



THE BRITISH TRIAL & RALLY DRIVERS ASSOCIATION LTD  
(The "Association")

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & ASSOCIATION RULES

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### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Originating in 1938 as the British Trial Drivers Association, the Association broadened into the British Trial & Rally Drivers Association (BTRDA®) in the early 1950's. The Association became a company limited by guarantee in 1982.

### MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The powers of the company are set out in the Memorandum of Association and its constitution in the Articles of Association; copies are available on request from the Company Secretary, although for convenience this document does contain relevant information extracted therefrom. Membership matters are formalised in the company's Rules, these being automatically issued to new members and are otherwise available at [www.btrda.com](http://www.btrda.com) or upon request from the Membership Secretary. Management of the Association is vested in the Board of Directors ("the Board") who delegate, through a subsidiary company BTRDA Ltd, to a Council of management the operation of the Association's championships and other matters.

The Board shall not approve any rule as a Rule of the Association ("Rule") unless it has first been considered and recommended as a Rule by Council; and the Board shall adopt the recommendations of Council as Rules of the Association unless the Board consider that a recommendation, if adopted, would be prejudicial to the interests of the company or of its members or a significant part of them.

The Association in General Meeting has the power to revoke any Rule but does not have the power itself to vary, amend or create new Rules.

Appointments to the Board of Directors of the company and its subsidiary, and to Council, are generally made at Annual General Meetings; nominations for election to Council or as a Director may be made by any two members of the Association, provided that the nominee agrees. Each nomination and consent to act shall be in writing to the Association Company Secretary not less than 7 clear days before the meeting at which an election is to take place. Members should refer to their latest issue of BTRDA® NEWS for up-to-date contact names and addresses.

Any notice given to a member of the Association shall be properly served if it is given to them personally or by post to their most recent address as shown in the register of members or by electronic means to an address provided by the member.

### ASSOCIATION RULES

*The Rules, for so long as each is in force, are binding on all members. Where the context allows, words in the masculine include the feminine.*

#### 1 OBJECTS

The main objects of the Association are:

- a) That participants and persons interested in any type of motor sport supported by the Association from time to time co-operate as one body irrespective of clubs to which they may belong.
- b) To approve events for support by members of the Association.
- c) To offer assistance in connection with motor sport organisation.
- d) To take steps for the introduction, improvement and control of motor sport by representation to the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Ltd whose authority as the governing body of motor sport is fully recognised.
- e) To encourage and enforce a high standard of competition and conduct by members so that membership will be recognised as a hallmark in the world of motor sport.
- f) To run for the benefit of members, championships based upon events organised by clubs and/or BTRDA Ltd.

#### 2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for participants and persons interested in any type of motor sport supported by the Association from time to time. Elected members of the Association must have signed, or electronically agreed to, an undertaking to abide by the Rules, Memorandum and Articles of the Association and acknowledge that the Association is a company limited by guarantee imposing a maximum liability of £1 on members should the company be wound up, this liability extending twelve months after cessation of membership.

#### 3 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Subscribing members shall submit, together with the appropriate fee, a current completed and signed, or electronically completed, Application for Membership for approval at the discretion of the Board. In the event of approval, membership shall be retrospective from the date of receipt of the application form and the subscription fee, whichever is the later.

#### 4 FEES

Annual subscription and championship registration fees shall be set from time to time, are non-refundable and non-transferable. Such fees paid shall cover the period to 31 January of the calendar year following that for which fees have been paid. Fees paid on or after 1 December in any year will cover the period to 31 January of the second year following.

#### 5 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association ceases by:

- a) resignation by not less than 7 days' written notice to the Membership Secretary;

- b) non-renewal of subscription fees by 31 January of the calendar year following that for which fees have been duly paid;
- c) being expelled for conduct injurious to the character of the Association, or the interests of members, in any motor sport event or social event connected with motor sport.

Before a member is expelled his conduct shall be enquired into and he shall be given full opportunity to defend himself and to justify or explain his act. If a majority of the Board present (as defined by the Articles of Association) when the matter is enquired into are of the opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct as aforesaid and that member has failed to justify or explain it satisfactorily, the Board shall call on the member to resign and if he does not resign shall expel him. The member so expelled shall forfeit all privileges of membership and all rights against the Association.

Any person ceasing to be a member for whatever reason shall return to the Association all Association property including all perpetual trophies within 14 days of cessation of membership.

