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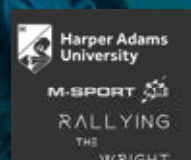
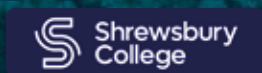
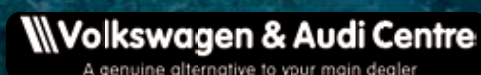
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| Name of the Event: | The Hills Ford Stages               |
| Organising Body:   | Cheltenham Motor Club               |
| Date of the Event: | 19th- 20th September 2026           |
| Event Type:        | Closed Road Asphalt Interclub Rally |

## FOREWORD

### Welcome to a Whole New Hills Ford Stages.

The organising team have been working tirelessly to deliver a really exciting and challenging event to you for 2026 and we hope you enjoy what we have put together. Never before has a closed road rally upped and moved into a new county, with a whole new concept and base. The team are all very grateful for your continued support and trust in us as we launch our new Hills Ford Stages. We also gratefully thank our title sponsor, Hills Ford, for their unceasing support and belief in us as we relocate.

This year we have been joined by various clubs in the region. Their invaluable camaraderie and collaboration in putting on this year's event have enabled us to ensure you will have a very enjoyable weekend of some of the best closed road rallying.

We are committed to delivering a high quality rally over the weekend and with this in mind, we have planned two days of action, starting on Saturday with a Ceremonial Start in Shrewsbury. This is followed by a collection of stages set within the grounds of Weston Park, providing a spectator special in this former RAC Rally favourite. Sunday will comprise a loop of stages within South Shropshire, run in two legs, once in the morning then again after lunch - making sure we pack in a full weekend of rallying.

This year we are grateful to the Halls Auction Centre, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, for the use of their facilities for a service park, regroup and an undercover scrutineering area. Rally Control will be in the same location, making sure the hub of the rally is all together. There are also two cafés on site for all to use - please support them.

Our Sportity App will be updated regularly, and we will also have updates on our website and on the Hills Ford Stages Facebook page. These sites will also provide you with details of the Ceremonial Start, camp sites, spectator areas and residents' information.

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This year, we are welcoming a total of six championships, many who have returned to us from competing in 2024. It is a privilege for us to be part of all these campaigns.

***We look forward to welcoming all the competitors to this year's rally and we hope you have an enjoyable, successful and safe weekend.***

*Thank you, from all the Organising Team*

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2021 - Meirion Evans/Jonathan Jackson - VW Polo R5

2023 - Mark Kelly/ Dai Roberts - Skoda Fabia R5

2024 - Callum Black / Jack Morton - Ford Fiesta Rally2

### SR1: ANNOUNCEMENT

Cheltenham Motor Club will organise and promote an Interclub Permit Closed Road Special Stages Rally on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September 2026. The event will be known as the Hills Ford Stages. Rally HQ will be based at:

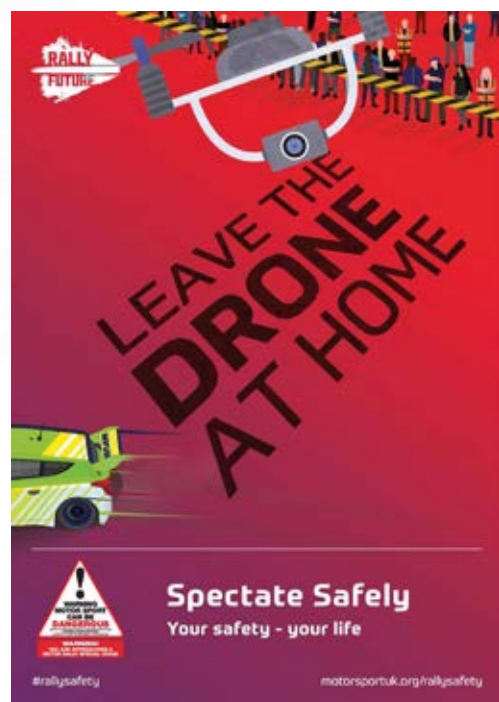
Halls Auction Centre,  
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Battlefield,  
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### SR2: JURISDICTION

The event will be held under the National Competition Rules 2026 of Motorsport UK (incorporating the Provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), the Championship Regulations listed in Article 4 (unless modified by these Supplementary Regulations), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organisers may issue.

### SR3: AUTHORISATION

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
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| Motor Race Order:     | TBA                      |
| Motorsport UK Permit: | Hills Ford Stages 206046 |



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## SR4: ORGANISATION

### CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TITLES FOR WHICH THE RALLY COUNTS

| CHAMPIONSHIP                                         | ROUND                  | PERMIT NO.      |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Championship           | 7 (championship Final) | CH2026/RALLY006 |
| The Roger Albert Clark Historic Asphalt Championship | 7 (championship Final) | CH2026/RALLY081 |
| The HRCR Stage Masters Championship                  | 7 (Double header)      | CH2026/RALLY026 |
| The HRCR Mini Cup Championship                       | 7 (Double header)      | CH2026/RALLY022 |
| The HRCR Cat 1 Cup                                   | 7 (Double header)      | CH2026/RALLY077 |
| The JD Tyres Welsh Tarmac Championship               | 9 (Double Header)      | CH2026/RALLY054 |
| TCS Plant Rally Challenge and Celtic Micra Challenge | 10                     | CH2026/RALLY033 |
| ANWCC Mini Challenge                                 | 9                      | CH2026/RALLY044 |

