

Car Trials Championship Rules 2023

1.0 GENERAL:

- 1.1 The Championship is organised and administered by BTRDA Ltd in accordance with the BTRDA General Championship Rules and Motorsport UK Regulations ("Regulation(s)") except as varied herein. In the event of a variance between these Rules and the Regulations, the former takes precedence. The Championship year commences on 1 January 2023 and concludes with the Championship Grand Final Trial.
- 1.2 Drivers must be members of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd, be registered in the Championship and be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK competition licence (minimum Clubmans). A minimum of 2 large BTRDA decals and any Sponsors' decals, as supplied, must be displayed on the competing car; failure to do so may result in Championship points being denied.
- 1.3 Passengers must **have as a minimum an RS Clubman competition licence (f.o.c.) and** be a member of an invited club for any event in which they compete; BTRDA Passenger Membership is available on an annual basis and covers all our championship trials, including Sporting Trials.
- 1.4 Championship awards necessitate qualifying for and (with one exception) competing in the Championship Grand Final Trial.
Entrants' qualifying events or the Grand Final Trial need not be contested in the same car or Class.
- 1.5 The Grand Final Trial is open to registered contenders who have qualified by starting in a minimum of **four** qualifying events in the Championship year. This minimum number may be reduced at the Car Trials committee's discretion in the light of any changes to the number or dates of qualifying events; any reduction will be notified to contenders. See 4.4 *Scoring*.
- 1.6 A contender may count up to two valid entries to qualifying events that are subsequently cancelled as notional qualifying event starts, albeit with no points. A valid entry is one received by the secretary of the meeting by the closing date, entry fee paid.
- 1.7 Any Clerk of the Course or Secretary of the Meeting of a qualifying event(s) forming part of this Championship will be allowed to count up to two of these events as a qualifying event(s) for which 9 points per event will be deemed to have been scored.
- 1.8 At the conclusion of the Championship year, the BTRDA will arrange a Grand Final Trial at a venue and date to be announced. Invitations to take part in the Grand Final Trial will be sent to all contenders who qualify, but on accepting the invitation they will be required to enter the event and pay the entry fee.
- 1.9 Cars may be checked for eligibility from time to time.

2.0 CLASS DEFINITIONS:

- (i) Car definitions to be in accordance with the current Motorsport UK Yearbook section B.
- (ii) All cars must comply with T9 and cars in Classes A, B & C must comply with T11.6 to T11.14.3.
- (iii) All cars to be 2-wheel-drive.
- (iv) Cars may be fwd or rwd unless otherwise stated in the class definition.
- (v) Series Production Cars includes Sports Cars with a minimum production run of 100 identical examples in any 12 consecutive month period.
- (vi) All cars to have an internal combustion engine as its sole means of propulsion whilst competing.
- (vii) There is no requirement for cars in any class to be driven to the event; cars in Classes B, C & D do not need to be taxed or have a current MoT certificate.
- (viii) Cars in Classes A, B & C must only use gear and axle ratios as stated in the official manufacturer's handbook for the model and year of manufacture. Cars in Class D must have an overall first gear ratio which is numerically less than 20:1.
- (ix) Cars in Classes A, B & C must have rear seats fitted in the same way as originally supplied.
- (x) Cars in any Class may have a steering wheel knob fitted.
- (xi) Minimum tyre pressures on the driven wheels are noted in each class section below.
In Classes A & B cars with an overall length of 166 inches and over may reduce tyre pressures below the stated Class pressures by not more than 4 psi, subject to an absolute minimum pressure of 12 psi.
- (xii) Any car fitted with a torque biasing differential or any other form of mechanical traction control as catalogued for that car will have tyre pressures set at 4 psi above the specified Class pressure. Any car

fitted with an unmodified original equipment electronic traction control system will be allowed without the 4 psi tyre pressure penalty.

