

Heart of England Rally Championship 2023 Championship Regulations

1. The Association of West Midland Motor Clubs (AWMMC) will organise a Regional Association Championship known as the “Heart of England Rally Championship 2023”. The Heart of England Rally Championship 2023, hereinafter referred to as “the Championship”, will be run in accordance with the General Regulations of Motorsport UK, (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these championship regulations (CR), any written instructions issued by the Championship Co-ordinator.

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2. The Championship is open to fully paid-up members of a Motor Club which is a member of the AWMMC. The registration fee is £15 per crew registering at the same time or £10 per individual registering separately. 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 Six A registered contender may compete with a non-registered competitor and still score points.

Payments to be made by BACS with the following details. You will be emailed a unique code to use as reference for payment once the Registration Form has been submitted and checked.

Account Name: ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

Sort Code: 20-85-46

Account Number: 70933767

3. The Championship will be decided from the final points tables based on a competitor’s best 6 scores from the 9 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:

9 events – 6 best scores

8 events – 6 best scores

7 events- 5 best scores

If less than 7 events take place then the final positions will be based on the total number of events run. Qualifying events will be of Interclub status. The general regulation D11.2 is provided for a good purpose; to give certainty of Championship dates to competitors insofar as is possible. However, in the event that an Ministry of Defence venue is unavoidably lost on a scheduled championship date, it is now no longer necessary to seek Motorsport UK approval under D11.2 when agreeing an alternative date after publication of these regulations. The Championship Co-ordinator therefore reserves 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) and sent to registered competitors by email as soon as possible after the event, the results will be timed and dated. Queries should be addressed to the Championship Co-ordinator whose details are below. Subject to no protests being received, these points will be become final 7 days after the time and

date on the results 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 time and date on the set of provisional results published after the final qualifying round. 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 6 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 Overall, Junior Driver/Co-Driver, Lady Driver/Co-Driver Awards and Novice Driver/Co-Driver are open to **All classes except for Class F**. Class F Cars will be eligible for Class awards only. The Motor Club Award is open to all classes. All vehicles must comply with the 2023 Motorsport UK "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 Motorsport UK 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 Motorsport UK Regulations (C3.5.3) 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 Co-ordinator. Any subsequent appeals must be referred in writing to the AWMMC Panel of Stewards via the AWMMC Secretary as per Motorsport UK Regulations (C6.5) within the time limits set out in the Motorsport UK Yearbook, together with the appropriate fee (Motorsport UK Yearbook Appendix 1 Section 13 Judicial). The AWMMC Panel of Stewards comprises any three chosen by AWMMC from John Trevethick, Barry Guess, Dave Lucas and Bill Pardoe.

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 Co-ordinator 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 6 events from 10" 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 AWMCC registered competitor for the allocation of any points, subject to CR 11 above. Registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers must notify the Championship Coordinator 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 CR11 above. Points will not be reallocated to other registered contenders.

13. Permitted Fuels - Competitors are permitted to use fuel that conforms to the definitions of Pump Fuel in the 2021 Motorsport UK Yearbook or fuel that complies with FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Art 9. Historic Rally cars may only use Motorsport UK Pump Fuel. Additives are NOT permitted unless specified in the Motorsport UK definition of Pump Fuel. No other fuels are permitted.

14. The Championship will be divided into 10 vehicle classes: (Championship organisers reserve the right to reclassify cars as they see appropriate)

Class J - 2WD up to 1000cc

Class A - 2WD 1001cc to 1400cc

Class B - 2WD 1401cc to 1600cc

Class C - 2WD 1601cc to 2000cc

Class D - 2WD 2001cc and over

Class E- 4WD with H Pattern Gearbox

Class F- 4WD with Sequential Gearbox

Class H - Historic cars complying with eligibility requirements set out in R49 of the 2023 Motorsport UK 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 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook. Only period modifications used in rallying on the particular make and model of car are permitted.

Class T- 2WD up to 1600cc series production cars with forced induction complying with the following:

- Make, Model and Variant First made available for general sale in the UK after 01/01/2000
- Fitted with Non-Sequential Gearbox unless fitted as Standard. Gear ratios and differentials may be changed

- The original manufacturer's suspension 'system' must be maintained. Components can be exchanged or up rated but they must use the standard mounting points. Mechanically adjustable shock absorbers are allowed but remote reservoir suspension is not permitted unless fitted as original equipment.

