



MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

BTRDA® will organise and promote the 2009 MSA English Rally Championship. The Championship will be run in accordance with the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (MSA) and these regulations. It is open to competitors holding a minimum of a National B Competition Licence. The MSA English Rally Championship is restricted to 2 wheel drive cars with a maximum engine size of 2 litres. Championship Permit No 2009 / 5704 has been issued by the MSA.

Acceptance for the Championship will be acknowledged by the issue of a Registration Card which must be produced at documentation on each event. Championship registrations will close after round four. Championship bulletins containing details of points allocations and Championship news will be sent to registered competitors at intervals throughout the year.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

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Event	Date	Location
Get Connected Wyedean Forest Rally	7 th February	Forest of Dean
Malcolm Wilson Rally	7 st March	Lake District
BETTA Somerset Stages	25 th April	West Somerset
Rainworth Skoda Dukeries Rally	13 th June	Sherwood Forest
Woodpecker Stages	5 th September	Shropshire
South of England Tempest Rally	7 th November	Hampshire

If through 'force majeure' any of the qualifying rounds cannot take place, the BTRDA reserve the right to either include another event on the same date or to alter the number of scores to count. Championship registration does not guarantee an entry on events. It is the responsibility of competitors to enter events in sufficient time. BTRDA® cannot enter into any correspondence or discussion about event entries or event seeding.

VEHICLES

The MSA English Rally Championship is open to all competitors in vehicles that comply with the 2009 MSA Safety and Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies, and which fit into one of the four Championship classes.

CLASSES

Class E1	Up to and including 1400cc
Class E2	Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc
Class E3	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc Rear Wheel Drive
Class E4	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc Front Wheel Drive

The engine capacities stated are after multiplying the actual capacity by the forced induction equivalency factor of 1.7. This does not apply to Diesel engines. Rotary engines are not permitted

All vehicles may be subject to random capacity and eligibility checks throughout the year. These checks will be carried out by the Championship Scrutineers and/or members of the MSA Technical Commission who shall be considered Judges of Fact in matters of eligibility. In the event of a car being found ineligible then the penalties specified in the MSA Regulations [C(d41)] shall apply. A competitor will be responsible for any costs they incur as a result of eligibility checking, whether found eligible or otherwise.

Permitted Fuels: Competitors are permitted to use only fuel that conforms to the definitions of Pump Fuels in the 2009 MSA Yearbook, or fuel that complies with FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Art 9. No other fuels are permitted.

All cars must be equipped with the facility to enable a fuel sample to be taken. For fuel injected cars the facility must be a dry break fuel sampling coupling, approved by the FIA. Competitors to carry and make available a 300mm minimum length of hose to which, where necessary, the appropriate mating part is to be attached. [2009 MSA Yearbook C(b)19]

SCORING

A competitor's best five scores will count to their final Championship and Class points total. The scoring system will reflect achievement against other registered competitors in the same capacity class and the level of Championship competition in that class.

The allocation of Championship points will be based on the final results of the Championship events. Championship points will be awarded after each event and published in Championship Bulletins and / or on the Championship web site. These interim Championship points will become final 7 days after the publication of the Championship Bulletin. The end of year Championship points will become final 7 days after the publication of the final Championship Bulletin.

Points will be allocated as follows: -

20 points to the highest placed registered driver/co-driver in each Championship class, 18 points to the second placed registered driver/co-driver in each Championship class, 17 points to the third and so on down to two points for the 18th placed driver / co-driver and every subsequent driver / co-driver in the class that finishes the event. One point will be awarded to every non finisher.

For the overall MSA English Rally Championship an additional point will be awarded for each Championship contender beaten in the class, up to a maximum of 5 points.

EG: If Class E4 has 4 registered competitors and Class E1 has 8 registered competitors

The winner of Class E4 would score 20 + 3 = 23

The winner of Class E1 would score 20 + 5 = 25

Any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores within their best five 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 a competitor's 6th score and then finally their 7th score. If this fails to resolve the tie then joint awards will be presented.

