



Tunbridge Wells Motor Club

Autotest Regulations 2026

All competitors, including passengers if carried, must obtain and produce a '*Motorsport UK (MSUK) Competition Licence*' (*minimum RS Clubman Licence*). This is usually free and covers a wide range of motorsport disciplines. In addition, every entrant must also have a valid club membership card from any one of the invited or organising clubs. Although it may be possible to apply for an RS Clubman Licence online on the day, this should be avoided and obtained before the event via the *Motorsport UK website*. Please apply in good time before competing.

See: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>

**** Please pay special attention to 'tyres' - item 14****

1. Tunbridge Wells Motor Club (TWMC) will organise a series of five Clubman Permit Grass Production Car Autotests at Gabriel's Farm, Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5PP on the following dates in 2026:

Evening Events : 19 May, 16 June, 14 July and 11 August

All day : Sunday 13 September

2. The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (MSUK) **2026 NCR – Production car autotest**, 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 the events: **TBA**
4. Each event will be run under permit issued by MSUK All – RS Clubmans.
The events are open to members of the organising club, Weald Motor Club
5. Sapphire Systems Timing and Application. TWMC has adopted an electronic **signing on, enter and timing application** by 'Sapphire Systems'. Go to:
<https://autotest.sapphiresolutions.co.uk/guide.php?sitename=tunbridge> ('the app')
6. All Adult drivers must produce a valid Club Membership Card and a **Minimum RS clubman Motorsport UK Competition Licence and hold a valid UK RTA licence**.
7. Entries may be accepted from drivers who are 13 years and over, who do not have a valid full driving licence subject to the following:
 - a) Except where provided for in Art.4.1.b, the vehicle must be by definition a 'Touring Car' ie saloon.

Art4.1 b With Motorsport UK's written permission and where the Official Documents permit, the use of by definition production 'Sports Cars' by approved Unlicensed Drivers are permitted provided they are fitted with safety roll-over bars to at least the specification in Ch.7 App.3 Art.22, and the roof erected or hard top fitted. (Guardian needs to contact MSUK for this written approval before entering)
 - 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.
8. Art4.2 A separate non-competitive test is provided in the itinerary so that novice Drivers without a valid, full RTA Licence can familiarise themselves with their Vehicle and its controls without penalty and to be observed to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course or another Senior Official before the Competition starts. In the event that a separate non-competitive test is not provided, Drivers must demonstrate that the provisions of Art.4.2 are satisfied (including observation by the Clerk of the Course or another Senior Official) before proceeding into and utilising the competitive test.
9. Any entrant aged under 18 will be required to have the indemnification form countersigned by their parent/guardian. (Who may also enter the event).
10. Junior and Passenger class - Passengers must occupy the passenger seat at all times and wear a seat belt. see CH 7 APP7 5.1 of MSUK NCR 2026). 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.

No 'other' passengers are allowed in the vehicle - ie strictly driver and passenger only.

11. The programme of the meeting will be as follows: Signing on is by means of sapphire Scrutineering Is self declaration and subject to checks by Clerk of event.

First test 18:30 for evening events and 13:00 for the Sunday event.

Please note there is no curfew at this venue apart from the light.

12. It is the intention that each event will comprise of six tests on grass. Each entrant will have **two attempts** at each test with the fastest times to count. Timing will be by hand-held phone or electronic device using the software app. The front axle of the vehicle must be inside the 'start box' area before you start. Timing will start as the driver crosses the start line with the Centre of the front wheels. Timing will stop as both front wheel centres cross the finish line inside the finish box area. Penalties will be applied as follows:

- a. Striking a marker cone – 10 seconds
- b. Performing a wrong route (W/R) will result in a penalty of 200 seconds added to your time.
- c. Failure to stop in the finishing box – 10 seconds

Markers may be less than 1 metre in height.

13. All cars must comply with the MSUK vehicle and Technical Regulations. See Common Regulations Section Ch2/7/9 and Specific Regulations Ch19 for Autotests of the 2026 MSUK NCR.
14. **TYRES. All vehicles must be fitted with road legal and road pattern summer-type tyres only.** This means no All Season, Winter, M&S or specialist competition or rally patterns. Tyres in the 2026 MSUK NCRs showing in lists 1B and 1C or any road legal semi-slick or tyres marked 'competition use only' or manufactured without a full tread pattern may not be used. (This is to avoid excessive damage to the venue and ensure fair competition across all classes). Tyres changed during the events must comply with all the above instructions. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in exclusion from the event. Clerk of the course decision is final.
15. **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 ie - 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 as per Ch.7 App.3 Art.22 of the 2026 MSUK NCRs.

16. 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. The organisers decision is final.

17. Classes will be as follows: (Classes will not be amalgamated)

Class A – Touring Cars. (Trailerred, Modified or not taxed/MOT'd not complying with any other class)

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 – For Junior Drivers defined as not holding a full driving licence up to the age of 17.

Class P – Passenger class 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.

All electric or hybrid cars will be entered in the appropriate class.

A Junior is defined as being under 17

Road Going Vehicles – Appendix 1:

Road Going cars in classes B, C and D, will be taxed, have a valid MOT and full interior trim. 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. Clerk of the course decision is final.

18. Classification of any vehicle will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. All vehicles must comply with section 'M' of the 2026 MSUK NCRs Technical Regulations for Autotests. All vehicle lengths will be taken from the 'Parkers Car Price Guide' or if not quoted, the manufacturers' specification.

19. Entries will open 'online' via the Sapphire system App, up to 10 days prior to the event date and a link can be found on the TWMC website. <https://twmc.org.uk>. Entries close 48 hours before the event.

Any entries submitted after the maximum number of entries has been reached will be placed on the reserve list.

The entry fee is £20.00 for adults for the evening events and £25.00 for the all-day final.

- Juniors 14 years of age up to 16 - Free Entry
- Drivers 17 years of age up to 20 - £15.00
- Adults (21 years and over) - £20.00 (£25 on the Sunday)

The only method of payment is via online banking to the Tunbridge Wells Motor Club account. Sort Code: 30-95-01. Account Number: 03247774

Final instructions and maps will be sent out electronically prior to the event to all competitors and marshals. Please familiarise yourself with the test maps before arriving at the venue to help speed up your participation. Please print your own copies of the tests and everyone is advised to either walk or learn the courses before taking part. The tests will be designed for easy learning and uncomplicated. Tests can be carried out in any order (usually 6 tests). You are advised to arrive early therefore to ensure you are able to complete a minimum of one run of each test for scoring.

20. 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**

Safeguarding Officer: Robbie Redhead.

Results: Via Sapphire application app and we will send out after the event .

21. Awards will be presented as follows:

Evening and All Day Event:

1st Overall (FTD)

1st in class.

2nd in class (subject to four entries)

3rd in class (subject to 6 entries).

Best Junior

Best Female.

A junior is defined as being under 17 years of age

Ladies award subject to two entries.

No competitor can win more than one award.

22. The maximum entry for each event is 30. The minimum is 10. 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.

23. **Drones:** Under no circumstances are 'drones' to be flown.

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

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