

EAST MIDLANDS ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR CLUBS

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT RULES

(For Organisers)

1 General:

- 1.1** The 'East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd' hereafter referred to as the EMAMC will promote a variety of Championships with the object of increasing interest in these types of events amongst members of Clubs affiliated to the EMAMC.
- 1.2** All clubs affiliated to the EMAMC may submit only National B events to be considered for inclusion in any of the Championships.
- 1.2.1** Championship status will only be granted to an event at the discretion of the relevant Championship Registrar, once the Registrar believes that the event and its organisation meet the EMAMC standards.
- 1.2.2** New members of the EMAMC should note that they may be required by the relevant Championship Registrar to have their events observed by a representative of the EMAMC before Championship status can be approved.
- 1.3** Organising clubs will pay a levy per event for acceptance in a Championship. Levies should be paid at the beginning of the Championship season. Should the event fail to run the Levy shall be returned in full.
- 1.3.1** Clubs running dual Championship events will pay one full, and one half levy.
- 1.4** Clubs should submit event dates to the EMAMC Secretary on or before the date specified on the Dates Application Form.
- 1.4.1** Clubs who have not paid their Annual Subscription prior to the start of the July delegates meeting may not propose their events for inclusion in the EMAMC Championships.
- 1.5** Organising clubs must send a copy of event regulations, final instructions and a full entry list to the appropriate Championship Registrar as soon as they are available. Copies of event regulations or a flyer with sponsor's logos should be sent to all member clubs of the EMAMC.
- 1.5.1** Organising clubs being observed must send a copy of event regulations, final instructions and a full entry list to the EMAMC Secretary and the relevant Championship Registrar as soon as they are available.
- 1.6** The club will provide proper facilities at signing on for the Championship Registrar together with the proper provision for the EMAMC promotional material and that of the Championship Sponsor.
- 1.6.1** Promotional material for individual events will appear in Championship Bulletins. It is the responsibility of organisers to provide this material to the respective Championship Registrars. This information will be sent to Championship Contenders and member clubs of the EMAMC at least bi-monthly by the Executive committee.
- 1.7** The event will comply with individual Championship Regulations.
- 1.7.1** Event Regulations will carry the Championship Title, Championship Permit Number and a full-page advertisement for the Championship Sponsor.

- 1.8** Full results must be sent to the Championship Registrar within seven days of being declared final. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the organising club not having a future event considered for a Championship.
- 1.9** When an event within the EMAMC Championship is moved for any reason the Clerk of the Course for that event must contact at the earliest possibility the EMAMC Secretary and the Clerks of the Course of events on either side of the new intended running date of the event prior to submitting the new date. In the event of any dispute the EMAMC Executive Committee's decision will be final.
- 1.9.1** Clubs accepting authorisation of a date for a Championship round other than the notified date without consulting the Association will result in the withdrawal of Championship Status. In the event of any dispute, the EMAMC Executive Committee's decision will be final.
- 1.9.2** In the event of a date change or cancellation after the Championship Regulations have gone to print the organising club may be held responsible for any costs incurred by the Association as a result of this change. If the date change is unavoidable, clubs must comply with 1.9.
- 1.10** Clubs must ensure that the Secretary of the Meeting or another nominated official contacts the Association Secretary and Championship Registrar **before** publication of the regulations for the event to allow time for the distribution of the information to the registered contenders and member clubs of the Association. Event Regulations must state the date and time of the opening of online entries.

2 Individual Championship Rules

2.1 EMAMC Stage Rally Championship.

- 2.1.1** All entry lists must show which competitors are registered contenders.
- 2.1.2** All entry lists must show which vehicles are four wheel drive.
- 2.1.3** Event regulations must include the current EMAMC sponsors advertisement.

2.2 EMAMC Road Rally Championship.

- 2.2.1** The Championship will consist of events running under a National B permit.
- 2.2.2** All entry lists must show which competitors are registered contenders.
- 2.2.3** With effect from 1st January 2012, the EMAMC may appoint one or more DSOs to any of its Road Rally Championship events.
- 2.2.4** The **only** types of **navigation** permitted on Championship events are as follows:-

A. Map References (MRs)

- If MRs are out of order they **MUST** be numbered or lettered.
- If MR "avoids" (black spots) are used they must also be in number or letter order in the on-going direction of the route.
- Roman numerals or other coding of MRs must not be used e.g. A=1, B=2 etc.
- may include KM squares i.e. 4 figure map references

Recommendations – To limit long lists of map references and especially lists of blackspots to just two or three handouts. (OK for pre-plot).

