

2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

Round 1. **Rally North Wales** Gravel
Saturday 1st April Dolgellau

<http://www.rallynorthwales.co.uk>

Round 2. **DIXIES HISTORIC STAGES** Asphalt
Sunday 30th April Epynt military ranges

<http://www.southwalesac.com/events/dixies-historic-challenge/>

Round 3. **TSH Stages** Asphalt
Sat/Sun 20th/21st May RHH Portreath

<http://www.shmc.co.uk>

Round 4. **SEVERN VALLEY** Gravel
Saturday 3rd June Llandovery

<http://www.severnvalleystages.co.uk>

Round 5. **BRAWDY STAGES** Gravel
Saturday 9th July Haverfordwest

<http://www.pembrokeshiremotorclub.com>

Round 6/7. **ISLE OF MAN RALLY** Asphalt
Thurs 14th/Sat 16th Sept. Douglas. Isle of Man.

<http://www.rallyisleofman.co.im/www.rallyisleofman.co.im/Welcome.html>

Round 8. **WYEDEAN RALLY** Gravel
Saturday 11th November Forest of Dean

<http://www.wyedeandrally.com>

Round 9. **KILLARNEY STAGES** Asphalt
Sat 3rd/ Sun 4th December Killarney, Southern Ireland

<http://www.killarneyanddistrictmotorclub.ie>

Note!

This round will have a 1.5 points scoring opportunity

CHALLENGE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS AND CREW ELIGIBILITY:

1.1 **The West Wales Rally Spares HRCR STAGE MASTERS CHALLENGE** incorporating the Escort/Sierra/BMW M3 Cups will be run for individual drivers and co-drivers, competing in eligible cars over eight designated National A and National "B" special stage rallies listed under the Challenge Calendar and the championship will run under MSA Championship Permit No: **TBA**

1.2 All competitors must hold at least a 2017 National 'B' Rally Licence issued by the MSA. This can be upgraded during the year to a National A licence to compete on the last round of the challenge the Killarney Stages.

1.3 All competitors must sign that they have read and agree to abide by the rules of the Challenge Regulations. Acceptance of a challenge entry is at the discretion of the Challenge Committee.

1.4 To be eligible to compete in the challenge, all competitors **must be fully paid up members of the HRCR.**

1.5. Challenge points will be displayed on the HRCR website (www.hrcr.co.uk) after each event and it is a challenge contender's responsibility to query the final challenge points within seven days of the date of posting of the final results on the website at the close of the season.

1.6. These regulations and any subsequent Official Bulletins supersede all others.

ARTICLE 2. CHALLENGE COMMITTEE:

2.1. A committee of four, comprising David Lucas, Paul Loveridge, Andy Ballantyne (competitor) and Roger Gillard will be responsible for the administration of the Challenge.

They may invite others (such as contenders) to attend meetings. They may issue supplementary Official Bulletins during the course of the challenge.

ARTICLE 3. CHALLENGE STEWARDS:

3.1. The panel of Stewards for the challenge will comprise three members, drawn from a list of four independent persons. Any appeal against their decisions must be made in accordance with section C6.1 to C6.6. of the 2017 MSA Competitor's Yearbook.

The Championship Stewards are John Arnold, Neil Fuller, Phil Jones and Dave Lucas.

ARTICLE 4. JUDICIAL:

4.1. Any written reported breach of either these Challenge Regulations or the 2017 MSA Competitors Yearbook by a Challenge Contender will be considered by the Challenge Stewards, who after giving all concerned the opportunity to be heard, will take appropriate action in accordance with Section G2.7 and G2.7.1 of the 2017 MSA Competitor's Yearbook.

Note: In the event of a breach of Technical / MSA Regulations occurring on an event, this will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the 2017 MSA Regulations and the outcome of any action will be reported to the Challenge Stewards for possible further action as above.

The Challenge Stewards may also report any matter to the MSA, who may take further action, including increasing any penalties previously applied.

ARTICLE 5. ENTRIES:

5.1. The challenge will supply events with a set of competitors names and addresses for regulations.

It is however a competitor's responsibility to obtain event regulations and to apply for entries. Being a registered contender does not guarantee an entry on any event.

ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION:

6.1. Completed registration forms accompanied by the correct fee must be returned to the Challenge Secretary, who upon acceptance of the entry, will issue a Challenge Registration Card and number. The registration fee will be £20.00 per registered crew member.

Both crew members must be paid up HRCR club members at the time of competing.

