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MINI CUP
STAGE RALLYING CHAMPIONSHIP

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The HRCR Mini Cup

Supplementary Regulations 2026

The Mini Cup is a closed-to-club stage rally championship for club members with the format being predominately sealed surface with two visits to the woods. Rally North Wales offering a reduced entry fee to compete in the first run of stages only.

The championship will run over eight events with eleven scores available and your best six 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 plus class and special awards to aim for.

The registration fee for the championship remains at £20 per contender.

We welcome the support of returning headline sponsors this season, MAR Motorsport of Stourbridge together with our regular sponsors Mintex, David Stokes Award and the ongoing support of product supplier's that competitors receive from Exol, Snap-On, Questmead and Mini Sport.

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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	**Clive King**	**Anton Bird**
2025	**Clive King**	**Anton Bird**

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

Round 1. Saturday 28th March. Rally North Wales (part event), Welshpool. Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club. www.rallynorthwales.co.uk

Round 2. Sunday 3rd May. Dixies Challenge, Epynt Ranges. Forresters Car Club/Forest of Dean Motor Club. www.forresterscarclub.co.uk

Rounds 3 & 4. Friday & Saturday, 19th & 20th June. Argyll Stages. Dunoon. Mull Car Club. www.argyllrally.co.uk

Round 5 & 6. Saturday & Sunday**,** 25th & 26th July. Tour of Epynt. Port Talbot Motor Club. www.porttalbotmotorclub.co.uk

Round 7. Sunday 2nd August. Pendragon Stages, Warcop Ranges. KLMC/Northallerton AC/Eden Valley MC. www.pendragonstages.co.uk

Round 8 & 9. Saturday & Sunday, 19th & 20th September**.** Hills Ford Stages, Cheltenham Motor Club. www.cheltmc.com

Round 10. Saturday 14th November. Wyedean Stages. Forresters Car Club/Forest of Dean Motor Club www.wyedeanstages.co.uk

Round 11. Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November**.** Glyn Memorial Stages, Anglesey. Caernarvon & Anglesey Motor Club**.** www.camconline.co.uk

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS AND CREW ELIGIBILITY:

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**. **CH2026/RALLY022 (D)**. All competitors must hold at least a 2026 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 Rob Baldwin, 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 Ch 2 of the 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs.
The Championship Stewards are John Arnold, Neil Fuller, Phil Jones and Kelvin Davies.

ARTICLE 4. JUDICIAL:

4.1. Any written reported breach of these Championship Regulations or the 2025 Motorsport UK NCRs 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 Ch 2 of the 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs.

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 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs 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.

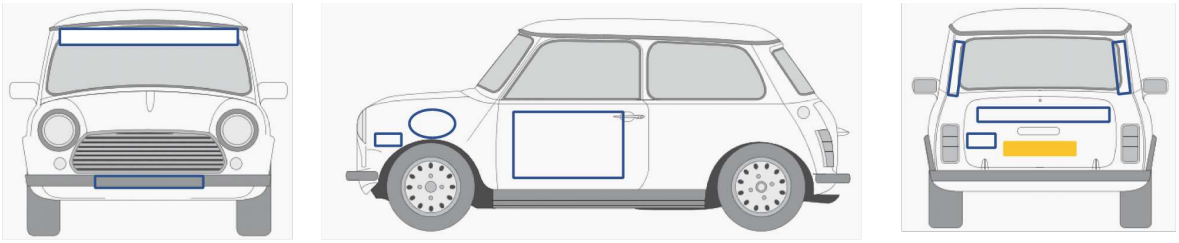
ARTICLE 5. ENTRIES:

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 remain at **£20.00** per person.
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. Registrations for new crews will not be accepted after the start of the sixth 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

1. Competitors in the championship must make available areas on each side of their car (see diagram above) for the official Championship sponsors, Mintex, Exol, Snap-On, Questmead and David Stokes – all of which must be carried whilst competing on each championship round in an unadulterated format. HRCR Championship Contender decals must also be carried. Mini Sport decals need only be carried if contenders wish to avail themselves of the company's discount scheme.
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.

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 derivates in historic rally categories 1, 2, 3 and 4a and 4b and complying with Section Ch. 13 App. 17 of the 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs 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 2026 NCRs 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 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs. 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 2026 Motorsport UK NCRs 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 2026 NCR Ch.13 App.17 Art 7 (13.17.7). 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 11 points scoring rounds with best 6 to count.
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 championship runs less than eleven rounds as specified below:

No. of rounds:	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Scores to count:	6	5	5	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.

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:

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.

2. All registered contenders will receive 5 points for starting an event.
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 receives1 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:

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

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 7 registered contenders)
3. Special awards and additional awards may be added at the organiser's discretion.
4. In order to be eligible for an award, a competitor must have started at least four Championship Rounds and finished on at least two.

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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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:

Motorsport UK

Our sponsors: MAR Motorsport, Mintex, Snap On, Questmead, Exol, and Mini Sport.

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

Chris. Phillips, Championship Co-ordinator 14/12/2025

Race with Respect code of conduct for Competitors

A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community. We all have a responsibility to follow the values of the Race With Respect Code of Conduct, embodying respect, integrity, fair play, self-control and good manners.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate RESPECT by:

- Treating everyone with respect regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or status.
- Being polite and respectful to all staff, officials, competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Never engaging in or tolerating offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Respecting my team mates, competitors from other teams and all other participants.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate INTEGRITY by:

- Always taking part to the best of my ability.
- Behaving responsibly.
- Raising concerns when something isn't right and reporting any incidents of bullying to an Officer of the club or to Motorsport UK.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate FAIR PLAY by:

- Respecting the rules and regulations, decisions and authority of the officials.
- Not cheating.
- Not breaking or bending the rules

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate SELF CONTROL by:

- Always speaking to other competitors with respect.
- Always being considerate of others and appreciating that everyone has a different level of skill and talent.
- Taking responsibility for my behaviour and the way I speak to other people.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate GOOD MANNERS by:

- Placing an emphasis on fun and enjoyment, making our sport a friendly and welcoming place to be.
- Celebrating when I win and being gracious when I lose.

In accordance with regulation 10.1. Motorsport UK reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action for breaches of these codes of conduct. This may include being asked to leave Motorsport UK affiliated activities and being excluded from future activities.

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