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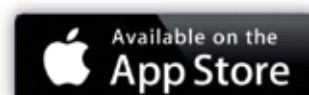
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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
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| EVENT STEWARD                 | Mike Broad                                                                                      | EVENT STEWARD                   | Kelvyn Davies         |
| EVENT DIRECTOR                | Kevin Smith                                                                                     | CLERK OF THE COURSE             | Dan Lister            |
| DEPUTY C.o.C                  | Keith Richings                                                                                  | DEPUTY C.o.C                    | Simon Marks           |
| ASSISTANT C.o.Cs              | Gavin Tarrant                                                                                   | EVENT SAFETY OFFICER            | Pete Self             |
|                               | Kelly Thomas                                                                                    | DEPUTY EVENT SAFETY OFFICER     | Rod Coleman           |
|                               | Andrew Rushton                                                                                  | SPECTATOR SAFETY OFFICER        | Clive Chinnick        |
| SECRETARY OF THE MEETING      | Anouska Lysandrou                                                                               | DEPUTY SPECTATOR SAFETY OFFICER | Lee Hampton-Whitehead |
| ENTRIES SECRETARY             | Julie Richings<br><a href="mailto:entry@cheltmc.com">entry@cheltmc.com</a>                      | INCIDENT OFFICER                | Neil Du Cros          |
| CHIEF MARSHAL                 | Luke Watts                                                                                      | CHIEF MEDICAL                   | Dr Stuart Hateley     |
| SAFEGUARDING OFFICER          | Kevin Smith                                                                                     | MEDIA OFFICER                   | Steve Andrews         |
| COMPETITOR LIAISON OFFICERS   | Eifion Jones                                                                                    | SPORTTRAXX AND TRACKING         | Craig Parry           |
|                               | Ryland James                                                                                    | CHIEF TIMEKEEPER                | Gethin Rees           |
| CHIEF SCRUTINEER              | Paul Loveridge                                                                                  | ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINEER        | Rob Baldwin           |
| HIGHWAYS                      | Nigel Beaumont                                                                                  | COMMUNITIES LIAISON             | Kim Butcher           |
| LEAD RADIO CONTROL            | Simon Marks                                                                                     |                                 | Lea Butcher           |
| RADIO CONTROL A               | Bob Clark                                                                                       | RADIO CONTROL C                 | Chris Evans           |
| RADIO CONTROL C               | Lucy Fryer                                                                                      | EQUIPMENT OFFICER               | Mike Lister           |
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## **SR5: COMPETITOR LIAISON OFFICERS**

Should competitors have any difficulty or query with rules, regulations, results, or any paperwork issued before or during the event, please bring it to the attention of the Competitor Liaison Officers who can then help or resolve a potential problem. The CLOs will be available at Documentation and at varying times at the Start, Service Area, and the Finish of the event.

## **SR6: JUDGES OF FACT AND DRIVING STANDARDS OFFICERS**

The Clerk of the Course will appoint Judges of Fact and Driving Standard Observers to adjudicate on infringements of these SRs and as per NCR 13.2.4.40, 13.2.4.41. A list of these Judges will be on display on the official notice board and Sportity. The Chief Scrutineer will be the Judge of Fact regarding vehicle eligibility. The start officials on all special stages will be empowered to judge whether a competitor has made a false start.

## **SR7: ELIGIBILITY**

7.1 Competitors must hold a valid Motorsport UK Stage Rally Competition licence of Interclub Status (or higher) and a valid club membership card (NCR 13.9.2).

7.2 The Hills Ford Stages has been inscribed on the Motorsport UK Fixture List and National Competitions with Authorised Foreign Participation (NCAFP) Calendar 2026. This will allow the participation of licence holders from other FIA recognised ASNs. Competitors and drivers who wish to take part in a competition organised abroad can only do so with the approval of their own ASN and organisers must be in possession of that approval before the competitor is allowed to compete.

7.3 All competitors (driver and co-driver) must comply with one of the following on the date of the event:

- A motorsport member of Cheltenham Motor Club
- Registered contender of at least one of the championship listed in the Championships (SR4)
- A member of a club that is a member of at least one of the following Associations: -
  - o Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs.
  - o Association of South Western Motor Clubs.
  - o The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs.
  - o Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs.

7.4 All competitors who are not members of a club that is part of an invited association or registered with an invited championship are required to join Cheltenham Motor Club.

7.5 Membership of Cheltenham Motor Club will be available from the date of membership application until 31st December 2026, for the reduced sum of £10 per person. This can be applied for through the online entry form.



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## SR8: PROGRAMME

To limit the impact to local residents crews must adhere to the recce timetable and in particular, the start and finish times on both Friday and Saturday.

|                                              | DATE                | TIME                            |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Regulations Published                        | 7th July 2026       | 10:00                           |
| Entries Open                                 | 13th July 2026      | 19:00                           |
| Entries Closed for Seeding                   | 7th September 2026  | 23:59                           |
| Final Instructions Published                 | 14th September 2026 |                                 |
| Entry amendments must be completed by        | 15th September 2026 |                                 |
| Entries close                                | 15th September 2026 | 23:59                           |
| Service Park opens                           | 18th September      | 11:30                           |
| Recce Signing On opens                       | 18th September      | 11:30 - 17:00                   |
|                                              | 19th September      | 07:30 - 10:00                   |
| Reconnaissance of Stages                     | 18th September 2026 | 12:00 - 17:30                   |
|                                              | 19th September 2026 | 07:30 - 14:30                   |
| Noise and Scrutineering                      | 18th September 2026 | 12:00 - 17:30                   |
|                                              | 19th September 2026 | 08:00 - 13:00                   |
| Rally Signing on open (Halls Auction Centre) | 18th September 2026 | 18:00 - 19:30                   |
|                                              | 19th September 2026 | 07:30 - 14:30                   |
| First Car leaves Service Out/MC0             | 19th September 2026 | 13:01                           |
| First Car leaves Ceremonial Start            | 19th September      | 13:19                           |
| First Car out of MC2 - Service Park Restart  | 20th September 2026 | 08:01                           |
| First Car due to Finish                      | 20th September 2026 | 16:44                           |
| Provisional Results Approx due time          | 20th September 2026 | 18:30                           |
| Award Presentation - Location within service | 20th September 2026 | On results being declared Final |

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## SR9: ROUTE AND EVENT FORMAT

9.1 The event will consist of 14 stages, 4 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday, comprising over 70 stage miles and 180 miles of public road sections.

9.2 The event takes place on Ordnance Survey Maps (1:50000) 126, 127, 137 and 138. Competitors will be issued with all route information and their Final Instructions on the Sportity App. When signing on to Recce each competitor will be provided with a colour A4 road book including a Map Book showing the stages and route to a scale of 1:50000.

9.3 Rally Control will be within Halls Auction Centre, Bowman Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, SY4 3DR. A virtual Notice Board will be found on the Sportity App and will carry all updated Bulletins and Start Times.

9.4 Service will be at Halls Auction Centre, Bowman Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury, SY4 3DR

 **/// golf.valve.lately.** - A virtual notice board will be on the competitors' channel of the Sportity App (Channel Code HFS26Comp)

9.5 Documentation and signing on for reconnaissance will be within the Halls Auction Centre, Battlefield, Shrewsbury located within the café adjacent to the scrutineering area at:

 **/// milky.retire.tame**

Recce signing on will be open on Friday 18th September between 11.30 and 17.00hrs and again on the 19th September between 07.30 and 10.00hrs.

9.6 Competing cars will need to be presented to Noise Test and Scrutineering as specified in the Final Instructions. Noise location is within the service area at Battlefield, Shrewsbury located at

 **/// ladder.crazy.gates** - On Friday 18th September from 12.00 until 17:00hrs and again on the 19th September between 08:00 and 12:00hrs.

