

Oxford Motor Club

Bocardo Autosolo and Production Car Autotest Sunday 25th April 2021

Finmere Airfield, Nr. Bicester, Oxon.



Steve Boyle competing on the 2020 Oxford MC Boanerges Autosolo

Photograph courtesy of John Blackwell

A round of the Autosolo Championships for:
Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs
Association of South Western Motor Clubs
Cotswold Motor Sport Group
BTRDA

And a qualifying event for the BTRDA All Rounder's Championship

Oxford Motor Club Bocardo Autosolo and Production Car Autotest

COVID-19 Requirements

In order to run our Autosolo safely in the current environment it has been necessary to continue with the restrictions introduced last year and bring in a number of changes for the safety of not just the competitors but also the marshals and organisers.

These regulations have been compiled taking into consideration the current Motorsport UK and Government Guidelines.

A summary of the measures introduced are:

- A reduced number of entries to allow greater separation and additional time during the day.
- No spectators allowed and a maximum of three persons with each entrant to reduce the numbers present.
- Double drives are allowed but if drivers are from separate households then masks must be worn and all touchpoints sanitised between drives.
- Passengers are allowed FROM SAME HOUSEHOLDS AS DRIVERS ONLY
- Online entry and payment only.
- Print your own entry packs (Course Diagrams, Competitor Numbers etc).
- Electronic Signing-on in advance.
- A self-certified declaration for scrutineering with only external visual checks on the day.
- Copies of Club Cards and Motorsport UK licences to be emailed prior to the event.
- Electronic timing.
- A review of marshalling by the competitors. (To reduce the number of people touching equipment)
- Online results with no physical awards ceremony.
- A requirement that competitors don't enter if they, or anyone they've been in contact with, have displayed symptoms in the 14 days prior to the event and to sign a declaration to that effect.
- A dedicated COVID-19 officer to ensure adherence to the measures put in place.

What we expect from competitors:

- Comply with the social distancing of 2 meters at all times including when walking the course
- Comply with any request from the COVID-19 officer.
- If you are in a vulnerable category or have been asked to self-isolate please do not enter the event.
- If you, or anyone you are in contact with, are unwell before the event, that you notify us and do not attend. If you are uncertain about any of the above measures, please do not enter this time. We will welcome you back in the future but it is a privilege that we are able to run this event at this time. With advice/legislation changing the time having to cancel the event is always an option.
- Competitors MUST bring their own PPE and sanitisation equipment and, if possible, a Hi-Vis Tabard.
- Marshals should bring their own Hi-Vis tabards where possible.
- Sanitisation and PPE [face mask, gloves and hand gel] for marshals and timekeepers will be provided although you are free to bring your own.
- Sanitisation points will be located at the toilet block.

1. Announcement.

Oxford Motor Club will organise a Clubman Autosolo and a Production Car Autotest (PCA) on Sunday 25th April 2021, at Finmere Outdoor Market Area, Bicester, Oxfordshire. MK18 4BH

Access on the roundabout junction of the A421 & A4421 south of Finmere village on the Tingewick Bypass.

Venue access entry reference: OS map reference 152 [or 165] 639 324. Sat Nav N 51.59'10 - W 1.04'14

Google Maps: https://goo.gl/maps/tGd3f2JEYcGR29eKA

Venue access What Three Words - FUZZ. RESPOND. DRAMATIC.

2. Jurisdiction

The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsports UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions issued by Oxford Motor Club, including notices will be posted on the official notice board.

3. Authorisation

Autosolo - Motorsport UK permit No **119651**has been issued.

Production Car Autotest - Motorsport UK permit No 120395 has been issued.

4. Officials

Clerk of the Course David Smith Tel: 01993 708418 email: david.smith1903@btinternet.com
Entries Secretary Shirley Blackwell Tel: 01788 339500 or 07842 205453 email: entries@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk
Secretary of the Event John Blackwell Tel: 01788 339500 or 07857 403451 email: secretary@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

Covid-19 Officer Shirley Blackwell

Please do not telephone officials after 21:00.

5. COVID-19 Officer.

The COVID-19 Officer's responsibility is to ensure that mitigations for COVID-19, issued by Motorsport UK, the Government or the organisers, is adhered to by everybody, including the organisers, thereby ensuring the continued safe running of the event for everyone involved.

If competitors have any concerns with COVID-19 restrictions then they have the right to contact the COVID-19 Officer during the day to discuss their concern.

