

HRCR Clubmans Championship Regulations 2026



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FOR CARS AND BIKES FROM THE 1890s TO THE 1990s



THE THREE CASTLES CUP

HRCR Clubmans Qualifying Rounds 2026

	Date	Event
1	Sat/Sun 21st/22nd Feb	Dansport Historic, Matlock MC *
2	Sat 7th Mar	Tour Of Cheshire, Knutsford and District MC*
3	Sun 10th May	The Gremlin, Brecon MC*
4	Sat/Sun 20th/21st June	East Anglian Classic Chelmsford MC*
5	Sun 5th July	Cotswold Historic, Tavern MC*
6	Sat 19th Sept	Hero Challenge 3 Interclub*
7	Oct	Ilkley Jubilee Historic, Ilkley & District MC
8	Nov	John Bloxham Memorial Rally, TBC

* Indicates events in the Beginners Championship

Dates in Red are provisional

Motorsport UK Championship Permit Number; **TBC**

These are the regulations for the **Historic Rally Car Register (HRCR) Clubmans Road Rally Championship 2026**. Anyone with questions or queries regarding these regulations should contact the Championship Secretary whose details are in section 10 of this document.

1 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. An e Signature on the 2026 online application, e registration card or physical signature on the paper application form will suffice. Acceptance of an entry to the Championship is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 1.2 The winners of the Overall Championship shall gain the titles "2026 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Champion Driver" and "2026 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Champion Navigator".

2. ELIGIBLE CARS

"Historic Cars may be used for Competitions under a set of rules that preserve the specification of their period and prevent modifications of performance and behaviour which could arise through the application of modern technology. Historic competition is not simply another formula in which to acquire trophies, it is a discipline apart, in which one of the essential ingredients is devotion to the cars and to their history. Historic Motor Sport enables the active celebration of the History of the Motor Car."

- 2.1 Cars complying with the Motorsport UK 2026 National Competition Rules Ch 13 Appx 15 art 9.2 for Category 1, 2, 3 or 4a & 4b Historic Road Rally cars will be acceptable for use in the Championship.

Competitors' attention is drawn to Motorsport UK item

Appendix 15 Article 9.2 Historic Road Rally Cars are categorised in the following periods (see below). A car will be dated by the specification presented and not necessarily by the date of build or registration.

This information will be required when registering for the championship.

Typical examples are shown below

Category 1
(to 31/12/1967)



***Category 2**
(1968-74)



Category 3
(1975-81)



Category 4a
(1982-85)



Category 4b
1986-1990
(31 Dec 1990)



* For Championship points scoring purposes Category 2 classes will include all pre-1968 Porsche 911.

- 2.2 Cars complying with Ch 13 Appx 15 art 9.2 which require a Motorsport UK waiver (i.e. Category 2, 3, 4a and 4b) in respect of art 3 will be acceptable for use in the Championship, subject to waivers being granted by Motorsport UK.
- 2.3 It is recommended that any car competing regularly in the Championship should have a valid FIA HTP or Motorsport UK Historic Rally Vehicle Identity Form (HRVIF) which can be available for inspection at scrutineering on each round. Additional guidance on vehicle modifications that are permitted under the Motorsport UK Technical Regulations can be found at the Historic Rally Car Technical website, www.HRCT.co.uk.
- 2.4 It is recommended that all cars competing in the championship use only 'E' marked tyres. It is quite likely that the Supplementary Regulations for some championship rounds will not allow tyres that are marked for 'Competition Use Only' or "Rally Use Only".
- 2.5 An Eligibility Scrutineer will be present at events to check that vehicles entered comply with these Championship Regulations. Vehicles found to be ineligible at pre-event scrutineering will be penalised as follows:
- a) They will score zero points for that round and:
 - b) The round will count as one of their events contributing to their total championship score.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- 3.1 The Championship will consist of a maximum of **8** daytime historic road rallies; (Ch 13 Appx 2 art 2.9) refers to daylight hours being 07.00 to 22.00 hrs and therefore events may contain sections in the dark). Should any event be cancelled or postponed, it may be replaced with another event or rescheduled in accordance with Ch 13 Appx 1 art 1.12. Should it not be possible to find a suitable alternative date or event, the Championship will continue with fewer rounds.
- 3.2 For Overall Championship and class awards, each competitor's best **6** scores will be counted. However, if the number of rounds is reduced due to circumstances beyond the organiser's control, then the number of **scores to count** will be in accordance with the table below.