9.7 MC 0 (Saturday 19th September) will be located at:

 **/// starts.roses.dark** - Within the service park area at Battlefield Shrewsbury, with access to be down the lane adjacent to the HQ car park, as will MC2 (first control of Sunday 20th September)

9.8 Competitor signing on will be open on Friday 18th September between 18.00 and 19.30hrs and on the 19th September between 07.30 and 14.30hrs. All competitors must produce, on demand of the Entries Secretary or Clerk of the Course their Process Card, a valid competition licence, club membership card, entrant's licence (where applicable), championship registration card(s) and sign a declaration that they have insurance covering the parts of the event on the public highway, with details of the insurance name and policy number, as part of the entry process.

9.9 There will be a Ceremonial Start in the afternoon along Claremont Street in Shrewsbury Town Centre

 **/// bleak.liked.proven** - on Saturday 19th September 2026



9.10 Competitors will leave the Service Area in seeded order and parade through the Ceremonial Start. Final details will be published in the Final Instructions

## **SR10: SUBJECTIVE ROUTE NOTES AND RECONNAISSANCE**

10.1 Subjective route notes will be allowed on this event (NCR 13.10.7.42). They can only be purchased from either Patterson Pacenotes (Michael Patterson) or Onthepacenote.co.uk (Craig Parry) and be specific for this event. It is the competitors' responsibility to order and pay for these notes direct from their chosen supplier, as the event organisers will not be involved in this process in any way. Alternatively, competitors can write their own subjective route notes during reconnaissance.

10.2 In all instances, competitors are advised that the organisers accept no liability or responsibility for the use of the subjective route notes.

SR10.3 Competitors may conduct a maximum of two passes of reconnaissance of the Sunday Stages throughout the entirety of the Reconnaissance window. This window is split across Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September and competitors can complete up to two passes on either one, or across both days. Before doing so, they must attend Reconnaissance signing-on between 11:30 & 17:00hrs on Friday 18th, or between 07:30 & 10:00hrs on Saturday 19th September.

10.4 At recce signing on, recce car identification and a self-fill time card will be issued, and the recce vehicle will be checked for compliance as below. Only 2 people are permitted to travel in a recce car. Should a crew member not be available to do the recce, a substitute will be permitted if the rally organisers are notified in advance.

10.5 The recce car identification should be placed at the top of the windscreen (on the near side) and on the rear window. The identification must be clearly visible when viewed from the front or rear of the vehicle at 20 metres.

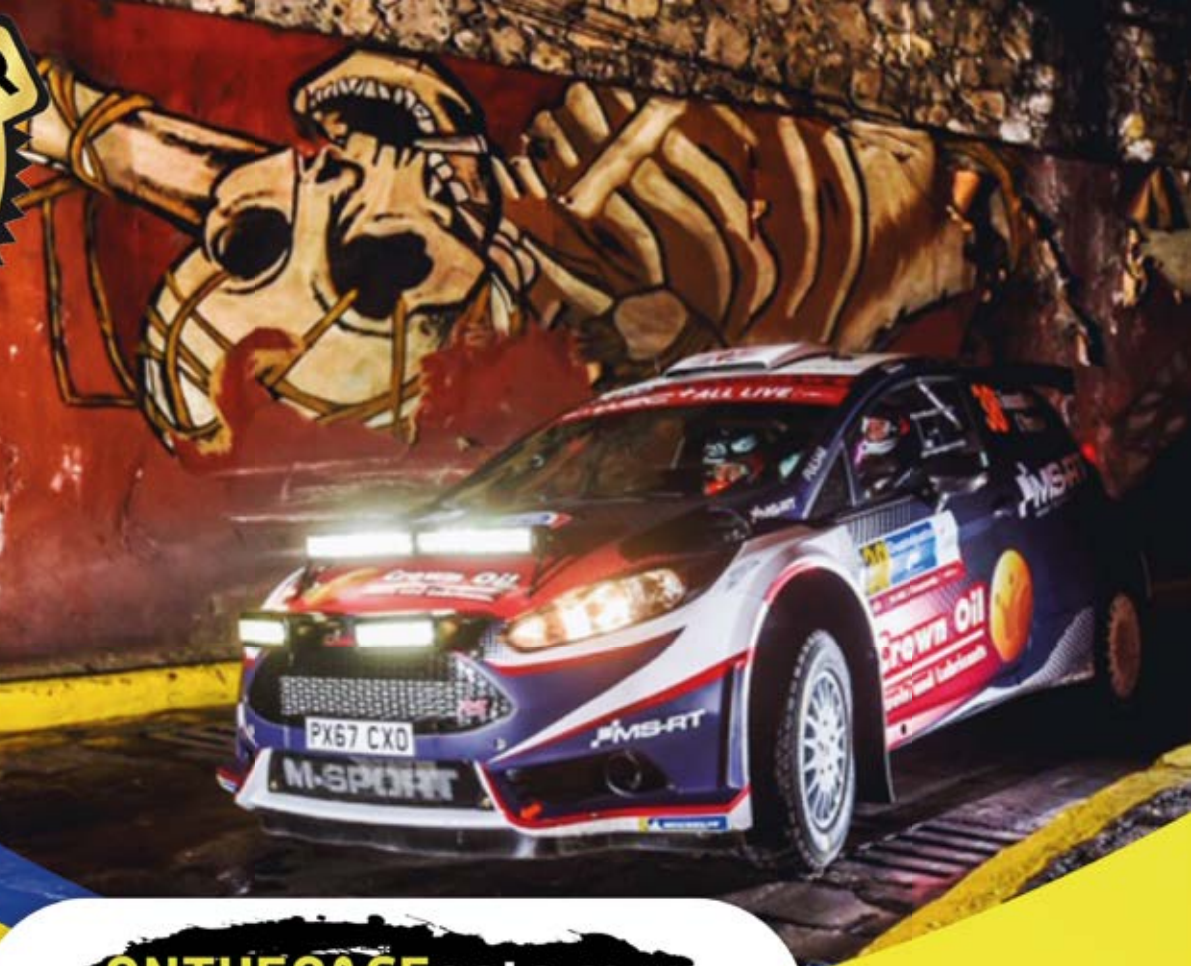
10.6 The recce vehicle must be a standard car or pick up or 4x4 without a roll cage or sign writing. Modified wheels are permitted. Competitors must pre-advise their recce car via the online entry from before the recce commences. All cars must be taxed, insured and MOT'd (if applicable) for the UK highway. Intercoms are not permitted.