The COVID-19 Officer reports directly to the Clerk of the Course and the Club Steward and in order to allow the COVID-19 Officer to perform their role successfully the following penalty is introduced.

Not complying with a clear instruction from the nominated COVID-19 Officer may result in exclusion and removal from the venue.

6. Eligibility

The event is open to members of the organising club and Championship contenders in;

- ACSMC
- ASWMC

plus the following clubs

- BTRDA
- CMSGCC
- Boundless by CSMA
- Chelmsford MC
- Falcon MC
- Farnborough & DMC
- Loughborough MC
- OUMFMC
- Rugby MC

If you wish to enter but are not a member of an invited club please contact the Secretary of the Event to arrange a possible invitation

Membership to Oxford Motor Club is available.

All drivers must hold a valid Club Membership Card and be able to produce it on request.

CMSGCC membership can be obtained without charge with a valid 'own-Club' Membership card, providing 'your' Club is a member of the Group. A list of member clubs of the CMSG can be found on the CMSG website (www.cmsg.co.uk)

A competition licence is required being a minimum of RS Clubman event.

All Clubman competitors and passengers must produce, as a minimum, a Motorsport UK RS Clubman licence

A RS Clubman licence can be obtained by following this link https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org.

Please allow 3 weeks to obtain your licence although an acceptable email version will be issued earlier.

Competitors failing to produce a licence will need to complete an application form or a non-production from on the day

ALL competitors must also produce a valid Club Membership card.

Both cards MUST BE scanned and emailed to the Entries Secretary before the event.

7. Championships

7.1 The Autosolo event is a round of the ACSMC, ASWMC, CMSG and BTRDA Autosolo Championships and Oxford Motor Club Championship. The event also counts towards the BTRDA All Rounder's Championship.

8. Entries

Entries opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and close at **21:00 on Wednesday 21st April 2021.**

- 8.1 The entry fee is **£50.00** per entrant.
- 8.2 Method of entry is to complete this On-line entry form and pay by Bank Transfer.

Oxford Motor Club 2021 Bocardo Autosolo Entry Form

8.3 Method of payment is to make a bank transfer payment to our Autosolo account at **Lloyd Bank**

Sort Code 30-99-78 Account no. 56537068

Reference payments with Solo-followed by your surname i.e. Solo-Blackwell

- 8.4 Entries will only be accepted when full payment has been received and will be accepted in the order of the payment being received.
 - If payment is not received within 72hrs of the acknowledgement email, the competitor will be placed at the back of the (+9) reserve list and their place offered to the next available reserve.
- 8.5 All entries must be made on the official Entry Form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Entries will be acknowledged by email or phone. Entries will not be confirmed until payment is received.
- 8.6 Telephone entries will not be permitted.
- 8.7 The Entries Secretary address is:

Shirley Blackwell, 14 Matlock Close, Rugby, Warwickshire. CV21 1LB 01788 339500 or 07842 205453 (please do not telephone after 21:00)

Email: entries@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

- 8.8 The maximum number of starters for the event will be **45.** The minimum is **30**.
 - We will not reserve places.
- 8.9 Cancellations must be made in writing to the Entries Secretary either by post or E-mail and must be received before the entry list closes at 21:00 on Wednesday 21st April 2020
 - In such cases the entry full fee will be refunded. For cancellations after the closing date, refunds will be at the discretion of the organisers.

- If the event is cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded less any unavoidable expenses.
- 8.10 Final Instructions will be emailed to all given email addresses as soon as possible after entries close.
- 8.11 Full membership to Oxford Motor Club is available at £15.00 [until December 31st 2021].

Family membership to Oxford Motor Club is available at £2.50 per person [until December 31st 2021]

Family membership covers any person, at least 12 years old, living at the same address as a full member.

On line applications can be completed at Oxford Motor Club On-Line Membership Form/

There is also a postal membership form available on the web site.

8.12 Any membership fees can be paid with your event entry fee.

9. Classes

- 9.1 The minimum for each class is 3 and, if that number is not reached, we reserve the right to amalgamate classes as necessary.
- 9.2 Class **A**. Series Production Cars Saloons up to 1400cc
 - Class **B**. Series Production Cars Saloons 1401cc to 2000cc
 - Class **C**. Series Production Cars Saloons over 2000cc
 - Class **D**. Series Production Sports Cars including MX5, Lotus Elise, Vauxhall VX220.
 - Class **E**. Specialist Production Cars including Kit cars [Caterham, Westfield, etc.]-and all other vehicles not eligible in classes A, B, C & D.

