

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs
Common Rules Applying to All Championships
(These must be read together with the relevant Championship regulations)

General

1. The Championship must be referred to at all times by their correct title.
2. All artwork provided by the Championships must be used on and in the regulations and websites for events, along with any other paperwork if possible.
3. Events for the Championship will be chosen by the Competition Committee, and their decision will be final. As far as possible, events will be spread evenly throughout the year. If there is a clash of dates, the Competitions Committee has the right to choose the event to be included in the Championship.
The Stewards of the Association for each Championship will be listed in the Championship rules. If any of these Stewards are involved as officials on a connected event, other Stewards will be selected from the Competition Committee members.
Clubs organising rounds of a championship must have been a WAMC member club the previous year. Any member club that has not paid membership fees by end of February in the current championship year may have the event that is in a championship organised by them removed.
The WAMC holds Annual Championship Meetings and all clubs who host a round of the championship must attend the Annual Meeting failure to attend the Annual Meeting will result in the event for the Championship not being considered for the following year. The WAMC will circulate invitation letters to Clubs advising them of the venue and date.
4. If through force majeure, any of the qualifying event dates are altered or any event is cancelled, the promoters of the Championship reserve the right to accept a change of date, cancel that round, substitute an event or alter the number of events on which scores count. The Championship Registration form will contain a statement to that effect, which will be a condition of entering the Championship. The total number of rounds in the Championship will not be increased. Notification of any changes will be given to all Championship contenders.
5. Once the Championship has started the rules and regulations of the Championship may only be changed with the approval of the panel of Stewards and the Motorsport UK.
6. Championship Event Secretaries are obliged to supply the appropriate Championship Secretary with a set of results within **seven** days of their event. Exceptionally, if the results are being protested, the results must be supplied within **seven** days of them being declared final, in this instance, the Championship Secretary **MUST** be informed of the delay. The penalty for not complying will be a fine of £25.00.
7. Championship Secretary – No WAMC Championship secretary/coordinator may register as a contender in their own respective WAMC Championship. They are permitted to enter the event as a competitor.
8. When an event is co-promoted, all clubs must be WAMC members, unless dispensation is given by the WAMC Competition Committee.
9. WAMC OBSERVERS

9.1 Organisers should note that a WAMC Observer may be appointed to an event to observe compliance with WAMC regulations & rules.

9.2 Organisers should note that any event wishing to apply for Welsh Championship status in any year whether in current series or not, must obtain an Observer's report for the previous event (the event observation must not be more than two years old). The onus is on the organisers to contact the relevant Championship Secretary, at least six weeks before the date of the event, so that an observer can be appointed. The appointed Observer must be supplied with all relevant documents before, during and after the event (so that they are in possession of a full set of documentation for that event)

9.3 Any Championship Secretary cannot observe any event that is organised by their club. The WAMC will appoint an independent observer to undertake this role.

9.4 The WAMC observer form must be completed and sent to the WAMC Chairman, Competition Committee Chairman, and the relevant Championship Secretary within seven days of the event taking place. A copy of the report will also be sent to the organising Club.

10. The Competitions Committee is empowered to impose sanctions against organising Clubs and/or individuals who are members of the WAMC. For example, sanctions may be imposed in case of Bad Public Relations work, bad organisation or conduct prejudicial to the interest of motor sport (item 4.03 of the WAMC Constitution refers to this). Clubs and/or individuals will have the right to appeal.

11. COMPETITORS

11.1 Contenders in the Championship round must make available an area of 100 square inches on each side of the car for publishing the Championship and its sponsors. The Championship/Sponsor's decals should be placed on both sides of the car, above the line of the wheel arch.

Championship/Sponsors decals must be carried on competing cars on all events otherwise points will not be allocated to the Competitor, for that event. No contenders may opt out of the championship.

11.2 Contenders must state that they are Championship entrants on the entry form of each event. Claiming Championship points after the event is not permitted.

11.3 Any vehicle that has been/is used in the Championship, could be at any time, for reasons of eligibility, be stripped or sealed for examination by a Motorsport UK eligibility scrutineer with all the costs of stripping and rebuilding to be borne by the competitor. In the event of a vehicle being found ineligible for any reason or failure to agree to stripping/sealing or breaking of a seal will result in the loss of points gained throughout the year, and/or penalty decided by the Stewards of the Championship.

11.4 To make provision for Scrutineer's wire seals, every engine must enable seals to be affixed and as such must have 3mm diameter holes pre-drilled in readily accessible locations on installed engines.

a) Sump

Cross drilled holes through two retaining screws or studs.

b) Rocker/cam cover head studs or screws.

If no sealing holes are available the engine may be checked straight away, alternatively no Championship points will be awarded.

If a scrutineer decides that it is not practical to use wire seals, then parts may be sealed by special reactive paint or other suitable method.

11.5 Where applicable to the Championship, drivers and co-drivers may only nominate one class on each qualifying event for scoring purposes based on their stated class on the official entry form. Points from one class cannot be carried into another class.