10.7 All competitors will be tracked on the recce using the **SPORTTRAXX App**. You must download the **SPORTTRAXX App** before the recce starts so that you can be issued with log in details.

10.8 The Saturday stages take place entirely within a private estate, and a printed (not to scale) map of the Saturday Stages will be provided but no recce will occur for these stages.

10.9 Crews will be allowed a maximum of two passes of each Sunday stage venue.. Competitors can choose which order they drive each Sunday stage. The recce time window is: 12:00 – 17.30hrs on Friday 18th September and on Saturday 19th September, between 07.30 – 14.30hrs. They only need to sign on to recce once, before they start. Any competitor found on any special stage outside of these windows will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may take action.

10.10 Traffic on stages before Friday 18th September will be checked by the Police and the Organisers. Any local competitors that may have to travel along the roads in the course of their normal daily business must apply to the Entries Secretary for an exemption.



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10.11 **THERE IS A SPEED LIMIT OF 30MPH ON ALL STAGES.** Also, in the opinion of the organisers, driving at excessive speed or causing inconvenience to local residents, may be considered as bringing the sport into disrepute. Judges of Fact will be appointed to carry out checks during the recce, and the Clerk of the Course may issue penalties. Details of competitors thus involved will be passed to Motorsport UK.

10.12 All crews must note on their time card the times they start and finish each stage. If they are required to stop during one of the stages by a Driving Standards Observer or Judge of Fact, this card must indicate the time that the stage was started. If incorrect or blank, a report will be made to the Clerk of the Course. This card must be handed in at MC0 - service out when leaving service to go to the ceremonial start.

10.13 To avoid congestion, some competitors may be requested to start their recce at a specific stage venue. Whilst there is no mandatory route, you will be given instructions on the recommended route from the finish back to the start of each stage and a recce road book to use when not following rally route. If not following the recommended route you must not drive the wrong direction on stages or use a route that crosses any stages.

SR10.14 Crews cannot go back and do parts of the stage multiple times; they must drive each stage from start to finish. Any crew found to not be doing so, or in any case, using any part of a stage more than twice, will be reported to the Clerk of the Course.

10.15 Any chicanes may not be set up, but their location will be identified by the road book. It is the competitor's responsibility to identify the location of the chicanes. Particular note is to be made by the Competitor as to where any virtual chicanes are located and how they work.

10.16 The following penalties apply for any competitors found to be in breach of any of the Recce requirements detailed herein.

- **FIRST OFFENCE - £100 FINE OR DISQUALIFICATION.**
- **SECOND OFFENCE - DISQUALIFICATION.**

## **SR11: VEHICLE TRACKING - RECCE SPORTTRAXX AND RALLY TRANSPONDER**

11.1 For the recce each competitor will be required to download the Sporttraxx app before Saturday September 19th and login with the code supplied to each competitor. The Sporttraxx app will be monitored by the organisers during the recce and each stage area will have a speed window put in places with a speed limit giving a notification of any over speeds.

11.2 In association with Sporttraxx and Onthepacenote.co.uk, the rally will operate a mandatory GPS safety tracking system that will enable the speed and position of each competing vehicle to be monitored and logged. Before the start, all cars will be fitted with a tracking device at the entry to Scrutineering. The tracker will remain active throughout the event. This must be retained in the car until the finish of the event where it will be removed by the system providers. If you do not use the tracker accordingly on stages you will incur a fine of £100 payable to the event.

11.3 Should you retire from the event, please return your tracking device to the CLO or any clearly identified event official, noting which official, where and when it was handed over.

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11.4 In the case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the following applies:

- The **SOS** display on the safety tracking device must be activated as soon as possible.
- When possible, the **RED "SOS"** sign should immediately be displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist.
- As soon as possible, the **RED TRIANGLE** must be placed in a conspicuous position on the same side of the road as the car at least **100 METRES** before the car's position, in order to warn following drivers, even if the car is off the road.
- Any crew which has the red **"SOS"** sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident and the **OK SIGN IS NOT SHOWN**, shall immediately and without exception **STOP** to render assistance. All following cars shall also stop. **THE SECOND CAR** at the scene shall **proceed to inform the next radio point**. Subsequent cars shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles. All crews stopping under this procedure will be allocated a time.

11.5 Should it not be possible, or for whatever reason, to display the **OK/SOS** board in any of the above situations, this may be replaced by an evident and clearly understandable sign language shown by the crew outside of the car:

- An arm and **thumb up** to indicate **"OK"**
- **Crossed arms above the head** to indicate **"SOS"**.

11.6 Any crew which is able but fails to comply with any of the above rules will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may apply a one-minute penalty and may report the incident to Motorsport UK.

11.7 **IF THE TRACKING DEVICE IS DAMAGED OR NOT RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER, THE COMPETITOR WILL BE CHARGED £300 BY THE SUPPLIER.**

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## SRI2: CLASSES

Cars will be split into the following classes, which the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate and/or allocate entrants to as appropriate.

N.B. If there is a lower entry in some classes the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes. Any changes will be announced on the Competitors Sportivity channel

