

ACTC CLASSIC TRIALS SERIES - RULES AND REGULATIONS



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1 GENERAL

1.1 The ACTC Classic Trials Series runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year. Details of all events, including championship qualifying events, events to which Competition Members are invited, and events which are closed to members of the organising club, are published during the Autumn of the preceding year. The event calendar is subject to alterations, additions or deletions at the discretion of ACTC. Amendments will be published in Restart magazine and, if appropriate, notified to Competition Members directly.

1.2 ACTC is opposed to sponsorship of competitors and prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles. Scrutineers are instructed not to allow vehicles displaying any such material to compete in the ACTC Classic Trials Series events. Furthermore, any Competition Member who benefits in any financial manner (i.e. by receiving cash) by way of sponsorship as a result of his or her participation in these events from any commercial firm, business or enterprise, will forfeit any awards presented by ACTC and future entries to ACTC Series events will be denied.

2 EVENT ORGANISATION

2.1 All series events must comply with the General Regulations of The Motor Sports Association Ltd and the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile.

2.2 The dates on which the events are held in any particular year are agreed by the Council of ACTC and may not be changed without the written approval of the ACTC.

2.3 Events may be added to the Series calendar but, before inclusion in any of the ACTC Championships, ACTC may require them to be observed by a nominated person or persons who shall submit a written report which may recommend inclusion in the Championship for the approval of the ACTC Council. ACTC aims to maintain and improve the standard of organisation of Classic Trials. Guidance on the features which ACTC considers desirable is detailed in the booklet 'Check lists and Guidelines for Organisers of Classic Trials', and the regular reports of the Championship Monitor.

3 COMPETITORS

3.1 All car competitors shall comply with the relevant Regulations of the current MSA Competitor's and Officials' Yearbook. All motor cycle competitors shall comply with the relevant sections of the current Auto Cycle Union handbook.

3.2 Registration as a Competition Member entitles competitors to receive the Entry Forms and Regulations for relevant events in the ACTC Series, and to receive the ACTC 'Restart' magazine. Registration as a Competition Member does not guarantee an entry in any event.

3.3 To register as a Competition Member, the Competition Membership Application Form must be completed and sent, together with the appropriate fee, to the official whose name and address is specified on the form.

3.4 Competition Members must be current members of one of Member Clubs of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs and declare this membership on the Competition Membership Application Form. Confirmation of Competition Membership will be acknowledged by the issue of a Letter of Receipt, or confirmatory email, which will include the Members Registration Number, the date of issue by the official, and the date of expiry of the Competition Membership.

3.5 Competition Members competing in cars must possess a Competition Licence issued by the Motor Sports Association. Passengers in cars in National B events must be members of an ACTC Member Club or hold an ACTC Car Passenger Licence. Competition licences, and evidence of club membership or an ACTC Car Passenger Licence, must be produced at each championship qualifying event.

3.6 Competition Members competing on motorcycles, and their passengers in Class D (and in three wheelers if applicable), must be registered with the ACU as trials riders. ACU licences must be produced at each championship qualifying event.

3.7 Competition Members may choose which events to enter. It is not necessary to advise ACTC of the events selected but the Member's Registration Number must be stated on the entry forms for each event in order that championship points can be recorded.

3.8 ACTC will issue a mailing list of Competition Members to the organisers of all ACTC invited events with a request that Entry Forms and Regulations should be sent to those listed. However, it is the responsibility of Competition Members to obtain such regulations for qualifying events. Acceptance of entry in a qualifying event is a matter for the discretion of the promoting club.

3.9 Any Competition Member who, by virtue of his or her behaviour, whether connected with his or her vehicle or not, engages in any activity likely to bring the Championships, the ACTC, or its Member Clubs into disrepute may have disciplinary measures applied to him or her. These measures to be decided upon by the Panel of Stewards as defined in 4.7.

3.10 Registered navigators, motorcycle riders, and others with an interest in Classic Trials, may receive the ACTC 'Restart' magazine on payment of the appropriate fee.

4 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND SCORING SYSTEM

4.1 ACTC desires to promote participation in its Classic Trials Series by a wide range of vehicles, particularly those produced in years gone by. The aim is to arrange circumstances so that such vehicles may compete on equal terms with their modern counterparts. Qualifying events for the ACTC Championships must use the vehicle classes defined in Appendix A1 for Cars and Appendix B1 for Motorcycles.