Total Number of Rounds	Scores to Count
10	8
9	7
8	6
7	6
6	5
5	4

- 3.3 It is the competitor's responsibility to enter events in adequate time. Registering as a Championship contender does not guarantee an entry on any Championship round.
- 3.4 All experience levels will receive the same navigation, although Novice crews may be allowed up to 50% more time for plotting than Master's and Experts if the event organisers believe this to be appropriate.

- 3.5 Only whole number average speeds between 15 and 30 mph will be used on Regularity sections, unless advised in the Final Instructions.

4 REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Completed registration forms must be returned to the Championship Secretary who will issue a Championship registration number and e card to each contender. Registration forms will be accepted either at the Open Day, via the HRCR website, through the post, or at Championship events. All registration forms must be accompanied by the correct fee.
- 4.2 The registration fee for the Championship will be £25 per crew (Driver and Navigator) when registering at the same time or £15 individually.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 HRCR membership cards and Championship Registration Cards will be checked, and a declaration of crew and vehicle eligibility signed. Once registered for the Championship, contenders may not de-register, unless agreed by the Championship Secretary.

5 AWARDS CLASSES

- 5.1 For championship award allocation, there will be fifteen classes based on car age or specification category and crew experience as follows:

	Category 1 (to 31/12/1967)	*Category 2 (1968-74)	Category 3 (1975-81)	Category 4a (1982-85)	Category 4b (1986-1990)
Master	Class M1	Class M2	Class M3	Class M4a	Class M4b
Expert	Class E1	Class E2	Class E3	Class E4a	Class E4b
Novice	Class N1	Class N2	Class N3	Class N4a	Class N4b

* For Championship points scoring purposes Category 2 classes will include all pre-1968 Porsche 911.

- 5.2 Experience Definitions for the above championship awards classes will be:
- a) **MASTER**, a crew where any member has had four or more finishes in the top 10 places overall of a National B, Interclub, HERO red and black events or higher status rally in the last 3 years.
- b) **EXPERT**, a crew which does not meet the qualifying requirements herein for Master or Novice.
- c) **NOVICE**, a crew in which no member has had four or more finishes in the top 25 places overall of a National B, Interclub, HERO red and black events or higher status rally in the last 3 years.

Previous experience shall be counted up to the date of registration for the Championship, in the role (driver or navigator) in which currently competing. Notwithstanding the above, competitors who are returning to the Championship after a period of absence must contact the Championship Secretary to determine the correct Championship awards class that they will be competing in.

- 5.3 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. In this situation championship points will be allocated according to contenders' registration information.
- 5.4 For the championship points and awards only, contenders entering in pre-1968 Porsche 911 cars will be considered as Category 2 cars. If the regulations of a qualifying event place them in Category 1 they must enter the class in accordance with the event regulations.
- 5.5 The Championship Committee reserves the right to re-classify any crew/vehicle that they believe is unfairly classified by the classes listed above.
- 5.6 If a contender may be driving and navigating during the series, and wishes to gain championship points in both roles, he/she must state their experience level in each role when registering for the championship.

6 POINTS ALLOCATION

- 6.1 Points will be allocated on an individual basis to Drivers and Navigators, based on overall finishing positions on each round.
- 6.2 Championship points will be awarded to the Top 45 cars in the following order 60,55,52,51-10 with finishing points for any car placed lower than 45th these points being Cat 1 cars = 4 points, Cat 2 = 3 points, Cat 3 = 2 points and Cat 4a = 1 point Cat 4b = nil points.

