



The Herefordshire Trial

How Caple Court, Herefordshire

18/19 March 2017



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Supplementary Regulations

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The Vintage Sports-Car Club Ltd
The Herefordshire Trial

Saturday 18, Sunday 19 March 2017

MSA Permit Number - tba

Held under the General Regulations of The Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations



Supplementary Regulations

1. The Vintage Sports-Car Club will organise a Clubmans permit Car Trial on 18 /19 March 2017 based at How Caple Court, Herefordshire, HR1 4SX (OS Map I49/612306)
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Limited (hereafter referred to as the MSA) (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the organising Club may issue for the event.
3. MSA permit number -
4. The event is only open to all elected members of the organising Club. All drivers must produce a valid club membership card and have paid their 2017 subscription.
5. The programme of the meeting will be:

Saturday 18 March 2017

1000hrs	Scrutineering starts
1045hrs	Signing-on Opens
1200hrs – 1730hrs	Sections Open
1400hrs	Any competitor not signed-on may be excluded

Sunday 19 March 2017

0845hrs – 1430hrs	Sections Open
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6. Competitors will require OS Landranger Maps I49, I50 & I62 (extracts of I50 & I62 will be provided in the Competitors' Instructions)
7. Public roads will be used to link observed sections. There will be at least 14 sections on private land. The entry will be split into groups with different start hills.
8. The event will consist of four classes as follows:

Class 1: Short wheelbase cars (less than 8' 6" & HRGs), cars with solid rear axles. Sub-divided as follows:

- 1a. Standard cars
- 1b. Modified, and Special cars

Class 2: Long Wheelbase cars (8' 6" and over). ALL cars must have an operative differential. Sub-divided as follows:

- 2a. Standard cars
- 2b. Modified and Special cars

Note: The above as defined by the Eligibility 2013 Rules. The organisers reserve the right to reclassify cars at their discretion.

No car will be accepted without an up to date, current VSCC Eligibility 2007 Document ('Buff Form') issued in the name of the current owner and the number must be quoted on the entry form before the entry will be accepted. The entrant must bring the car's Eligibility Passport to the event. All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations and with the VSCC's 'Eligibility of Cars 2013' leaflet (Edition 4). It is the competitor's responsibility to present the car in a fully roadworthy condition and properly equipped to take part in this event. The following MSA Regulations are stressed or modified as appropriate:

H.32.1.5. (ROADWORTHYNESS) An entrant shall, before the event, satisfy himself as to the eligibility and safety of the vehicle and safety equipment and the competence of its driver.

H.32.1.6. (ROADWORTHYNESS) An entrant shall furthermore ensure that a vehicle is maintained in an eligible and safe condition throughout the event or meeting.

H32.1.7. (ROADWORTHYNESS) The act of presenting a vehicle and safety equipment for official scrutiny shall be deemed a declaration of its fitness and eligibility for the event and an acceptance of the consequences of such a declaration not being valid.

T9.4 – T9.5.1 (DIFFERENTIALS) Competitors are required to complete a declaration in relation to differentials as part of the event entry form. Any entry received with this section incomplete will not be accepted. This Regulation will be enforced.

T9.8.1 (TYRES) Well-based tyres on the driven wheels must have a tread pattern such that the blocks are not more than 10mm deep, nor more than 10 mm apart laterally or circumferentially . There must not be an uninterrupted lateral gap between the side blocks. A minimum tyre pressure rule will be applied, i.e. 7psi for all cars. Off road, trial and enduro tyres are not eligible. The use of security bolts/self tapping screws to hold tyres to rims is forbidden, as are other forms of 'run flat' devices.

T9.8.1 (ROAD TAX) All competing cars must comply with current legislation covering Road Fund Licence including changes that came into effect from 1st October 2014. It is the Competitors' responsibility to ensure their vehicles complies with the Road Traffic Act(s).

T10.7 (BRAKES) Fiddle brakes are not permitted.

T4.1.1 (CREW) The passenger seat alongside the driver must be occupied at all times, the passenger may 'bounce' from the seated position only.

