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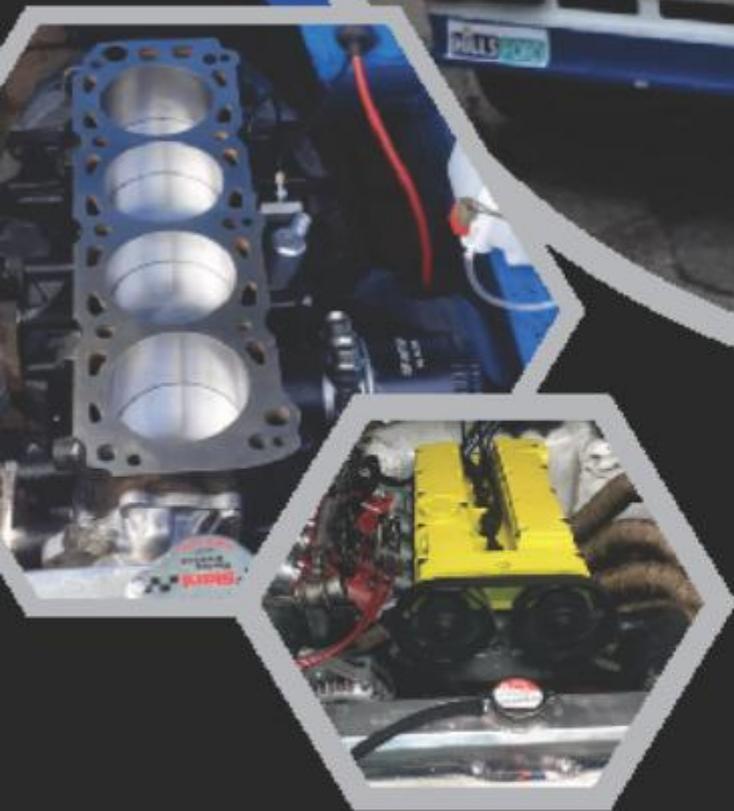
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1. The Association of West Midland Motor Clubs (AWMMC) will organise a Regional Association Championship known as the “MAR Motorsport Heart of England Rally Championship 2026”. The MAR Motorsport Heart of England Rally Championship 2026, hereinafter referred to as “the Championship”, will be run in accordance with the National Competition Rules 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.

Motorsport UK Permit No: TBC

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 Online registration form. Registration will open on the publication of these regulations and close at the conclusion of signing-on of Round Seven. 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

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3. The Championship will be decided from the final points tables based on a competitor’s best 6 scores from the 11 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:

11 events – 6 best scores

10 events – 6 best scores

9 events- 6 best scores

8 events – 6 best scores

7 events – 6 best scores

If less than 6 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 National Competition Rule Chapter 3 Appendix 10 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 Chapter 3 Appendix 10 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](http://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 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, 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 2026 Motorsport UK NCR Chapter 7, 8 and Chapter 13 Appendix 16. Historic Cars must also comply with Chapter 13 Appendix 17

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 NCR Chapter 2 Appendix 8 Article 2.8 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 entries or 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 Chapter 2 Appendix 5 within the time limits set out in the Motorsport UK NCR's, together with the appropriate fee Motorsport UK NCR Chapter 1 Appendix 2 Article 11. The AWMMC Panel of Stewards comprises any three chosen by AWMMC from Eric Cowcill, Brian Hemmings, Barry Guess 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. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the decals remain on the car. Failure to display decals will result in a written reminder to display Championship decals for their 1st offence. A Second failure will result in both competitors forfeiting 50% of any points scored. 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 11" 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 CR 11 above. Registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers must display AWMMC 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 Permitted Fuel per NCR Ch.8 App.1 Art.1.7.a or Ch.8 App.1 Art.1.7.b. Historic Rally cars may only use Permitted Fuel per NCR Ch.8 App.1 Art.1.7.a. Additives are NOT permitted unless specified in the Motorsport UK definition of Permitted 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 A** – 2WD Up 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 G** – 2WD up to 2100cc with 8 Valve Engine

**Class H** – Historic cars complying with eligibility requirements set out in Chapter 13 Appendix 17 of the 2026 National Competition Rules. All Vehicles must have a Historic Rally Vehicle Identity Form (HRVIF), or a FIA Historic Technical Passport as appropriate, available for inspection. Category 3, 4 & 5 cars must also present the appropriate homologation form or any other documentation listed in 2026 Motorsport UK NCR's. Only period modifications used in rallying on the particular make and model of car are permitted.

**Class R**- All cars that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App.15 Art.1 (Art.6.1 is relaxed to permit advertising)

**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

Please note:

- ☒ All forced induction engines (except diesel engines) are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7:1 as per Motorsport UK NCR's Chapter 7 Appendix 2 Article 8.2
- ☒ 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: As per Chapter 13, Appendix 16 Article 4.5

**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 11 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 2002. 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.

**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. Competitors may only score points for one Club per event. Competitors wishing to change Club must inform the Championship Coordinator in writing

## **16. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS & PRIZES**

### **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 5 contenders)

3rd Driver & Co-Driver in each class – an Award (Subject to 6 contenders)

### **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.

### **Championship Supporters Prize**

The AWMMC will be paying the Entry Fee for one Crew/Competitor on the 2027 Hills Ford Stage Rally (Formally the Three Shires Rally) The winner will be drawn at random from all registered competitors who have started 6 Qualifying Rounds of the 2026 Championship. The draw will take place at the 2026 End of Season awards, date and Venue to be Confirmed. The winning Competitor will be responsible for completing the Entry Form and all subsequent paperwork. Should the winning Competitor be unable to contest the event, there will be no monetary alternative.

**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 2026

Round	Date	Event	Venue	Website
1	15th March	Zone Systems Dukeries Rally	Donington Park	<a href="http://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk">www.dukeries-rally.co.uk</a>
2	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Agbo Stages	Weston Park	<a href="http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk">www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk</a>
3	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Altratech SMC Stages	Anglesey Circuit	<a href="http://www.stockport061.com/events/smc-stages-2026">www.stockport061.com/events/smc-stages-2026</a>
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Dixies Challenge	Epynt	<a href="http://www.dixieschallenge.com">www.dixieschallenge.com</a>
5	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Abingdon Carnival Stages	Abingdon	<a href="http://www.abingdoncarnival.com">www.abingdoncarnival.com</a>
6	4/5 <sup>th</sup> July	The Bob Shaw Memorial Brawdy Stages	Brawdy	<a href="http://www.pembrokeshiremotorclub.com">www.pembrokeshiremotorclub.com</a>
7	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	The Dennis Turner Memorial Stages	Fulbeck	<a href="http://www.worksopmotorclub.co.uk/jordan-road-surfacing-stages">www.worksopmotorclub.co.uk/jordan-road-surfacing-stages</a>
8	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Get Connected Mewla Rally	Epynt	<a href="http://www.epyntmc.co.uk/club-events/mewla-rally">www.epyntmc.co.uk/club-events/mewla-rally</a>
9	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Kevin Ephriam Memorial Toyota Harlech Stages	Llanbedr	<a href="http://www.harlechdmc.co.uk">www.harlechdmc.co.uk</a>
10	14/15 <sup>th</sup> November	The Challenger Stages	Bovington	<a href="http://www.bdcc.org.uk/event/the-challenger-stages">www.bdcc.org.uk/event/the-challenger-stages</a>
11	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Donington Rally	Donington Park	<a href="http://www.doningtonrally.co.uk">www.doningtonrally.co.uk</a>



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