

VSCC ELIGIBILITY DEFINITIONS Jan 2020

Period Definitions. Notwithstanding any definitions promulgated elsewhere by anybody or organisation, the VSCC uses the following period definitions:

- **Edwardian** - Built on or before 31 Dec 1918
- **Vintage** - Built on or before 31 Dec 1930
- **Post Vintage Thoroughbred (PVT)** - Built on or before 31 Dec 1940 and approved by the Committee
- **Historic** - Built on or before the 31 December 1960 and approved by the Committee

The date of a car shall be the date of the youngest original major component, namely Chassis, Engine, Gearbox, Front axle and Rear axle. Items of a later date may be substituted without altering the dating of the car if they are identical to those of the original specification.

Types of Car. Notwithstanding any definitions promulgated elsewhere by any body or organisation, the VSCC uses the following car type definitions:

- **Racing Car** - Cars built for speed events, or sports cars running without the equipment required to qualify as sports cars.
- **Historic Racing Car** - Cars built for the sole purpose of racing, raced in the specified period and approved by the Committee.
- **Sports Car** - Open cars with road equipment to UK legal requirements. This to include wings, windscreen, full size battery, efficient silencer and working lights; these must include two headlamps of appropriate minimum dimensions (a single lamp may be accepted if originally fitted). If originally fitted they must have starter and dynamo. They must have at least two seats and a working reverse gear.
- **Touring Car** - Open cars accepted by the Committee as being touring cars.
- **Saloon Car** - Closed cars including such vehicles as coupes, landaulets and cabriolets running with hood up.
- **Light Car** - Standard small vintage cars of modest performance accepted by the Light Car and Edwardian section.
- **Three-Wheeler** - Three wheeled cars, which have been approved by the Committee.
- **Historic Special** - Historic pre-war specials which retain their original identity. These will be dated according to their latest major modification.
- **Aero-car** - Eligible cars using Aeroplane or Dirigible engines and approved by the Committee.

All cars used in road events must be fitted with wings.

Originality Definitions. Notwithstanding any definitions promulgated elsewhere by any body or organisation, the VSCC uses the following component originality definitions:

- **Original Specification** – As catalogued by the manufacturer for the model in the year of manufacture.
- **Original Type** - As catalogued by the manufacturer for the model in the period. (See "Period Definitions".)
- **Original Kind** - e.g. Leaf, coil. Internal expanding, external contracting, etc.
- **Original Configuration** - e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ elliptic, $\frac{1}{4}$ elliptic, transverse, etc. and, updraft, side-draft etc.

Exceptions may be made to any of these rules, subject to the Committee's approval, which will usually (but not automatically) be given on the following grounds:

- Originality.
- Legislative requirements.
- Non-availability of spares.
- Safety. This does not cover modifications designed to make a car 'safe' when driven at uncharacteristic speeds.
- The fact that such modifications can be shown to have been made on a significant number of that model of car in the period.
- Use of different materials from the original may be accepted in specific instances, but this should not be accepted as carte blanche. All alterations to materials must be by Committee approval.

Such exceptions must be approved by the Committee and given in writing. Such approval does NOT give a precedent for any other car.

Specialised guidelines are available from the Club office for some makes of car, e.g. Austin 7, BMW, Fiat Balilla.

It should be noted that cars prepared in accordance with the VSCC technical regulations may not necessarily be eligible to have a FIA Historic Technical Passport issued. For the FIA form to be issued, cars must comply with the regulations in appendix "K" of the FIA Yearbook of Automobile Sport.

POST 1940 HISTORIC RACING & INVITED CARS

50. GENERAL

Racing and Sports-racing cars are defined as 'cars manufactured from 1 January 1941 to 31 December 1960'. Only the following cars are eligible to compete in races organised by the VSCC.

- a. **Group 1** Single-seat racing cars of more than 900cc and of two or more cylinders manufactured from 1 January 1941 to 31 December 1953 conforming to AIACR and FIA (CSI) International Racing Car Formulae in force in the above period.
- b. **Group 2** Front engine single seat racing cars, Formula 1 and 2, conforming to the FIA (CSI) International Racing Car Formulae in force from 1 January 1954 to the 31 December 1960 and cars which competed in Formula Libre events over the same period.
- c. **Group 3** Post-war racing cars of historic importance or particular interest which competed on or before 31 December 1960. Hill Climb and Sprint cars may be included provided they competed in period in National or International events but such acceptance is at the Committee's discretion.
- d. **Group 4** Single-seat racing cars of the type described in Groups 1 and 2 which do not have a traceable history. In the case of Group 1 cars, those built up to 1953 or, in the case of Group 2 and Group 5 cars, those built up to 1960. All Group 4 cars must be individually approved by the Committee. Inspection by the Club's appointed representative is an essential condition of acceptance for competition in VSCC events.
- e. **Group 5** Front engine single seat F3 cars and front engine Formula Junior cars, conforming to the FIA International Racing Car Formulae in force from 1 January 1954 to 31 December 1960.
- f. **Group 6 (Invited)** Invited single-seat rear engine racing cars conforming to an FIA International Racing Car Formula in force from January 1954 to 31 December 1960.
- g. **Group 7 (Invited)** Invited Sports Racing Cars built from 1 January 1941 to 31 December 1960.