T4.1.11 ('BOUNCING') will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment, and then only so long as no portion of either the Driver's or Passenger's(s) body, other than arms and hands, is placed outside the sides of the car or behind the seat they are occupying.

T1.3.24 (SPILL KITS) It is mandatory for all competitors to carry a MSA compliant small spill kit. This kit must consist of absorbent pads and/or granular absorbent material capable of dealing with spillages up to 1.25 litres capacity and be MSA approved. These can be purchased from www.demon-tweeks.co.uk or www.holden.co.uk . These will be checked at scrutineering.

Competitors should note that random checks for the carriage of spill kits may be carried out at any time during the event. Failure in compliance with event regulations may result in a penalty being applied.

H28.1 (ADVERTISING) No competing car may carry advertising unless authorised in advance by the organisers.

T7.3 (b) (SCORECARDS) Instructions as to the time and location for Scorecards to be handed in will be advised in the Competitors' Instructions.

TRIALS WHEELS AND TYRES

The Trials Sub-Committee has considered the trend on wheels and tyres, particularly the use of wide wheels. It has been decided to limit rim section increase to ½", the limits quoted in the current Eligibility of Cars Document Edition 4 2013 for modified cars. The list of eligible tyres has not changed.

9. Named awards will be presented at the Club's 2018 AGM as follows:

The Herefordshire Trophy for the best performance in any class.

The Andrew Blakeney-Edwards Trophy for the best performance in the opposite class

On Sunday **The Moffatt Mug** for the best performance in Class I will be awarded and presented for retention.

First, second and third class awards as appropriate to the number of starters in each class.

The event counts towards the Club's annual aggregate trophies.

10. The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes finally on 6 March 2017, (entries received after this date but before 15 March 2017 will be charged at the higher rate). The entry fee is £75.00. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Cheques to be made payable to the VSCC Ltd and sent to VSCC Office, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxon. OX7 5EL.

11. The maximum entry for the meeting is 110; the minimum is 25; the minimum for each class is 10. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers have the right to either cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. **Entries will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis for the first 80%, with the final 20% selected in accordance with the VSCC Selection Policy.** Entry fees may be refunded if entry is cancelled before the closing date. Entries will be acknowledged on receipt. Any entrant not receiving an acknowledgement within reasonable time of posting his entry should contact the Secretary to the Meeting.
12. The Secretary of the Meeting is Andrew Tarring, VSCC, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5EL
13. Other officials are:
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| Club Stewards | D A Pearce, A N Cherrett, T Pellow |
| Clerk of the Course | M R Garfitt |
| Deputy Clerks of the Course | G E Shetliffe, A W Jones, S Kent |
| Chief Scrutineer | P B Slater (MSA), |
| Scrutineers | R D B Wilkinson, D B Roberts |
14. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the end of the event, and by despatching a copy in writing by post within 7 days of the event, ref **D26.1.3**
15. Any appeal or protest must be lodged in accordance with **C5, C6 and C7**.
16. Starting numbers will be as shown on the list of entrants, Class 1 will be numbered upwards from 100; Class 2 cars from 200. Numbers identifying the competitor will be provided by the organisers. **(T5.1.1)**
17. Marking and penalties will be as printed in the appropriate section of the MSA General Regulations except as modified below:

	SCORING	MARKS:
i.	Scoring: For each hill cleanly ascended and any such less marks for each portion of the hill as detailed by the marshal in charge (who will appointed as Judge of Fact) (T7.5 (d))	25 Marks
ii.	If, due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes necessary to close a hill during the course of the trial, the following will apply:- an average will be taken of the scores gained by competitors in each of the two main classes. This average score will then be given to all competitors in that class who are unable to attempt the hill due to its closure, providing that at least 75% of the total entry have attempted the hill beforehand. Should less than 75% of competitors have attempted the section, no score by any competitor will count towards the results for this section.	
		PENALTIES:
iii.	Start Hill: For not starting at the designated first hill or for not following the requirement for completing hills in a set order	25 Penalty Marks
iv.	Order: For not following correct hills in any group order that will be designated in the final instructions	25 Penalty Marks
v.	Passenger Seat: The passenger seat alongside the driver must be occupied at all times, the passenger(s) may 'bounce' from the seated position only; failure to comply (T4.1.1 & T4.1.11)	25 Penalty Marks per hill
vi.	Tyre Pressure: Failing a minimum tyre pressure check	25 Penalty Marks
vii.	Roller Test: Failing a roller type differential test and/or inspection	Exclusion

