



The HRCR Mini Cup

Supplementary Regulations 2024 – Published Copy

The Mini Cup is a closed-to-club stage rally championship for club members with the format being predominately sealed surface with one visit to the woods in the Forest of Dean. The championship will run over seven events with eight scores available and your best five scores to count. The rounds have all been selected for their quality, value for money and variety to provide an exciting and challenging championship for our members.

The championship is run to Motorsport UK regulations for historic rally cars, to provide a level playing field for all. To enter the championship, you will need to be a current member of the HRCR and hold a Motorsport UK RS Interclub or higher-grade competition licence. Your car will need to comply with the Motorsport UK historic stage rally regulations for cars in vehicle categories 1, 2, 3 or 4 (inc. FIA Appendix K cars) and the general stage rally regulations. There is an open class for classic Minis running A series engines that do not fully comply with the Historic regulations but are entered in that spirit. Competitors in this class will compete in their own class and will not be eligible for the Major awards.

There will be an overall winner of the championship and separate awards for the leading competitors in each age category, and a wide range of class and special awards to aim for.

The registration fee for the championship remains at £40 per crew.

We welcome the support of a new headline sponsor this season in The Old Forge Garage of Hay-on-Wye together with our returning sponsors Mintex and the ongoing support of product supplier's that competitors receive from Exol, Snap-On and Questmead.

The Old Forge Garage is synonymous with mini's being the home of Dennis Motorsport and the family business of Brian and Tim Dennis. Brian having competed in the marque since the sixties has achieved great honours in road & stage rallying and more latterly hill climbs. Son Tim has followed Brians' footsteps in taking many Class wins on hill climbs around the country.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome them to the championship and are indebted to their support.



Previous Winners

2009	Paul Kendrick	Anton Bird
2010	Clive King	Bob Ward
2011	Eric Davis	Russell Joseph
2012	Andrew O'Hanlon	James Crook
2013	Clive King	Bob Ward
2014	Clive King	Bob Ward
2015	Andrew O'Hanlon	Anton Bird
2016	Clive King	Anton Bird
2017	Ray Cunningham	Jared Gill
2018	Ray Cunningham	Jared Gill
2019	Clive King	Anton Bird
2020	Covid	
2021	Clive King	Anton Bird
2022	Ryan Taylor	Lucy Wilding
2023	Clive King	Anton Bird

2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

Round 1. Sunday 17th March. Agbo Stages, Weston Park. Owen Motoring Club.

www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk

Round 2. Sunday 5th May. Dixies Challenge, Epynt. Forresters Car Club.

www.forresterscarclub.co.uk

Round 3 & 4. Friday & Saturday, 21st & 22nd June. Argyll Stages. Dunoon. Mull Car Club.

www.argyllrally.co.uk

Round 5. Saturday & Sunday, 20th & 21st July. Tour of Epynt. Port Talbot Motor Club.

www.porttalbotmotorclub.co.uk

Round 6. Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th September. Three Shires Stages, Cheltenham

Motor Club. www.cheltmc.com

Round 7. Date TBC. Wye Dean Stages. Forest of Dean Motor Club/Forresters Car Club.

www.fodmc.co.uk www.forresterscarclub.co.uk

Round 8. Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November. Glyn Memorial Stages, Anglesey.

Caernarvon & Anglesey Motor Club. www.camconline.co.uk

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS AND CREW ELIGIBILITY:

- 1.1. The **HRCR Mini Cup** will be run for individual drivers and co-drivers, competing in eligible cars over eight designated RS Interclub and RS National Special Stage rallies listed under the Championship Calendar and the championship will run under **Motorsport UK Championship Registration No. CH2024/RALLY022(D)**. All competitors must hold at least a 2024 RS Interclub Licence issued by Motorsport UK.
- 1.3. All competitors must sign that they have read and agree to abide by the rules of the Championship Regulations. Acceptance of a championship entry is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 1.4. To be eligible to compete in the championship, all competitors **must be fully paid-up members of the HRCR**.
- 1.5. Championship points will be displayed on the HRCR website (www.hrcr.co.uk) after each event, it is a championship contender's responsibility to check the championship points. Points tables will be final after seven days from the date of posting on the website if no queries are received.
- 1.6. These regulations and any subsequent Official Bulletins supersede all others.

ARTICLE 2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

- 2.1. A committee of four, comprising David Lucas, Paul Loveridge, Chris Phillips and Martin Leonard will be responsible for the administration of the Championship.
They may invite others, such as contenders and organisers to attend meetings.
They may issue supplementary Official Bulletins during the course of the championship.

ARTICLE 3. CHAMPIONSHIP STEWARDS:

- 3.1. The panel of Stewards for the championships will comprise three members taken from the list below. Any appeal against their decisions must be made in accordance with section C6.1 to C6.6. of the 2024 Motorsport UK Competitor's Yearbook.
The Championship Stewards are John Arnold, Neil Fuller, Phil Jones.

ARTICLE 4. JUDICIAL:

- 4.1. Any written reported breach of these Championship Regulations or the 2024 Motorsport UK Competitors Yearbook by a Championship Contender will be considered by the Championship Stewards. They 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 2024 Motorsport UK Competitor's Yearbook.

