



HISTORIC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2009, with HRCR

## CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

The Maxsport Historic Rally Championship, promoted by the Historic Rally Car Register, will run throughout 2009 on designated Championship events. The Championship will cater for individual drivers and navigators competing in cars registered before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982 that comply with the MSA Technical Regulations for Road Rally Cars.

### COMPETITORS

1.1. Competitors must be fully paid-up members of the HRCR to be eligible for the Championship and must sign that they have read and agree to the rules and regulations of the Championship. Acceptance of an entry to the Championship is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

### REGISTRATION

2.1. Completed registration forms must be returned to the Championship Coordinator who will issue a Championship registration number to each contender. The registration fee for the Championship will be £10 per person (driver or navigator). Registration can be made individually or as a crew.

2.2. Contenders who register as a crew may also compete on events with another driver/navigator, who may or may not be registered for the Championship, although they may be reclassified into a higher experience class for that event. The crew will take the experience classification of the higher experienced crew member.

2.3. Registrations will be accepted either through the post or at Championship events. All registration forms must be accompanied by the correct fee.

2.4. In order to be eligible for points, competitors must register prior to the start of the first event on which they intend to claim points.

2.5. Competitors must 'sign on' for Championship purposes at each event. HRCR membership cards and Championship registration cards will be checked and a declaration of crew and vehicle eligibility signed. Also, the competitor must declare whether claiming points as a driver or navigator and enter their registration number on the event registration sheet.

### ELIGIBLE CARS

3.1. Only cars first registered, or proven to have been manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982 and complying fully with the MSA Technical Regulations will be acceptable for use in the Championship. Cars must comply with the specific MSA Technical Regulations for road rallying. Since several of the qualifying rounds will be run under a standard 'road rally' permit (rather than an historic permit) the exemptions normally permitted for Category 1 cars under H117 will not apply and they must satisfy all of H102-H116.

3.2. Competitors will be required to vouch that the vehicle entered complies with the Regulations in all respects. This declaration will be on the Championship registration form and on the registration form at each event. Competitors must present their vehicle registration document (V5) at scrutineering as proof of period eligibility. All vehicles must display a valid tax disc, have a current MOT certificate and valid insurance for the event, either through their own insurers or an MSA-approved insurance scheme.

3.3. An Eligibility Scrutineer will be appointed to the

Championship. Any vehicle that has been/is being used in the Championship could at any time, for reasons of eligibility, be stripped or sealed for examination. All costs of stripping and rebuilding are to be borne by the competitor. Failure to agree to stripping/sealing or breaking of a seal will result in the loss of points throughout the year, and/or a penalty decided by the stewards of the Championship.

3.4. Vehicles in each of the following age categories will only be permitted modifications that were proven to have been used in rallying in that period. i.e.

Historic Category 1 pre-1960	Up to the end of 1959
Historic Category 1 1960-1967	Up to the end of 1967
Historic Category 2 1968-1974	Up to the end of 1974
Historic Category 3 1975-1981	Up to the end of 1981

Cars in Category 3 may only be modified in accordance with their homologation papers, which must be carried.

3.5. Cars in all categories must have full trim in place, including carpets, headlining, door cards and rear seat (if appropriate); the trim may be modified as necessary for the fitting of a roll-cage.

### DRIVER/NAVIGATOR

5.1. The entered driver must drive both the road sections and, where applicable, the special tests of a qualifying event to score points. Navigators must not drive on any competitive sections. No points will be allocated to any contenders who share competitive driving duties on a Championship event.

### CLASSES

6.1. There will be just three classes in the Championship based on crew experience as follows:

M	Masters in any age category of car
E	Experts in any age category of car
N	Novices in any age category of car

6.2. Experience definitions for the above classes will be :

MASTER	A crew where any member has had two or more finishes in the top 5 places <i>overall</i> of a National B (formerly Restricted) or higher status rally, whether historic only, modern only or combined. Finishes in the top 5 'historics' but outside the top 5 overall on a combined event do <i>not</i> count. Winners of HERO Gold or Silver awards will run in this class as will those who have finished in the top 5 of CRA, ERA or WERA events.
EXPERT	A crew which does not meet the qualifying requirements herein for Master or Novice
NOVICE	A crew in which no member has had two or more finishes in the top 15 places overall of a National B (formerly Restricted) or higher status rally with 30 or more starters.

Previous experience will be counted up to the date of registration for the Championship. Experience is counted in the role (driver or navigator) in which currently competing.

6.3. For the championship awards only, contenders will retain their experience status applicable at the time of registration. If the regulations of a qualifying round place them in a different experience class, they must enter that event in accordance with the event regulations.

6.4. The Championship Committee reserves the right to reclassify any crew/vehicle that they believe is unfairly classified by the classes listed above.