| EVENT CLASS | NCR CLASS | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | 1         | Homologated (& formerly homologated) FIA Rally2 and R5 cars and any derivatives of these cars.<br>FIA S2000 specification cars any derivatives<br>all World Rally Cars (must comply with their Homologation)                                                                                     |
| 2           | 2, 4      | All 4-wheel drive cars not eligible for Classes 1 & 4.<br>Homologated FIA Rally 3 cars and Group N4 that still comply with their homologation.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3           | 3         | 2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc<br>Homologated (and formerly homologated) FIA RGT cars                                                                                                                                    |
| 5           | 5, 6, 7   | Homologated FIA Rally 4 and R2 cars with forced induction that will still comply with their homologation.<br>Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to and including 1500cc.<br>Homologated FIA Rally 5 and Rally 5-kit cars |
| 8           | 8         | Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc, including R2, or forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc                                                                                                                                                |
| 9           | 9         | Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| H1          | H1 (a)    | Historic Category 1 Rally Cars including Appendix K. Up to 31.12.67. Up to 1600cc not including Twin Cam engine cars<br>This class is to be automatically amalgamated with H1 when less than 5 entries are received.                                                                             |
|             | H1        | Historic Category 1 Rally Cars including Appendix K. Up to 31.12.67. All remaining cars over 1601cc including Twin Cam engine cars                                                                                                                                                               |
|             | H9        | Historic Category 4 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.82 - 31.12.90. Up to 1300cc                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| H2          | H2        | Historic Category 2 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.68 - 31.12.74. Up to 1600cc                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|             | H3        | Historic Category 2 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.68 - 31.12.74. 1601cc to 2000cc                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | H4        | Historic Category 2 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.68 - 31.12.74. Over 2001cc                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| H5          | H5        | Historic Category 3 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.75 - 31.12.81. Up to 1600cc                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|             | H6        | Historic Category 3 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.75 - 31.12.81. 1601cc to 2000cc                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | H7        | Historic Category 3 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.75 - 31.12.81. Over 2001cc                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| H8          | H8        | Historic Category 3 Rally Cars including Appendix K. All cars having engines with both more than one camshaft and more than two valves per cylinder. All cars with a Rotary Engine                                                                                                               |
| H10         | H10       | Historic Category 4 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.82 - 31.12.90. 1301cc to 1600cc                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | H11       | Historic Category 4 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.82 - 31.12.90. 1601cc to 2000cc                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | H12       | Historic Category 4 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.82 - 31.12.90. Over 2001cc                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| H13         | H13       | Historic Rally Cars complying with FIA Appendix K not able to comply with Motorsport UK Tyre & Wheel Regulations                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| H14         | H14       | Historic Category 5 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.91 - 31.12.99. Up to 1600cc                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|             | H15       | Historic Category 5 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.91 - 31.12.99. 1601cc to 2000cc including 'Formula 2' Kit Cars (including all Evolution and Maxi variants) that still comply with their homologation                                                                                    |
|             | H16       | Historic Category 5 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.91 - 31.12.99. Over 2001cc (All period homologated Group A and Group N 4wd cars, not including formerly homologated World Rally Cars)                                                                                                   |

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### SR13: AWARDS

- 13.1 Overall First, Second and Third: Award to Driver and Co-driver.
- 13.2 Those awarded First, Second or Third overall will not be eligible for class awards
- 13.3 Awards will be given to the driver and co-driver who are first in class.
- 13.4 Highest placed Cheltenham MC Driver & Co-driver (full member by 1st January 2026):  
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- 13.5 Additional awards may be presented, at the organisers' discretion.
- 13.6 Eligibility for an award will be established

### SR14: ENTRIES

- 14.1 Should the number of entries, overall or in each class, not reach the minimum stated, the organisers have the right to either cancel the event or to amalgamate classes where necessary
- 14.2 Entries can only be made online at rallies.info and are accepted strictly on first come, first served, based on receipt of both the electronic rallies.info entry form and the entry fee received in full and visible via online banking.
- 14.3 Entrants are required to indicate on the Entry Form their eligibility for the various classes/championships.
- 14.4 The order of starting will be at the Organisers discretion but, to assist seeding, entrants should provide their previous results on the Entry Form.
- 14.5 Competitors are advised that the information they provide will be stored in a computer system and may be used for organisational and publicity purposes.
- 14.6 The Entry Fee is £985. The maximum number entries for the event is 150, the minimum will be 110. The event will operate a reserve list, as required.
- 14.7 The entry fee will include -
- One Entry to the Hills Ford Stages 2026 event
  - One Printed Roadbook
  - One set of Service Plates & Service Decals
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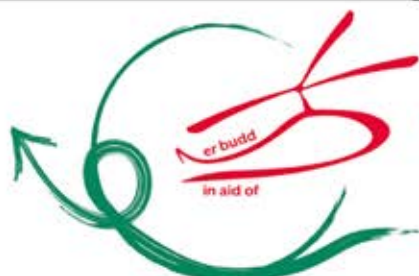
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14.8 Entries will NOT be accepted until the entry form is completed and payment made in FULL. Entry forms with TBC or similar entered within any field, will be deemed to be incomplete.

14.9 Entries can ONLY be made via the online entry form and payment can ONLY be made by BACS. Payments should be made to

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14.10 Refunds for withdrawn entries will be as follows:

- Up to 9.00am on Monday 31st August 2026 less a £50.00 administration fee.
- After 9.00am on Monday 31st August 2026 and up to 9.00am Wednesday 16th September less a £100.00 admin fee and late withdrawal charge.
- After 9.00 am on Wednesday 16th September it will be at the organiser's discretion.

14.11 Cancellation of entries must be made by e-mail, to the Entries Secretary. These will be acknowledged within 3 days. Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted. Should the Rally be cancelled for any reason, Entrants will have their entry fee refunded less any unavoidable expenses up to a maximum of £40 per crew.

14.12 Any refunds due to a withdrawn entry will be issued asap, which may not be before the event.

14.13 Once a competitor has made an entry on the online entry form and has had that entry acknowledged, the competitor may not change the driver. Changes to the co-driver and/or vehicle are permitted up to the point of the final instructions being issued, after which only the car or the co-driver may be changed.

14.14 Final Instructions and any other information will be available on Sportity before the event.

14.15 If any competitor requires a top up to their insurance at the point of submitting entries will be required to pay an additional fee of £50

14.16 Should a competitor be involved in an incident causing third party damage they are liable to pay the Motorsport UK insurance excess, currently £500 if a claim is made or the actual cost of the damage should it be less than the current excess amount. Either way a copy of the invoice will be provided to show what payments have been made.

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## SR15: SERVICE

15.1 The following Health & Safety statement **MUST** be shown to all your personnel.

- **"Every person participating in the Hills Ford Stages, whether employed or voluntary shall take reasonable care for the safety of themselves and other persons, who may be affected by their actions or omissions during the operation of the event."**

This is your responsibility and by completing the event entry form you are acknowledging this fact.

15.2 Service Vehicles will remain in the Service Area in Battlefield, Shrewsbury. Service crews may service competing cars only within the bounds of the specified service area. The service area will be accessible only to service vehicles as declared on the entry form.

15.3 There is only one official service area at Battlefield, Shrewsbury. The address for this is



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15.4 All servicing work carried out and the carrying of fuel in the management vehicle must comply with any appropriate Health & Safety Executive recommendations.

15.5 Competing crews may work unassisted on their own cars in "No Service Areas" except:

- Within 100 metres of any control.
- Between the SSA/TC control and the SSS control.

15.6 Service crews are subject to the same regulations as competitors regarding noise, bad driving manners, etc. Officials and Marshals have been instructed to note any infringements of the rules

15.7 The use of Motor Homes, trailers and service vehicles larger than a long wheelbase van must be discussed with the Service Area Manager prior to the event.