Class F: Production Car Autotest [PCA] -

Cars can be trailered to the event

A MoT is not required but the vehicle, in the opinion of the scrutineers, must be in safe condition to participate in the event.

A Passenger must be carried on all timed tests.

9.3 At this time, electric / hybrid vehicles cannot be accepted due to the special safety and training requirements needed in the event of an incident.

Extra Rulings

- 9.4 Petrol 'engined' cars with forced induction in classes A and B will move up one capacity class.Rotary 'engined' cars will be classed at 1.5 times their nominal capacity.Diesel cars with or without forced induction will run in the class corresponding to their engine capacity.
- 9.5 In classes A to D, cars must retain the original panel and window materials although additional panels such as wheel arch extensions are permitted. Cars in these classes must have full trim and seats, although trim may be changed. Also, in classes A to C, the engine must be of original manufacture and original basic type and must be fitted in the original position. The engine may be modified and may be of a different capacity provided that the car is entered in the class corresponding to its actual capacity.

 Cars not meeting these requirements are eligible for Class D or E but only if road legal.
- 9.6 Cabriolet / Sports cars can compete without a hood or a fitted hard top.
- 9.7 Cars that are transported to the event are to be in Class F [PCA].
- 9.8 Cars modified to hand controls and require a passenger are to be in Class F [PCA], otherwise they will be in the class appropriate to their engine size.
- 9.9 The individual Championship scorers will adjust these Championship class scores if classes vary between the Event and Championships.
- 9.10 The driver, and where carried, the passenger must wear a properly fastened and approved seat belt at all times during the tests, except where competing in a Period Defined vehicle [Non-Rally] categories A-F. [M21.4 Page 223].
- 9.11 At this time, electric/hybrid vehicles cannot be accepted due to the special safety and training requirements needed in the event of an accident.

9.12 A car may not be entered to compete for the same award more than twice, unless otherwise specified in the SR's, and, in all circumstances, it must be driven by different drivers. [M.11.3 Page 222].

10. Passengers.

During Covid-19 restrictions for both events only passengers from the same household as the driver are permitted.

- 10.1 Passengers under 18 old will not be considered as Competitors for the purpose of Club Membership. [M.10.3 Page 222 new for 2021] but must have a Motorsport UK Clubman licence.
- 10.2 Passengers from the same household as the driver <u>will be allowed</u> in the Clubman Autosolo but, if over 18 years old, they must be in possession of a qualifying club card and must have a Motorsport UK Clubman licence.
- 10.3 Passengers from the same household as the driver **are compulsory** under PCA regulations but, if over 18 years old, they must be in possession of a qualifying club card and must have a Motorsport UK Clubman licence.
- 10.4 Passengers carried in both events must occupy the front seat alongside the driver. No other passengers are allowed. In both events the same passenger when nominated must be present on every test.
- Passengers taking part in the Autosolo and PCA event must comply with M16-16.5 page 222 with specific notice of Cabriolet / Sports cars with or without a hood or a fitted hard top.
- 10.6 The passenger in a Touring Car, or a Cabriolet/Sports Car **with** the hood erected or a hardtop fitted, must be aged 12 years or over and be at least 135cm in height. [M.16.4 Page 222].
- 10.7 The passenger in a Cabriolet/Sports Car **without** the hood erected or hardtop fitted must be aged 16 years or over and be at least 135cm in height [M.16.5 Page 222].
- 10.8 Where a PCA driver is accompanied by a passenger who is competing as an Autosolo driver, the Autosolo driver must complete their competitive drives first on each test. The driving order will be amended by the Clerk of the Course on the day if needed.
- 10.9 Passengers can only be changed with the permission of the Clerk of the Course.

11. Programme of the Meeting

11.1 Entries open on publication of the regulations.

Sunday, April 18th Signing On and scrutineering details and copies of all licences to be returned to the

Entries Secretary.

Wednesday April 21st Entries Close and event paperwork emailed to competitors.

Sunday, April 25th Gates Open 07:00

Visual scrutineering starts at 07.15

Gates Close 09:00

First car starts course 1 at 09:15.

There will be a short break for lunch after test 2.

