



Mini Rally Challenge Regulations 2025





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FOREWORD

We welcome you to the 2025 season, and the fifth year of our growing one make championship.

For 2025, we remain dedicated to bringing a fun and cost efficient form of rallying to the masses, and we hope with some small improvements on 2024, we have something for everyone with the championship irrespective of your budget.

Designed to provide a level playing field, where cars are built and run to an exact set of rules. Regardless of your age or bank balance, the winners will be the team with the best skill set, the most reliable car, and as always in rallying, a bit of luck!

This year's rounds have all been selected for their quality, location, value for money and variety, to provide an exciting and challenging championship for our members.

Within these regulations, if it doesn't say you CAN do it, take it that you CANNOT.

These Regulations state what parts you may, or must fit, and if only those parts will be accepted. Everything else must be as per Original Equipment (OE) Mini factory build.

We would like to thank all our supporters, sponsors, Motorsport UK, ANWCC, Scrutineers, marshals and the numerous other people without whom our Championship could not take place. Thank you!





TITLE & JURISDICTION

The Mini Rally Challenge is a championship organised by the same name registered Club and run under ANWCC. It is administered in accordance with the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

The Organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in the rules and regulations, and all such statements will be issued to all registered Drivers by either post / email / other communication, or by means of a Technical Bulletin to all registered competitors.

Any protest must be referred in writing, and provided to the Mini Rally Challenge Committee either in person or via email, within the time limits in accordance with the Motorsport UK NCR section C together with the appropriate fee. (Competition Fees Appendix 1).

Championship Permit No - CH2025/RALLY044
Race Status - INTERCLUB
Motorsport UK Championship Grade - INTERCLUB

MEMBERSHIP & INCENTIVES

JMS Photographic – Code JMS-MRC-15 – Special rate of Event Photo Bundle
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ELIGIBILITY

RALLY CHALLENGE

The Championship is open to crews with the appropriate valid Motorsport UK Stage Rally Licences, who are Members of an ANWCC affiliated Club and registered Mini Rally Challenge contenders for 2025. These prerequisites will be checked and are mandatory for either of the team to score points.

By making payment for your entry to the Mini Rally Challenge Championship, you confirm that you agree to abide by the rules of the Championship Regulations.

Acceptance of a championship entry is at the discretion of the Championship Committee.



2025 EVENTS

Asphalt Rounds

Hall Trophy Stages	Weeton	Sun	9 th March
SMC Stages (Single Venue)	Anglesey	Sun	13 th April
Dixies Challenge	Epynt	Sun	4 th May
Pendragon Stage	Warcop	Sun	11 th May
Merlin Stages	Pembrey	Sun	20 th July

Gravel Rounds

Rounds will be bespoke Mini Challenge events, with a reduced mileage / entry fee, and running at the front of the field, with the exception of Greystoke, that being a full mileage event.

Rally North Wales	Welshpool	Sat	29 th March
Greystoke Stages Rally	Penrith	Sun	6 th July
Rally Yorkshire	Filey	Fri & Sat	26-27 th September
Cambrian Rally	Llandudno	Sat	25 th October
RAC Day 3	TBC	Sat	22 ND November

2025 SPECIAL (Asphalt)

New to 2025, the Special is a stand-alone round of the MRC, and a no points round, however support for competitors will be given by way of Servicing during the event, and will be a mid-season social event for those not competing.

Hills Stages	Ledbury	Fri – Sun	12 th -14 th September
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In accordance with Motorsport UK NCR 3.10.4.1 (d) the organisers reserve the right to amend the published list of dates and rounds, in which case, all registered competitors will be informed of the amendments by way of an Official Bulletin.

If through "Force Majeure" any of the qualifying rounds cannot take place, then the Mini Rally Challenge reserves the right to either include a replacement event, or to alter the number of best scores to count as follows:

- 10 events – 6 best scores
- 9 events – 6 best scores
- 8 events – 6 best scores
- 7 events – 5 best scores

Once Event Regulations have been published, testing at Championship venues, including Track Days, is forbidden. Doing so will result in points deduction, and or exclusion from the associated Championship Rounds.