### POINTS

7.1. Points will be allocated on an individual basis to Driver or Navigator based on overall finishing positions on each event.

7.2. The highest placed contender will receive 30 points, the second highest will receive 27 points, the third highest 25 points, fourth highest 24 points and so on, down to 3 points for the 25<sup>th</sup> and subsequent contender. Non-finishers will receive 2 points.

7.3. Should only one crew member be registered, for the purposes of points allocation it will be assumed that both are registered, and thus individual members of the same crew will always be awarded equal points for each event.

7.4. If the results of an event are published both as scratch and handicap, the scratch results will be used to determine points.

7.5. Points and positions will be displayed on the HRCR Internet website after each round and at signing on for each round. Any queries regarding the allocation of points should be made to the Championship Coordinator within seven days of the date of publication. A year-end bulletin will be mailed out too.

## TIES

8.1. In the event of a tie the award winner will be decided in favour of the contender with the highest number of maximum (30 point) scores. If not resolved then the highest number of 27 point scores etc.

## AWARDS

9.1. The following Championship awards will be presented at the HRCR Dinner Dance in 2010,

### Overall Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Driver and Navigator (*Maxsport Trophies*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Driver and Navigator (*Ian Kelloway Trophies*)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Driver and Navigator)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Overall Driver and Navigator
- 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Driver and Navigator

The award for first overall cannot be won by a crew driving a Category 3 car (75-81)

Best pre-1960 car Driver and Navigator;  
Best pre-1968 car Driver and Navigator;  
Best Expert Driver and Navigator;  
Best Novice Driver and Navigator;  
Best All-rounder :

The individual with the highest combined score from both navigating and driving.

Best Mixed Crew award (*Jean Appleton Trophy*).

These 'best' awards may be won in addition to overall awards. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

9.2. Age group dates relate to the date of first registration of the vehicle, or the proven date of manufacture of the vehicle in cases where the actual vehicle was manufactured before but first registered after the age cut-off date. Age group years run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Cars which have been reshelled, whether with new Heritage shells or otherwise, should be referred by their owner to the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer.

## CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

10.1. The 2009 Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 historic night or 'full weekend' road rallies, some of which may run in conjunction with associated events for modern cars. Should any event be cancelled, at least six weeks' notice will be given of a replacement event. Wherever possible the replacement event will be of a similar type to that cancelled. Should it not be possible to find a suitable alternative event, the Championship will continue with fewer rounds.

10.2. The winners of the Overall Championship will gain the titles '2009 *Maxsport Historic Rally* Champion Driver and Navigator'.

10.3. For overall Championship and 'best' awards, each

contenders best 7 scores from all Championship rounds will be counted. In the event of cancellation of Championship rounds without replacements being found, the number of best scores to be counted will be reduced if necessary, using best 6 from 9, 5 from 8, 5 from 7, 4 from 6, 3 from 5.

## ENTRIES

11.1. The popularity of some events will mean 'first come, first served' so prospective contenders are advised to enter promptly.

11.2. It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain entry forms in adequate time, although regulations will normally be sent directly to the nominated member of the crew or individual contenders by the organising club. Where a club normally publishes regulations on a website, the Championship Coordinator will ensure that hard-copy is sent to registered contenders who have requested this on their Championship registration form.

## CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

12.1. A committee comprising the Championship Coordinator, the HRCR Competition Secretary where different, and at least two other HRCR Committee members will be responsible for the administration of the Championship. Currently that committee comprises Stan Appleton, Paul Loveridge, Andy Gibson and David Kirkham.

12.2. Any dispute concerning these Regulations or the running of the Championship will be adjudicated by a panel of stewards comprising three members who may be members of the main HRCR Committee. Any appeal against their decision must be made in accordance with the MSA Competitors Yearbook. Currently the Championship Stewards are Chris Hunt Cooke, Brian Thomas and Colin Evans.

## JUDICIAL

13.1. Any written reported breach of either these Championship Regulations or the MSA Competitors' Yearbook by a Championship competitor, whether of a sporting, technical or financial nature, will be considered by the Championship Stewards who, after giving all parties concerned the opportunity to be heard, will take appropriate action in accordance with the MSA Competitors' Yearbook. The Stewards of the Championship may also report the matter to the MSA who may take further action including increasing any penalties previously applied or reporting the matter to the competitors ASN.

## PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

14.1. Mobile telephones may only be carried in accordance with individual event regulations, ie for safety purposes only. Any competitor found using a mobile telephone, in voice or text mode, for relaying or receiving route information will be EXCLUDED from the Championship.

## ELIGIBILITY SCRUTINEER

15.1. The championship Eligibility Scrutineer is:

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## CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR

16.1. The *Maxsport Historic Rally Championship* Coordinator, to whom all enquiries should be directed and all registration forms returned is :

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