

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The application process for 2019 Special Stage Championships is being continued. These notes are intended to give guidance to championship organisers as to timescales and content of regulations.

Categories of Championship

- 1) International: Only one championship series will be sanctioned by Motorsport UK at this level.
- 2) National: Initially a maximum of 14 championships will be sanctioned. Applications will be considered from organisers who are promoting championships which are not restricted to participation as detailed below for Regional and Closed to Club Championships. This grade will typically include One-Make series, commercially supported series and series offering cash awards. The Rally Championship Control Panel reserves the right to classify championships applied for as 3) and 4) below to this category.
- 3) Regional: No limit on numbers allowed. Available for championships promoted by Motorsport UK Regional Associations and restricted to members of the Association's member clubs. Championships will not be Motorsport UK sanctioned but will automatically be allowed on receipt of the application form for registration.
- 4) Closed to Club: No limit on numbers allowed. Available for Championships promoted by a Motorsport UK registered club and restricted to bona fide members of the promoting club. As with Regional championships they will be allowed on receipt of the application for registration.

Timetable for applications

- (a) For Championships intending to run in category 2) above Notice of Intent must be given to Motorsport UK before 1 September in the preceding year. This only needs to be in outline form which will be considered by the Rally Championship Control Panel who will, if appropriate, indicate their provisional approval. Full details which must include the calendar of events, letters of acceptance from qualifying events and regulations must be submitted to Motorsport UK as soon as practicable but no later than 31 December when final approval will be given for the Championship to be designated 'Motorsport UK Sanctioned'.
- (b) Championships qualifying under categories 3) above do not need to give any Notice of Intent but must apply, at the latest, before 31 December of the preceding year. This application, which will result in the registration of the championship, must be accompanied by the regulations for the championship. Motorsport UK will then keep those regulations on file and issue an acknowledgement that the championship has been registered. This acknowledgement must not be taken as approval of such regulations which remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Championship Stewards. There is no prohibition on the inclusion of a company name within the title but the Control Panel reserve the right to reclassify the championship should they deem it to be of a commercial nature.
- (c) For Championships intending to run in category 4) above Notice of Intent must be given to Motorsport UK before 1 September in the preceding year. This only needs to be in outline form which will be considered by the Rally Championship Control Panel who will, if appropriate, indicate their provisional decision. There is no prohibition on the inclusion of a company name within the title but the Control Panel reserve the right to reclassify the championship into category 2) above, should they deem it to be of a commercial nature. Where the Rally Championship Control Panel do not deem a Club Championship to be commercial Motorsport UK will then keep those regulations on file and issue an acknowledgement that the championship has been registered. This acknowledgement must not be taken as approval of such regulations, which remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Championship Stewards. Full details which must include the calendar of events, letters of acceptance from qualifying events and regulations must be submitted to Motorsport UK as soon as practicable but no later than 31 December when final approval or registration will be confirmed.

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- (d) If the Championship Control Panel consider that any new Championship or any fundamental change to an existing Championship (such as a new class or classes), conflicts with an existing registered Championship in terms of Technical Regulations or Sporting Regulations (i.e. status, potential competitors, rounds etc) then the new Championship will need to demonstrate to the Championship Control Panel that inclusion of the Championship will not detrimentally affect the safe, fair or orderly conduct of motor sport.

Any applicant dissatisfied with the decision of the Championship Control Panel shall be entitled to request a review of the application to be undertaken by the Chairman of the MSC National Court or, in the event that he is not available, someone nominated by him and his decision shall be final.

GUIDELINES FOR STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS



Motorsport UK accepts that Championship Regulations may have different styles but these notes are a reminder of those elements that must be included to facilitate approval.

- 1) State the name of the Club, Regional Association or Recognised Group organising the championship. For championships in categories 1 and 2, the organising body must have been registered with Motorsport UK for at least 2 years.
- 2) State the name of the sponsor(s), if any.
- 3)
 - (a) List the officials which must include the Championship Co-ordinator.
 - (b) List the panel of Stewards (minimum of 3).
NOTE: Such personnel may not have any connection with the Championship (i.e. sponsor, promoter etc).
 - (c) If one is required, nominate the Eligibility Scrutineer. Please note that this scrutineer must be licenced by Motorsport UK as an eligibility scrutineer.
- 4) State the eligibility of acceptable competitors including any sub groups such as Group N, 1600cc, Juniors etc. Include full details of any advertising and logos which must be carried in order to be eligible for points.
- 5) Detail the procedure for registration with start date and any cut-offs after which registration cannot be made. List the fees.
- 6) Give full details of all the categories and classes counting towards the Championship.
NOTE: No Championship may run within a Championship, they must be detailed as class awards.
- 7) Give full details of the points scoring system.
- 8) Give full details of the tie deciding procedure.
- 9) Specify how and when results are announced. This can either be unofficial results after each round with provisional results after the final round or it can be provisional results after each round which then become final on a round by round basis.
- 10) Specify whether penalties in C3.5.3 are as written or modified. Remember that they can only be increased.
- 11) Give full details of all awards including any cash prizes for which the championship is responsible.
- 12) List the full calendar of events which must have the date, the name of the organising club, the status and the contact at the organising club. Organisers should consider the inclusion of reserve events/dates in the CRs to reduce the administrative burden should qualifying rounds not take place.
- 13) No Club/Organisation may publicise their Championship until the Rally Championship Control Panel have approved their Championship. Advanced publicity may only be issued prior to the granting of a Permit/Registration with prior written Motorsport UK approval of that publicity.
- 14) All British and Motorsport UK Titled Championships save as provided for in J5.13.7 must require all vehicles to be fitted with a Dry Break Coupling.
- 15) Permission to use fuels, such as those to FIA Appendix J Article 252, Article 9, is now included within Section B of the Motorsport UK Yearbook, having been approved by the Motor Sports Council in September 2017.

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