4.2 The scoring system for each event shall comply with MSA Regulations for Classic Reliability Trials. Index of Performance is not employed in any of the ACTC Championships. In cases where an organising club employs such an index to allocate its awards, the index will be discounted and Championship points allocated on a marks lost basis.

4.3 A Competition Member competing in a car will score points in both the Wheelspin Trophy League and the Crackington Cup League simultaneously. At the end of the season, when scores are computed, a Competition Member who wins an award in the Wheelspin Trophy League will forgo his/her right to an award in the Crackington Cup League. This ensures the distribution of awards to a broader cross-section of Competition Members.

4.4 In the event of ties, preference will be given to the contender with the greatest number of first places. If the tie remains unresolved then preference will be given to the contender with the greatest number of second places and so on until the issue is resolved.

4.5 All trophies will remain the property of ACTC and must be returned on request. Replicas will be awarded to winners in the Wheelspin Trophy, Crackington Cup and Pouncy Leagues and will remain the property of the winners. The awards will be presented annually at a date and venue to be announced.

4.6 If by any reason of postponement or cancellation of an event forming part of the Series, or if by any reason of any alteration or suspension or annulment of results arising from an event or events forming part of the Series, or if in the opinion of the Council an event or events should be excluded from the Series, or if in the opinion of the Council an event or events should be included, Council may either cancel the Championship or modify or vary part of the terms thereof as Council may in its sole discretion think fit. In any of such cases, no subscription or entry fees will be refunded. The decision of the Council is final and binding.

4.7 In the event of any dispute concerning the Championship the ACTC has appointed a Panel of Stewards who shall have sole jurisdiction in such matters. The Panel of Stewards consists of the Chairman of the Council, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Championship Secretary and the Championship Monitor, and they shall have the right to seek legal or technical advice from any source they select.

4.8 The Wheelspin Trophy League (for Cars)

Points are awarded for the Competition Member's overall finishing position in qualifying events:

Ten points for 1st position overall.
Nine points for 2nd position overall.
etc. down to
One point for the 10th position overall.

Trophies are awarded as follows:

- 1st The Wheelspin Trophy. A tribute to the late Austen May.
- 2nd The Autofarm Trophy. Kindly donated by Autofarm Ltd of Amersham.
- 3rd The Stalwarts Trophy. A tribute to the late John Walker of MCC.
- 4th The Dellow Trophy. Kindly donated by the Dellow Register.
- 5th The Cloudsmans Trophy. Kindly donated by the Cotswold Cloudsmen.

4.9 The Crackington Cup and Navigators' Leagues (for Cars)

Points are awarded for the Competition Member's finishing position in class in qualifying events:

Ten points plus decimal factor for 1st position in class or higher award.
Nine points plus decimal factor for 2nd position in class.
etc. down to
One point plus decimal factor for 10th position in class.

The decimal factor provides for different sizes of classes and is calculated as follows:

Decimal Factor = 1 for ten or more starters in class.
Decimal Factor = 0.9 for nine starters in class.
Decimal Factor = 0.8 for eight starters in class.
etc. down to
Decimal factor = 0.1 for one starter in class.

Trophies are awarded as follows:

The Crackington Cup League

- 1st The Crackington Cup. Kindly donated by MCC.
- 2nd The Mottershead & Smith Cup. Kindly donated by Mottershead & Smith of Birmingham.
- 3rd The Enthusiasts Cup. In memory of the late J Maurice Toulmin.
- 4th The Mike Stephens Cup. Kindly donated by Mike Stephens.
- 5th The Pegasus Cup. Kindly donated by the Mountain Kingsmen.

The Navigators' League

- 1st The Sportsmans Trophy. Kindly donated by Torbay MC in memory of Crispin Fuller.
- 2nd The Woolbridge Trophy. Kindly donated by Woolbridge MC.
- 3rd The Olivers Cup.

4.10 The Pouncy League and Red Rose Bowl (for Motorcycles)

There are two championships for motorcycles – the Pouncy League for solos and the Red Rose Bowl for sidecar outfits and three-wheelers. Points are awarded for both championships as follows:

Ten points for a 1st position in class.
Nine points for a 2nd position in class
etc. down to
One point for a 10th position in class.

Ties will be resolved firstly by the engine size of the bike used most frequently by the rider(s), the smaller engine size prevailing, and secondly by the number of class wins.

