

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MOTOR CLUB

2021 AUTOTEST REGULATIONS

Sunday 05/09/21

All competitors, including passengers if carried, to obtain and produce a 'Motorsport UK Competition Licence' (minimum RS Clubman Licence - which is usually free and covers a wide range of motorsport disciplines) in addition to a valid club membership card. Please apply in good time before competing. See: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>. Without this licence you will not be allowed to compete at this event.

- 1) This event will be running with current COVID 19 precautions by Tunbridge Wells Motor Club. As such, please expect that the event may not run exactly to the same format that you are used to. We have a new time keeping and scoring system **Timing App Live**. As such, please understand that this is a new system for the timekeepers to get used to. Tunbridge Wells Motor Club will organise a Clubman Permit Grass Autotest and Grass Production Car Autotest (PCA) at Gabriel's Farm, Marsh Green Rd, Marsh Green, Edenbridge TN8 5PP on dates as per the schedule which will be issued via email.
- 2) The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (MSUK), incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and these supplementary regulations together with any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
- 3) MSUK Permit numbers have been issued for this event: 1 2 2 8 7 8 / 1 2 2 8 7 9
- 4) The event will be run under dual permits issued by Motorsport UK as follows:-
Classes A to F – Clubman's Classes J & P – Clubman's - Production Car Autotest Permit

The events are open to members of the organising club and the Weald MC.

COVID-19 Summary:

In order to run the Autotest safely in the current environment, it has been necessary to introduce a number of changes for the safety of not just the competitors, but also the marshals and organisers. These regulations have been compiled taking into consideration the current Motorsport UK and Government Guidelines as of the 19th July 2021.

Rule changes have been introduced in the regulations to support COVID-19:

- Competitors and officials will be advised not to attend the event if they feel unwell.
- The number of competitors and marshals allowed to attend the event has been restricted i.e. strictly no spectators or supporters will be allowed to attend, **ONLY COMPETITORS, MARSHALLS AND OFFICIALS (SIGNED ON PRIOR TO THE DAY)**.
- The process for providing physical awards is under review to ensure avoidance of physical contact.

As a condition of registration to the event, all competitors must confirm that they have read all relevant sections of the **Motorsport UK Guidance documents on COVID-19** at <https://www.motorsportuk.org/restart/>

- Online entry (signing on is part of the online entry) and electronic payment only will be accepted.
- **BEFORE signing on, (completing the ONLINE entry) all competitors MUST have read the safety leaflet on the TWMC website.**
- No marshalling by the competitors (to reduce the number of people touching equipment).
- A requirement that competitors don't enter if they, or anyone they've been in contact with, have displayed symptoms in the 14 days prior to the event, and to sign a declaration to that effect.
- A dedicated COVID-19 officer to ensure adherence to the measures put in place.

What we expect from competitors:

- Comply with the social distancing of 2 metres at all times including when walking the course
- Comply with any request from the COVID-19 officer.
- If you are in a vulnerable category or have been asked to self-isolate please do not enter.
- If you, or anyone you are in contact with, are unwell before the event, that you notify us and do not attend.

If you are uncertain about any of the above measures, please do not enter at this time. We will welcome you back in the future, however it is a privilege that we are able to run this event. With advice/legislation changing all the time, having to cancel the event is always an option.

Those under forced, or by their own choice shielding, self-isolation or restricted movements are requested not to enter this event. If you are not sure about entering this event or have any doubts, it is probably best that you do not enter.

Sapphire systems timing application benefits

TWMC has adopted an electronic signing on and timing application by Sapphire Systems.<https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=tunbridge> ("the app")

- 5) All drivers must be in possession of a **Motorsport UK Competition Licence**. Entries may be accepted from drivers who are 14 years and over, who do not have a valid full driving licence subject to the following: A) The vehicle must be by definition a 'Touring Car', B) The vehicle engine capacity must not exceed 2000cc including forced induction, C) A passenger must be carried to accompany a junior who holds a valid full driving licence and a Motorsport UK Competition Licence. The passenger must also be experienced in autotests or autosolos. No passengers are allowed in Autotests except Production Autotests. (Section M12-2020 MSUK Year Book). Any entrant aged under 18 years will be required to have the indemnification form countersigned by their parent/guardian (Who may also enter the event).
- 6) **Production Car (Passenger Class) Autotest** –Passengers must occupy the passenger seat at all times and wear a seat belt. (See M16.1 & M16.2, M16.3 of MSUK Year Book 2020). Entries may be accepted from Drivers who are 14 and over. However, for drivers not holding a full RTA (Driving Licence), the passenger must hold a full RTA Licence and be experienced in Autotesting. The vehicle used must be by definition a 'touring car' and not exceed 2000cc forced induction (See M17-2020 MSUK Year Book). If the driver holds a valid non-provisional RTA Licence, the passenger must be 12 years or over and be at least 135cm in height. **The Production Class is designed to help young and/or novice drivers. (No 'other' passengers are allowed in the vehicle - i.e. strictly driver and passenger only).**
- 7) The programme of the meeting will be as follows:
- Signing on:** No signing on will be allowed to take place on the day of the event, you will need to have entered via the software app. The entry secretary will note your attendance on arrival.
- Scrutineering:** There will be no scrutineering for this event. Competitors will need to have checked their vehicle suitability prior to the event.
- First test:** from 1.00pm.
- Although it is the intention to run 12 tests as two sets of 6, the organisers reserve the right to amend this number should the prevailing conditions dictate.
- 8) Public roads will not be used to link sections. It is the intention that each event will comprise of Twelve tests on grass. Each entrant will have **Two** attempts at each test with the faster time to count towards their final score. Timing will be by hand held electronic device using the software app. The front axle of the vehicle must be inside the start box; timing will start as the driver crosses the start line with the centre of the front wheels. Timing will stop as the front wheel centre crosses the finish line, however if the vehicle fails to come to a stop within the box, the run will be classed as a wrong route (W/R). Penalties will be applied as follows: Striking a marker cone – 10 seconds. Performing a wrong route (W/R) will result in a time of 200 seconds. Markers may be less than 1 metre in height.

