



# BTRDA Sporting Trials

## COVID-19 Update

For many, 2020 will be a year to forget. We started with foul weather, we had a global pandemic in the middle and who knows how things will end but here's hoping we can end on a high and move into 2021 with a spring in our step.

Hopefully, here to add some joy to our Autumn is the return of trials but in the first instance it will potentially not be quite as we know it. This update will hopefully give you a taste of what may be to come.

### BTRDA Championship

Firstly, we are pleased to say that the BTRDA 2020 championship will continue as planned. We have lost a few events at the start of the year, so we will not have the number of events we would normally have but we are hopeful that enough events will go ahead over our Autumn season will give us a competitive and exciting conclusion to the 2020 championship. Please keep a close eye on the website for what events will be on or off over the next few months.

### Gold and Silver Star Final

At time of writing we very much plan on running the championship final in its normal January slot. However, although the event will go ahead we have decided to cancel the dinner and award ceremony afterwards for obvious reasons. We are also looking to move the venue for the final back towards the midlands away from our planned venue of the Walsingham site down in the South East. The rationale for that being that travel and accommodation around our Isles is still not as easy as it was and so hopefully the added accessibility will help the majority travel to and from the event in the same day. A venue has not been booked yet, but we have got several great sites in the heart of the county and we have no doubt that despite the changes it will be a worthy event to crown our 'the year of the COVID' champions.

### Event Regulations

We have all seen changes to how we operate our everyday lives. Our work, our social lives and our sporting pursuits have all seen new regulations crop up with the common goal of keeping everyone safe. Our trials and our clubs that run them will be no different and they will be tasked through the MSA of following new guidelines to ensure all competitors and officials are safe at events. We will all have to change the way that we go trialing in the short term and so please ensure you pay extra attention to event regulations before you enter. Each club although following the same guidelines

will be responsible for putting into place their own individual regulations which competitors must adhere to.

These may include:

- Requirement to fill in a Covid declaration form prior to the event.
- Requirement to wear appropriate PPE (Face covering, gloves and hand sanitizer).
- Social distancing regulations will be in place.
- Processes around scorecards both during and after events will change. Competitors may be asked to mark their own cards, (bring a pencil or two) or verify scores with the marshal at a distance. Additionally, results may not be done at the event to allow time for card decontamination.
- Payment for the event, make sure you do it in good time. Cash on the day may no longer be acceptable.
- Make sure you pack everything you need for the event with extra care. Trolley Jacks, tyre gauges, fuel cans, tools (and lunches) should ideally not be shared.
- Driver briefings, scrutineering and signing on will be different from the norm. Be aware of club by club differences in procedure.

The above list is not an exhaustive set of changes and each organising club will put in place their own protocol for their event so please pay special attention to these.

One final point to consider is everyone has had to deal with these unprecedented times differently and will have their own opinions, reservations or needs as they venture out to events. Please have patience with event officials and fellow competitors and respect the needs of others and the regulations in place and let's all try and get back to one of the things we enjoy doing.

### BTRDA Training Day

We are pleased to say that we still plan on running the autumn training day. Again, this will be slightly different to the tried and tested format in that we will only be catering for drivers and passengers who can bring and run their own cars. Our instructors will be on hand to offer the normal expert assistance from a safe distance, but we will be unable to allow drivers to use instructors' cars this time. Hopefully, a return to the normal format will be back with us next year.

So, if you are new to the sport and have a car and want to learn from the best, or perhaps you have been with us for a while and want a touch up on those skills please get in touch with Julian Fack. Details can be found on the Training Day event page on the BTRDA sporting trials website. This will be updated with further details closer to the time when we can offer more specific information on exactly the format of the day and any COVID regulations that will be in place.