CLASS A

FWD Series Production Cars carrying no ballast

Standard front wheel drive cars first registered on or after 15 years prior to 1 January in the Championship year, taxed for road use, carrying no ballast and having no modifications except as follows:

- (a) the fitting of under-body protection weighing no more than 10kg (including fittings);
- (b) the replacement of wheels and/or tyres in accordance with T11.12.

Minimum tyre pressures - see also *Class Definitions (xi) & (xii)*:

Up to 1200cc, 12 psi 1201 – 1400cc, 14 psi over 1400cc, 16 psi

CLASS B

FWD Series Production Cars

Permitted modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.

Minimum tyre pressures - see also *Class Definitions (xi) & (xii)*:

Up to 1200cc, 12 psi 1201 – 1400cc, 14 psi over 1400cc, 16 psi

CLASS C

1990 onwards RWD Series Production Cars & Sports Cars

Rear wheel drive Series Production Cars & Sports Cars first registered on or after 1 January 1990.

Permitted modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.

Minimum tyre pressures - see also *Class Definition (xii)*:

Front-engined – 14 psi Mid/Rear-engined – 20 psi

CLASS D

Series Production Cars not eligible for any other Class and Kit Cars:

RWD SERIES PRODUCTION CARS and PRODUCTION KIT CARS*

Permitted modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.

* Production Kit Cars are not eligible for T11.12 and must only use wheels of the sizes detailed in their MSUK specification. Production Kit Cars must comply with T11.12.5 to T11.12.8.

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels - see also *Class Definition (xii)*:

FE Sports Cars up to 1800cc:	16 psi	FE Sports Cars over 1800cc:	22 psi
FE Saloon Cars up to 1800cc:	14 psi	FE Saloon Cars over 1800cc:	20 psi
RE Cars up to 1000cc:	22 psi	RE Cars over 1000cc:	26 psi

MODIFIED SERIES PRODUCTION CARS and MODIFIED KIT CARS**

Cars (not eligible for Classes A, B or C) complying with Motorsport UK Regulation T 10 Classes 1-6 and 7 (b) and front engined Kit Cars modified beyond Car Trials Formula regulations and up to the limits specified in T 10 Class 7 (c), and with the ACTC approved specification readily available for inspection. T10.1 may not apply as MOT is not required when off road. The Car Trials Wheels and Tyres regulations T11.12.5 and T11.12.6 must be complied with.

** Compliance shall not extend to T10.9. or T11.12. i.e. only wheels of the sizes detailed in their MSUK specification or ACTC specification may be used. In all other cases of rule compliance, Classic Reliability Trial Vehicles regulations will prevail.

Minimum tyre pressures on driven wheels - see also *Class Definition (xii)*:

FWD Cars	16 psi	FE RWD Cars	22 psi
FE Kit Cars	24 psi	RE Cars	26 psi

3.0 NOTES:

- 3.1 The organisers of some events may include sections which are timed, have split routes, have different starts, have restart sections or other tests of a similar nature.
- 3.2 For Championship scoring purposes, Classes cannot be amalgamated.

4.0 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Championship Contenders are eligible for the Gold Star® and may be eligible for the Silver Star® or Bronze Star®. *The order of precedence for the awards is as listed below; with the exception of Special Awards 1 to 4, no contender may win more than one award.*

4.1 GOLD STAR®

- 4.1.1 All registered contenders are automatically eligible.
- 4.1.2 Scoring: (See below)
- 4.1.3 Award: To the overall Champion: The FLATHER PRODUCTION CAR TRIAL Trophy and an Award.

4.2 SILVER STAR®

- 4.2.1 The following drivers are ineligible for registration in this Championship:
 - 4.2.1.1 those who are eligible for the Bronze Star® Championship;
 - 4.2.1.2 those who have within the previous 10 years won outright either the BTRDA Gold Star® or Motorsport UK British Car Trial (or PCT) Championships.
- 4.2.2 Scoring: (See below)
- 4.2.3 Awards: To the overall Champion: The PETER EASTON Trophy & an Award.
To the runner up: The ALAN EADON Trophy & an Award.