15.8 Each crew will be allocated an area approximately 7m by 7m for servicing within an assigned service area zone. If a service crew is looking after more than one vehicle, please email the service area manager advising which receipt numbers you have been allocated as soon as possible. This will allow us to plan the service area.

15.9 Main service will be on an asphalt or hardcore surface with good drainage; competitors will need to provide their own solid blocks for jacks and stands so that the surface is not damaged.



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15.10 Competitors must supply an environmental ground sheet, which must be placed under the competing vehicle during any service activities to protect the surface from spillage etc.

15.11 Service crews will only be allowed to leave the service area to recover their own vehicle which has retired.

**15.12 THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE SERVICE AREA IS 10 MPH.**

15.13 If competitors or their crew wish to stay overnight in their camper vans / mobile homes they must email the service area manager beforehand to request permission ([service@hillsfordstages.co.uk](mailto:service@hillsfordstages.co.uk)). Anyone who does not gain permission will be required to leave the service area overnight.

15.14 Management vehicles (chase cars) are not permitted. Anyone found using a management vehicle will be reported to the Clerk of the Course. The maximum penalty will be disqualification.

## **SR16: REFUEL AND FUEL**

16.1 Competitors are only permitted to use fuel that complies with the definition of 'pump fuel' as per (NCR 8.1)

16.2 A refuelling service will be provided by Vital Equipment who will be dispensing in the designated area within the service area. A competitor can refuel in the service area with a non-leak pump and no one is allowed to be in the car during refuel and the engine must be stopped throughout any refuelling operation. At no point can refuelling be carried out with a 100 meters of any control.

16.3 The designated area for refuelling via Vital Equipment will be located within the service area at



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16.4 Refuel will be allowed within the designated competitor service area, in line and subject to compliance with the Event Service Area Guidelines. Refuelling may also be undertaken at bona-fide filling stations on route. These will be indicated in the Road Book.

16.5 Additional time has been added to the schedule for the road section to allow for refuelling.

16.6 Refuelling of rally cars must always be in accordance with Health & Safety Guidelines. Competitors are reminded of all safety regulations. The penalty for contravention will be disqualification.

16.7 Each service crew must have a minimum 4.5 litre/9kg capacity hand-operated fire extinguisher and a minimum 7 litre spill kit, in addition to those carried in the competing car.



16.8 Any accidental spillage of any corrosive substance within service must be reported to the service manager or one of his team members with a location of spillage and an estimation of amount spilt.

16.9 There must be no occupants in the rally car, or other personnel working on the rally car, at any time whilst it is being refuelled.

### **SR17: TYRE MANAGEMENT**

17.1 Tyre warming – It is forbidden on any road section or within the arrival control to warm tyres for any reason. Penalty will be anything up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. The organisers have worked hard within the communities and do not want any PR issues.

17.2 Competitors must stop on any stage or any road section in the event of a puncture. Any competitor found continuing to drive past any suitable stopping place with a puncture will be liable to a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, up to and including disqualification.



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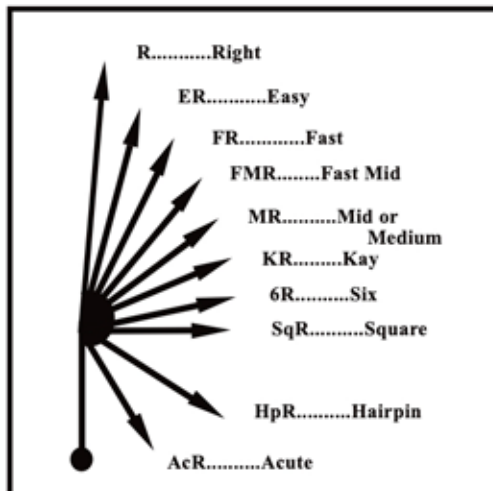
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Two Right over Jump 80 (yds) Caution Four Left into Five Right and Flat Crest

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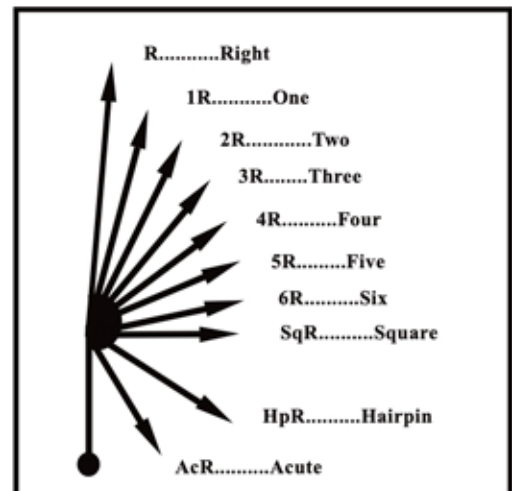
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### SR18: IDENTIFICATION