Note: In the event of a breach of Technical / Motorsport UK regulation occurring on an event, this will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the 2024 Motorsport UK Regulations and the outcome of any action will be reported to the Championship Stewards for possible further action as above.

The Championship 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. The championship may 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.**

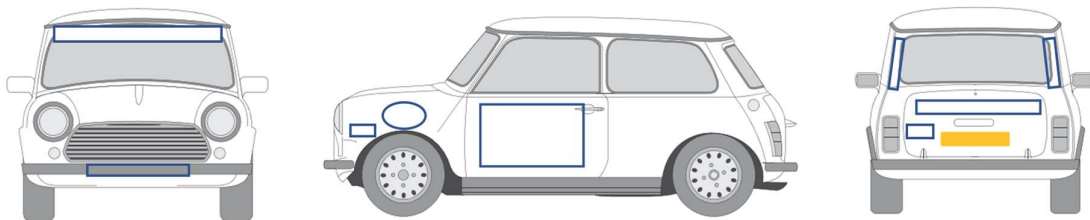
ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION:

- 6.1. Completed registration forms accompanied by the correct fee must be returned to the Championship Secretary, who upon acceptance of the entry, will issue a Championship Registration Card and number. Competitors may also register electronically through the HRCR website and in this case their entry form will be printed out by the championship secretary which must be signed by the competitors before starting their first event. The registration fee will be **£40.00** per registered crew.

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 Championship points.

- 6.2. Registrations will be accepted either in person, through the post or electronically through the HRCR website.
- 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.
- 6.4. Competitors may be required to sign-on at each round. Competitors who don't sign on before the start of each round will not be eligible for Championship points on that round.
- 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 Championship, 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 Championship.

ARTICLE 7. DECALS:



- (a) Competition Number door panel,
- (b) The Championship Screen Strip
- (c) HRCR Mini Cup Decal to be fixed on front wings
- (d) Mini Cup and HRCR Decals for boot panel
- (e) "Mintex Brake Pads" Decal. To be fixed on front wings

- 7.1. Competitors in the championship must make available areas on each side of their car (see diagram above) for the official Championship sponsors, Mintex, Snap-On and Questmead –

all of which must be carried whilst competing on each championship round in an unadulterated format.

- 7.2. A Championship Screen Strip will be supplied to be affixed to the top of the competing car's windscreen whilst competing on all the championship rounds. Only the Championship Screen Strip is permitted on the windscreen, no other advertising or decals of any nature is permitted. 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 Championship Eligibility Scrutineer and the Championship Secretary before the first event entered**
The organisers may issue Official Bulletins to require the placing of other decals on competing cars on all Championship rounds.
- 7.3. Any decals that are deemed to be supporting Championship sponsors commercial competitors must be agreed with the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer and the Championship Secretary before the first event entered.
- 7.4. Non-compliance with any of the above will result in championship points not being allocated for that round.

ARTICLE 8. ELIGIBLE CARS:

- 8.1. Classic Mini models including factory derivatives in historic rally categories 1, 2, 3 and 4a and 4b and complying with Section R49 of the 2024 Motorsport UK Competitor Yearbook and these Championship Regulations are eligible to compete in the HRCR Mini Sport Cup, Rally Championship.

There will also be an Open class for Classic Mini models which do not fully comply with the Historic Specifications.

They must have an "A" series cylinder block with an 8 valve cylinder head. This must be a direct replacement for the original 5 port cylinder head.

Where an hydraulic handbrake is fitted it must incorporate the existing manufacturers handbrake lever, mounting position and pivot point. Handbrake lever extensions are not permitted.

A vehicle competing in this class may do so for a period of one championship year after which the championship organisers reserve the right to extend this period on an individual vehicle basis at their discretion. The vehicle must comply with all other Motorsport UK 2024 Year book requirements for special stage rallying.

Vehicles in this class are subject to approval by the championship eligibility scrutineer.

- 8.2. Competitors will be required to declare that the vehicle entered complies fully with the 2024 Motorsport UK Regulations. This declaration will be on the Championship Registration Form and on Championship Signing-on Forms at individual rounds.
- 8.3. An Eligibility Scrutineer has been appointed to the Championship. Any vehicle that has been, or is being used in the championships, 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 championship up until the date of the failure, for both the driver and co-driver, or a greater penalty decided by the Stewards of the Championship.

- 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 championship entries must have and produce at all necessary paperwork as listed in the 2024 Motorsport UK Competitor Yearbook and these Championship Regulations
If the required papers are not in order (not correct or not produced) then Championship Points may not be allocated for that round
- 8.7. Subject to suitable tyre size availability, all contenders in the Championship must run their cars at all times on the events on tyres that comply with the Motorsport UK 2024 Competitors' Year Book R49.10. Tyre suppliers are not limited.
- 8.8. Further information regarding vehicle specifications, both general and specific can be found on www.hrct.co.uk.

