



CHAMPIONSHIPS - GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR RALLIES, RACES & HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS & SERIES

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1.1. Championship/Series: An event or group of events or Challenge organised for the purpose of establishing the right to an individual or collective title including "Cup" or "Trophy" or "Challenge" (See also GCR 17).

1.1.2. Series: A series of individual events organised to a common set of Sporting and/or Technical Regulations with no accumulative winner.

1.2. A Championship or Series may be one of the following status:

1.2.1. International.

Open to competition licence holders from all countries affiliated to the FIA. Subject to approval by the FIA and MI.

1.2.2. National.

Open to all Competition Licence holders from countries within the European Union and the United Kingdom affiliated to the FIA and includes in its title the initials MI. Subject to approval by MI and the FIA (FIA Sporting Code Article 2.3)

1.2.3. Restricted/Approved.

Open to all competition licence holders from countries within the European Union affiliated to the FIA and meets the requirements as laid down in these General Conditions. This type of championship will normally incorporate a restriction on either the number of venues, events or organising clubs for the purposes of engendering local competitions. Subject to approval by MI.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP OR SERIES REGULATIONS.

2.1. Championship or Series Regulations must be in compliance with GCR 183.

2.2. Championship Regulations must contain details of status, championship title, details of registration, name and address of Registrar, awards, method of resolving ties, eligibility of competitors and vehicles, event date/s, organising club/s, venue/s and in the case of all championships, the name of:

(a) Races: the Championship Principal, the Championship Representative.

(b) Rallies and Hillclimbs: an eligibility scrutineer.

2.3. Organisers of all National and Restricted Championships counting towards an individual or collective title must submit a copy of the proposed regulations to MI for approval prior to the publication of regulations and acceptance of entries.

2.4. The Championship regulations may not be amended after publication except as approved by MI before issue. Any amendments approved by MI must be circulated to all registered competitors, relevant scrutineers and clubs organising rounds of the championship

3. SPONSORSHIP.

3.1. The right to associate the name of a commercial company, organisation or brand with an MI series or championship which already has an existing sponsorship agreement with MI is reserved exclusively for MI.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP/SERIES PERMIT

4.1. All Championships/Series must be approved by MI by the issuing of a permit. Applications may only be made by clubs affiliated to MI.

The following championship permit fees apply:

International Rally Championship - €1500

Tarmac or Forestry Rally Championship - €250

Navigation Trial Championship - €100

National or Restricted Racing Championship - €200

Hillclimb Championship - €100

4.2. A written application for a Championship / Series Permit must be made to MI including two draft copies of the proposed regulations no later than four weeks prior to the first counting round.

4.3. The granting of a permit for a championship or series does not give the championship organiser the right to prevent other championships for that class of vehicle (subject to the approval of MI).

4.4. Championship/Series Regulations may be amended by MI as a condition of granting the Permit, and the Permit having been granted,



must then only be issued in their approved or amended form to all prospective entrants.

4.5. Failure to apply for a permit for a Championship/Series 14 days before the first event takes place will result in a fine of €250 in total being placed on the applicant Clubs. Failure to apply for a permit for a Championship /Series before the second event takes place will result in a fine of €250 on each of the Championship/Series participating clubs. For example, a four round Championship /Series - no permit - fine €1,000. (GCR 146).

5. TELEVISION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

5.1. In accordance with GCR 183.

6. POINTS SCORING.

6.1. Championship/Series.

6.1.1 Stage Rallies.

National Rally Stages Championship:

See Appendix 31 Article 5.1

National Forestry Stage Championship:

See Appendix 32 Article 7.

Other International / Restricted / Approved Rally Championships/Series:

Regulations must contain details of proposed points scoring system(s) when lodged with MI for approval.

6.1.2. Navigation Trials.

National Navigation Trials Championship:

See Appendix 34 Article 4.

Other Restricted / Approved Navigation Trial Championships/Series:

Championship/Series Regulations must contain details of proposed points scoring system(s) when submitted for approval to MI.

6.1.3. Racing.

6.1.3.1. Racing Points.

Unless the particular Championship regulations state otherwise all racing championships must use the points system of

20/17/14/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

6.1.3.2. Championships may opt to award extra points for pole position and/or fastest lap. This must be specified in the approved Championship regulations.