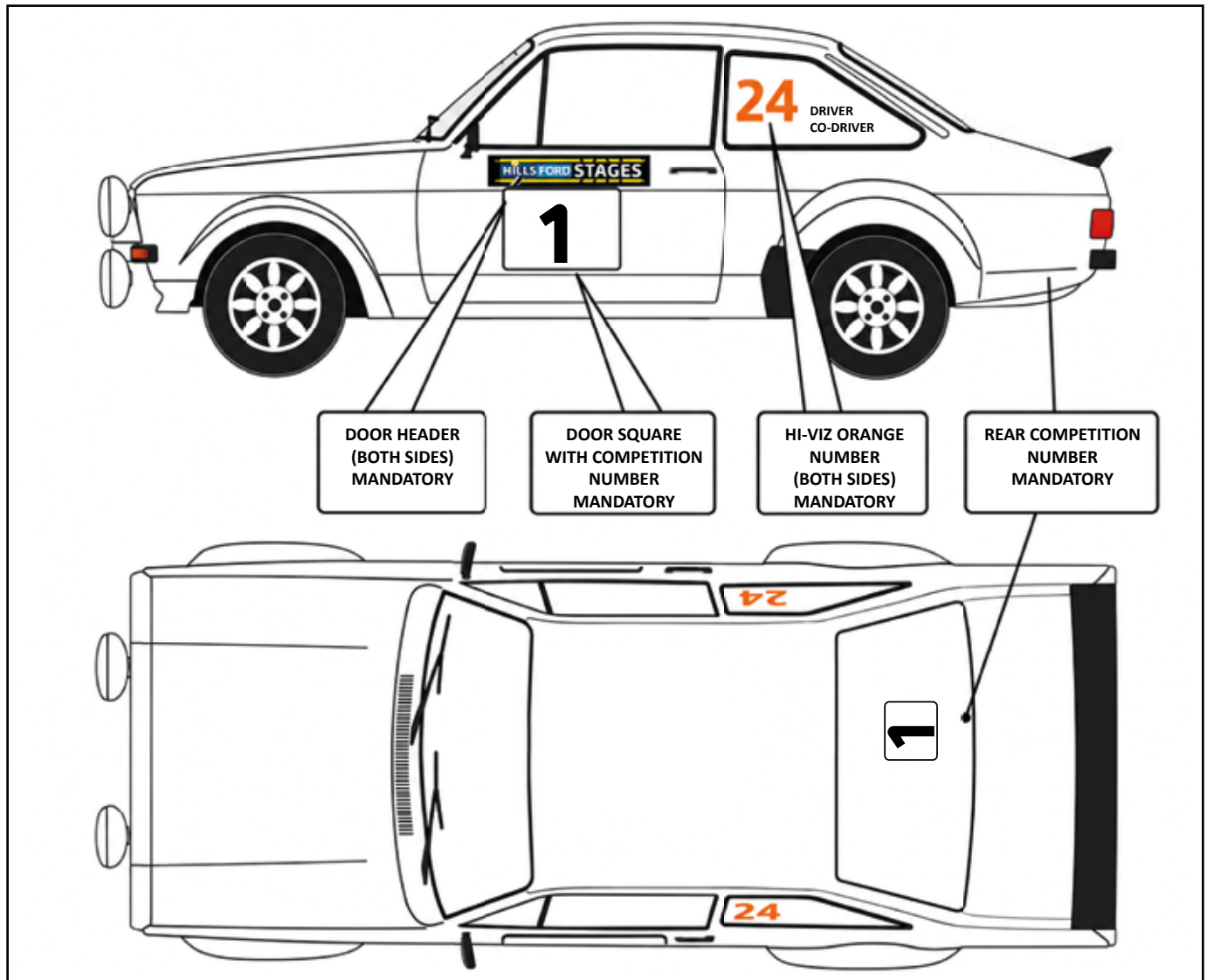
Competitors must display front door panels, on both sides of the car conforming to NCR 13.9.5.4 and NCR 7.10.1.1c (Traditional Style door headers and numbers).

Numbers to the rear window must conform to NCR 13.9.5.4.c

Competitors are reminded that these numbers must be removed after the event, or upon retirement. Vehicle and event identification items will be provided by the Organisers and must be fixed to the vehicle as per the diagram. - A list of these will be provided in the Final Instructions.

Note: door numbers min. 23cm. **Black door numbers will not be provided**

## COMPETITION CAR IDENTIFICATION





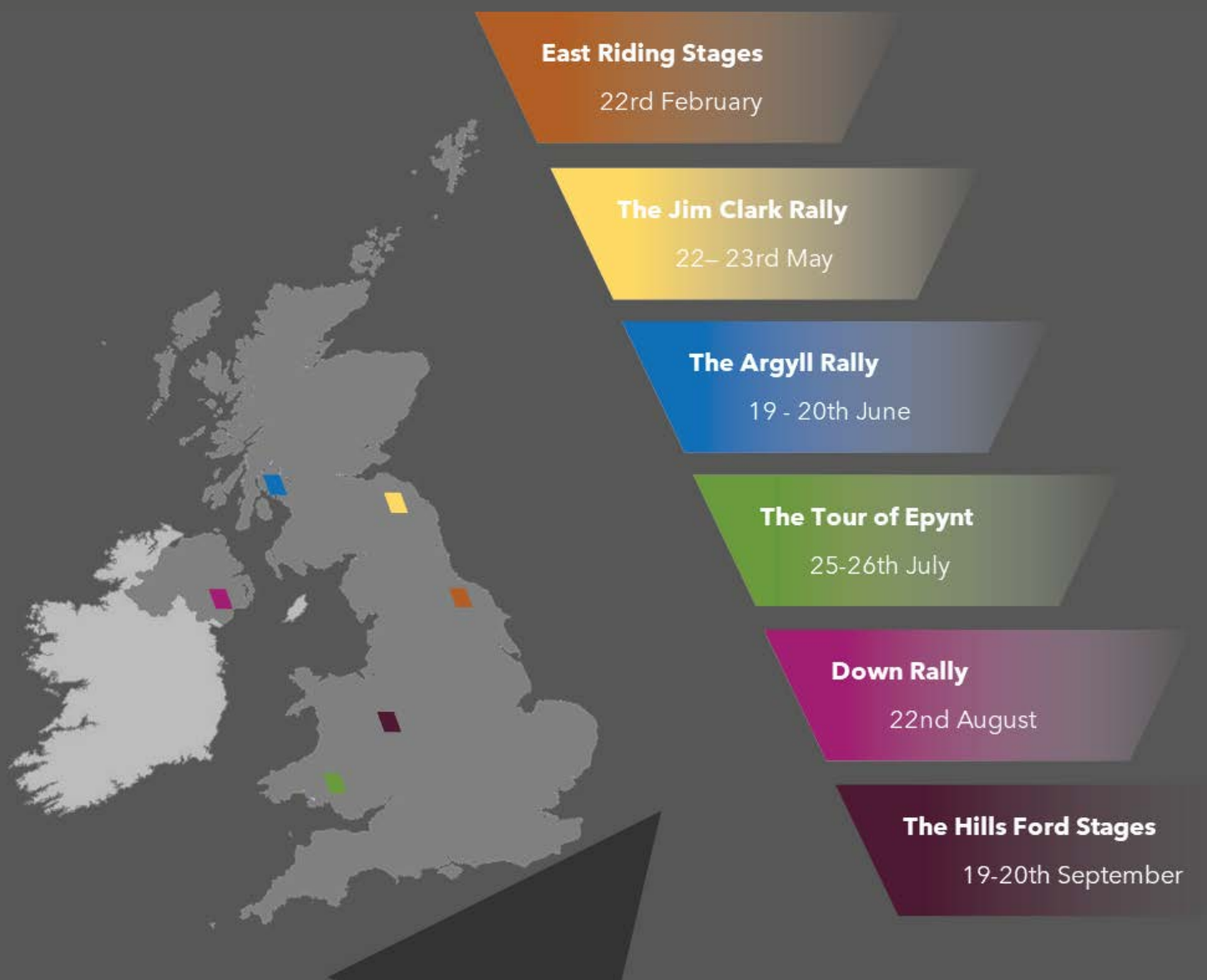
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## SR19: CONTROLS, TIMING AND PENALTIES

19.1 The Rally will officially commence when the first car leaves MC0 – service out to drive to the Ceremonial Start in Shrewsbury town centre on Saturday 19th September.