12. Signing On.

12.1 There will be NO Signing-On at the event.

- 12.2 A completed Signing on sheet and COVID-19 scrutineering declarations <u>must</u> be returned to the Entries Secretary before 21.00 Sunday 18th April 2021.
- 12.4 Any competitor who has not returned the completed paperwork by 21.00 Sunday 18th April 2021 may be excluded and their place offered to the next reserve.
- 12.5 Competitors [drivers and passengers] are required to supply visual evidence of a qualifying Club membership card and a Motorsport UK RS Clubman or above to the Entries Secretary before 21.00 Sunday 18th April 2021.
- 12.6 The minimum age for drivers in the Clubman Autosolo events is 14. [M 22 a,b,c Page 223]

- 12.7 The minimum age for drivers in the Production Car Autotest is 14. [M 17 a,b,c Page 222].
- 12.8 Once a signing On sheet and copies of Club and Motorsport UK licences have been received by the Entries Secretary the Final Instructions, Test Diagrams, Vehicle Identification Numbers, Test / Marshalling running order, an entry list and a link to the LIVE results will be sent to each competitor prior to the event.

 Vehicle numbers must be displayed throughout the competition as instructed by the organisers.
 - > If the weather is wet, we request that the numbers be placed in a plastic waterproof pouch.

It will be the competitor's responsibility to print these and bring them with them.

No spares will be available on the day.

13. Marshals.

If insufficient independent marshals can be sourced the we will review the requirement below for competitors to marshal the event.

- 13.1 There will be no more than two marshals on any observation point at any one time.
- 13.2 Observation points will be supplied with appropriate PPE.
- 13.3 One marshal, wearing gloves will replace any cones and sanitise their hands regularly.
- 13.4 The second marshal will operate the radio which will be sanitised before being handed to another marshal.
- 13.5 Timekeepers will allow sufficient time for a competitor to start and then stand clear of the area before the next competitor starts.
- 13.6 At the finish line timekeepers will stand 2m apart while waiting for their competitor to finish.
- 13.7 Competitors will be split into 3 groups [Red, Blue, Green]. At any one time one group will be competing, a second group may be marshalling and a third group will be preparing to marshal / drive.
- 13.8 Groups will be identified by colour indicated on the entry list and start number.
- 13.9 All officials, and competitors while acting as marshals, will be Judges of Fact to adjudicate on false starts, hitting cones and not following the correct course.

14. Scrutineering.

- 14.1 Scrutineering for all competing vehicles will be by a self-certified declaration for scrutineering with only external visual checks on the day.
- 14.2 All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations.
- 14.3 All vehicles entered in the AutoSolo must be taxed and insured for the public road.
- 14.4 The validity of the Tax and MoT for the competing vehicle will be checked by the organisers online with the DVLA. Failure to have a valid Tax or MoT will result in exclusion.

 Exemption can only be given to vehicles less than three years old (MOT).
- 14.4 PCA competitors are exempt from the requirement for Tax and MoT.

All vehicles entered in the AutoSolo MUST be driven to the event via the public highway.

15. Tyres.

- 15.1 The Tyres in list 1A are regarded by the Manufactures as STANDARD ROAD TYRES. (Section L pages 210 to 218).
- 15.2 Tyres from the Motorsport UK Lists 1B and 1C are not permitted for Autosolo events. [page 214].
- 15.3 Tyres marked 'for competition use only', manufactured without a full tread pattern, or in an un-roadworthy condition will not be acceptable.
- 15.4 A list of 1B & 1C tyres is available https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Blue-Book-2021 Reduced.pdf Section L pages 210 to 218 and will be displayed on the event noticeboard.

16. Tests

- 16.1 The event consists of all forwards tests, on sealed surfaces with the Autosolo and PCA events using the same course.
- 16.2 The event will consist of at least 4-test layouts applied to one test area. Time will be allowed to walk the course before the start of each test.
- 16.3 If time restricts the event the organisers reserve the right to reduce this to three tests.
- 16.4 Competitors will have three timed [but not less than two if time restricts the event] runs on each test with the best two runs to count.
- The STOP signal may be displayed because of an instruction on the course, whether this is object or personnel. A competitor must stop immediately on the deployment of the STOP signal. If a test is stopped on the grounds of safety any baulked competitors will be allowed another run. Competitors causing an obstruction and forcing a rerun for others will not be allowed a rerun The START method and STOP signal [Red Flag] will be demonstrated at the drivers briefing.
- 16.6 The route to be followed on each course will be designated using cones supplemented by yellow cones laid on their side to show which side to pass each marker. Numbered boards will show the order in which each marker is to be passed. Course layouts will be issued at signing on. The separate start, finish and stop lines will be indicated on the course diagrams.
- Timing will start when the front wheels cross the start line and stop when the front wheels cross the flying finish line. Competitors must then reduce speed and stop at the STOP line to obtain the time and return to the paddock at walking speed.
 Competitors failing to stop at the STOP line must park and walk back to the control to obtain their time.