Being a registered MRC contender does not guarantee an entry on any event and we recommend an entry is made at the opening time on the opening date.



THE CARS

R50 BMW Mini Cooper up to 2006 using the Tritec Chrysler engine.

R53 BMW Mini Cooper S up to 2006 using the Tritec Chrysler engine.

No JCW or GP1 cars are eligible, nor are any JCW or GP1 parts allowed to be fitted to cars.

Cars must comply with the 2025 Motorsport UK NCR regulations, Stage Rallying passport section and meet the Road Traffic Act 1988 regulations. All cars must also be issued with a MRC car passport to be kept with the vehicle at all times.

ENGINE

1.1 Induction Kit may be fitted.

1.2 Exhaust system may be replaced, but retaining the OE catalytic converter manifold.

1.3 Exhaust flexi may be removed and refitted after the OEM cat, it must be carried out as demonstrated in fig.1 at the bottom of the regs.

1.4 Mountings may be updated.

1.5 Extra engine stabiliser may be fitted.

1.6 Water expansion tank may be moved and updated.

1.7 Air Condition equipment may be removed.

1.8 Engines may be sealed. Two bolts on the rear of the camshaft cover box must be drilled to allow for sealing. Once engines are sealed, if repairs are required where as the seal needs to be broken. The championship committee are to be notified of the reason and what work is to be carried out and photographic recording may be requested. Once the work is complete the engine will be resealed at the next event. Any removed parts must be retained until the end of the season.

1.9 Silicone coolant hoses may be used, if they adhere to the original OEM specifications.

R53

1.9 KAVS 17% reduction supercharger pulley may be fitted. Part numbers 6PK843 or 6PK1360

1.10 Direnza top mounted Intercooler may be fitted.

1.11 Water Oil Cooler and associated pipes may be replaced with the R50 type.

1.12 NGK BCR8ES Spark plugs may be fitted.

FUEL

2.1 Permitted Fuels - Competitors are permitted to use fuel that conforms to the definitions of Pump Fuel in the 2025 Motorsport UK NCR or fuel that complies with FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Art 9.



GEARBOX

- 3.1 Gearboxes may be sealed. Two bolts in close proximity must be drilled to allow for sealing.
- 3.2 Blackline Geared helical LSD art number HLF015 may be fitted for R53 and 6 speed R50s. Black line helical LSD part number HLF051 or Quaif ATB LSD part number QDF9H/MG for 5 speed R50 may be fitted.
- 3.3 A championship Questmead supplied performance clutch may be fitted.
- 3.4 Uprated gearbox mounting bushes and mountings may be fitted.

R50

- 3.5 Gearbox choices, Midland - Getrag 5 speed or Getrag 6 speed (codes BKD, BKE or BKL).

R53

- 3.6 Gearbox codes allowed are BKD, BKE or BKL.

SUSPENSION

- 4.1 Championship supplied dampers and springs must be fitted. Only the current R53 kit will be supplied in 2025 for both R50 and R53 categories, however R50 class cars that were originally built using the R50 suspension kit (built pre 2023) are permitted to use their original suspension.
- 4.2 Steering wheel may be replaced.
- 4.3 Uprated bushes may be fitted throughout.
- 4.4 Wheel stud and nut conversion may be fitted.
- 4.5 Wheel spacers may be fitted to a max of 20mm.
- 4.6 Strengthened rear lower track control arms may be used (no Rose Joints).
- 4.7 Power steering reservoir may be moved.
- 4.8 Front upper strut brace may be fitted and stiffening of the strut top, and a reinforcement plate for the front shock top mounting point, is allowed.

ELECTRICAL



- 5.1 Battery may be moved and replaced by gel type.
- 5.2 ECU may be mapped.

BODY & TRIM

- 6.1 Trim and sound proofing may be removed, but no body lightening is allowed.
- 6.2 Rear parcel shelf metal supports may be removed to allow access.
- 6.3 Seam welding is not allowed unless approved with the series co-ordinators.
- 6.4 The alloy radiator protection member may be removed.
- 6.5 Air Bags may be removed.
- 6.6 Foot trays may be fitted.
- 6.7 Bonnet and Tailgate pins may be fitted.
- 6.8 Door cards may be fitted.