19.2 Times will be recorded to whole minutes on all sections except Special Stages which will be timed to the nearest preceding whole second.

19.3 The event will be run using the Target Timing system as defined in **NCR 13.13.9.1.a** of the General Regulations with the following amendments:

Maximum Permitted Lateness will be 15 minutes between MC0 and MC1 (Saturday 19th September) and 15 minutes between MC2 and MC4 (Sunday 20th September) **NCR 13.13.9.1.e**. This will be penalty free (NCR 13.13.9.1.f) There will be no permitted free lateness between **MC1 and MC2** Competitors may be required to make up time at rest & service halts (**NCR 13.13.10.2**)

19.4 All Saturday Stages will be run at 30 second starts and Sunday stages will run at one-minute intervals.

19.5 Competitors may rejoin the rally after missing a Control or Special Stage at any Special Stage Arrival, or other time control. Before doing so, permission must be obtained from a CLO, who will advise where and when to rejoin. A competitor cannot rejoin at a higher seeded number than originally allocated. Any competitor whose car has been damaged may be required to be examined by a scrutineer before being allowed to rejoin.

19.6 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the times are correctly recorded on their timecard. Should any recorded time not be legible or not appear authentic, the Organisers may use any means at their disposal to establish a time. The organisers reserve the right to amend a recorded time if in their opinion, after reference to check sheets, a mistake has been made.

19.7 All Penalties will be applied as per **NCR 13.13.11 and 13.8.1 (Target Timing)**

## SR20: RESULTS

Interim results will be available throughout the day via AMC Results. A link to the live results will be published on the official noticeboard. Provisional results will be posted on Sportity as soon as possible following the end of the event. If competitors have a query regarding the interim or provisional results, they should complete a results query form.

**Any official protest must be lodged with the CLOs in accordance with NCR 2.9**

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## SR21: INSURANCE

21.1 Competitors are responsible for ensuring they have appropriate insurance cover in place for their activities whilst travelling to and from the Event, as well as during the Event itself.

21.2 The Motorsport UK Master Public Liability policy provides third party cover for activities falling under the Event Permit, but this policy specifically excludes any form of Road Traffic Act liability.

21.3 An additional third party "top-up" insurance policy, administered by Motorsport UK, is available to add-on for this Event which offers cover for Road Traffic Act liability for any sections of the Permitted Event that take place on the public highway. This policy provides cover to compliment but not replace your own motor insurance.

21.4 The acceptance criteria for this scheme are as follows:

- Drivers must be aged 19 years or older - Drivers must be UK residents for over 1 year, and have held a Full UK Car Licence for at least 6 months - Drivers must have not been banned from driving in the last 5 years, and no criminal convictions - Drivers must have no more than 6 penalty points on their licence and/or no more than 1 fault motor claim in the last 3 years in their history - Drivers must be a named driver on a valid motor insurance policy for the vehicle they are driving - Drivers must not already have the 3rd Party Extension (top-up) for Road Sections cover already on their existing motor policy
- Vehicles must have a valid MOT and taxed for the road (unless exempt from doing so)
- Vehicles must be road going/road legal and have a UK Registration Plate assigned and attached
- Vehicles must be in the custody or control of the competitor and be participating in a motorsport event permitted by the Policyholder (Motorsport UK Association Ltd)
- Competitors who do not comply with any of the above criteria must contact Kingfisher Motorsport at [motorsportuk@kingfishermotorsport.com](mailto:motorsportuk@kingfishermotorsport.com) as early as practically possible in advance of the event to discuss their application to confirm whether cover can still be offered and whether there are any additional terms.

21.5 All Competitors will be required to sign a declaration before the Event to confirm that they either have adequate insurance cover for the Event or need cover under the Motorsport UK top-up policy. If they do not meet the minimum eligibility criteria, they must have referred themselves to and been approved by Kingfisher before the start of the Event.

21.6 Those Competitors who do require cover under the Motorsport UK top-up policy will be required to pay the organiser's an additional fee of £50 to cover the Motorsport UK permit surcharge.

21.7 Any questions about the process please contact via email at [entry@cheltmc.com](mailto:entry@cheltmc.com) or questions about the policy can be directed to Kingfisher at [motorsportuk@kingfishermotorsport.com](mailto:motorsportuk@kingfishermotorsport.com)



## SR22. DOCUMENTATION

22.1 Driver and Co Driver must also report to Rally Signing-on, on either 18th September 2026 between 18:00hrs & 19:30hrs, or on 19th September 2026 between 07:30 & 14:30hrs. Here, you must present proof of all valid and eligible licenses, membership cards and road insurance declaration, as well as a completed process card confirming successful completion of noise and scrutineering.

Please ensure your information has been completed accurately and in full on the rallies.info system before you arrive at signing on. Signing on will be located within the Halls Auction café area.

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We ask that you leave your vehicle in your allocated spot and walk to the signing on in order to avoid congestion.

## SR23. NOISE TEST AND SCRUTINEERING

23.1 All vehicles must comply with the National Competition Rules 2026 of Motorsport UK **NCR 7 & NCR 8**. Scrutineering will take place within the service area at Battlefield, Shrewsbury at the location.

Competitor personal safety equipment will also be checked during scrutineering (**NCR 9**)

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23.2 On-board video cameras may be carried in competing cars in accordance with **NCR 7.9**. These cameras must be fitted before scrutineering and the recordings may be required to be made available to the organisers, Motorsport UK or the Police should an investigation into an incident be required.

## SR24. SAFEGUARDING

24.1 Cheltenham Motor Club's Policy Statement on Safeguarding

- Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.
- All competitors, volunteers and attendees at the event have a responsibility to respond positively in response to any concerns, suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a person is at risk of harm.
- All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- If you have any concerns about safeguarding while at this event please contact the **Club Safeguarding Officer, Kevin Smith 07831 419 985**, or report it to an official named in the Supplementary Regulations who will instruct the Club Safeguarding Officer to contact you urgently.

## SR25. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

For organisers and events such as the Hills Ford Stages, there is an increasing need to act on mitigating the associated environmental impacts such as the carbon footprint generated by its running. Such action is necessary to ensure the continued support of our stakeholders and the communities our event relies on. Cheltenham Motor Club was awarded the Motorsport UK's Sustainability Charter Accreditation in 2025 for the work the Hills Ford Stages approach to sustainability.

As a result, the event is working with local sustainability initiatives within the county and within the region around Shropshire. A proportion of the entry fee will be used to help fund these local initiatives.



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