

## Car Trials Championship Rules 2017

### 1.0 GENERAL:

- 1.1 The Championship is organised and administered by BTRDA Ltd in accordance with the BTRDA General Championship Rules and MSA Regulations save as varied herein. In the event of a variance between these Rules and MSA Regulations, the former takes precedence. The Championship year commences on 1 January 2017 and concludes with the Championship Grand Final Trial.
- 1.2 Drivers must be members of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd, be registered in the Championship and be in possession of a valid MSA competition licence (minimum Clubmans). A minimum of 2 large BTRDA decals and any Sponsors' decals, as supplied, must be displayed on the competing car; failure to do so may result in Championship points being denied.
- 1.3 Passengers must be a member of an invited club for any event in which they compete; BTRDA Passenger Membership is available on an annual basis and covers all our championship trials, including Sporting Trials.
- 1.4 Championship awards necessitate qualifying for and (with one exception) competing in the Championship Grand Final Trial.  
Entrants' qualifying events or the Grand Final Trial need not be contested in the same car or Class.
- 1.5 The Grand Final Trial is open to registered contenders who have qualified by starting in a minimum of five qualifying events in the Championship year. This minimum number may be reduced at the Car Trials committee's discretion in the light of any changes to the number or dates of qualifying events; any reduction will be notified to contenders.
- 1.6 A contender may count up to two valid entries to qualifying events that are subsequently cancelled as notional qualifying event starts, albeit with no points. A valid entry is one received by the secretary of the meeting by the closing date, entry fee paid.
- 1.7 Any Clerk of the Course or Secretary of the Meeting of an event(s) forming part of this Championship will be allowed to count up to two of these events as a qualifying event(s) for which 9 points per event will be deemed to have been scored.
- 1.8 At the conclusion of the Championship year, the BTRDA will arrange a Grand Final Trial at a venue and date to be announced. Invitations to take part in the Grand Final Trial will be sent to all contenders who qualify, but on accepting the invitation they will be required to pay the event entry fee.
- 1.9 Cars may be checked for eligibility from time to time.

### 2.0 TYRE REGULATIONS:

The following variations to the MSA Regulations apply to all Classes and cars:

T 11.12.6 Use of the following tyres is prohibited:-

- (a) those having any of the following patterns, inscriptions or manufacturers' designations:- 'All Seasons', 'Grip', 'Snow', 'Special Use', 'Town & Country', 'Mud & Snow', 'M+S', 'M.S.', 'M&S' or the Three Peaks Mountain Snowflake symbol;
- (b) those constructed primarily for off-road use;
- (c) those having additional grooves intentionally cut into the tread pattern (post manufacture);
- (d) Goodyear All Weather Steel Radial, Goodyear Vector, Pirelli P7, Michelin XRN or Uniband Rally Steel;

T 11.12.6.1 Tyres must comply with Regulation L 2.1.

### 3.0 CLASS ELIGIBILITY:

*All cars must comply with Regulation T 9. Hereafter the term Production Car shall be taken to mean Series Production Car or Specialist Production Car as defined in Regulation B.*

#### Class 1: 2WD PRODUCTION CARS - CARRYING NO BALLAST

2 wheel drive production cars, first registered on or after 1 January 1998, taxed for road use, carrying no ballast and having no modifications save as follows:

- (a) the fitting of a sump guard weighing no more than 10kg (including fittings);
- (b) the replacement of wheels in accordance with Regulation T 11.12;
- (c) the replacement of tyres in accordance with Regulation T 11.12.5.

Class 1, cont.

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels: (see Notes 1 & 2)

FWD cars: up to 1,200 cc: 12 psi      up to 1,400 cc: 14 psi      over 1,400 cc: 16 psi  
FE RWD cars: 12 psi      RE cars: 20 psi

Class 2: FWD PRODUCTION CARS (Front wheel drive production cars not eligible for Class 1)

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels: (see Notes 1 & 2)

up to 1,200 cc: 12 psi      up to 1,400 cc: 14 psi      over 1,400 cc: 16 psi

Class 3: (a) RWD PRODUCTION CARS (Rear wheel drive production cars not eligible for Class 1)

These cars must have an overall first gear ratio which is numerically less than 17:1.

