

FOREWORD

Welcome to the **KINGFISHER INSURANCE 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship**.

The Kingfisher Insurance 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship is open to all types of stage rally car and is based on 7 forest rallies which we hope will provide competitors with another exciting challenge. It retains the popular 'class based' scoring format so that the overall English Rally Champions can come from any of the seven competition classes.

2026 will undoubtedly offer competitors, event organisers, marshals and spectators new challenges, but we are determined to bring you some "Serious Fun" on the best gravel stages. We hope that both existing and new competitors will join us for what is sure to be another enjoyable and successful year.

Good luck to everyone.

Neil Cross

Chair of the BTRDA Rally Committee

Kingfisher Insurance 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship

Article 1: ANNOUNCEMENT

BTRDA Ltd will organise and promote the **Kingfisher Insurance 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship**.

Article 2: JURISDICTION

The Championship will be run in accordance with the Motorsport UK **National Competition Rules** (NCRs), these Championship Regulations (CRs) and any Official Bulletins the Championship might issue. In the event of a variance between these CRs and the BTRDA General Championship Rules these CRs take precedence.

Article 3: AUTHORISATION

Championship Permit No **CH2026/RALLY002 (B)** has been issued by Motorsport UK

Article 4: ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all fully paid-up members of the BTRDA (British Trial & Rally Drivers Association). Competitors must hold a 2026 Motorsport UK 'Interclub' (or higher grade) competition licence or the Motorsport Ireland equivalent.

All vehicles must comply with the 2026 Motorsport UK Safety and Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies and where appropriate with FIA Technical Regulations. Valid FIA homologation papers must be carried in the car and be available for inspection by Championship or Event Scrutineers immediately upon request. Competitors are reminded of the requirements of NCR Ch.8 App.4 - Tyre List 6.



Article 5: CALENDAR

The 2026 English Rally Championship includes a selection of 7 popular and competitive Interclub forest stage rallies with the final points tables based on a competitor's best 5 scores.

Event	Date	Location
Malcolm Wilson Rally	8 th March	Cockermouth / Lake District
Kielder Forest Rally	18 th April	Hexham / Kielder Forest
Plains Rally	16 th June	Bala / Mid Wales
Nicky Grist Stages	11 th July	Builth Wells / Mid Wales
Trackrod Forest Rally*	27 th September	Filey / North Yorkshire
Wyedean Stages Rally	14 th November	Ross on Wye / Forest of Dean
Grizedale Stages	5 th December	Coniston / Lake District

* The BTRDA reserve the right to include competitor stage times / results from other categories in this event.

Article 6: CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

The 2026 English Rally Championship is divided into 7 competition classes.

English Rally Class	NCR Classes	Summary Description See NCR Ch.13 App.24, Chart 50 for the definitive wording.
1	1	Homologated (& formerly homologated) FIA Rally2 & R5 cars. FIA S2000 cars and any variants (including turbo conversions). All World Rally cars which must comply with their homologation. Rally2 & R5 cars whose homologation has expired shall continue to run in this class and be in conformity with their relevant homologation papers (including weight). RHD conversions which retain all other aspects of their homologation are permitted.
2	2 4 <i>H16</i>	All 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc not eligible for Class 1, plus all Historic Cat 5 (Group A & Group N) 4wd cars.
3	3	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc, plus all FIA RGT cars.
5	5 6 <i>H6,H7,H8 H11,H12 H13,H15</i>	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to 1500cc, plus all homologated FIA Rally4 and R2 cars with forced induction engines. Historic Cat 3 & 4 cars over 1600cc & Cat 5 cars 1601cc to 2000cc inc F2 kit cars.
7	7 8	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc; forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc, and homologated FIA Rally5 and Rally5 Kit cars.
9	9, <i>H1,2,3,4 5,9,10,14</i>	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc plus Historic Cat 1 & 2 cars and Cat 3, 4 & 5 cars up to 1600cc.
10	10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Rally Start: Cars that meet either the Rally First specification or are Road Rally cars as per NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art.1 plus Formula 1000 & J 1000 cars.
<i>All forced induction engines are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7 to 1, except as set out above. The Championship reserve the right to reclassify any vehicle if they consider it appropriate to do so.</i>		



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Article 7: SCORING & POINTS

The scoring system will reflect achievement against other registered competitors in the same vehicle class and the level of Championship competition in that class with the final points tables based on a competitor's best 5 scores.

If through 'force majeure' any of the qualifying rounds cannot take place the BTRDA will alter the number of scores to count. Where reference is made to 5 best scores within these regulations it will reduce in line with the table below.

7 Events - best 5 scores to count
6 Events - best 5 scores to count
5 Events - best 4 scores to count
4 Events - best 3 scores to count
3 Events or less - championship cancelled

The allocation of Championship points will be based on the final results of the qualifying events. The points will be published on the Championship website **www.englishrally.co.uk** as soon as possible after each event. Queries should be addressed to the Championship Liaison Officers.