6.1.3.3. If two competitors record equal fastest lap, the first recorded time will count.

6.1.3.4. All championship penalty points shall be recorded separately to the scores for each round. Penalty points may not be dropped.

6.1.4. Qualifying Numbers.

For a race to qualify as a championship scoring round a minimum of 7 starters is required. When a championship has two races at one event - a "double header" - the requirement for a

minimum of 7 starters applies to the first race. For races open to Junior Race Licence holders only, the minimum number of starters to qualify as a championship round shall be 5.

6.2. For Racing purposes only, each round of a championship is considered an Event for the purpose of the regulations.

6.3. Points will be awarded as above on the basis of provisional results of each counting round and made final after all judicial hearings and/or eligibility examinations have been finalised/completed.

6.4. Exclusions.

Any competitor competing in a Championship /Series whose vehicle is excluded from the results of an event for breach of the Technical Regulations must count the event as one of the events contributing to his/her total championship score, be excluded from the event concerned forfeiting all championship points, prize money and awards associated with that event. These penalties will be applied automatically by Championship/Series organisers after the process of Protest and Appeal has been completed.

6.5. Where a competitor is excluded from more than one event for the same infringement of the Technical Regulations, then all the results for those events must be amended accordingly and any points gained must be redistributed to the other competitors, including those for fastest lap where applicable.

6.6. A decision to exclude a competitor may be made by the Clerk of the Course, Stewards of the Meeting or MI. If it has been proven that an illegal part or component has been used at more than one championship event, then the championship organisers will apply an exclusion for all such events. Such a decision may be subject to a query to the Championship Stewards as Rule 182.

6.7. A competitor excluded from an event for a breach of GCR No. 139.6 (improper driving) must count the event as a scoring round even if this results in a minus score. Any extra points gained are also forfeit (see 6.1.3.2).

6.9. Maximum Scores.

6.9.1. The maximum number of rounds permitted in any Racing Championship shall be 16 rounds. Unless the particular Championship Regulations specify differently all. Championships will have the option to drop one championship round when there is 9 or 10 rounds and 2 rounds if there is more than 10 rounds.

6.9.2. Final 2 Championship rounds: Only registered championship competitors may take part in the last 2 championship rounds, unless agreed in writing by all competing registered



competitors in the final 2 rounds. In such a case no individual non-registered competitor may be refused entry, who is otherwise eligible to compete.

6.10. Resolving Ties.

Unless the particular championship regulations specify differently, ties will be decided in the following order:

6.10.1 By considering in the best scoring events of the competitors concerned, the number of first places, second places and so on.

6.10.2. By considering the performance in sequential order of championship events.

6.10.3. By considering the placings in all Championship events.

6.10.4. If this does not produce a resolution, a tie will be declared.

6.11. Interim and/or Final: Results must be published by championship Registrars from time to time and will remain provisional until ratified by MI. For MI Championship/Series events and for non-MI Championship events the results should be submitted when available. All such issues must include a date of publication and the name of the Championship Registrar.

6.12. Event results.

A complete set of results for each event should be delivered to MI no later than 7 days after the completion of the event (including practice times where applicable).

7. ADVERTISING.

Competitors may be required to carry advertising as supplied to publicise the championship in accordance with GCR Chapter 15 and in order to qualify for points or awards.

8. CHAMPIONSHIP/SERIES TITLES.

The Championship or Series must be referred to at all times and in all documentation by its correct and approved title.

9. DATES.

Championship organisers will publish the list of qualifying dates in the Championship Regulations. These may be subject to alteration, but the original number of events may not be increased. No alteration may be made without the prior approval of MI.

10. AWARDS.

Affiliated Clubs applying for a Championship Permit must satisfy MI, where prize money or bonuses are applicable, that there are sufficient resources available to provide an adequate awards ceremony.

11. FEES.

Registration Fees: Competitor Registration Fees or any other fees whatsoever associated with a Championship or Series will be subject to prior approval by MI.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP STEWARDS.

Please refer to Rule 182. of General Competition Rules.