-Other vehicles may be permitted at Championship Organisers discretion- Applications to be made to Championship Coordinator via email to matt_walk94@hotmail.co.uk

Club Classic- 2WD Pre '88 Series Production Cars Complying with the following

- Make, Model and Variant first made available for general sale in the UK before 01/01/1988
- Fitted with OEM engine Fitted to Make, Model and Variant made for general sale in the UK from

new (Ford BD series engines, YB engines, 16 Valve Vauxhall 'Red Top' engines and BMW S14 engines are not permitted) **OR** an engine swap that could have been carried out in period (i.e a Pinto engined Chevette)

-Engines must retain the same number of valves as when they were made for general sale in the UK from new

- All cars running fuel injection must retain a single throttle body unless fitted as standard equipment.

- Fitted with Non-Sequential Gearbox unless fitted as Standard. Gear ratios and differentials may be changed

- Suspension Components can be exchanged or up rated. Mechanically adjustable shock absorbers are allowed but remote reservoir suspension is not permitted unless fitted as original equipment.

-Other vehicles with period engine swaps may be admitted at organisers discretion- Applications to be made to Championship Coordinator via email to matt_walk94@hotmail.co.uk

Please note:

☒ All forced induction engines (except diesel engines) are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7:1. Motorsport UK Regulations J5.4.1

☒ 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.

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 6 scores from the 10 qualifying rounds, or whatever is the final number of events held as detailed in CR3. 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/codriver, 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.

Class Points will be awarded as follows:

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 CR14 above then the Championship Co-ordinator 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 1999. 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.

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.

Novice Driver and Co-Driver Awards

Open to all registered competitors who have completed 3 or less Stage or Single Venue Rallies prior to Signing on for Round 1. 10 points will be awarded to the highest placed Novice 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.

Motor Club Award

Points for the Motor Club award will be based on Class points. Each competitor will score points for the Club they register for the Championship with. Class points will be multiplied by the number of competitors on a round per round basis. (I.e, a class winner scores 10 points on an event with 7 other Registered Competitors in their class would score 70 points for their Club) points scored across all classes will be combined. The Club with the highest points total will be the winner.

16. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Overall Drivers:

Champion Driver – An award plus £250 Cash Prize

Second Driver – An award

Third Driver – An award Overall

Co-Drivers:

Champion Co-Driver – An award plus £250 Cash Prize

Second Co-Driver – An award

Third Co-Driver – An award

Class Awards:

1st Driver & Co-Driver in each class – an Award (Subject to 3 contenders)

2nd Driver & Co-Driver in each class – an Award (Subject to 4 contenders)

3rd Driver & Co-Driver in each class – an Award (Subject to 5 contenders)

Ladies Award:

Driver & Co-Driver – Award each plus £100 Cash Prize

Junior Award:

Driver & Co-Driver – Award each plus £100 Cash Prize

Novice Award:

Driver & Co-Driver – Award each

Motor Club Award - TBC

To qualify for a Championship or individual award a competitor must have started at least 4 qualifying events.

Additional awards may be announced during the year.

No Competitor can win more than one cash prize. In the event one competitor is eligible for more than one cash prize, they will be awarded the higher amount, with the lower amount awarded to the next eligible competitor.

Awards will be presented at a date and venue of which will be announced during the year.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

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HEART OF ENGLAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR 2023

Round	Date	Event	Venue	Website
1	12th March	The Agbo Stages	Weston Park	www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk
2	9th April	Lookout Stages	Melbourne	www.lookoutrally.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk
3	30 th April	Dixies Challenge	Epynt	www.dixieschallenge.com
4	11 th June	Abingdon Car-nival stages	Abingdon	www.abingdoncarnival.com
5	2 nd July	The Bob Shaw Memorial Brawdy Stages	Brawdy	www.pembrokeshiremotorclub.com
6	6 th August	The Jordan Road Surfacing Stages Rally	Fulbeck	
7	24 th September	Patriot Stages	Caerwent	www.forresterscarclub.co.uk
8	15 th October	Toyota Harlech Stages	Llabedr	www.harlechdmc.co.uk
9	3 rd December	Northside Truck and Van Donington Rally	Donington Park	www.doningtonrally.co.uk

Appendix One- Race with Respect

A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect) #RaceWithRespect

The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.