

# **THE HRCR CLUBMANS RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2006**

## **CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**



The HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship, promoted by the Historic Rally Car Register, will run throughout 2006 on designated Championship events. The Closed to Club status championship will cater for individual drivers and navigators competing in cars registered before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982 that comply with the MSA Technical Regulations for Category 1, 2 and 3 Historic Road Rally cars.

### **1 COMPETITORS**

- 1.1 Competitors must be fully paid-up members of the HRCR to be eligible for the Championship and must sign that they have read and agree to the rules and regulations of the Championship. Acceptance of an entry to the Championship is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

### **2 REGISTRATION**

- 2.1 Completed registration forms must be returned to the Championship Coordinator who will issue a Championship registration number to each contender. The registration fee for the Championship will be £25 per crew (driver and navigator) or £15 individually. Only one member of a registered crew will be placed on the mailing list for Championship newsletters and event regulations. The driver and navigator may register individually (total £30) if they both want to be placed on the mailing list.
- 2.2 Contenders who register as a crew may also compete on events with another driver/navigator, who may or may not be registered for the Championship, although they may be reclassified into a higher experience class for that event. The crew will take the experience classification of the higher experienced crew member.
- 2.3 Registrations will be accepted either through the post or at Championship events. All registration forms must be accompanied by the correct fee.
- 2.4 In order to be eligible for points, competitors must register prior to the start of the first event on which they intend to claim points.
- 2.5 Competitors must "sign-on" for Championship purposes at each event. HRCR membership cards and Championship Registration Cards will be checked and a declaration of crew and vehicle eligibility signed.

### **3. ELIGIBLE CARS**

- 3.1 Only cars first registered, or proven to have been manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982 and complying fully with the MSA Technical Regulations for Category 1, 2 or 3 Historic Road Rally cars, will be acceptable for use in the Championship. Cars must comply with the specific MSA Technical regulations for rallying, section K.22. Competitors entering events in Category 2 or 3 cars which require a MSA waiver under K.22.17.1 must clearly declare this on the entry form for each championship event entered.
- 3.2 Competitors will be required to vouch that the vehicle entered complies with the Regulations in all respects. This declaration will be on the Championship registration form and on the registration form at each event. Competitors must present their vehicle registration document (V5) or Historic Vehicle Identity Form (MSA or FIA) at scrutineering as proof of eligibility. All vehicles must display a valid tax disc, have a current MOT certificate and valid insurance for the event, either through their own insurers or an MSA-approved insurance scheme.
- 3.3 All Championship entries competing in the Master and Expert classes, or in Category 3 cars, must have a valid FIA or MSA Historic Vehicle Identity Form (HVIF) which must be available for inspection at scrutineering and carried in the car at all times on each round. The issue of the HVIF does not necessarily mean that the car complies with the Championship regulations.
- 3.4 An Eligibility Scrutineer will be appointed to the Championship. Any vehicle that has been or is being used in the Championship, could at any time, for reasons of eligibility be stripped or sealed for examination. All costs of stripping and rebuilding are to be borne by the competitor. Failure to agree to stripping/sealing or breaking a seal will result in the loss of points throughout the year, and/or a penalty decided by the Stewards of the Championship.
- 3.5 Vehicles in each of the following age categories shall only be permitted modifications that were used in rallying in that period. i.e.

Category 1, Pre-1960:      Up to the end of 1959

Category 1, 1960-67: Up to the end of 1967

Category 2, 1968-74: Up to the end of 1974

Category 3, 1975-81: Up to the end of 1981 and homologated for FIA Group 1 or Group 3.

- 3.6 The following are not permitted in any age category: hydraulic handbrake mechanisms, crew intercoms, tyres with less than 70% profile. Cars in all categories must have full trim in place, including carpets, headlining, door cards and rear seat (if appropriate); the trim may be modified as necessary for the fitting of a roll-cage. It is recommended that a first aid kit is carried in all competing vehicles.

#### **4 ADVERTISING**

- 4.1 No advertising, other than that appearing on event rally plates, shall be permitted on cars competing for Championship points. The covering of advertising with adhesive tape shall not be acceptable.

