



2024 BTRDA® Gold and Silver Star Targa Rally Championship

Motorsport UK Registration no: CH2024/RALLY???

1) Definition: BTRDA® will promote a Targa Rally Championship which takes place between 1st January and 31st December 2024. There will be a £15 registration fee for the Championship. Contenders will also need to be members of BTRDA® (btrdamembership.com). Points will only be awarded for events entered after registration.

2) Events: The Championship consists of a series of Interclub status Targa Road Rallies organised by individual Clubs. Should any of the events not run then the Championship Points Scorer will endeavour to find a substitute. The Championship reserves the right to accept a change of date of a Championship event, should a date change be forced on the organisers. If any club has to change the date of their event, it may still be included in the Championship. All Contenders will be notified of any date change as soon as possible.

3) Organisers: The Championship Points Scorer will provide Event Regulations to all Registered Championship Contenders, but it is the Contenders' responsibility to enter the events in good time, and no discussion can be entertained about entering late. Event Regulations must state clearly the tyres which can be used on the event and whether dual driving and navigating is possible. A full entry list and the event results must be provided within 7 days of the event to the Championship Points Scorer.

4) Contenders: Contenders must enter the Interclub section of all Championship rounds. All Contenders must be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK Competition Licence, at least an RS Interclub, to enter the Interclub events. Drivers and Navigators must hold at least RS Interclub Licences for the Interclub event even if they are not a Championship Contender. BTRDA® decals need to be displayed on the competing car.

5) Points:

5.1 Allocated points will be used for Overall and Class positions in the Championship.

5.2 Points will be based on final overall positions on an event and awarded to drivers and navigators as follows:

5 points for starting an event

30 points to the highest placed registered driver/navigator, 28 points to the second, 27 points to the third and so on down to 2 points to the twenty-eighth placed driver/navigator and every subsequent driver/ navigator who finish the event.

5.3 Those entering the Historic class in the Championship will score points in their experience/capacity class AND Historic class.

5.4 If contenders wish to score points as a driver and navigator, then they must register and pay for each role. Marshal points will be applied to both driver and navigator capacities when marshalling on one event.

5.5 If the event organiser is unable to resolve a tie then both competitors will receive the same points. (e.g. in a tie for 2nd both contenders will receive 28 points).

5.6 The Clerk of the Course and Secretary of a Championship Round may claim 28 points for organising one event in the Championship.

5.7 Competitors can claim 28 points for Marshalling on one event (not after they have retired from that event). Proof such as a picture of the Officials Signing On sheet must be sent to the Championship Points Scorer. Only one claim can be made for Marshal/Official points in the Championship year.

5.8 Contenders will select whether they intend to compete for Gold or Silver Star awards. It is only possible to compete for either Gold or Silver Star awards, not both.

Contenders will be able to move from Silver to Gold Star if they wish, but not Gold to Silver. No cost is involved when moving from Silver to Gold and points will be carried forward.

Championship Contenders can enter any Championship events. A maximum of two Silver Star events can count towards Gold Star, and a maximum of two Gold Star events can count towards Silver Star.

Points will be scored by ALL Championship Contenders on an event. When Gold Star Contenders enter a Silver Star round, all contenders will score points as per 5.2.

5.9 Final positions will be decided by considering the best scoring events from the stated number of events to count, including Marshal/Organiser scores if desired:

Events to count:

Gold Star:

16 to 12 events run then best 6 scores will count,

11 or 10 events run then best 5 scores will count,

9 or 8 events run then best 4 scores will count,

7 or 6 events run then the best 3 scores will count,

5 or less events run then the Championship will be reviewed.

Silver Star:

8 to 6 events run then the best 4 scores will count,

5 or 4 events run then the best 3 scores will count,

3 or less events run then the Championship will be reviewed.

5.10 To qualify for an award the minimum number of point scores required is the same as the number of points scores to count for Gold Star and Silver Star awards.

5.11 Ties at the end of the championship will be resolved by considering, in order: (a) highest number of maximum points scores followed by 2nd, 3rd etc, (b) highest number of event class wins followed by 2nd, 3rd etc whether these are registered contenders or not, (c) highest dropped score, (d) next highest dropped score. Marshal/Organiser points will be included in the tie break. If a tie still exists the position shall be held jointly.

5.12 Current championship points will be notified to each competitor in regular updates.

6) Classes: Experience classes will be based on the experience of the driver in the last five years (as a driver).

Where it is possible to drive AND navigate on an event, points will be scored for each role if registered in the Championship i.e. points can be scored for driving AND navigating.

All Experience classes will be split in to 1400cc and under, and over 1400cc.

Novice- A Contender who, at the time of Championship Registration, has never finished in the first 10 places overall of an Interclub or National B Rally (Targa Rally, Road Rally, Navigational Rally, Endurance Road Rally, Historic Road Rally or Stage Rally).

Expert – Any Contender not eligible as a Novice. Contenders who are experts in another relevant category of motor sport may also be considered experts. If you think you may fall into this category, please discuss it with the Championship Points Scorer.

There will be one class for any Historic Category (1, 2, 3, 4 or 4b, no waivers) Period Defined Vehicle (Rally) Car as defined in the Motorsport UK Yearbook.

7) Upgrading: For Championship Purposes - a Competitor will maintain the status declared on the Championship Registration Form (duly authenticated) for the current season. Competitors may progress through Classes on Events due to Results/Experience, but the Championship Points Scorer will calculate point scores based on the Classes declared on the Championship Registration Form. Bonus points will be based on the Class entered on an Event. Drivers and Navigators will score points individually. Competitors can score both Driver and Navigator points on events which allow double driving/navigating. To score Driver AND Navigator points on an event, the Contender must be Registered as a Driver and Navigator in the Championship.

8) Awards: Any perpetual trophy will remain the property of the BTRDA® and will be returned to the Championship Points Scorer or BTRDA® Officer on demand at the expense of the holder. Competitors are responsible for keeping these awards in a good and safe condition.

8.1 Gold and Silver Star awards will be made to both Driver and Navigator as follows:

1st Overall Trophy plus award

1st in Class, an award subject to 3 Championship Class Competitors

2nd in Class, an award subject to 5 Championship Class Competitors

3rd in Class, an award subject to 7 Championship Class Competitors

Young Driver – A driver who is under the age of 25 on 1st January 2023.

Young Navigator – A navigator who is under the age of 25 on 1st January 2023.

8.2 No driver or navigator may win more than one award except for under 25 awards.

9) Terms: By Registering for the Championship, Contenders are deemed to have accepted these terms and will not be subject to protest.

9.1 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

9.1.1. Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

9.1.2. It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

10) Championship Officials:

If necessary, any dispute over points allocation will be discussed at the next BTRDA® meeting after the matter has been brought to light by letter or email to the Group Secretary.

Championship Stewards:

As per the BTRDA® General Championship Rules.

Championship Points Scorer:

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Provisional Events: In separate document