Subject to no protests being received, these points will become final 7 days later, unless otherwise stated. Similarly, at the end of the year, the Championship points will become final 7 days after the provisional points are published on the website, unless otherwise stated.

Any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores within their counting 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 may be made to whoever has the fastest time on the first stage of the last event on which the competitors who have tied, took part. If this fails to resolve the tie, then joint awards will be presented.

Points in each Championship class 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 2026 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 5 has 4 registered competitors and Class 2 has 8 registered competitors.

The winner of Class 5 would score $20 + 3 = 23$

The winner of Class 2 would score $20 + 5 = 25$

Article 8: OFFICIALS

COMPETITOR LIAISON OFFICER

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CHAMPIONSHIP STEWARDS

BTRDA Panel of Stewards: Any three from Mike Broad, Terry Moore, Nick Pollitt & Ian Butcher.

Any query concerning these regulations, or the running of the Championship must be referred to a named Championship Official. Any subsequent appeal must be referred in writing to the BTRDA Panel of Stewards via the BTRDA Ltd Secretary in accordance with NCR Ch.2 App.5 together with the appropriate fee.

Article 9: VEHICLES & IDENTIFICATION

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 Motorsport UK 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 NCRs Ch.2 App.8.2 shall apply. A competitor will be responsible for any costs they incur because of eligibility checking, whether found eligible or otherwise.

Permitted Fuels: Competitors are only permitted to use fuel that conforms to NCR Ch.8 App.1 Art.1.7

Competitors **must** display a BTRDA sponsor panel on either side of the car and a BTRDA front screen strip. Decals must not be modified by altering the logo sizes or colours. They can be trimmed where exceptionally necessary to fit the vehicle, but this must be approved by the BTRDA Eligibility Scrutineers or Series on event team.

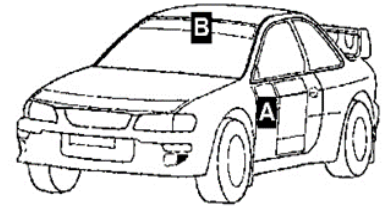
Locations A and B are mandatory requirements.

A - Sponsors Panel on leading edge of door

B - The BTRDA / Sponsors screen strip

The Sponsor screen strip may by prior arrangement also be placed in the front leading edge of the bonnet.

Registered co-drivers accompanying non-registered drivers must display two "BTRDA" decals (310mm x 110mm) on the car to be eligible to score points.



Failure to carry Championship decals in accordance with Article 9 will result in the loss of any points or prizes for that round.

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. Lower scoring competitors will not benefit from the none award of individual points.

Article 10: CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION & FEES

10.1 The championship registration fee includes full membership of the BTRDA which is an invited club on each event, and registration for the 2026 Protyre BTRDA Rally Series. (NB: Registration for the 2026 BTRDA Rally Series automatically includes registration for the English Rally Championship). **The registration fee is £50 for Drivers and £20 for Co-drivers, plus the BTRDA Club membership fee of £30.**

Championship registration and BTRDA membership are free to new members under 25 for their first year of registration. Registrations open on the publication of these CRs and close on 1st September 2026.

Membership and Registration should be done on-line at www.btrdamembership.com. Acceptance for the Championship will be acknowledged by the issue of a BTRDA Registration Card which must be produced at documentation on each event.

The Championship web site www.englishrally.co.uk (linked to www.btrdarally.com) will be a source of live event results / information about the Kingfisher Insurance 2026 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship throughout the year.

Article 11: MOTORSPORT UK RESPECT CODE

By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code.

Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents or concerns on an event should be reported to the event Safeguarding Officer or if it is in a BTRDA Rally Series context, then it should be reported to the BTRDA Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK.



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Article 12: KINGFISHER INSURANCE 2026 Motorsport UK ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

English Rally Champion Driver

English Rally Champion Co-Driver

Second Overall Driver

Second Overall Co-driver

The Overall Award winners are not eligible for class awards.

ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP Trophy

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BTRDA engraved award

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CLASS AWARDS

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| • First Driver in each Class | Engraved award |
| • First Co-driver in each Class | Engraved award |
| • Second Driver in each Class | Engraved award |
| • Second Co-Driver in each Class | Engraved award |
| • Third Driver in each Class* | Engraved award |
| • Third Co-driver in each Class* | Engraved award |

* Subject to a minimum of 6 registered competitors

To qualify for an award competitor must have started at least 4 qualifying events.

JUNIOR DRIVER & CO-DRIVER AWARDS

These awards are open to all registered drivers who are under 25 years of age on the 1st January 2026.

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.

1st Junior Driver Chris Lord Trophy and an award plus £250 (sponsored by Mintex)

1st Junior Co-Driver Mike Broad Trophy and an award

2026 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION – Saturday 16th January 2027. TBC.

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