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels: (see Note 1)

FE Sports cars up to 1,800 cc: 16 psi      FE Sports cars over 1,800 cc: 22 psi  
FE Saloon cars up to 1,800 cc: 14 psi      FE Saloon cars over 1,800 cc: 20 psi  
RE cars up to 1,000 cc: 20 psi      RE cars over 1,000 cc: 26 psi

(b) KIT CARS AND MODIFIED PRODUCTION CARS (2 wheel drive cars not eligible for Classes 1 or 2) as set out below:

These cars must have an overall first gear ratio which is numerically less than 17:1.

- Front engine Production Kit Cars to approved MSA specification (Regulation B);
- Front engine Kit Cars (where modified beyond Regulation T11) modified no further than the limits specified in Regulation T10 Class 7(c) and complying with Regulation T10 (except for T10.1 – MoT not required off-road) and with the ACTC approved specification (written evidence of such specification to be produced on demand to any event or eligibility official or Championship representative);
- Modified Production Cars (not eligible for Classes 1 or 2) complying with Regulation T10 (except for T10.1 – MoT not required off-road) and modified no further than the limits specified in Regulation T10 (Classes 1 - 6).

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels: (see Note 1)

FE Kit cars: 26 psi      FWD cars: 16 psi      FE RWD cars: 22 psi      RE cars: 26 psi

Class 8: NON-PRODUCTION CARS

(2 wheel drive cars modified beyond Regulation T11, modified no further than the limits specified in Regulation T10 Class 8 and complying with Regulation T10) (except for T10.1 – MoT not required off-road).

CARS IN THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR OVERALL PLACINGS (INDEX OF PERFORMANCE) OR THE GOLD STAR®, SILVER STAR® OR BRONZE STAR® CHAMPIONSHIPS BUT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE ON QUALIFYING ROUNDS (SUBJECT TO EVENT SR's) AND FOR THE CLASS AWARD ON THE GRAND FINAL TRIAL (SUBJECT TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES).

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels: (see Note 1)

FWD cars: 22 psi      FE RWD cars to ACTC Specification: 22 psi      FE Kit cars: 26 psi      RE cars: 26 psi

Class Notes:

Note 1 Any car fitted with a torque biasing differential or any other form of mechanical traction control as catalogued for that car must have tyre pressures set at 4 psi above the specified Class pressure.

Note 2 Cars with an overall length of 166 inches and over in Classes 1 and 2 may reduce tyre pressures by not more than 4 psi, subject to an absolute minimum pressure of 12 psi.

#### 4.0 NOTES:

- 4.1 The organisers of some events may include sections which are timed, have split routes, have different starts, have restart sections or other tests of a similar nature.
- 4.2 For Championship scoring purposes, Classes cannot be amalgamated.
- 4.3 Classes 1-3 and tyre pressures and regulations are consistent with those of the 2017 MSA British Car Trial Championship.

## 5.0 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Championship Contenders are eligible for the Gold Star® and may be eligible for the Silver Star® or Bronze Star®. *The order of precedence for the awards is as listed below; with the exception of Special Awards 1 to 4, no contender may win more than one award.*

### 5.1 GOLD STAR®

5.1.1 All registered contenders are automatically eligible.

5.1.2 Scoring: (See below)

5.1.3 Award: To the overall Champion: The FLATHER PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL Trophy and an Award.

### 5.2 SILVER STAR®

5.2.1 The following drivers are ineligible for registration in this Championship:

5.2.1.1 those who are eligible for the Bronze Star® Championship;

5.2.1.2 those who have within the previous 10 years won outright either the BTRDA Gold Star® or MSA British Car Trial (or PCT) Championships.