Competitors must display BTRDA[®] Motorsport Championship decals on either side of the car.

Once a competitor has registered for the Championship it is not possible to de-register. Even if Championship decals are removed, either member of the crew may still be counted as a registered competitor for the allocation of points, even though they may not be awarded any individual points.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

MSA English Rally Champion Driver*	Champion Drivers Trophy & award
MSA English Rally Champion Co-Driver*	Champion Co-Drivers Trophy & award
Second Overall Driver*	BTRDA engraved award
Second Overall Co-driver*	BTRDA engraved award
Third Overall Driver*	BTRDA engraved award
Third Overall Co-driver*	BTRDA engraved award

* Are not eligible for class awards

All the Overall award winners will receive a souvenir photograph and a free ticket to the 2009 Award Presentation

CLASS AWARDS

First Driver in Class	Engraved Goblet plus souvenir photograph and a free ticket to the 2009 Awards Presentation
First Co-driver in Class	Engraved Goblet plus souvenir photograph and a free ticket to the 2009 Awards Presentation
Second Driver in Class	Engraved Goblet
Second Co-Driver in Class	Engraved Goblet
Third Driver in Class*	Engraved Goblet
Third Co-driver in Class*	Engraved Goblet

* Subject to a minimum of 6 registered competitors.

To qualify for any awards a competitor must have started at least 4 qualifying events

The Championship Awards Presentation will take place in early December 2009.

CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS

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Any query concerning these regulations or the running of the Championship must be referred to the Championship Co-ordinator. Any subsequent protest must be referred in writing to the BTRDA Panel of Stewards via the BTRDA Ltd Secretary within the time limits set out in the MSA Yearbook. The BTRDA Panel of Stewards comprises any three from Mike Sones, Mike Stephens, Neil Mackay, Simon Harris and Terry Moore.

The Championship registration fee is £45 for Drivers and £40 for Co-drivers or £80 when registering as a crew.. This includes full membership of the BTRDA® which is an invited club on each event. Championship Registration and BTRDA membership is free to new members Under 25 for their first year of registration.

The Championship web site www.englishrally.co.uk linked to www.btrdarally.co.uk will be a source of live event results and information about the MSA English Rally Championship throughout the year.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS AND CONTACTS

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7 February	GET CONNECTED WYEDEAN FOREST RALLY	<i>Chepstow / Forest of Dean</i>
	Lilian Turley, Heathmount, Woodside, Bream, Nr. Lydney. GLOS. GL15 6ND.	
	Email: lilianturley@bntinternet.com	Tel: 01594 810161
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7 March	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	<i>Cockermouth / Lake District</i>
	Ian & Lois Wright, 14 Monkswell Drive, Bolton le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire. LA5 8HN	
	Email: wright516@btinternet.com	Tel: 01524 824626
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25 April	SOMERSET STAGES RALLY	<i>Minehead / West Somerset</i>
	Cathie Leverton, 80 Herne Rise, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 0HL	
	Email: entries@somersetstagesrally.com	Tel: 0870 744 9160
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13 June	RAINWORTH SKODA DUKERIES RALLY	<i>Southwell / Sherwood Forest</i>
	Alan Rotherham, 5 Moor View Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S43 3UE	
	Email: entries@dukeries-rally.co.uk	Tel: 01246 472002
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5 September	WOODPECKER STAGES	<i>Ludlow / Shropshire</i>
	Roger Allan. Longfield, Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick, Worcestershire. WR2 5SU.	
	Email: woodpeckerentry@aol.com	Tel: 01905 424987
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7 November	SOUTH OF ENGLAND TEMPEST RALLY	<i>Aldershot / Hampshire</i>
	Pam Guess, 8 Bethel Lane, Upper Hale, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 0QA.	
	Email: barrygcharlie@aol.com	Tel: 01252 727390