Bonus points being awarded to all finishers regardless of position for the following vehicle categories; Cat 1 = 5 points, Cat 2 = 3 point, Cat 3 = 1 point and Cat 4a = nil points, Cat 4b = nil points.
- 6.3 If a championship event includes cars other than Cat 1, 2, 3, 4a and 4b in the overall results then their positions will be ignored when allocating the championship points.
- 6.4 The entered driver must drive both the road sections and 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.
- 6.5 If the result of a qualifying round uses vehicle type and/or engine capacity class-based test penalties, the published overall finishing positions shall be used to allocate points.
- 6.6 Rallying is a team sport, nevertheless a lesser experienced crew member will derive some additional benefit from being with a more experienced partner therefore the lesser experienced member of a mixed experience crew will be allocated points as follows; Master and Expert, then Expert will be allocated 90% of position points scored. Master and Novice, then Novice will be allocated 75% of position points scored. (Fractional figures will be rounded up to the whole number). This will only apply to the class based points system and not the overall championship positions.
- 6.7 **Many event organisers compete in the championship and therefore would not attract points for the event where they are part of the organising team. As such 25 points will**

be awarded to those who are named officials. The positions include but are not limited to: Clerk of the Course, Deputy CoC, Secretary of the Meeting, Entries Secretary, Chief Marshal, Competition Liaison Officer, Chief Timekeeper.

7 RESULTS

- 7.1 Points and interim Championship results will be displayed on the HRCR Internet website after each round and contenders notified by email. Printed interim results can be sent to any contender without Internet access, if requested.
- 7.2 Any queries regarding the allocation of points should be made to the Championship Secretary within seven days of the date of publication after which they will become "Final".
- 7.3 Provisional Championship results will be published following the final round and will become "Final" seven days later.

8 AWARDS

- 8.1 The following Championship awards and trophies will be presented at the HRCR Prize-giving Dinner following the end of the championship year. All named trophies will be held for one year only.

1 st Overall Driver and Navigator **	The Speedsport Design Trophies
1 st Expert Driver and Navigator **	The Ian Kelloway Memorial Trophies
1 st Novice Driver and Navigator **	The Speedsport Design Novices
1 st Cat 1 crew overall	The Don Barrow Trophy
Spirit of the Championship	An Award

The Three Castles Cup: awards to the winning crew in both the Experts and Novice Classes, together with vouchers for £500 towards entry in the Three Castles Trial 2027 to the winners in both Classes.

Glass awards for retention - To the winners of ** awards

To the Vice Champion Driver and Navigator

To 1st in each class Driver and Navigator

and to the Championship All-Rounder, the individual with the highest combined score from both navigating and driving, subject to starting at least two rounds in each role.

- 8.2 Contenders may not win more than one of the above awards, except for the All-Rounder award or any of the Special awards listed in 8.6 and where they may have won class awards in separate age categories or in separate roles.
- 8.3 The Championship Committee reserves the right to amalgamate classes for Championship awards in the event of there being fewer than 3 contenders in a particular class. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 8.4 In order to be eligible for awards of any description, a contender must have started at least four Championship rounds in the class and role appropriate for that award.
- 8.5 In the event of a tie, the award winner will be decided in favour of the contender with the higher total score from one fewer round. If still not resolved then the higher total score from two fewer rounds, then three fewer rounds etc.

- 8.6 The Don Barrow HRCR Trophy will be awarded to the crew in a Category 1 car accumulating the most championship points regardless of experience class.

9 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 The use of a mechanical tripmeter (Halda, Aifab etc), a HaldaSpeedpilot or a Retrotrip is permitted. It is permissible to use an electronic tripmeter providing that the equipment uses a vehicle mounted sensor to measure and display distance. Devices that display distance and time in the same unit are permitted, provided the unit cannot display average speed.