5.2.2 Scoring: (See below)

5.2.3 Awards: To the overall Champion: The PETER EASTON Trophy & an Award.

To the runner up: The ALAN EADON Trophy & an Award.

### 5.3 BRONZE STAR®

5.3.1 The following drivers are ineligible for registration in this Championship:

5.3.1.1 those who, at the commencement of the Championship year, have won two or more 1st in Class or Overall awards in BTRDA Car Trials Championship events in the last two consecutive years;

5.3.1.2 those who have within the previous 10 years won outright the BTRDA Bronze Star® Championship;

5.3.1.3 those who have ever won the BTRDA Gold Star®, BTRDA Silver Star® or MSA British Car Trial (or PCT) Championships.

5.3.2 Scoring: (See below)

5.3.3 Awards: To the overall Champion: The MIKE HARRISON MEMORIAL Trophy & an Award.

To the runner up: The DUDLEY Trophy & an Award.

### 5.4 SCORING – GOLD STAR®, SILVER STAR® & BRONZE STAR® CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Scoring for the awards will be on the competitor's best five qualifying events plus the Grand Final Trial, the latter counting double. The winner of the Grand Final Trial (on index of performance) will also receive 5 bonus points.

Points will be awarded from the Class positions on the following basis:

1st in Class	-	10 points	}	
2nd in Class	-	9 points	}	Points scored at the Grand Final
3rd in Class	-	8 points	}	Trial will be double
4th in Class	-	7 points and so on down to a minimum of 1.	}	

If there are fewer than four starters in the Class, the points score will be reduced by one point.

Ties will be decided in favour of the competitor who is placed highest on index of performance at the Grand Final Trial.

*If the minimum number of events a contender needs to start is reduced per Rule 1.5, then the number of qualifying events to count will re-align therewith.*

### 5.5 CLASS AWARDS: - To the winner of each Class at the Grand Final Trial:

Class 1: The COLIN VALENTINE Trophy and an Award

Class 2: The EADON MORRIS Trophy and an Award

Class 3: The BILL MOFFATT Trophy and an Award

Class 8: an Award.

Second in each Class - with ten or more competitors in the Class at the Grand Final Trial: an Award.

### 5.6 SPECIAL AWARDS:

5.6.1 The MAC HAZLEWOOD Trophy and an Award to the competitor scoring the highest total number of points taking all qualifying events into account. Points will be awarded from the Class positions on the following basis:

1st in Class - 10 points

2nd in Class - 9 points

- 3rd in Class - 8 points
- 4th in Class - 7 points and so on down to a minimum of 1.

If there are fewer than four starters in the Class, the points score will be reduced by one point. A tie will be decided in favour of the driver starting in the greatest number of qualifying events, then in the event of a further tie in favour of the driver with the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> in Class places, etc.

- 5.6.2 The JACK WILLIAMS Trophy and an Award to the competitor scoring the least number of scratch penalty points in any five qualifying events plus the Grand Final Trial. *If the minimum number of events a contender needs to start is reduced per Rule 1.5, then the number of qualifying events to count will re-align therewith.*
- 5.6.3 LADIES AWARD: The NANCY MITCHELL CHALLENGE Trophy and an Award to the female contender scoring highest on index of performance at the Grand Final Trial only.
- 5.6.4 CRESTED SPOON to the BTRDA member finishing highest on the published index of performance position in each of the qualifying events.
- 5.6.5 The MIKE STEPHENS Trophy to the Motor Club which, in the opinion of the Car Trials Committee, organised the best event of all meetings qualifying for the current year's Car Trials Championship. This award may not be won by the same Club three years consecutively. The Trophy may be retained by the winning club for nine months from the date of official presentation.

### **5.7 CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES:**

- 5.7.1 All named trophies remain the property of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd and may be retained by the winner for nine months from the date of official presentation.
- 5.7.2 References herein to BTRDA Gold Star®, Silver Star® or Bronze Star® are confined to this Championship only.

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Highlighted text denotes a change from our 2016 Rules