

Common Regulations for Championships – Appendix 5

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General

The MSA defines a Championship as “an event, or series of events, organised for the purpose of establishing the right to an individual for collective title. Such a competition may also be referred to by other titles, e.g. Challenge, Trophy or Series”.

Commercial Sponsorship is defined as “the provision of, or assistance in the provision of, awards by an organisation other than a recognised Club towards the result of a Championship. The donation of such awards, whether in cash or in kind, is given in consideration of the title or product name connected with the organisation being associated with the promotion of the Championship”.

The MSA may also designate as “Commercial” any Championship which it considers as being publicity oriented.

Championship Grades

There are four grades of Championship recognised by the MSA. Relevant fees are contained within Part 3, Appendix 3.

- A British Championships approved by MSA
- B Principle Commercial Championships
- C Sponsored (and/or Commercial) Championships
- D Unsponsored (non-Commercial) Championships

Note: Throughout these sections an asterisk (*) indicates a requirement for additional information to be printed in the Supplementary Regulations (SRs).

Text shown in Italics indicate a Regulation which may be amended in the SRs.

Car Racing Championship

Normally only Clubs which have been recognised by the MSA for more than two years are permitted to apply for a Championship Permit. The deadlines for Car Racing Championship applications are as follows:

1st July

Date by which a Notice of Intent to run or continue to run a racing Championship in the following year should be registered with the MSA. For existing Championships, a list of the number of starters at each round held in the year previous to the year of application must also be submitted. Any Notice of Intent received after 1st July will only be considered by the Motor Racing Championship Control Panel in exceptional circumstances. Their decision will be final. Any major changes in a Championship must be notified to the MSA with the Notice of Intent. The Motor Racing Championship Control Panel will discuss and recommend outline consent for those Championships submitted and may delegate to a Working Group any unresolved queries.

31st October

Date by which formal application for a racing Championship previously notified should be submitted. The application may be submitted leaving blank those items where insufficient information is available

31st December

Date by which all final details should be received.

31st January

Last date for final details to be received. A surcharge of 50% will be incurred (minimum of £100, or £50 for Club Championships). No applications will be accepted after this date and outstanding applications will lapse.

Stage Rally Championships

Normally only Clubs or Associations which have been recognised by the MSA for more than two years are permitted to apply for Championship registration or a Championship Permit. Once a Club or Association has registered a Championship, or has been issued a Permit, it takes responsibility for controlling all Sporting, Technical, Financial and Calendar matters and must guarantee prize money as published.

Proposals to alter any of the Sporting or Technical Regulations for the Championship after registration or the issue of a Permit must be notified to the MSA for approval before publicity and must comply with A 29.

A copy of the Championship registration or Permit and a copy of the Championship Regulations must be lodged with all Clubs organising a qualifying round. The Stage Rally Championship Control Panel reserves the right to classify any Championship as ‘Commercial’,

when a sliding scale of charges may apply. Failure by any Club or Association to comply with all Championship Regulations may result in the cancellation of the Championship.

The deadlines for Stage Rally Championship applications are as follows:

1st September

Date by which International, National and Club Championships must give Notice of Intent to run, or continue to run, a Stage Rally Championship in the following year. Any major changes which may conflict with other Championships must be notified to the MSA with Notice of Intent. For existing Championships, the number of starters at each round held in the current year's Championship prior to application must be submitted with the Notice of Intent.

Any Notice of Intent received after 1st September will only be considered by the Stage Rally Championship Control Panel in exceptional circumstances. Their decision will be final. The Stage Rally Championship Control Panel will discuss and recommend outline consent for those applications submitted.

31st December

Date by which final details must be submitted. All Association Rally Championship applications must be submitted in detail by 31st December.

Kart Racing Championships

Only clubs or associations which have been recognised by the MSA for more than two years are permitted to apply for a Championship Permit. Once a Club or Association has registered a Championship, or has been granted a Permit, it takes responsibility for controlling all Sporting, Technical, Financial and Calendar matters and must guarantee prize money as published.

Proposals to alter any of the Sporting or Technical Regulations for the Championship after registration or the issue of a Permit must be notified to the MSA for approval before publicity and must comply with B 8.4.

A copy of the Championship registration or Permit and a copy of the Championship Regulations must be lodged with all Clubs organising a qualifying round. The Kart Championship Control Panel reserves the right to classify any Championship as 'Commercial', when a sliding scale of charges may apply. Failure by a club or association to comply with all Championship Regulations may result in the cancellation of the Championship.

The deadlines Kart Racing Championship Applications are as follows:

1st September

Date by which Notice of Intent to run or continue to run a Kart Championship in the following year should be registered with the MSA. Any major changes in a Championship must be notified to the MSA with the Notice of Intent. For existing Championships, a list of the number of starters at each round held in the year previous to the year of application must also be submitted.

