



## 2024 BTRDA® Gold and Silver Star Targa Rally Championship

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I Register for the Championship?

A. You will need to be a BTRDA® Member and also Register for the Championship. Details and on-line Membership/Registration can be found at: <https://btrda.com/membership/>

Q. How much does it cost to enter the Championship?

A. The Championship costs £15 to enter for Driver or Navigator. BTRDA® Membership is also required at £30 per person (discounted for those at the same address, “Passenger only” Membership does not apply to the Targa Road Rally Championship).

Q. What are BTRDA® Gold and Silver Star?

A. BTRDA® Gold and Silver Star awards are amongst the most prestigious Club Motorsport awards in the UK. Originally introduced in 1953 for Rallies, taking in many different types of Rallying over the years. Gold and Silver Star continues for Stage Rallies and has been introduced to Targa Rallies for 2023. Gold and Silver Stars are also awarded to THE best in the UK for Autosolo, Autotest, Trials and Allrounders Championships. More details on the prestigious history of BTRDA® Gold and Silver Star can be found at:

<https://www.btrdarally.com/championship-history/>

Q. How does the Championship support young Contenders?

A. BTRDA® Membership is free to under-25s for their first year of Membership. Championship Registration is also required at £15, but £30 is saved in Membership cost.

Q. Do I need to Register as a Driver and Navigator if I want to do both?

A. Yes, every Contender has to Register for the role in which they wish to enter the Championship. If you wish to Register as a Driver and Navigator then you will need to Register twice. However BTRDA® Membership is only required once, then any number of BTRDA® Championships can be entered.

Q. What Motorsport UK Licence do I need?

A. The Championship, just as Regional Targa Championships, requires at least an Interclub Licence.

Q. How do I find out more about BTRDA® Allrounders?

A. <https://btrda.com/championship/allrounders/>

Q. What disciplines are included in BTRDA® Allrounders?

A. The following BTRDA® Championships are included, plus non- BTRDA® Championship Autocross, Sprint and Hill Climb events:

Group A - BTRDA® Championship AutoSOLO

Group B - BTRDA® Championship Autotests

Group C - BTRDA® Championship Car Trials

Group D - BTRDA® Forest Rally Series and Motorsport UK English Championship

Group E - Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Group F - BTRDA® Championship Rallycross

Group G - BTRDA® Championship Sporting Trials

Group H - BTRDA® Championship Targa Road Rally

Group J - Speed (comprising any non BTRDA® Championship National or Interclub Autocross, Sprint, or Hill Climb)

Q. Can I really use a standard car in Targa Rallies and other Allrounder events?

A. Yes. Standard cars have been used in Autosolo, Autotest, Car Trial, Targa, Sprint and Hill Climb events. Some disciplines may require some further preparation eg underbody guards for off road events and timing struts for Sprints and Hill Climbs.

Q. How many rounds count?

A. Only 4 from 7 for Gold Star, 4 from 6 for Silver Star, including a Marshalling score if you wish.

To provide a wider choice of events and enable Silver Star Contenders to sample Gold Star events, Gold Star Contenders can score points on up to 2 Silver Star rounds and Silver Star Contenders can score points on up to 2 Gold Star rounds in their total number of scores.

You can choose events to suit your location, available time and budget. When possible, it's important that Contenders help to run an event in an Official or Marshal role - Marshals are always needed on Championship events or they would be unable to run. Refer to the Championship Regulations if fewer Targas run.

Q. Can I drive and navigate on an event?

A. Some events, but not all, enable a person to drive and navigate on one event. You could share a car on an event with 2 event entries. You will score Championship points in the role which you have Registered.

Q. How do I Marshal on an event?

A. Contact the Chief Marshal for the event, contact details can be found in event Regulations.

Q. Which tyres can I use?

A. One of the biggest questions in Targa Rallying! Each event can have different tyre restrictions, read the event Regulations carefully. However the

nature of events in the BTRDA® Targa Championship should enable the same tyre to be used across most events, reducing the range of tyres you need.

Q. Can I use 4WD?

A. We're trying to keep things simple and not restrict further than the Motorsport UK Yearbook. Some events can be more restrictive, but we've tried to select events which do allow 4WD. Please check event Regulations for exact eligibility.

Q. Why nothing in Scotland?

A. At present no events have been found in Scotland which match the requirements of the Championship. However we hope that the Championship will expand going forward to include a wider geography.

Q. Will my car be damaged on events?

A. The old saying "Motorsport can be dangerous" applies. Cars can be damaged in any activity and due caution should be applied. No events can be guaranteed to be "smooth" therefore it is recommended to guard cars and/or drive appropriately.

Q. What car preparation is required?

A. Look carefully at section R21 in the Motorsport UK Yearbook. This contains the core of the Regulations for Targa Road Rallies, also cross referencing to other parts of the Yearbook on such areas as tyres and safety. To cover equipment requirements in the Yearbook and most event Regulations the following should be carried:

- warning triangle,
- first aid kit,
- spill kit,
- OK/SOS board,
- tarpaulin (to protect the service under the car when parked/being worked on),

- tow rope,
- seat belt cutter/window hammer.

Q. Do I need a roll cage, harnesses and seats?

A. Due to the nature of venues, some events will require at least a rear roll cage and harnesses. Any safety equipment can be fitted as decided by the Competitor. Silver Star events will not require a rear cage or harnesses.

Q. Do I need a trip meter?

A. While it may be useful for some events, a trip meter isn't required for most events.

Q. What is the future for the Championship?

A. This is down to you, the Competitors. What do YOU want going forward?

Targa Road Rally Regulations enable a wide range of events to be run, from events at single venues, multi-venue events to events with Tests and Regularities. The popularity of each can be very regional, but a common standard could be set.

Developing Navigators is another goal, starting with the relative simplicity of single venue events to more demanding Targa events.

BTRDA® was at the highest level of Road Rallying in the past, we intend those days to return, also providing a UK-wide multi-discipline Championship which will enable those to sample a wider range of events in order to find their own specialist/favourite discipline.

Rest assured that we are always keen to receive feedback. We all make mistakes and won't be able to please everyone, but we are all competitors and organisers and are keen to develop a ladder of opportunity across Motorsport disciplines.

We are very open to discussion to help bring more people in to Motorsport, especially younger competitors, organisers and those with creative minds. Your thoughts are appreciated, keep it clean!