ARTICLE 9. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS:

- 9.1. The Mini Cup will consist of 8 points scoring rounds with best 5 to count.
- 9.2. To decide all overall and class results together with awards at the end of the season a contenders' best **five** scores will be counted or if the championship runs less than eight rounds as specified below:
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| No. of rounds: | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Scores to count: | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
- In the event that the Championship is unable to run three or more events it will be considered to have been cancelled. For the listing of rounds see under 'Events Calendar' at the front of these regulations.
- 9.3. Some of the championship rounds are held on Ministry of Defence property. The Ministry of Defence, because of operational commitments, may have to cancel the availability of a venue at short notice.
- The championship reserves the right to change the date of a championship event should a date change be forced on the organisers, due to a Ministry of Defence venue becoming unavailable. The change of date will be notified to competitors via email and displayed on the HRCR website. Competitors will be notified via email to the email address provided on their championship registration form.

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.
- Category 2 registered between 01.01.68 and 31.12.74:
Class C1 Cars 1001 cc to 1300cc

Class C2 Cars over 1300cc

Category 3 registered between 01.01.75 and 31.12.81 Cars must comply with homologation in groups 1,2,3 or 4

Class D1 Cars 1001 cc to 1300 cc.

Class D2 Cars over 1300cc

Category 4a & 4b registered between 01.01.82 the 31.12.90 Cars must comply with homologation for groups A or N

Class E1 All eligible cars

Open Class Classic Minis

This class is open to Mini's that do not fully comply with the Historic classes, as provided for in 8.1 above

For all classes the cylinder bores may be up to 60 thousandth of an inch oversize without affecting class eligibility.

The Championship reserves the right to amalgamate classes if less than five cars register for a class.

ARTICLE 11. POINTS:

- 11.1. Points will be allocated on an individual basis to registered contenders, based on overall and class finishing positions, as published in the final results of each round.
- 11.2. All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event.
- 11.3. The number of points that will be awarded to registered championship contenders, as listed in the individual event final results will as follows:

Points awarded to Historic contenders will be as follows

Overall points

- 1st Registered overall finisher 20 points
- 2nd Registered overall finisher 18 points
- 3rd Registered overall finisher 16 points
- 4th Registered overall finisher 14 points
- 5th Registered overall finisher 12 points
- 6th Registered overall finisher 10 points
- 7th Registered overall finisher 9 points
- 8th Registered overall finisher 8 points
- 9th Registered overall finisher 7 points
- 10th Registered overall finisher 6 points
- 11th Registered overall finisher 5 points
- 12th Registered overall finisher 4 points
- 13th Registered overall finisher 3 points
- 14th Registered overall finisher 2 points

All other registered contenders that finish will be awarded 1 point

Class points:

- 1st Registered contender in each class receives 10 points
- 2nd Registered contender in each class receives 9 points
- 3rd Registered contender in each class receives 8 points
- 4th Registered contender in each class receives 7 points
- 5th Registered contender in each class receives 6 points
- 6th Registered contender in each class receives 5 points
- 7th Registered contender in each class receives 4 points
- 8th Registered contender in each class receives 3 points
- 9th Registered contender in each class receives 2 points
- All other registered contenders in each class receives 1 point

As Open Class Contenders are not eligible for overall awards, they will only be eligible for Starting points and Class points.

- 11.4 In the event of a points tie at the end of the championship, 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:

1 st	Overall Driver and Co-Driver	Award
1 st	Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 1 Car	Award
1 st	Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 2 Car	Award
1 st	Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 3 Car	Award
1 st	Driver and Co-Driver in a Category 4 Car	Award

The Overall Driver and Co-driver awards will go to the competitors with the highest number of points scored irrespective of the category or categories they are competing in. Contenders may win only one of the above Major Awards. Major Awards take precedence over Class Awards with the exception of Special Awards.

Competitors in the Open Class will only be eligible for class 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 3 registered contenders)
- 3rd in each class Driver and Co-Driver (Subject to 6 registered contenders)

12.3 Special awards and additional awards may be added at the organiser's discretion.

12.4 In order to be eligible for an award, a competitor must have started at least two Championship Rounds and finished on at least 1.

ARTICLE 13. General Behaviour of registered competitors

- 13.1 The championship prides itself in upholding the traditional values of historic rallying promoting comradery and friendship among competitors. Competitors are reminded that without the help and support from volunteers and sponsors there would be no championship. Registered competitors are therefore reminded that they should not act in any way that may cause offence to any other competitor, official, or sponsor of the championship or bring the championship, HRCR or our sponsors into disrepute at any time during the championship on or away from championship events
- 13.2 Any breach of regulation 13.1 will be reported to the stewards of the championship and handled in accordance with Article 4 of these regulations.

ARTICLE 16. CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS:

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Follow the Championship on our website:
www.hrcr.co.uk or on our facebook page
For the technical website see: www.hrct.co.uk

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Motorsport UK

Our sponsors: Old Forge Garage, Hay-on-Wye, Mintex, Snap On, Questmead, and Exol

All the Clubs organising the individual Rounds of the Championship.

All Marshals, Radio and Safety Crews

And all our Championship Contenders

Without whom there would be no Championship