



# STAGE MASTERS

HISTORIC STAGE RALLY CHALLENGE



2018 OVERALL WINNERS

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# 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

Round 1. **AGBO Stages** Asphalt  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March Weston Park

<http://www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk/agbo-stages-rally>

Round 2. **RallyNuts Stages** Gravel  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April Llandovery

<http://rallynutsrally.co.uk/>

Round 3. **DIXIES HISTORIC STAGES** Asphalt  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May Epynt military ranges

<http://forresterscarclub.co.uk/events/dixies-challenge/>

Round 4. **PLAINS RALLY** Gravel  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May Welshpool

<https://www.plainsrally.co.uk/>

Round 5. **Red Kite Stages** Gravel  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June South Wales

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

Round 6. **BRAWDY STAGES** Asphalt  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Haverfordwest

<http://www.pembrokeshiremotorclub.com>

Round 7. **NICKY GRIST STAGES** Gravel  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Builth Wells

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

Round 8. **SOLWAY Coast Historic Rally** Asphalt  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August Dundrennan Ranges

<http://solwaycoastrally.co.uk/competitors/solway-coast-historic-rally/>

Round 9. **Tour of Flanders** Asphalt  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>/Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Roeselare Belgium.

<http://www.omloopvanvlaanderen.be/?taal=GB>

**Note!** This round will have double points scoring opportunity

Round 10. **WYEDEAN RALLY** Gravel  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Forest of Dean

<http://www.wyedeandrally.com>

Round 11. **KILLARNEY STAGES** Asphalt  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 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 Mintex HRCR STAGE MASTERS CHALLENGE** incorporating the West Wales Rally Spares Gravel challenge and the Old Stager asphalt challenge plus Escort/Sierra/BMW M3 Cups will be run for individual drivers and co-drivers, competing in eligible cars over seven National "B" and two National 'A' special stage rallies listed under the Challenge Calendar and the championship will run under Motorsport UK Championship Permit No: **TBA**

1.2 All competitors must hold at least a 2019 National 'B' Rally Licence issued by the MSA. This can be upgraded during the year to a National A licence to compete on Rounds 9 and 11 the Tour of Flanders and 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**. You can do this online at **www.hrcr.co.uk**

1.5. Challenge points will be displayed on the HRCR website ([www.hrcr.co.uk](http://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 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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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. To be eligible for points competitors must register on the day 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 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. To claim points the registered competitors car must carry the championship decals.

## 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 (front or back) 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 2019 Motorsport UK 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 2019 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 2019 Motorsport UK 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 Motorsport UK 2019 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 / Chevettes / 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](http://www.hrct.co.uk).

8.9 Roll Cages - Belgium

Competitors wishing to compete on Round 9 Tour of Flanders will be required to have an ASN roll cage certificate for their vehicle. The roll cage in the vehicle will have to have a manufacturers roll cage number (either a sticker or stamped in the mounting foot), that corresponds with the roll cage certificate. The certificates are available from Motorsport UK

## **ARTICLE 9. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS:**

9.1. The HRCR Stage Masters Challenge 2019 will consist of 11 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 with at least one round being a different surface, or if the challenge runs less than NINE rounds as specified below:

No. of events:	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Scores to count:	6	6	6	5	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** 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

**11.3** 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.

**11.4** 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.

**11.5** 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 3 Car  
The Classic Cup and Award
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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. CHALLENGE OFFICIALS

### Challenge Secretary/Press Officer:

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For the technical website see: [www.hrct.co.uk](http://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



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## APPENDIX 'A'

### Specific Regulations for the 'Blue Sky Engineering' Asphalt Challenge Specific Regulations for the West Wales Rally Spares Gravel Challenge

The Blue Sky Engineering Asphalt challenge and West Wales Rally Spares Gravel Challenge will be open to registered contenders in the Stage Masters Challenge and will run to the Stage Masters regulations but will be superseded by the following:

9.1. The 'Blue Sky Engineering' Asphalt Challenge 2019 will consist of 6 points scoring rounds, ALL rounds will be on asphalt with the rallies specially chosen and listed in the Challenge Calendar with the word Asphalt in the right-hand column.

9.2. To decide all overall and class results together with awards at the end of the season a contenders best **FOUR** scores will be counted no matter how many rounds are run in the overall championship:

No. of events:	4	3	2	1
Scores to count:	4	3	2	1

## ARTICLE 11. Points (a.):

11.2 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 All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event

11.5. 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.

11.6 Round 1 AGBO Stages is for 2-w-d vehicles only and therefore will not count as a scoring round for any 4x4 vehicles, contenders in 4x4 vehicles will automatically use this round as a dropped score.

12.1

The following Major Awards will be presented for both the gravel and asphalt challenges:

- 1st Overall Driver and Co-Driver
- 2nd Overall Driver and Co-Driver
- 3rd Overall Driver and Co-Driver



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## Specific Regulations for the 2019 Escort, Sierra, BMW 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 2019 Motorsport UK 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.
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SIERRA 2 Any Sierra fitted with a turbo charged engine

BMW 1 Any BMW

BMW 2 BMW M3

## **ARTICLE 11. Points (a.):**

11.2 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 All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event

11.5. 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.

11.6 Round 1 AGBO Stages is for 2-w-d vehicles only and therefore will not count as a scoring round for any 4x4 vehicles.

## **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.





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