- 9) All cars must comply with the MSUK vehicle and Technical Regulations. See Common Regulations Section 'J' and Specific Regulations 'M' for Autotests of the 2021 MSUK Year Book.
- 10) All vehicles must be fitted with road legal and road pattern tyres only. This effectively means no specialist competition or rally knobby tyres (this is to avoid excessive damage to the venue). In short: **To give all competitors an equal chance and to protect the surface of the field, tyres of Town & Country and 'knobbles' patterns WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Road pattern Winter tyres are allowed. However road legal "mud and snow tyres" are made with wider gaps between the sections of tread than winter tyres which makes them an equivalent to Town and Countries/knobbles. Therefore they are not allowed for TWMC Autotests. List 1B and 1C tyres are also not allowed.**
- 11) Safety. A fire extinguisher is recommended to be carried in the vehicle. It is also recommended for all single venue competitions to carry within their vehicle a self-contained spill kit capable of effectively absorbing minor spillages of up to 1.25 litres of all vehicle fluids i.e. - oils, fuels, coolants, and battery acid. Used spill kits are to be disposed of in accordance with local or national guidelines. All open cars and specials are recommended to fit safety roll-over bars to at least section K - drawing number 1 page 178 of the 2020 MSUK Year Book.
- 12) Noise. As the event takes place on private land, vehicles need not have a current MOT or tax, but **MUST** be adequately silenced at all times. Failure to comply (any noisy car) will result in exclusion.
- 13) Classes will be as follows: **Electric cars are not allowed.** (Classes will not be amalgamated)

Class A – Touring Cars Trailered & Modified.

Class B – Road Going Touring Cars (saloons) up to 12ft 6in (3.8m) Road Legal (see Appendix 1)

Class C – Road Going Touring cars (saloons) over 12ft 6in (3.8m) Road Legal (see Appendix 1)

Class D – Road Going Series Production Sports Cars front and rear wheel drive (see Appendix 1)

Class E – Sports and Sports Kit Cars not eligible for class D

Class F - Four Wheel Drive Cars and Specials. (Not eligible for any award other than class)

Class J – Production Car Autotest, For Junior Drivers defined as not holding a full driving licence up to the age of 21.

Class P - Production Car Autotest, for anyone who wants to run with a passenger, including the passengers of Junior's in Class J. Passengers must be aged 16 if running with the roof down or 12 with the roof up. (MSUK 2021 Year Book page 210, 16.4 & 16.5)

Road Going Vehicles – Appendix 1:

Road Going cars in classes C, D, and E, will be taxed, have a valid MOT, have full interior trim, but it is allowed to remove the rear parcel shelf, rubber mats, boot carpet and spare wheel. The classification is intended for cars normally used on the road and is not for fully lightweight/modified cars brought on trailers. However, if the vehicle is fully road legal and complies with these Appendix 1 regulations, it can be brought on a trailer. Tunbridge Wells Motor Club officials at each event retain the right not to accept vehicles in these classes.

- 14) Convertible Touring Cars will be allocated to the relevant Touring Car Class if running with the hood up, but if the hood is down, it will be allocated to the relevant sports car class.
- 15) Classification of any vehicle will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. All vehicles must comply with section 'M' of the 2021 MSUK Year Book Technical Regulations for Autotests. All vehicle lengths will be taken from the 'Parkers Car Price Guide' or if not quoted, the manufacturers' specification.
- 16) The entry list for this event will open online via the Sapphire timing app at 17.00hrs on 25/08/21 via this <https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?site=tunbridge&event=All%20Day%20Autotest%2005/09>
The site closes to entries on Thursday 02/09/2021 at 8.00pm (no entries will be allowed after this time). Any entries submitted after the maximum number of entries has been reached will be placed on a reserve list.

- * **Juniors, 14 years of age up to and including 16 year olds = £10.00**
- * **Drivers, 17 years to 20 years = £20.00**
- * **Adults (21 years and over) = £25.00**

The method of payment is via online banking **only** to the Tunbridge Wells motor club account:
Sort code: 30-95-01
Account number: 03247774

Please await confirmation of entry via e mail before making payment.

You must be a member of TWMC or Weald M. C. prior to entering this event. This will be checked against the current membership list.

Final Regs, instructions and maps will be sent out electronically on the evening prior to the event after 8pm to all competitors and marshals. Please familiarise yourself with the test maps prior to arriving at the venue to help speed up your participation in the event. Please print your own copy of the maps, your car number and bring with you. These will not be available at the event.

17) The process for providing physical awards is under review to ensure avoidance of physical contact

18) The Secretary of the meeting is:

Sue Redhead, 1 Dittons Wood Close, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6FZ

Email: normanredhead@hotmail.com, other officials are: Clerk of the Course: Norman Redhead, Chief Marshal:

Gary Goodwin. Club Steward: TBA, COVID-19 protection officer: **Norman Redhead**

19) The maximum entry for this event is 30. The minimum is 15. There will be a reserve list if the entry should go over 30. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt. Entry fees may be refunded at the organisers' discretion.

20) Provisional results are available on the App once the event has finished. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with GR Section 'C', within 30 minutes of the end of the event. After that time, the results will become final.

21) Drones: Under no circumstances are 'drones' to be flown.

22) Tunbridge Wells Motor Club would like to thank Gabriel's Farm and TWMC members for their help and assistance in making these events possible.

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