- 6.9 Roof Vent may be fitted.
- 6.10 Front Bumper spotlights may be removed
- 6.11 Mounts may be fitted to the sill for sill mount stands.
- 6.12 Front side windows may be replaced with polycarbonate windows kits (Lexan etc).
- 6.13 All car must always be carrying a spare tyre.
- 6.14 For those who wish to opt for a weld in role cage in a challenge car, must submit the cage design to the championship eligibility scrutineer before installation. This is to ensure the cage design has no purpose other than to provide safety to the crews inside.

BRAKES

- 7.1 Championship Questmead Branded MINTEX 166 F and 144 R must be fitted with MRC logo etching.
- 7.2 ABS system may be removed or disabled.
- 7.3 Hydraulic Handbrake may be fitted. (OE must be retained as per Road Traffic Act).
- 7.4 Brake Bias Valves may be fitted.
- 7.5 Brake Lines may be uprated and redirected through the cars interior.
- 7.6 Grooved and or drilled brake discs may be fitted.

WHEELS

- 8.1 Only 15" Diameter, with maximum width of 7.0 inches.

TYRES

- 9.1 R50 Asphalt 195.50.15 controlled Falken Z310.
- 9.2 R53 Asphalt 195.50.15 controlled Toyo R888r. 195.50.15 Toyo Proxes TR1 can be used in the wet.
- 9.3 Gravel 175.70x15 free. Max two new per round. If you are using new tyres on a gravel event, you must submit photos of the new tyres including any bar codes to a pre set up whatsapp group once through scrutineering. Failure to declare the use of new gravel tyres will result in a 5 point deduction.

VEHICLE WEIGHT

- 10.1 A minimum weight, less crew but inclusive of spare wheel and tyre, of R50 1,075kg or R53 1,100kg. The Eligibility Scrutineer will designate the scales to be used for any post-stage checks, and they will be deemed to be the Championship scales.

All cars must comply with the 2025 Motorsport UK NCR regulations, Stage Rallying passport section and meet the Road Traffic Act 1988 regulations.



CHAMPIONSHIP KIT PARTS

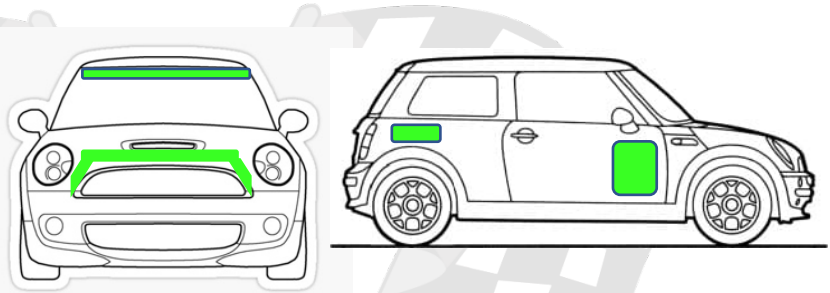
The following items must be supplied via the following (receipts to be retained and may be requested) -

Brake Pads and Clutch Kits.	Questmead.
Falken Tyres.	Protyre.
Toyo Tyres.	Protyre.

ADVERTISING

Championship partners decals MUST be affixed at all times as follows –

- 11.1 Front Screen Sun Strip.
- 11.2 Partner door plate x2.
- 11.3 Rear quarter panel for MRC logo x2.
- 11.4 Front of bonnet around grill



These will be supplied free to each competitor once, at the start of their season.

Decals must not be modified or altered. They can be trimmed where exceptionally necessary to fit the vehicle, but this must be approved by the Championship Co-ordinator and/or the Eligibility Scrutineer. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the decals remain on the car. Failure to display decals will result in no point scored for any event they are not present on.

INSURANCE and LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors to make their own arrangements to ensure Third Party Liability event cover.