Any electronic trip or timing device that has a timing offset adjustment (nudge) capability or similar will require that function to be disabled from scrutineering to the end of the event.

- 9.2 Use of any of the following electronic devices is NOT permitted: Any GPS device, Digital Speedometer*, Cycle Speed Computer, Electronic Speed Table, Satellite Navigation Receiver, Programmable Calculator, PDA, Smartphone**, Tablet or Laptop Computer of any type. Any competitor found using one of these prohibited devices during the competition section of an event could forfeit any championship points for that event and may be excluded from the championship.

*Only applies to the car's main speedometer.

**Smartphones must be either off or set to airplane mode for competitive rally sections including special tests.

The use of digital stopwatches and mechanical calculators is permitted.

Category 4 cars having a digital speedometer fitted as original equipment by the manufacturer will be permitted.

- 9.3 It is strongly recommended by the HRCR that all competing historic road rally cars carry the following equipment, some items of which may be required by individual event supplementary regulations and checked at scrutineering:

1. Red Warning Triangle
2. First Aid Kit
3. SOS/OK board
4. Tow rope
5. Groundsheet
6. Small spill kit (mandatory for events with tests on private land).

7. Hand-held AFFF fire extinguisher, securely mounted in a quick-release bracket.
8. Glass breaker/seat belt cutter tool, easily accessible for the driver and navigator when seated with their seat belts fastened.

10 CHAMPIONSHIP ADMINISTRATION

- 10.1 A committee of three, comprising the Championship Secretary, the HRCR Competition Secretary and the appointed Eligibility Scrutineer will be responsible for the administration of the Championship rules.
- 10.2 Any dispute concerning these Regulations, or the running of the Championship will be adjudicated by a panel of stewards comprising three members who are members of the main HRCR Committee. Any appeal against their decision must be made in accordance with the Motorsport UK NCR's.

10.3. The Championship Eligibility Scrutineer is:

Paul Loveridge

Email; Paul@plmotorsport.co.uk; mobile: 07831 656472

10.4 The 2026 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Championship Secretary, to whom all enquiries should be directed, and where appropriate, all registration forms returned is:

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11 BEGINNERS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 11.1 This will be a championship for crews not individuals and is designed to be a stepping stone towards the HRCR Clubmans (interclub) championship. The rounds will shadow the main championship and use the same events, route, timings and test venues.
- 11.2 The regulations for the interclub championship will apply except in the following circumstances.
- 1.2 There will be one award for the winners of the championship and will be called the 2026 HRCR Clubmans Beginners Champions. No crew will be allowed to win the award more than twice. If a crew is successful in winning the championship twice then they will be able to take part and gain points but will not be eligible for an award.
- 3.2 7 rounds 5 to count
6 rounds 4 to count
5 rounds 4 to count
4 rounds 3 to count
- 3.4 There will be no plotting for the beginner crews.
- 4.2 Registration fee will be £20 per crew
- 4.3 Does not apply
- 5.1 There will be one class for all cars up to 31/12/1990
- 5.2 Definition of a beginner: a crew in which no member has achieved 4 or more finishes on Interclub events or HERO red and Black events or is unable to hold an Interclub licence due to a medical condition.
- 5.4 Does not apply.
- 6.1 Points will be allocated by crew.
- 6.2 Championship points will be calculated in the same way as the interclub except there will be no bonus points allocated. For example, first will attract 60 points second 55 points etc.
- 8 One award; sponsor's name to be assigned.

All other regulations will be as per the HRCR Interclub Championship.

12 Race With Respect

- 12.1 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).
- 12.2 Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.
- 12.3 It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.



Ken Binstead
Championship Secretary
Nov 2025

APPENDIX 1



A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)
#RaceWithRespect

The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.