NOTE: A driver can then register replacement co-drivers free of charge, but must do so prior to the start of the round in which they wish to score Challenge points.

6.2. Initial registrations will be accepted either in person, through the post or on challenge rounds.

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

Registrations will still be taken during the round, but the competitor will not be eligible for points until the next round.

6.4. Competitors will be required to sign-on at each round to confirm their vehicle's eligibility and to allow their challenge registration, and HRCR membership to be checked.

6.5. Points will not be awarded retrospectively;

6.6 Registrations for new crews will not be accepted after the start of the fifth round of the Challenge, however individual registrations for drivers or co-drivers partnering a previously registered driver or co-driver will be accepted up until the start of the final round of the Challenge.

ARTICLE 7. DECALS:



- (a) The Official Event Title Decal
 - (b) The Vehicle Competition Numbers
 - (c) Door panels to allow for the event decal to be affixed in any of the 3 positions as shown in diagram without obscuring the competition Numbers
 - (d) The Official HRCR Stage Masters Challenge Screen Strip
 - (e) The Official HRCR Stage Masters Challenge Decals.
1. Competitors in the challenge must make available areas on each side of their car (see diagram above) for the official Challenge door panel, HRCR, and any supporters decals all of which must be carried whilst competing on each challenge round.
 2. A Challenge Screen Strip will be supplied to be affixed to the top of the competing car's windscreen whilst competing on all the challenge rounds. **Only the Challenge Screen Strip is permitted** on the windscreen and the only modification to the Screen Strip that is permitted is to trim its outer edge/ends to fit the vehicle's windscreen. Only in exceptional circumstances where vision is proved to be impaired will the competitor be given dispensation to affix the screen strip in another prominent position. This must be agreed with the Challenge Eligibility Scrutineer and the Challenge Secretary.

The organisers may issue Official Bulletins to require the placing of other decals on competing cars on all Challenge rounds.

7.3 Non compliance with any of the above may result in challenge points not being allocated for that round.

ARTICLE 8. ELIGIBLE CARS:

8.1. Cars complying with Section R49 of the 2017 MSA Competitor Yearbook and these Challenge Regulations are eligible to compete in the HRCR Stage Masters Challenge.

8.2. Competitors will be required to declare that the vehicle entered complies fully with the 2017 MSA Regulations. This declaration will be on the Challenge Registration Form and on Challenge Signing-on Forms at individual rounds.

8.3. An Eligibility Scrutineer has been appointed to the Challenge. Any vehicle that has been, or is being used in the challenge, can at any time, be either stripped or sealed for examination at the request of the Eligibility Scrutineer. All costs of stripping and rebuilding are to be borne by the competitor. Failure to agree to either the stripping or sealing or the breaking of a seal. will result in a total loss of points accumulated in the championships up until the date of the failure, for both the driver and co-driver, or a greater penalty decided by the Stewards of the Challenge.

8.4. To make provision for scrutineer's wire seals, every engine must have available 1/16" diameter holes pre-drilled in accessible locations, on installed sections:

(a) Sump : Crossed drilled holes through retaining screws or studs.

(b) Rocker/cam cover or through head studs:

Cross drilled holes through two retaining studs or screws.

If no sealing holes are available the engine may be checked forthwith and championship points will not be allocated for that round.

8.6. All challenge entries must have and produce at all necessary paperwork as listed in the 2016 MSA Competitor Yearbook and these Challenge Regulations

If the required papers are not in order (not correct or not produced) then Challenge Points may not be allocated for that round.

8.7. Subject to suitable tyre size availability, all contenders in the Challenge must run their cars at all times on the events on tyres that comply with the MSA 2017 Competitors' Year Book R49.10.1.

8.8 Permitted shock absorber/McPherson strut assemblies.

1. Porsche - Bilstein, Boge, Koni, Leda, Munroe, Sachs.

2. Escorts / Sunbeams / Avengers / Chevettas / Triumph TR7/8 – Armstrong, Bilstein, Koni, Leda, Spax.

For other makes/models of cars, contenders are required to contact the Eligibility Scrutineer to confirm the eligibility of the components they are proposing to fit.

Further information regarding vehicle specifications, both general and specific to the more popular historic rally cars can be found on www.hrct.co.uk.

ARTICLE 9. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS:

9.1. The HRCR Stage Masters Challenge 2017 will consist of 9 points scoring rounds, including both asphalt and gravel rallies as listed in the Challenge Calendar.