17. Timing

- 17.1 Timing will be utilising the Sapphire Electronic timing system. This is paper free so NO physical timecards will be used.
 - Competitors will be issued with a timecard for their own use and will also be able to access the 'live' results using the Sapphire app.
- 17.2 On each test the timing marshal will verbally indicate to the driver that they are able to commence. The driver will then start in their own time.
- 17.3 On each test the finish timing marshal will record the time taken, add any penalties and allow the competitor time to record their time [if wanted] before submitting the time.
- 17.4 Timing will be by hand-held electronic devises at the Start and Finish. Timing will be in Seconds to the previous tenth of a second $(1/10^{th})$.
- 17.5 Results will be determined by discarding the worse time recorded on each test.
- 17.6 In the event of a tie, the fastest run on the first course will determine the tie, then the second fastest run on the first course, then the fastest run on the second course etc until the tie is resolved.
- 17.7 To be classed as a finisher, a competitor must start at least two runs at each tests bar one i.e. if there are four tests, a finisher must attempt at least two runs of each of the first three.

18. Penalties

Maximum time is the quickest time in class for that test plus **30** seconds.

The following penalties will be applied.

18.1 Not reporting at signing on Exclusion
 18.2 Not reporting at a time control in a reasonable time +10 seconds

18.3 Taking an incorrect route on any test Fastest class time + 30 seconds (WT)
[however, returning to the point of departure from the correct route and then completing the correct route, so long as the correction does not impede the next car will not Incurs a penalty

18.4 Striking a direction barrier or test division +5 seconds
 18.5 Striking a cone or pylon +5 seconds

18.6	Not completing a full marshalling stint	Exclusion
18.7	Reversing back after failing to stop at the stop control	Exclusion
18.8	Not wearing seatbelts [if fitted] during a test	Exclusion

19. Results and Awards

19.1 Provisional results will be published as soon as possible following the end of the event, and declared final after 30 minutes as in D26.3 page 84.

Protests and Queries must be lodged in accordance with C 5.1 to 5.7, page 71.

Any protest must be lodged in accordance with G.C.R. C5.1 to 5.7. To avoid physical contact, this will be via the nominated email address and phone number provided within the final instructions.

- 19.2 It is anticipated that the results will be available during the course of the day via a dedicated website. The address will be included within the Final Instructions.
- 19.3 We will be presenting physical awards but not holding an awards ceremony. Awards will be available in sealed bags which will be sanitised.

First Overall Driver FTD

First Driver in each Class (subject to 3 starters).

Second Driver in each Class (subject to 6 starters).

Third Driver in each Class (subject to 10 starters).

Best Oxford MC Driver

- 19.4 No competitor may win more than one award in any event other than the Best Oxford Motor Club Driver.
- 19.5 If the minimum numbers are not reached in any class we reserve the right to amalgamate classes as necessary.

20. Toilets, Food and Fuel

- Hot and cold food will be available throughout the day.
- Toilets will be provided and water is available.
- The nearest fuel is in Buckingham, approximately 4 miles.
- Please dispose of your rubbish in the On-Site containers or take it home with you.
- Contaminated waste MUST be removed from site.

ALL REFERENCES TO REGULATIONS REFERRING TO THE MOTORSPORT UK YEARBOOK CAN BE FOUND AT

https://www.motorsportuk.org/assets/bb2021completemed-res.pd
A copy of the year book will be available at signing on.

About Autosolo's for Newcomers

An Autosolo consists of a number of timed, all forwards tests, on hard surfaces and are an ideal entry level into competitive motorsport.

The cars used must be road legal and driven to the event and the events are suitable for all types of car. Classes are determined by engine size and drivers of all levels of experience are welcome.

The courses don't require special manoeuvres like spin or J turns and their design and marking are intended to make the routes easy to follow.

Compared to a normal Autotest speeds tend to be a little higher and the test's will be longer. Cars will start at timed intervals and there will be two or more cars on the course at the same time. Competitors also act as course marshals on a rotating basis.

Some tips for first timers,

- Increasing tyre pressures by 5-10 psi will help with turn in and reduce wear.
- Always wear a seat belt. You will go faster.
- Learn the course. Don't go flat out and make a mistake on the first run.
- If you make a mistake drive the rest of the course properly. You are still learning
- > Talk to regular competitors for advice.
- > ENJOY YOUR DAY.