11.6 Points will be allocated from the final results of each qualifying event for the Championship Secretary, who will also deal with any quires. Overall and class positions will be displayed where possible at the start of each qualifying event and emailed to all registered contenders after each event, and final (within 5 days of this). Registered contenders will have ten days after results are posted to query points allocated. After ten days the results will stand and under no circumstances will be discussed. Results may also be posted on the WAMC web site or relevant championship site.

11.7 In the event of a tie between two or more championship contenders the contender who has gained the most class wins will be deemed the winner. If there is still a tie, then the most second-class positions and so on down through the class positions to decide the winner (e.g., on a stage rally, if Competitor A was faster than Competitor B on stage 1, then Competitor A would be declared the winner. Each stage time would be considered until a winner is found by virtue of being the first to beat the other competitor). All registered championship contenders must start at least 4 events in the respective championship to be eligible for an award within their championship, unless modified by Individual Championship Regulations.

11.8 Any competitor in any Welsh Association Championship, who is found guilty, as a Competitor, at a Motorsport UK National Court, will be excluded from the Championship for such a period as determined by a Motorsport UK Tribunal and in any event for a minimum of 12 months.

12 APPLICATIONS FOR FOREST STAGE ALLOCATIONS

12.1 The Forestry Liaison Officer (FLO's), in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales, Rally4Wales and the Motorsport UK, coordinate the allocation of forestry special stages in Wales on land controlled by Natural Resources Wales. The allocation year runs from 1 January to 31 December and applications should be submitted to the appropriate FLO by the 1 July before final submission to the Motorsport UK no later 1 August of the previous year. Applications forms are available from either the Motorsport UK or the FLO.

12.2 Wales MSUK FLO's are:

North & Mid Wales Conservancy (Coed y Gororau, Coed y Mynydd)
Kevin Witton
South Wales Conservancy (Llandoverly & Coed y Cymmoedd)
Keith Ashley

13 VENUE LIAISON OFFICERS

13.1 Current Venue Liaison Officers are:

Pembrey Circuit Elen Worthington
Motorsport UK Military Liaison Officer Chris Phillips

14 EPYNT AND CAERWENT

14.1 Applications for use of all military land on Epynt and Caerwent must be made on application form supplied by the Epynt & Caerwent Liaison Officer, including forestry tracks/blocks under their ownership, listing all dates for the following two years, starting from January 1. These forms, together with details of the provisional live firing dates, where appropriate, will be sent to existing users. These forms must be submitted by the 30 June in each calendar year, for consideration by the Competitions Committee, before being forwarded to the Army for consideration and authorisation. Exceptionally, applications outside this timetable must be made on the application form supplied by the Epynt Liaison Officer, for consideration by the Competition Committee prior to being considered by the army.

14.2 It must be understood that military training will take precedence over any other use. Acceptance of an application form by the Association does not imply that any date is agreed, the final decision lies with the Army.

14.3 Organisers of events using either of these venues MUST attend a de-confliction meeting, held at 09.30 hrs at DTE Wales, Sennybridge, on the first Thursday of the month, two months in advance of their event taking place and MUST also attend the Annual Range Conference (the date of which will be advised by the Military Liaison Officer)

15. COMMON RULES APPLYING TO ALL RALLIES

15.1 LIAISON BETWEEN CLUBS – If a Club has occasion to transverse into another Club's district, then liaison must take place. If a Club has a local agreement with certain residents, as some Clubs do, they are obligated to let the Rally Liaison Officer know. Failure to comply with either of these requirements will result in a suitable penalty being applied to the offending club.

15.2 ROAD RALLIES

15.2.1.1 On "Scheduled Timed Events" there will be a maximum of 75 starters with a start time not before 23.00 hours. Championship rounds ONLY, will be permitted 90 starters, subject to Motorsport UK approval.

15.2.1.2 Competitors must:

Dip lights and extinguish auxiliary lights at the 50m board.

Reduce speed so that they can stop at the marshal's location without locking the wheels.

Leave the Marshal's location ONLY when the Marshal is clear of the car.

16. GIVE WAY RULE:

16.1 At least one Give Way junction must be manned on a road rally using the public highway and any competitor not ceasing forward movement at the junction will be excluded. Any competitor who stays in the control area or gives harassment to the marshal will be reported to the Stewards and/or Motorsports UK (*Competitors are reminded that the Stewards are allowed to impose a fine of up to £50.00*)

16.2 Give Way signs that are obscured may be supplemented by an extra sign erected by the organisers if they wish.

17. PUBLIC RELATIONS – P.R. signatures are required for the whole route, with P.R. Forms being received by the appropriate R.L.O., no later than fourteen days before the event.

18. DRIVING STANDARDS OBSERVER – The WAMC may appoint a Driving Standards Observer(s) for an event.

19. ENVIROMENTAL SCRUTINEER – All events must contact the Motorsport UK Environmental Inspector for Wales – Mr Rich Williams. He will appoint an environmental Scrutineer to your event.