B. Tulip Diagrams

- Must have EITHER a head or a tail (or both). However in circumstances where a wrong decision or guess would send competitors immediately straight into a problem (such as a black spot, a 30 mph limit, private road, against rally traffic etc.) then the tulip should have both a head and tail.
- If out of order, all tulips must be numbered or lettered (again no Roman numerals).
- "Mirror image" tulips must not be used.

C. Herringbones

- May be circular or geometric BUT they MUST have a start point AND direction of travel.
- "Mirror image" herringbones must not be used.
- All herringbones must have start point (i.e. no guessing which end to start).

D. Grid lines

- Either in order or, if out of order, they must be numbered or lettered.
- Must not include instructions "to cross grid line X so many times and Y so many times".

E. Spot Heights (SHs)

- Either in order or, if out of order, they must be numbered or lettered.
- SHs must not comprise a mathematical calculation (e.g. "pass through 8 SHs totalling 798 metres").

F. Photocopies of maps

- Self-explanatory.

G. Map Tracings

- These may be used but MUST be to scale and numbered or lettered. Also all PCs and GWs must be marked on the tracings.

H. Grid Boxes

- These may be used (as diagrams) BUT they MUST be numbered or lettered and the point of both approach and departure must be indicated.

J. Map Features

- These may be used BUT ONLY where they actually appear to touch the road (such as letters, gradient arrows and mileposts). Therefore cannot have something like "pass within 100 metres of a church with a steeple, 200 metres of a Battlefield and 300 metres of a Nature Reserve".

2.2.5 Events must conform to the following use of code boards: -

- Code boards - in the interests of safety they must not be put on, or just over, brows.
- Code boards must NOT be secretly located i.e. they must either have a specific map reference or be specified between two reasonably close parameters on the map e.g. "PCA is between tulip junctions 3 and 4" or "PCB is in the SW quarter of KM square 1234".
- Code boards must conform to the MSA ruling, regarding size and maximum number of digits (note - there is no minimum number of digits).
- Code boards situated on not-as-map grass triangles MUST either have a sketch plan in the route instructions or a standing instruction in the pre-event paperwork saying "go the long way round all those junctions specified as GT in the handouts".

Additional recommendations – code boards

- That reflective (part) number plates are used.
- That there is one box per passage/code board on the time cards (no more, no less).
- Penalty for missing a passage, route or secret check to be in minutes, either 5 or 10 minutes, rather than a Fail.

- 2.2.6** If regularity **sections** are used, any calculations required must be sensible and able to be computed "in the head" - thus instructions such as "drive at 23.7 mph to the tenth junction and then at 25.8 mph to the sixth spot height" are NOT allowed!
- 2.2.7** Rejoin points must specify the approach and must be where a handout is collected. There must be at least six rejoin points in the whole rally (excluding start and finish controls). One may be the rest halt. At least two rejoin points and the half way halt must be given at the start, the remaining three must be given at the rest halt or at some point before. In the case of events running under a **navigational permit** then the event should comply with **R 16.1.5** of the Blue book.
- 2.2.8** Organisers are free to use **white roads** as they deem fit BUT the approximate amount of white mileage must be stated in the event regulations and whether a sump guard is recommended. Be honest!
Recommendation: Organisers to be totally honest in the event regulations regarding 'white' mileage and condition of the surface.
- 2.2.9** Event **regulations** must comply with the following: -
- They **MUST** state that the navigation will conform to the EMAMC standards and (for the benefit of novices) contain examples of the types being used.
 - A copy of the draft regulations for either new events or established events but with a new Clerk of the Course must be sent to the Road Rally Championship Registrar for vetting.
 - They **MUST** include the current EMAMC sponsor's advertisement.
- 2.2.10** Strong consideration should be given to ensure novices get to the end of the first half so that all (or at least most) have sufficient time make-up to be able to leave the half-way on their due minute (even if this means a fairly easy first half for experts).
- 2.2.11** PCs and GWs should be given in the general flow of the navigation and not in small print at the bottom of the page e.g. do NOT say PCs or GWs "will be found at the 17th and 29th junctions".
- 2.2.12** If any 30 or 40 mph zones are used on competitive sections it must be forewarned in the handout or cautioned in the pre-plot.