Any Notice of Intent received after 1st September will only be considered by the Kart Racing Championship Control Panel in exceptional circumstances. Their decision will be final. The Kart Racing Championship Control Panel will discuss and recommend outline consent for those Championships submitted and may delegate to a Working Group any unresolved queries.

28th February or six weeks before the first round whichever is the sooner

Date by which formal application for a kart racing Championship previously notified must be submitted.

Conditions for the issue of Car or Kart Racing, and Speed Event Championship Licences

Championships bearing the title International, European, British, National or similar titles are normally reserved for series promoted by, or on behalf of, the MSA. Organisers wishing to make an application for, or be associated with, such a series should seek MSA approval.

Written agreement from all Clubs organising a qualifying round, and from the owners of licenced tracks to be used, must be held by the Championship Organisers.

The issue of a Championship Permit in addition to an Event Permit requires that the organising Club, sponsors and track owners are covered for Third Party Legal Liability not exceeding £30 million for any one incident. This cover does not include Product Liability Risk.

The Championship Sporting and Technical Regulations may not be amended after publication except as approved by the MSA before issue. Any amendments must be circulated to all registered Competitors, Championship Stewards, Eligibility Scrutineers and Clubs organising rounds of the Championship. Any mixed discipline Championship in which more than three events are Car Races will also be required to submit a Race Championship Permit Application.

Advance publicity may only be issued prior to the granting of a Permit with the prior written MSA approval of that publicity. The Championship must be referred to at all times by its correct and approved title and the Permit number must be included in any published Championship Regulations.

A copy of the approved Championship Permit and Regulations must be lodged with all Clubs organising qualifying rounds. FIA approval may be required for certain Championship rounds going outside the UK (except for the Republic of Ireland).

The MSA reserves the right to impose conditions on the status, dates and promotion of Championships and information must be supplied on the following before a Permit is issued:

- The proposed title
- The value of the awards, including bonuses
- The method of scoring
- The method of resolving ties
- The eligibility of Competitors and vehicles

- The status, dates, promoting Clubs, tracks or courses for the qualifying rounds
- Whether or not the Championship has been run in the past.
- The number of Competitors in the past.

An Organiser granted a Championship Permit takes responsibility for controlling all sporting, technical, financial and calendar matters and must provide and guarantee all prize money, awards and bonuses as stated on the application. Failure by an Organiser to comply with all Championship regulations could render cancellation of the Championship and could affect future applications.

Championship Points may only be issued by the Championship Permit Holder.

The Sporting and Technical Regulations for all Championships must be produced to the standard format approved by the MSA, and must be submitted with the Championship application. Upon issue of a Championship Permit, a set of Championship Regulations as issued to Competitors must be forwarded to the Kart, Race and Speed Executive at the MSA. These Regulations must be signed and dated by the Championship Co-ordinator and bear the wording, in red ink, "PUBLISHED COPY".

All applications for one-make Race Championships, other than any Championship for vehicles with Governmental Type Approval, must include full and detailed chassis/bodywork drawings and specifications.

Officials

A Championship Co-Coordinator, Championship Stewards (minimum three) and an Eligibility Scrutineer must be nominated on the Application Form by the Organisers and there may be no duplication of duties. None may be Competitors in the Championship, prepare entries for the Championship or be sponsors of Competitors in the Championship.

The Championship Stewards can only adjudicate upon any disputes, irregularities or appeals arising from the approved Championship Regulations. They are also empowered to consider any request from the Championship Co-Coordinator to penalise any Competitor for breach of Championship Regulations and, after holding a formal hearing, to impose a penalty in accordance with C(d)-6, subject to the rights of appeal to the MSC provided in Section C(d).

The Championship Co-ordinator is responsible for liaison with the Championship Stewards and between the Championship Organiser, the Event Organisers and Competitors and the distribution of relevant information. The Co-ordinator should, when present at events, sign on and remain present at the venue until the event has concluded. The Co-ordinator may not impose any penalties or sanctions on a Competitor, but may request the Stewards to hold a hearing into any alleged breach of Regulations. The Co-ordinator does not have the power to make decisions on Sporting or Technical Regulations applicable to the Championship, nor to issue Bulletins, Newsletters or results without the approval of the Championship Organiser. Other than the Clerk of the Course and the Championship Stewards, no other person has any powers or responsibilities within Approved Championship Regulations.

The Eligibility Scrutineer must be MSA-licenced and specifically approved by the MSA and the Technical Commission for this purpose. The Eligibility Scrutineer should, when present at events, sign on and remain at the circuit until the Official results are published. Any eligibility checks on vehicles must be carried out in full co-operation with the Club organising the event. The Clerk of the Course must be informed of the intention to, and results of, any eligibility checks.

Where Championships require the appointment of a Technical Commissioner to enforce eligibility standards, written application must be made to the MSA. Justification is required and a charge will be made additional to the Permit fee for this facility. All expenses are the responsibility of the Championship Organiser and must be agreed between the Technical Commissioner and the Championship Organiser.