CONDUCT

13.1 Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded, the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or escalate to impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and or event bans, through to Championship expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

The championship organisers will not tolerate abuse be it to Officials, fellow competitors or team members; this is inclusive of the behaviour of competitors friends and family and to like wise. This includes any actions leading to confrontation, and/or social media comments.



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

Guideline are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

POINTS & SCORING

R50 and R53 Asphalt Cups.	Best 4 of 5 rounds count
R50 and R53 Gravel Cups.	Best 4 of 5 rounds count

R50 & R53 Mini Champions, and Junior Prize - best six scores (three Asphalt and three Gravel, including a Joker score if applicable). To qualify for the over all championship points must be scored in at least 3 tarmac and 3 gravel rounds.

14.1 Points will be awarded - 1st R50 and R53, 25 points, 2nd 22, 3rd 19, 4th 17, 5th 16 down to 10th being 11 points all other finishers 8 points. DNF 6 points, unless you are disqualified in which case 0 points are awarded.

14.2 One Joker round, be it Asphalt or Gravel, where a competitor can gain the following extra points 1st 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 4th 2 points, 5th 1 point. Event to be registered prior to MC1 to Julia Perry. In the absence of Julia Perry at an event, a Committee member will be nominated and announced at least 24 hours before to record Jokers played. If you haven't called a Joker by the last round it is automatically added. The Joker is ONLY effective on the overall Championship and does not apply to the single surface championship.

14.3 Championship points will be displayed on the MRC website (www.minirallychallenge.co.uk) after each event, and it is a championship contender's responsibility to check the championship points. Points tables will be final after seven days from the date of posting on the website if no queries are received.

14.4 Any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores within their best six scores. In the event of a further tie the greatest number of second highest scores shall decide and so on. Should this fail to resolve the tie then reference will be made to the fastest time on the first stage of the last event in which both or all the competitors who have tied take part. If this fails to resolve the tie then joint awards will be presented.

14.5 Both crew members do not need to be registered to score points. However registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers and registered drivers with non registered Co- drivers must notify one of the Championship Coordinators before or at Signing.



PENALTIES

15.1 For the breach of regulations the number of points will be determined not by reference to the type of offence but the type of penalty imposed (c2.1.7):

Verbal Warning accompanied by a Formal Written Warning – 0 points

Second formal written warning – 24 point deduction

Failure to comply after expiry of Second Formal written Warning deadline – Exclusion

Any vehicles used by registered contenders may be subject to random eligibility checks throughout the year. These checks will be carried out by the Championship Scrutineer and/or members of the Motorsport UK Technical Commission, who shall be considered Judges of Fact in matters of eligibility. In the event of a car being found ineligible for any reason, then the penalties specified in Motorsport UK Regulations (C3.5.3) shall apply. The competitor will be responsible for any costs they incur as a result of eligibility checking, whether found eligible or otherwise. Refusal to comply with eligibility checks will result in the exclusion from rounds or even the championship.

AWARDS

Individual Events - 1st, 2nd and 3rd R50 and R53

End of Year -

2025 R50 Mini Rally Champions - 2 Trophies

TBC

2025 R53 Mini Rally Champions – 2 Trophies

TBC

R50 & R53 Gravel Cup Champions 4 Trophies

R50 & R53 Asphalt Cup Champions 4 Trophies

R50 & R53 Gravel Cup Runner up Driver & Co-driver 4 Trophies

R50 & R53 Asphalt Cup Runner up Driver & Co-driver 4 Trophies

R50 & R53 Gravel Cup 3rd Driver & Co-driver 4 Trophies

R50 & R53 Asphalt Cup 3rd Driver & Co-driver 4 Trophies

The Andrew Watson Drivers Trophy 2 Trophy (1 to be returned, 1 to retain)

The On the Pace Navigators Trophy 1 Trophy

PRIZES TBC???

R50 Juniors – 2 Trophies

For Drivers under the age of 20 on 1st Jan 2025. MRC will contribute £250 towards the second round you choose to enter. Contact Julia Perry following the event.



OFFICIALS

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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 #RaceWithRespect

The Values

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

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 my part in keeping the sport safe through my 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.

RALLY CHALLENGE
EST 2020