

Woolbridge Motor Club Ltd.

Car Trials Championship Rules

Revised August 2024

1. The championship will comprise only Car Trials run by Woolbridge Motor Club Ltd (WMC Ltd) in the club year and will only be open to members of WMC Ltd.
2. The championship year will run in line with the club year, from 1st October to 30th September.
3. The championship will be administered by the WMC Ltd Car Trials Sub Committee. The details of the composition of this sub committee will be posted both in the club magazine and on the club web site.
4. Competitors are not required to register for the WMC Ltd Car Trials championship. All WMC Ltd members competing in WMC Ltd Car Trials who submit their entry under "WMC Ltd" and are shown as such in the entry list will be automatically entered into the WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship.
5. Scores from a maximum of 8 events will count towards the championship. Scores from all events will count when 4 or less events are run. When 5 events are run the best 4 will count. In this way one score will be dropped when 5 to 7 events are run and 2 scores will be dropped when 8 events are run. There will be reserve events slotted in to make up the number of rounds to a maximum of 8 should events need to be cancelled.
6. All competitors starting an event (defined as having signed on and passed scrutineering) will score one point for starting, this is awarded only if they fail to score otherwise. i.e. it is not in addition to their score for the event. (in this way, no one who turns up with a suitable vehicle should go home without a score)
7. Any classes amalgamated at an event will be separated for WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship point scoring purposes. (except 10 below)
8. Competitors will score 6 points for first in class, 5 points for second in class, 4 points for third in class and so on.
9. Bonus tenths will be awarded to the first 9 cars in class depending on the number of competitors beaten in the class. i.e. if the class has 6 competitors the winner will have beaten 5 so will receive 6.5 points, the second-place competitor will have beaten 4 so will receive 5.4 points and so on. The maximum score will thus be 6.9 points. A class of 1 will only receive 6.0 points for the win.
10. Where a single class is subdivided the subdivided class scores will stand alone unless there are only 3 or more competitors in that class when the subdivided classes will be recombined for the championship scores. (this is relevant to the new class 3.1 in 2021 and other possible future additions)
11. In the event of a tie the tie will be resolved at the event first of all by the number of cleans and then if not decided by the furthest clean. Points in the championship will then be awarded on the event result positions in class.
12. If a competitor fails to finish an event, he will only receive the one point for starting the event and not be classified in the result order. i.e. if the class has only 4 entries and a competitor fails to finish he will be given 1 point not 3 for being fourth. To be classed as a finisher a competitor must complete 75% of the total number of sections in one car, the competitor can continue after missing 25% or changing cars but they will not be classified in the results.
13. No extra points will be awarded for first overall in an event.
14. If a championship contender marshals a WMC Ltd Car Trials championship round rather than competing, he / she will receive 4 points.
15. If a championship contender is Secretary of the Meeting for a WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship round rather than competing, then he/she will receive 6 points.
16. If a championship contender is Clerk of the Course for a WMC Ltd Car Trials championship round rather than competing, he / she will receive 7 points.

17. Officials who claim points as above will only be permitted to count one marshal/official score in the car trials championship.
18. In order to encourage Novices and new contenders in the championship a three tier system has been created. There will be a normal WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship for all contenders, a “Silver” league which will not contain designated drivers and a third “Bronze” league which will contain newcomers who have not competed in more than 6 events at the start of the season or are 18 or under at the start of the season. The Bronze league drivers will move to the Silver league at the start of the following season if they have competed in more than 6 events or if they have won a major award (Overall, Best WMC or First in Class in a WMC Ltd Car Trial).
19. The list of designated drivers will be determined by the WMC Ltd Car Trials Sub Committee and consist of regular high performers and championship winners. This list will be reviewed annually by the WMC Ltd Car Trials Sub Committee and designated drivers will be able to return to the Silver League if the sub committee agree that they no longer qualify as a designated driver.
20. It will not be possible to win an award in more than one tier. In this way if an award is won in a higher league then the awards are forfeited in lower leagues.
21. Ties in the WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship will be resolved by the number of first in class followed by number of second in class etc if a tie still persists.
22. An annual trophy and replica will be awarded to the winner of the three tiers in the championship. Awards will be given down to third place in the main and Silver league championships and from first to third in the Bronze league depending on the number of contenders. (up to 6 contenders – one award, up to 9 contenders 2 awards and greater than 12 contenders 3 awards). An under 23 award will be presented to the Best Under 23 competitor overall, any awards in the three tiers will take precedence over this award. Class awards may also be presented to the Best in each class should numbers support this, any award in the three tiers will take precedence over these awards. Extra Special awards may also be provided at the discretion of the WMC Ltd Car Trials Sub Committee.
23. Class 6 cars are not eligible for the WMC Ltd Car Trials Championship but a class award will be presented if the number of contenders support it..
24. Trophies will be presented at the WMC Ltd Annual Awards Function.

“Designated Drivers” (2024)

M Hoppe, A Webb, G Morris, W Lawrence, T Dovey, C Dovey, A Smith.

(note: an average event score of 3.0 may be used to ascertain promotion / relegation from the Designated Driver list)