Escort Mk2 1400	Gareth Wilcox	Escort Mk2 1400
2008	Andy Baker	Peugeot 205	Dave Tortoishell	Peugeot 205
2009	Andrew Graham	Escort Mk2	Colin Stevens	Escort Mk2
2010	Duncan Edwards	Escort Mk2	Colin Stevens	Escort Mk2
2011	Paul Evans	Escort Mk2	Tom Bishop	Peugeot 205
2012	Nigel Williams	Escort Mk2	Portia Gregory	Escort Mk2
2013	Julian Jones	Escort Mk2	Gareth Wilcox	Escort Mk2

2014	Jack Didcock	Peugeot 205	Chris Williams	Peugeot 205
2015	Julian Jones	Escort Mk2	Jamie Vaughan	Honda Civic
2016	John Petrie	Peugeot 106	Michele Petrie	Peugeot 106
2017	Chris Ransley	BMW	Ade Campo	Peugeot 205