

CHALLENGE REGULATIONS

The West Wales Rally Spares HRCR STAGE MASTERS **CHALLENGE 2023**

ARTICLE 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS AND CREW ELIGIBILITY:

1.1 The West Wales Rally Spares HRCR STAGE MASTERS CHALLENGE

The championship will run under Motorsport UK Championship Permit No: CH2023/RALLY026 (D)

The 2023 championship has a total of 10 rounds of which two have double points scoring opportunities.

The championship reserves the right to maintain the qualifying rounds and accommodate rescheduled events within the championship.

Competitors will be notified via email and the HRCR website.

1.2 All competitors must hold at least a 2023 RS Inter Club stage rally Licence issued by Motorsport UK.

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) 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 Martin Leonard, Paul Loveridge, Chris Phillips and Rob Baldwin 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 2023 Motorsport UK 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 2023 Motorsport UK 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 2023 Motorsport UK Competitor's Yearbook.

Note: In the event of a breach of Technical / Motorsport UK Regulations occurring on an event, this will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the 2023 Motorsport UK 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 Motorsport UK, who may take further action, including increasing any penalties previously applied.

ARTICLE 5. ENTRIES:

5.1. It is 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 FULLY 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 2023 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 2023 Motorsport UK 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 2023 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 2023 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 / Chevette's / 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 2023 will consist of 10 events with 12 points scoring opportunities, 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 SEVEN scores will be counted, or if the challenge runs less than NINE rounds as specified below:

No. of events: 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Scores to count: 7 7 6 6 5 5 4 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 up to 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 up to 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 up to 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 up to 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 (from SEVEN events inc. one different surface) 2 awards.

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 Awards. HRCR Major Awards take precedence over Class Awards, with the exception of Special Awards.

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.

Additional Awards

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 2023 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. The West Wales Rally Spares Gravel Challenge will consist of 5 scoring rounds, all are listed in the Challenge calendar with the word Gravel in the right hand column.

9.2. To decide all overall result 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:

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

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

11.4 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.

12.1 AWARDS 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

ARTICLE 13. CHALLENGE OFFICIALS

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