## 6 GENERAL MEETINGS

Any member wishing to bring forward a matter for discussion at a General Meeting shall give notice in writing or by email to the Association Company Secretary within the time stipulated in the notice convening such meeting and shall forward at that time details of such matter which he desires to bring forward. Any resolution which a member wishes the General Meeting to vote on should be set out in writing or be sent by email to the Association Company Secretary more than 21 days before the next General Meeting. Any notice convening a General Meeting shall specify the nature of any resolution to be proposed or matter for discussion. Subject to the above, no proposition can be considered at a General Meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened on the requisition of members in accordance with section 368 of the Companies Act 1985.

Resolutions put to a General Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded before or immediately following the declaration of the result of the show of hands.

General meetings will be chaired by the President; if not present the members present shall choose a chairman of the meeting.

## 7 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

There are not less than 2 and no more than 5 directors, all of whom shall be members of the Association, and they shall comprise:

- the President: elected by members in General Meeting; retires at AGM after 3 years and is eligible for re-election;
- the Association Treasurer: appointed by the Board; may be removed by the Board or a resolution of members in General Meeting;
- up to 3 further directors: elected by members in General Meeting; retire at AGM after 3 years and are eligible for re-election.

The directors may fill a vacancy of a nominated office or directorship until the next AGM.

Any director can be removed by a resolution of members in General Meeting.

The directors shall appoint a Company Secretary, a Membership Secretary and an Awards Secretary.

## 8 BTRDA Ltd

The Association Board delegates, within the terms of a Management Agreement, to BTRDA Ltd operational issues relating to the Association including operation of championships and such other matters as they think fit.

There are not less than 3 and no more than 6 directors of BTRDA Ltd, all of whom shall be members of the Association, and they shall comprise:

- the Chairman of Council;
- the BTRDA Ltd Treasurer; appointed and may be removed by the board of BTRDA Ltd
- up to 4 further directors: nominated by members in General Meeting and appointed by the Association Board; longest serving to retire at AGM of the Association and are eligible for re-election.

The board of BTRDA Ltd shall appoint a BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Secretary, who shall be the BTRDA Ltd Company Secretary and may be a director if otherwise elected.

## 9 COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Council is responsible for championships and all other matters delegated to it by the board of BTRDA Ltd.

All members of Council shall be members of the Association and they shall comprise:

- up to 9 members of the Association: nominated by members in General Meeting and appointed by the board of BTRDA Ltd; retire at AGM of the Association after 3 years and are eligible for re-election;
- the BTRDA Ltd Company Secretary;
- the BTRDA Ltd Treasurer;
- the chairman of each championship committee set up by Council or an alternate appointed by him to represent him at one or more meetings;
- a maximum of 2 further members of the Association: appointed by Council, if it so desires; retire at next AGM of the Association and are eligible for re-election.

Any Council member can be removed at any time by a vote of members in General Meeting.

At the first meeting of Council after the Annual General Meeting of the Association Council shall elect any member of the Association to act as its own Chairman and who will be a director of BTRDA Ltd by virtue of that office.

Council shall elect its own Vice Chairman from its members who shall not be a director by reason of the vice chairmanship.

Council may appoint a Committee Secretary and may appoint a Public Relations Officer; neither need be members of the Association and the positions in themselves do not confer membership of Council.

The Membership Secretary of the Association, the Awards Secretary of the Association and the Public Relations Officer (if appointed) shall be invited to attend and take part in Council meetings but shall not vote thereat unless entitled to do so by other office or authority.

Council shall regulate their meetings as they think fit, subject to the Articles of BTRDA Ltd. Council shall meet not less than 3 times per year and may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees of Council.

The quorum for a meeting of Council shall be 8.

#### 10 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Any matters concerning the interpretation of these Rules or the proceedings of Council or any sub-committee of Council shall be addressed to the Board, whose decision shall be final. If a Rule is inconsistent with any provision of the Articles or the Memorandum of the Association or any of its subsidiary companies, the relevant Articles or Memorandum will prevail.

#### 11 DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the property or assets shall not be distributed to the members of the Association but shall be given to some charitable purpose.

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Please register me/us for membership of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd ("the Association").

I/we (being over 14 years of age) wish to become a member of the Association and, if admitted as a member, I/we undertake to abide by the Rules, Memorandum and Articles of the Association and agree to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of it being wound up while I/we are a member(s) or within 1 year after I/we cease to be a member(s) for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before I/we cease to be a member(s) and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustments of other rights, such amount not exceeding £1 (one pound) and that I/we know that the Association (The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd) is a company Limited by Guarantee.