

# ASWMC/ACTC CLASSIC TRIALS SERIES - RULES AND REGULATIONS

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## 1 GENERAL

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

**1.2** ASWMC/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 ASWMC/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 ASWMC/ACTC Series events will be denied.

## 2 EVENT ORGANISATION

**2.1** All series events must comply with the General Regulations of Motorsport UK 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 ASWMC & ACTC. The Championship Stewards may at the request of an Organising club, re-schedule or Cancel or Postpone Events.

**2.3** Events may be added to the Series calendar but, before inclusion in any of the ASWMC/ACTC Championships, ASWMC & 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 ASWMC & ACTC Council. ASWMC & ACTC aims to maintain and improve the standard of organisation of Classic Trials. Guidance on the features which ASWMC/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 Motorsport UK Yearbook. All motorcycle 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 ASWMC/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, either online, or to the official whose name and address is specified on the form.

**3.4** Car Competition Members, Drivers and Passengers, 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, Drivers and Passengers, competing in cars must possess an RS Clubman Licence (or a higher grade licence) issued by Motorsport UK. Competition licences, and evidence of club membership, 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 or AMCA as trials riders. ACU or AMCA appropriate 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 ASWMC/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** It is the responsibility of Competition Members to obtain 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 ASWMC/ACTC, or 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 drivers, navigators, motorcycle riders, and others with an interest in Classic Trials, may receive the printed version of the ACTC 'Restart' magazine on payment of the appropriate fee.

**3.11** By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

**3.11.1** Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require action and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

**3.11.2** It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at <https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/> by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

## **4 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND SCORING SYSTEM**

**4.1** ASWMC/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 ASWMC/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 Motorsport UK Regulations for Classic Reliability Trials. Index of Performance is not employed in any of the ASWMC/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. A Competition Member competing on a motorcycle will score points in both the Pouncy League overall and the Pouncy League class championships. At the end of the season, when scores are computed, a Competition Member in a car who wins an award in the Wheelspin Trophy League will forgo his/her right to an award in the Crackington Cup League. A Competition Member on a motorcycle who wins an award in the Pouncy League overall will forgo his/her right to an award in the Pouncy League class championship. 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, 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:

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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 <b>Crossflow</b> Cup.   |

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

There are three championships for motorcycles – the Pouncy League overall and the Pouncy League class for solos and the Red Rose Bowl for sidecar outfits and three-wheelers.

Points are awarded for Pouncy League overall championships as follows:

Fifteen points for a 1st position overall.

Fourteen points for a 2nd position overall.

etc. down to

One point for a 15th position overall.

Points are awarded for the Pouncy League class championship as follows:

Ten points plus decimal factor for 1st position in class.

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.

Points are awarded for the Red Rose Bowl 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 Points for Event Organisers

Points will be awarded to Event Organisers in the Wheelspin, Crackington, Navigators, Pouncy League overall, Pouncy League class and Red Rose Bowl Championships. 8 points will be awarded to Clerk of the Course, Secretary of the Meeting, Deputy Clerk of the Course and Chief Marshal who have also entered any of the Championships.

#### 4.12 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 Car Leagues as follows:

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

Five points for a Second Class award.

Three points for a Third Class award.

One point for no award finish.

Points are awarded in the two 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.

One point for no award finish.

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 ASWMC/ACTC regulations.

#### 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.

<i>Wait until Next Year Trophy</i>	For the "Competitor who seems most likely to....."
<i>The Moore Trophy</i>	For the best performance by a pre 1941 vehicle. Presented by Robin T. Moore
<i>Trial of the Year Award</i>	Presented by ACTC.
<i>Mike Massey Memorial Trophy</i>	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 2022 version until superseded
- A2 Approved Tyre List for Cars - **February 2023** version until superseded
- A3 Guidelines for Class 2 Cars
- A4 Guidelines for Class 5(b) Cars
- B1 General Technical Requirements for Motorcycles - January 2023 version until superseded

**5.2** Vehicles competing in qualifying events for the ASWMC/ACTC Championships must comply with all the relevant Appendices listed in 5.1. Vehicles competing in other events in the ASWMC/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 ASWMC/ACTC Championships. The Technical Panel currently (January 2022) 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 General Secretary, whose contact details may be found on the ACTC website.

## APPENDIX 1



A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)

*#RaceWithRespect*

**The Values**

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to *#RaceWithRespect* and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.