9.2. To decide all overall and class results together with awards at the end of the season a contenders best **SIX** scores will be counted or if the challenge runs less than SEVEN rounds as specified below:

No. of events:	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Scores to count:	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	1

9.3 For the listing of rounds see under 'Events Calendar' at the front of these regulations.

ARTICLE 10. CLASSES:

10.1

Category 1 registered before 31.12.67:

- Class B1 Cars up to 1000 cc.
- Class B2 Cars 1001 cc. to 1300 cc.
- Class B3 Cars 1301 cc to 1600 cc excluding Twin Cam engined cars
- Class B4 Cars 1601 cc to 2000 cc, including Twin Cam engined cars, but excluding Porsche 911s
- Class B5 Cars over 2000 cc, including all Porsche 911s
- Class B6 Cars upto 1600cc complying with FIA appendix K
- Class B7 Cars over 1601 cc complying with FIA appendix K

Category 2 registered between 01.01.68 and 31.12.74:

- Class C1 Cars up to 1300 cc.
- Class C2 Cars 1301 cc to 1600 cc.
- Class C3 Cars 1601 cc to 2000 cc.
- Class C4 Cars over 2000 cc.
- Class C5 All Twin Cam Multi-valve engined cars
- Class C6 Cars upto 1600cc complying with FIA appendix K
- Class C7 Cars over 1601 cc complying with FIA appendix K

Category 3 registered between 01.01.75 and 31.12.81:

- Class D1 Cars up to 1300 cc.
- Class D2 Cars 1301 cc to 1600 cc.
- Class D3 Cars 1601 cc to 2000 cc.
- Class D4 Cars (including Twin Cam Multi-valve engined cars) over 2000 cc
- Class D5 All other Twin Cam Multi-valve engined cars
- Class D6 Cars upto 1600cc complying with FIA appendix K
- Class D7 Cars over 1601 cc complying with FIA appendix K

Category 4a registered between 01.01.82 and 31.12.85:

- Class E1 Cars up to 1300 cc.
- Class E2 Cars 1301 cc to 1600 cc.
- Class E3 Cars 1601 cc to 2000 cc.
- Class E4 Cars (including Twin Cam Multi-valve engined cars) over 2000 cc
- Class E5 All other Twin Cam Multi-valve engined cars
- Class E6 Cars upto 1600cc complying with FIA appendix K
- Class E7 Cars over 1601 cc complying with FIA appendix K

Category 4b registered between 01.1.86 – 31.12.90:

- Class F1 Up to 1300cc
- Class F2 1301cc to 1600cc
- Class F3 1601cc to 2000cc
- Class F4 Over 2001cc

ARTICLE 11. POINTS:

11.1 Points will be allocated on an individual basis to registered contenders, based on class finishing positions, as published in the final results of each round.

11.2 If a round of the Championship chooses to run "Super Rally" or similar regulations, whereby competitors missing stages / controls are allowed to take penalties and remain in the overall classification then points will be awarded based on the competitors position in the overall results but will be subject to a fifteen point penalty

11.3 The number of points that will be awarded will be based on registered challenge contenders, as listed in the individual event final results, and awarded as follows:

1st.	Registered contender in each class receives	20 points
2nd.	Registered contender in each class receives	16 points
3rd.	Registered contender in each class receives	14 points
4th.	Registered contender in each class receives	12 points
5th.	Registered contender in each class receives	10 points
6th.	Registered contender in each class receives	8 points
7th.	Registered contender in each class receives	6 points
8th.	Registered contender in each class receives	4 points
9th.	Registered contender in each class receives	2 points
10th.	Registered contender in each class receives	1 point

11.4 On occasions when less than 2 registered contenders start in any class on any round of the challenge then points will be awarded to the sole contender as follows:

First three occasions: The 1 starter & finisher will receive 20 points.
Subsequent occasions: The 1 starter & finisher will receive 15 points.

11.5 All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event.

The first ten finishing registered contenders in each of the Categories will also receive bonus points as follows:

1st.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	10 points
2nd.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	9 points
3rd.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	8 points
4th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	7 points
5th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	6 points
6th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	5 points
7th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	4 points
8th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	3 points
9th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	2 points
10th.	Registered Category 1, 2 & 3 contender receives	1 point.

11.6. In the event of there being a points tie at the end of the challenge, the position will be awarded to the higher points scorer on the first round, if that does not resolve the tie then it will go to the second round, and so forth until the tie is resolved.

