



## SWISHER MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 REGULATIONS

BTRDA® will organise and promote the 2012 SWISHER 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 issued by the MSA.

The SWISHER MSA English Rally Championship is restricted to 2 wheel drive cars with a maximum engine size of 2 litres. Championship Permit No 2012 / 5704 has been issued by the MSA.

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

The Championship will consist of 7 National B Forest Rallies. A competitor's best 5 scores will count.

Event	Date	Location
Wydean Forest Rally	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Forest of Dean
Malcolm Wilson Rally	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lake District
BETTA Somerset Stages	21 <sup>st</sup> April	West Somerset
Rainworth Skoda Dukeries Rally	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sherwood Forest
Woodpecker Stages	1st September	Shropshire
Trackrod Clubman Rally	29 <sup>th</sup> September	North Yorkshire
Tempest 2 Rally	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hampshire / Berkshire

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 SWISHER MSA English Rally Championship is open to all competitors in vehicles that comply with the 2012 MSA Safety and Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies, and which fit into one of the five Championship classes.

### CLASSES

Class E1	BTRDA Rally First cars up to and including 1400cc
Class E2	All other cars up to and including 1400cc
Class E3	Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc
Class E4	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc Front Wheel Drive
Class E5	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc Rear Wheel Drive

*All forced induction engines (except diesel engines) are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7 to 1. 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 Yearbook [C:3.5.3] 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 Fuel in the MSA Yearbook. Cars must be equipped with the facility to enable a fuel sample to be taken. [MSA Yearbook J:5.13.7].

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 SWISHER 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, reference will be made to a competitor's 6<sup>th</sup> score and then finally their 7<sup>th</sup> score. If this fails to resolve the tie then joint awards will be presented.

## DECALS

Competitors must display the Championship decals as specified, which will be provided.

- A championship sponsors panel to be located on the front leading edge of the door. [NB: This is the same sponsors panel as the REIS-Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series]
- A championship screen strip. Either a REIS-Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series screen strip or a SWISHER MSA English Rally Championship screen strip if you are only registered for the Swisher MSA English Rally Championship.

Decals must not be modified by altering logo sizes or colours. They can be trimmed where exceptionally necessary to fit the vehicle but this must be approved by the Eligibility Scrutineers or Championship Co-ordinators. Sponsors Panel on front leading edge of door

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

SWISHER MSA English Rally Champion Driver*	BTRDA Engraved Trophy Vase
SWISHER MSA English Rally Champion Co-Driver*	BTRDA Engraved goblet
Second Overall Driver*	BTRDA engraved goblet
Second Overall Co-driver*	BTRDA engraved goblet
Third Overall Driver*	BTRDA engraved goblet
Third Overall Co-driver*	BTRDA engraved goblet

\* Are not eligible for class awards

## CLASS AWARDS

First Driver in each Class	Engraved Goblet
First Co-driver in each Class	Engraved Goblet
Second Driver in each Class	Engraved Goblet
Second Co-Driver in each Class	Engraved Goblet
Third Driver in each Class*	Engraved Goblet
Third Co-driver in each Class*	Engraved Goblet

\* Subject to a minimum of 6 registered competitors.

## **JUNIOR DRIVER & CO-DRIVER AWARD**

This award is open to all registered drivers who were born on or after 1st January 1989. Points will be awarded on a 'comparison of performance' basis. 20 points will be allocated to the highest scorer, 18 points to the second highest scorer, 17 points to the third highest scorer and so on down to 2 points to the eighteenth placed scorer and every subsequent finisher in this category.

1<sup>st</sup> Junior Driver       **£250** (sponsored by Mintex) plus Chris Lord Trophy and an award  
1<sup>st</sup> Junior Co-Driver   Mike Broad Trophy and an award

To qualify for any awards a competitor must have started at least 4 and finished at least 3 qualifying events.

## **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 £35 for Co-drivers. This includes full membership of the BTRDA<sup>®</sup> which is an invited club on each event. This registration fee also includes registration in the 2012 REIS-Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series.

Championship Registration and BTRDA membership is free to new members under 25 for their first year of registration.

Acceptance for the Championship will be acknowledged by the issue of a (BTRDA) Registration Card which must be produced at documentation on each event. Championship registrations will close after round four.

The Championship web site **[www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk)** (linked to **[www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com)**) will be a source of live event results and information about the MSA English Rally Championship throughout the year.