

# Clubmans Rallycross Championship

## Rallycross:

Officially speaking, Rallycross is a speed event taking place on a permanent track consisting of both sealed and unsealed surfaces.

Unofficially, Rallycross is the wildchild of motor sport. The offspring of a liaison between circuit racing and rallying. A place where it's kosher to use the kerbs and grass. Where sideways is good, and where fun is top of the agenda. A typical rallycross meeting will have around 60 top class races in a mixtures of classes.

The main Clubmans Rallycross Championship within the UK is the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship which was established in 1977 and continues to be successful, providing both newcomers and 'budget' racers with a strong series events at the best UK venues. For the last few years the BTRDA Clubmans Championship has enjoyed a place on the support programme for the MSA British championship.

## What do I need to get started?

The best advice we can give is to come to an event and talk to the drivers; The nature of rallycross means that everyone is very approachable and are happy to assist you with any questions. If you are ready to get out racing you will need the following before taking part in events.

## Competition Licence requirements:

The great thing about Rallycross is it is classed as a speed/off road sport therefore you do not need to do an Association of Racing Drivers Schools (ARDS) test. The minimum requirement is to have a Non Race Nat B licence, which can be obtained from the MSA via forms on their website. <http://www.msauk.org>. This Nat B Licence will then allow you to compete in all British Rallycross Classes with the exception of Supercar, you need a National A licence for this class. A National A licence can be obtained by competing in at least 6 Nat B rallycross events, and gaining 6 signatures from your finals to show you are a competent driver, you can then upgrade your licence

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## Car Preparation and safety wear:

Competition cars must have a full roll cage fitted. The windscreen must be laminated or rigid plastic type. Two extra high mounted brake lights, towing eyes for breakdown, a dual circuit brake system, integrated seat and headrest, electric cut off switch, mud-flaps on all driven wheels, fire extinguisher and a full safety harness (In date) are all required. Competitors are required to wear a crash helmet (open or closed face type allowed) and fire proof overalls. It is recommended that you also wear fire proof underwear, flame resistant boots and gloves. If you have an open faced helmet and a glass screen you will need to wear safety glasses.

## Class Structure:

Clubman Supercar

Super Modified (Up to 1600cc, 1601cc-2100cc and 2101 and over)

Production (Up to 1600cc 8v, Up to 1600cc 16v and 1601cc to 2000cc)

BMW Mini

Minicross 1300cc

Junior Rallycross Up to 1400cc (Mini, Ford KA)

Entry Level into the sport is generally Stockhatch and Hot Hatch, but if you have some previous motorsport experience you could go straight into Supermodified (As seen on Top Gear).

## Production:

Within the BTRDA Clubmans Championship the Production class contains 3 capacity splits: Up to 1600 16v, Up to 1600 8v and 1601cc to 2000cc class, all raced within the BTRDA championship. If going to race in Production, then these are all standard cars and MUST be standard in terms of engine must be the same as the manufacturer made. The cars have very limited modifications including suspension, air intake, removal of lights, fitting of a brake bias valve is permitted and different tyres can be run. Drivers who want to race a more modified car and have the budget to do so, would look to race in one of the modified classes.

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## **Entry Fees/Registration Fees:**

Entry fees for the clubmans championship events is £150-£250 per meeting. You will also need to be a member of the BTRDA/MDA which costs £50-£60 approx.

## **Where does Rallycross take place?**

A typical rallycross championship season will run between March and October.

Rallycross events in the UK take place at:

Lydden Hill (Kent) – The “Home” of Rallycross in the UK

Pembrey (South Wales)

Mallory Park (Leicestershire)

Croft (North Yorkshire)

Knockhill (Scotland)

Nutts Corner (Northern Ireland)

Possibly some new venues from 2014 onwards

There are also Irish Championship events held at Mondello Park near Dublin

## **A typical Rallycross Meeting:**

Most events are 1 day meetings and generally start around 7/8am with signing on and scrutineering. This is then followed by practice, qualifying heats and the finals.

Most events generally run no later than 5/6pm. Although only 1 day events, most of the drivers get to the circuit the day before to set up, familiarise themselves with the circuit, so having somewhere to sleep at the circuit is handy, tents, vans and trucks are popular

## **Driver Mentor:**

As part of the clubmans championship we understand how scary your first Rallycross event can be. To help combat this, prior to your first event we will team you up with a mentor who will often be a competing driver, who can offer advice, plus run alongside you during your first event offering help and support where needed.

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## **Rallycross Websites:**

[www.RallycrossUK.com](http://www.RallycrossUK.com)

[www.LyddenHill.co.uk](http://www.LyddenHill.co.uk)

[www.Rallycross.com](http://www.Rallycross.com)

[www.rallycrossworld.com](http://www.rallycrossworld.com)

[www.swiftrallycross.co.uk](http://www.swiftrallycross.co.uk)

## **Competitor Info:**

[www.rallycrossuk.com/competitor-information](http://www.rallycrossuk.com/competitor-information)

[www.gomotorsport.net/en-GB/godrive/rallycross.html](http://www.gomotorsport.net/en-GB/godrive/rallycross.html)

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## **Clubmans/BTRDA Rallycross Championship:**

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[www.mini-cross.co.uk](http://www.mini-cross.co.uk)

[www.cramlington-district-motorclub.co.uk](http://www.cramlington-district-motorclub.co.uk)

[www.darlington-motor-club.org.uk](http://www.darlington-motor-club.org.uk)

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