viii	Excessive Noise: Making excessive noise or driving in a manner likely to bring motorsport and/or the Club into disrepute	100 Penalty Marks or possible exclusion
ix.	Driving Standard: Irresponsible driving between sections will lead to possible exclusion from the event by the Clerk of the Course and the event Steward (G10 and G11)	Possible exclusion
ix	<p>Optional Hill Restart – Garfitt’s Gamble. One or more of the hills on the trial will feature an optional restart, scoring as follows.</p> <p>Option 1</p> <p>If you decide to ATTEMPT the traditional STOP/RESTART, you will have an orange roundel stuck on the front of your car visible to all marshals, by a Trial Official at the start of the section. Your score card will similarly have a sticker attached. If so marked you will start the Section, STOP with front wheels in the box at the STOP/RESTART and move off after the marshal indicates you may do so, should you then to go on to clear the hill you will be awarded a 10 point bonus, giving a total of 35 points for the hill. Worth a gamble? Should you fail at the Stop/Restart, or anywhere else on the hill for that matter, you will receive the score indicated by the marker you have reached in the normal manner.</p> <p>Option 2</p> <p>If you decide NOT TO ATTEMPT the traditional STOP/RESTART, before you start the Section, there will be no stickers attached to your car or card. In this case you will start the Section, drive straight through the STOP/RESTART and should you then to go on to clear the hill you will be awarded a total of 25 points for the hill. Should you fail anywhere on the hill, you will receive the score indicated by the marker you have reached in the normal manner.</p> <p>Do not forget you must make your choice before you attempt the Section. You are allowed to walk the hill and a map will be displayed at the Start.</p>	
xi	<p>Timed Tie Breaker: Part of Dean’s Place Hill Section will be timed and will act as the tie break. It is RECOMMENDED that you WALK the HILL.</p> <p>When you arrive at the Hill the marshal will remind you that there will be a timed element. You start the Hill when the start marshal gives the OK. Part way up there will be a Stop/Restart. Your front wheels must be over the first line but not over the second, i.e. front wheels in a Box. At the drop of the marshal’s flag you restart without your front wheels falling out of the box and complete the hill - scoring 25 when the centre of your front wheel passes the 25 marker. You will be timed from the drop of the restart flag to passing of the 25 marker. Should you fail to compete the hill then you will not be given a time. Failure to stop with front wheels before a further FOUL LINE WILL INCUR A 10 POINT PENALTY and NO TIME BEING RECORDED</p>	

The organisers reserve the right to include any of the following: different start lines for different Classes, to have stop/restart tests and to have route variations.

18. All other General Regulations of the MSA apply as written, except for the following, which are modified:

I.J5.21.1 Is not applicable. On Board Cameras/videos are banned

II. T5.1 – T5.2 (START HILL) The starting hill for each Competitor will be as published in the Competitors’ Instructions. The running order will be free subject to any requirements stated in the Competitors’ Instructions.

III. T4.1.5 – T4.1.7 (PASSENGERS) Entrants are reminded of the need for letters of consent for passengers under 16. As well as the requirement for children seated in open cars or the front seat of saloons to be aged 12 years or over. Children in the rear seats of saloons must be 2 years or older, and all children under the age of 12 years or 135cm in height must be restrained in an approved child restraint. (MSA Blue Book T4.1.6)

IV. T7.4.2 (TIES) Ties will be resolved by the method defined the Competitors’ Final Instructions

V. T4.1.9 (CREW) Signed-on members of the crew at the start cannot be varied during the event, except with official approval.

19. Competitors will be issued with a score card at signing-on upon which the number of their first hill will be noted. It is the competitors’ responsibility to ensure the correct score is entered on the scorecard and that it is returned to the results team by the time announced in the Competitors’ Instructions. Cards not received by these times may be excluded from the results.