Trophies are awarded as follows:

- 1st The Pouncy Trophy. A tribute to Jack Pouncy, kindly donated by ACTC.
- 2nd The Templeton Cup. Kindly donated by Anne and Jim Templeton.
- 3rd The Andrews Trophy. Kindly donated by Richard Andrews.
- 4th The Bude and District Challenge Cup. Kindly donated by Launceston and North Cornwall Motor Club.
- 5th The Muddy Fox Cup. Kindly donated by Richard Dawe.

The Red Rose Bowl is awarded to the highest placed sidecar outfit. Kindly donated by David Alderson.

4.11 MCC events

The three MCC Historic Reliability Trials, the Exeter Trial, the Lands End Trial, and the Edinburgh Trial are qualifying events for all ACTC Leagues.

Points are awarded in the ACTC Car Leagues as follows:

Five points for a First Class (or higher) award.

Three points for a Second Class award.

One point for a Third Class award.

Points are awarded in the two ACTC Motorcycle Leagues as follows:

Ten points for a First Class (or higher) award.

Six points for a Second Class award.

Three points for a Third Class award.

Competition Members are reminded that they must be members of the MCC to compete in these 'closed to club' events, and that they are run in accordance with the MCC SSRs which may differ from ACTC regulations.

4.12 The Troll Trophy League (for Cars)

Teams shall consist of three or four members, not more than two of whom may be drawn from the 'Top Ten' in the previous year's individual car championships (Wheelspin Trophy and Crackington Cup). To qualify for a score on a particular event, at least three members of the team must enter the event and at least three must finish. The team score for an event is the combination of the three members' Crackington Cup scores. In the event of four team members finishing, the 'best three' individual Crackington Cup scores will count.

- 1st The Troll Trophy. Kindly donated by Troll Engineering.

4.13 Qualifying results

At the end of the Championship season, the following will apply:

More than 12 events run, competitor's best 9 results to count.

11 or 12 events run, competitor's best 8 results to count.

9 or 10 events run, competitor's best 7 results to count.

7 or 8 events run, competitor's best 6 results to count.

6 or 5 events run, competitor's best 5 results to count.

Less than 5 events run, at the discretion of Council, to be decided at the AGM.

4.14 Special Awards

The special awards are made at the sole discretion of ACTC.

The Coup des Dames

For the most successful lady competitor. Kindly donated by Marie T. Cope.

Rest & Be Thankful Trophy

For the Bouncer of the Year. Kindly donated by John Hayes.

Wait until Next Year Trophy

For the "Competitor who seems most likely to".

The Moore Trophy

For the best performance by a pre-1941 vehicle. Presented by Robin T. Moore.

The Premier Cup

For the best performance by a front-wheel drive car. Presented by Roger Ugalde.

Trial of the Year Award

Presented by ACTC.

Mike Massey Memorial Trophy

Presented by Norma Massey. To be awarded to a competitor who has behaved in a most sporting manner throughout the championship year. Specifically not a top five scorer in either the Wheelspin or Crackington Leagues.

5 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

5.1 The Technical Regulations for both cars and motorcycles are covered by a series of Appendices which are deemed part of these Rules and Regulations. The latest versions may be downloaded from the ACTC website.

A1 General Technical Requirements for Cars - January 2014 version until superceded.

A2 Approved Tyre List for Cars - January 2013 version until superceded.

A3 Guidelines for Class 2 Cars.

A4 Guidelines for Class 5(b) Cars.

B1 General Technical Requirements for Motorcycles - January 2014 version until superceded.

5.2 Vehicles competing in qualifying events for the ACTC Championships must comply with all the relevant Appendices listed in 5.1. Vehicles competing in other events in the ACTC Classic Trials Series must comply with the requirements listed in the Regulations for the event entered.

5.3 The Technical Regulations are administered by the Technical Panel which meets, as required, to consider changes to these regulations for vehicles competing in qualifying events for the ACTC Championships. The Technical Panel currently (January 2014) comprises:

ACTC Vice-Chairman (Chairman of the Technical Panel)

ACTC Chairman

ACTC Secretary

ACTC Championship Secretary

ACTC Class 7 Co-ordinator

ACTC Motorcycle Co-ordinator

ACTC Chief Scrutineer

The convenor of the MCC Car Regulations sub-committee (co-opted)

A representative of Stroud & District Motor Club (co-opted)

Any ACTC member club may request that a delegate of that club attend a meeting of the Technical Panel.

5.4 All matters concerning the Technical Regulations should be addressed to the ACTC Vice-Chairman, whose contact details may be found on the ACTC website.

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