ARTICLE 12. AWARDS

12.1 The following Major Awards will be presented:

- 1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 1 Car
The Paddy Hopkirk Cup
- 1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 2 Car
The Retro Speed Cup
- 1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 3 Car
The Classic Cup and Award
- 1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 4 Car
The Phil Mills Cup and Award

Contenders may win only one of the above Major Award HRCR Major Awards take precedence over Class Awards. With the exception of Special Awards/Escort/Sierra Cup (see appendix A).

12.2 The following Class Awards will be presented:

- 1st in each class Driver and Co-Driver
- 2nd in each class Driver and Co-Driver (Subject to 5 registered contenders)
- 3rd in each class Driver and Co-Driver (Subject to 8 registered contenders)

Major Award winners in the Challenge are ineligible for Class Awards

Additional awards may be awarded at the organisers discretion and will be advised in an official bulletin.

12.3 In order to be eligible for an award, a competitor must have started at least 3 Challenge Rounds and classified as a finisher on at least 1.

ARTICLE 13. SERVICING.

13.1 The use of management cars or chase cars is prohibited on every round of the Challenge. Servicing will only be permitted from properly identified service vehicles in Official Service Areas.

13.2 Judges of Fact regarding servicing will be appointed on each round

13.3 Vehicles and/or personnel associated with competing crews, found on (or within 500m of) the road sections of the route of any rally (other than A or B roads and any defined service vehicle route pertaining to the Historic section of the rally) during the time that the event is passing that point will be deemed to be acting in the role of a management/chase car. If the service and rally car routes are the same, the two vehicles must be at least 500m apart at all times.

13.4 Breaches of Articles 13.1 and 13.3 will result in challenge points not being allocated on the round where the offence occurred and the forfeiture of the previous two scores in the 2017 Challenge (in addition to any penalties applied by the individual event organisers in accordance with their Supplementary Regulations).

The offences will also be reported to the Championship Stewards who will consider further action.

ARTICLE 14. ROUTE NOTES.

14.1 The use of pace notes or subjective route notes will be permitted on all rounds of the Challenge.

ARTICLE 15. CHALLENGE OFFICIALS

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www.hrcr.co.uk or on our facebook page

For the technical website see: www.hrct.co.uk

The HRCR would like to acknowledge help and support from the following :-

The Motor Sports Association
All the Clubs organising individual Rounds of the Challenge.
All Marshal, Radio and Safety Crews
And all our Challenge Contenders
Without whom there would be no Championship



APPENDIX 'A'

Specific Regulations for the 2017 Escort, Sierra, BMW M3 Cup

The Escort, Sierra Cup and BMW M3 will be open to contenders in the Stage Masters Challenge and will run to the Stage Masters Challenge regulations but will be superseded by the following.

ARTICLE 8. ELIGIBLE CARS (a.)

(a.) The Escort Cup will be open to Ford Escorts with 8 valve engines.

Escort Cup **ONLY** Permitted shock absorber/McPherson strut assemblies –
Armstrong, Bilstein, Koni, Leda, Spax.

(b.) Ford Sierra and BMW M3 cars complying with Section R49 1.4 and 1.5 of the 2017 MSA Blue Book and Appendix "K" FIA Competitor Yearbook vehicles will be allowed.

Only period shock absorbers used in rallying on the particular make and model of car are permitted for Historic Category 4a and 4b Rally Cars.

ARTICLE 10. CLASSES (a.):

Classes in each category will be as follows.

ESC.1. Up to 1300cc
ESC.2. 1301cc to 1600cc
ESC.3. 1601cc to 2000cc

SIERRA 1 Any Sierra fitted with a non-turbo charged engine.
SIERRA 2 Any Sierra fitted with a turbo charged engine

BMW 1 Any BMW
BMW 2 BMW M3

ARTICLE 11. Points (a.):

The number of points that will be awarded will be based on registered challenge contenders, as listed in the individual event final results, and awarded as follows:

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2nd.	Registered contender in each class receives	16 points
3rd.	Registered contender in each class receives	14 points
4th.	Registered contender in each class receives	12 points
5th.	Registered contender in each class receives	10 points
6th.	Registered contender in each class receives	8 points
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11.5 All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event

11.6. In the event of there being a points tie at the end of the challenge, the position will be awarded to the higher points scorer on the first round, if that does not resolve the tie then it will go to the second round, and so forth until the tie is resolved.

ARTICLE 12. Awards (a.)

12.1

The following Major Awards will be presented:

1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in an Escort Car

1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Sierra Car

1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a BMW Car

Additional awards maybe added during the year.

12.3 In order to be eligible for an award, a competitor must have started at least 3 Challenge Rounds and finished on at least 1.