20. All competing cars must have a ‘top dead centre’ marked preferably in red plastic tape on the steering wheel.

21. All competing cars must carry a primed and serviceable fire extinguisher. A minimum of 1.75 litres of AFFF in one extinguisher or other FIA/MSA approved system. Fire extinguishers must be securely attached and within reach of the seated driver. HIGH PRESSURE GAS BOTTLES ON TRIALS - All trials: **The carriage of high pressure gas cylinders on VSCC trials cars is prohibited.** Commercially available aerosol devices are not included but any cylinder normally subject to specific maintenance procedures will not be allowed. Fuel cans must be securely attached to the vehicle. This also applies to other heavy items such jacks/pumps etc. Please Note Hayon and Powder fire extinguishers are not accepted by the VSCC under any circumstances. **Competitors should note that random checks for the carriage of fire extinguishers may be carried out at any time during the event. Failure in compliance with event regulations may result in a penalty being applied.**
22. This event is routed along and/or across public rights of way. Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly near other path users. Be especially careful near horses. Slow down, stop and switch off your engine if necessary. **NO DOGS – LAMBING WILL BE IN PROGRESS.** Dogs will not be allowed at any hill venues. Please be aware that lambing is in progress on most sections. Please make alternative arrangements for your dog, rather than risking our relationship with the landowners. Thank You
24. There will a Saturday Night Supper Party, taking place at How Caple Court from 7.30pm onwards. Tickets will be available for purchase from signing-on at a cost of £13.00 per person for this three course dinner.

Individual Third Party Car Insurance

The Club has applied to **REIS** for a Blanket Cover Note under the **Motor Sports Road Traffic Scheme**. This will provide Competitors who need to use the Scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event. The basic rate for the Event is £15.00. New applicants wishing to use the Scheme must be able to comply with all points of the REIS Declaration:-

- **Age 19 years or over**
- **Has held a full licence for a minimum of 6 months**
- **Has no more than 6 points of their licence**
- **Has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years**
- **Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.**

If you are able to comply with all the points above simply sign on the Signing-on Form and pay the premium to obtain Insurance under this scheme – No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

Anyone falling outside these limits should refer directly to the Motorsport Team on 0115 9651030 at least one working day prior to the event commencing – only in extreme conditions will REIS refuse insurance or a load premium.

SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND FIRE (SHEF) AT THE VINTAGE SPORTS-CAR CLUB (VSCC) AND DURING VSCC EVENTS

It is the Policy of the Vintage Sports-Car Club (the Club) to operate in a positive culture of safety, health, and environmental protection throughout its entire business and sporting activities. To this end, the Club will coordinate all relevant activities under the collective heading of Safety, Health, Environment and Fire, or 'SHEF'.

The Club fully recognises the potential risks in its activities, the application of relevant legislation, and that it has the ultimate legal responsibility in these matters both in the workplace and at the Club's events. Accordingly, the President accepts overall responsibility for policy formulation and effective implementation of that policy. In turn, all employees, competitors, officials, and volunteer helpers are responsible for all SHEF duties allocated to them, either directly, or as a result of the Club's SHEF policy. Members of the public at Club events, whether paying or not, will be advised of their responsibilities as a result of their decision to spectate.

In pursuance of this policy, the Club will progressively identify all hazards and take measures to reduce risk. Motor Sport is spectacular and exciting, providing enjoyment to competitors and spectators alike, but there are many aspects of the sport which carry inherent risk. Much of this risk cannot be eliminated totally, and the emphasis must therefore be placed on controlling the risk through effective risk management systems. The purpose of such Risk Management will be elimination of the risk where possible, or to reduce the risk to levels which are demonstrably As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) where it cannot.

Throughout all of its activities, the Club will appoint an appropriate number of competent persons to implement the Club's SHEF procedures. In addition, a number of SHEF committees are established to ensure proper consideration of all risk factors, Committee members and other competent persons may be employees or volunteers. Competence will be guaranteed by formal training, the maintenance of records and, for motor sports events, full compliance with the rules and regulations of The Motor Sports Association (MSA), the governing body of the sport in the UK, and the venue owners.