4.3 BRONZE STAR®

- 4.3.1 The following drivers are ineligible for registration in this Championship:
 - 4.3.1.1 those who, at the commencement of the Championship year, have won two or more 1st in Class or Overall awards in BTRDA Car Trials Championship events in the last two consecutive years;
 - 4.3.1.2 those who have within the previous 10 years won outright the BTRDA Bronze Star® Championship;
 - 4.3.1.3 those who have ever won the BTRDA Gold Star®, BTRDA Silver Star® or Motorsport UK British Car Trial (or PCT) Championships.
- 4.3.2 Scoring: (See below)
- 4.3.3 Awards: To the overall Champion: The MIKE HARRISON MEMORIAL Trophy & an Award.
To the runner up: The DUDLEY Trophy & an Award.

4.4 SCORING – GOLD STAR®, SILVER STAR® & BRONZE STAR® CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Scoring for the awards will be on the competitor's best **five** qualifying events plus the Grand Final Trial. Points will be awarded from the Class positions as determined by the event's published final results on the following basis:

- 1st in Class - 10 points
- 2nd in Class - 9 points
- 3rd in Class - 8 points
- 4th in Class - 7 points and so on down to a minimum of 1.

If there are fewer than four starters in the Class, the points score will be reduced by one point.

At the Grand Final Trial, the Class position points will count doubled, and the winner of the Final (on index of performance) will receive 5 bonus points. Ties will be decided in favour of the competitor who is placed highest on index of performance at the Grand Final Trial.

If the minimum number of events a contender needs to start is reduced per Rule 1.5, then the number of qualifying events to count will re-align therewith.

4.5 CLASS AWARDS: - To the winner of each Class at the Grand Final Trial:

- Class **A**: The COLIN VALENTINE Trophy and an Award
- Class **B**: The EADON MORRIS Trophy and an Award
- Class **C**: The MALCOLM BROWN Trophy and an Award
- Class **D**: The BILL MOFFATT Trophy and an Award

Second in each Class - with ten or more competitors in the Class at the Grand Final Trial: an Award.

4.6 SPECIAL AWARDS:

4.6.1 The MAC HAZLEWOOD Trophy and an Award to the competitor scoring the highest total number of points taking all qualifying events into account. Points will be awarded from the Class positions on the following basis:

1st in Class-		10 points
2nd in Class	-	9 points
3rd in Class	-	8 points
4th in Class	-	7 points and so on down to a minimum of 1.

If there are fewer than four starters in the Class, the points score will be reduced by one point. A tie will be decided in favour of the driver starting in the greatest number of qualifying events, then in the event of a further tie in favour of the driver with the greatest number of 1st in Class places, etc.

4.6.2 The JACK WILLIAMS Trophy and an Award to the competitor scoring the least number of scratch penalty points in any five qualifying events plus the Grand Final Trial. *If the minimum number of events a contender needs to start is reduced per Rule 1.5, then the number of qualifying events to count will re-align therewith.*

4.6.3 LADIES AWARD: The NANCY MITCHELL CHALLENGE Trophy and an Award to the female contender scoring highest on index of performance at the Grand Final Trial only.

4.6.4 CRESTED SPOON to the BTRDA member finishing highest on the published index of performance position in each of the qualifying events.

4.6.5 The MIKE STEPHENS Trophy to the Motor Club which, in the opinion of the Car Trials Committee, organised the best event of all meetings qualifying for the current year's Car Trials Championship. This award may not be won by the same Club three years consecutively. The Trophy may be retained by the winning club for nine months from the date of official presentation.

4.7 CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES:

4.7.1 All named trophies remain the property of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd and may be retained by the winner for nine months from the date of official presentation; this rule may be varied at the discretion of the Car Trials committee and will be made known to all trophy winners.

4.7.2 References herein to BTRDA Gold Star®, Silver Star® or Bronze Star® are confined to this Championship only.

5.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The Championship Calendar of Events will be published and kept updated on the BTRDA® Car Trials web page:
<https://btrda.com/about-car-trials/>

Signifies a change from the 2022 Rules.

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