#### **5 DRIVER/NAVIGATOR**

- 5.1 The entered driver must drive both the road sections and special tests of a qualifying event to score points. Navigators must not drive on any competitive sections. No points will be allocated to any contenders who share competitive driving duties on a Championship event.

#### **6 CLASSES**

- 6.1 There will be seven classes in the Championship based on car age and crew experience as follows:

A	Masters and Experts in Pre-1960 Category 1 cars
B	Masters in 1960-67 Category 1 cars
C	Masters in Category 2 cars
D	Masters and Experts in Category 3 cars
E	Experts in Category 1 and Category 2 cars
N1	Novices
N2	Beginners

- 6.2 Experience Definitions for the above classes will be:

MASTER	A crew where any member has had two or more finishes in the top 5 places overall of a National B (formerly Restricted) or higher status rally, or CRA rally, or has won a HERO Gold, Silver or Bronze award.
EXPERT	A crew which does not meet the qualifying requirements herein for Master, Novice or Beginner.
NOVICE	A crew in which no member has had two or more finishes in the top 15 places overall of a National B (formerly Restricted) or higher status rally with 30 or more starters, or in the top 5 places of a HRCR Continental event.
BEGINNER	A crew in which no member has previously competed in more than three competitive road rallies (including 12-car rallies and HRCR Continental events, but excluding treasure hunts and touring assemblies).

Previous experience shall be counted up to the date of registration for the Championship. Experience is counted in the role (driver or navigator) in which currently competing.

- 6.3 Age group dates relate to the date of first registration of the vehicle, or the proven date of manufacture of the vehicle in cases where the actual vehicle was manufactured before but first registered after the age group cut-off date. Age group years shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 6.4 For the championship awards only, contenders will retain their experience status applicable at the time of registration. If the regulations of a qualifying round place them in a different experience class, they must enter that event in accordance with the event regulations.
- 6.5 The Championship Committee reserves the right to re-classify any crew/vehicle that they believe is unfairly classified by the classes listed above.

## 7 POINTS

- 7.1 Points will be allocated on an individual basis to Driver or Navigator based on overall finishing positions of championship contenders on each event.
- 7.2 The highest placed contender will receive 35 points and the next highest will receive 1 point less, and so on, down to 1 point for the 35<sup>th</sup> contender. In addition all contenders will receive a 2 point Starting Bonus for starting an event plus a further Finishing Bonus for being a qualified finisher. Non-starters will receive 0 points. The Finishing Bonus shall be determined on vehicle age category as follows:
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| Category 1, Pre 1960 | 3 points | Category 1, 1960-67  | 2 points |
| Category 2 (1968-74) | 1 point  | Category 3 (1975-81) | 0 points |
- 7.3 Should only one crew member be registered, for the purposes of points allocation it will be assumed that both are registered, and thus individual members of the same crew will always be awarded equal points for each event.
- 7.4 If an event does not include Category 2 or Category 3 cars in the overall results they shall be positioned in the overall results for allocation of championship points. If the results of an event are published both as scratch and handicap, the scratch results will be used to determine points.
- 7.5 Points and interim Championship results will be displayed on the HRCR Internet website after each round and contenders notified by email. Interim results will also be displayed at signing-on for each round. Printed interim results can be sent to any contender without internet access, if requested. Any queries regarding the allocation of points should be made to the Championship Coordinator within seven days of the date of publication. Printed provisional Championship results will be sent to all contenders following the final round.

## 8 TIES

- 8.1 In the event of a tie the award winner will be decided in favour of the contender with the highest total score after the first Championship round. If not resolved then the highest total score after the second, third, fourth Championship rounds etc.

## 9 AWARDS

- 9.1 The following Championship awards will be presented at the HRCR Prizegiving Dinner in 2007.

Overall Awards:

- 1st Overall Driver and Navigator
- 2nd Overall Driver and Navigator
- 3rd Overall Driver and Navigator

The Newcomers Challenge Awards:

- 1st Driver and Navigator from Classes N1 & N2 combined
- 2nd Driver and Navigator from Classes N1 & N2 combined

Class Awards:

- 1st in each class Driver and Navigator
- 2nd in each class Driver and Navigator (Subject to 5 registered contenders)
- 3rd in each class Driver and Navigator (Subject to 8 registered contenders)

All-rounder Award:

The individual with the highest combined score from both navigating and driving, subject to starting at least two rounds in each role.

- 9.2 Contenders may not win more than one of the above awards, except for the all-rounder award and where they may have won class awards in separate age categories or in separate roles.
- 9.3 The Championship Committee reserves the right to amalgamate classes for Championship awards in the event of there being too few contenders in a particular class. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 9.4 In order to be eligible for awards of any description, a contender must have started at least four Championship events in the class and role appropriate for that award.

- 9.5 Points scored by drivers or navigators in Category 3 cars cannot be counted towards the overall driver and navigator awards.

## **10 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

- 10.1 The 2006 Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 daytime historic road rallies. Should any event be cancelled, at least two months' notice will be given of a replacement event. Should it not be possible to find a suitable alternative event, the Championship will continue with less rounds.
- 10.2 The winners of the Overall Championship shall gain the titles "2006 HRCR Clubmans Rally Champion Driver and Navigator".
- 10.3 For Overall Championship and class awards, each contender's best 7 scores from all Championship rounds will be counted. In the event of cancellation of Championship rounds without replacements being found, the number of best scores to be counted will be reduced if necessary, such that the number of scores to count is three less than the number of qualifying rounds.

## **11 ENTRIES**

- 11.1 Registered Championship contenders may be given priority of entry up to six weeks prior to the event, provided that their entry is correctly completed and the requisite entry fee has been fully paid. However the popularity of some events will mean 'first come, first served' so prospective contenders are advised to enter promptly.
- 11.2 It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain entry forms in adequate time, although regulations will be sent direct to all contenders by the organising clubs. Registering as a Championship contender does not guarantee an entry on any Championship round.

## **12 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 A committee of three, comprising the Championship Coordinator, the HRCR Competition Secretary, and one other HRCR Committee member, will be responsible for the administration of the Championship rules.
- 12.2 Any dispute concerning these Regulations or the running of the Championship will be adjudicated by a panel of stewards comprising three members who may be members of the main HRCR Committee. Any appeal against their decision must be made in accordance with Section O.6 of the MSA Competitors' Yearbook.

## **13 JUDICIAL**

- 13.1 Any written reported breach of either these Championship Regulations or the MSA Competitors' Yearbook by a Championship competitor, whether of a sporting or technical nature, will be considered by the Championship Stewards who, after giving all parties concerned the opportunity to be heard, will take the appropriate action in accordance with either O.2 or O.3 of the MSA Competitors' Yearbook. The Stewards of the Championship may also report the matter to the MSA who may take further action including increasing any penalties previously applied.

## **14 PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1 The use of a mechanical tripmeter (Halda, Aifab etc), a Halda Speedpilot or a Retrotrip is permitted. It is permissible to use an electronic tripmeter on the proviso that the equipment only measures distance. Electronic tripmeters such as certain Brantz or Terratrip models that can display speed or average speed are not permitted.
- 14.2 Use of any of the following electronic devices is NOT permitted : Digital Speedometer, Cycle Speed Computer, Electronic Speed Table, GPS Receiver, Hand-held Palm or Laptop Computer of any type, Programmable Calculator. Any competitor found using one of these prohibited devices will be excluded from the Championship. The use of digital stopwatches and mechanical calculators is permitted.
- 14.3 Mobile telephones may only be carried in accordance with individual event regulations, ie for safety purposes only. Any competitor found using a mobile telephone, in voice or text mode, for relaying or receiving route information will be excluded from the Championship.

## **15 CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR**

The HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship Coordinator, to whom all enquiries should be directed and all registration forms returned is: Andy Gibson, 70 Grasmere Road, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3NA. Tel/Fax: 01227 792740 Mobile: 07803 265279 E-mail: andy@hrco.co.uk