

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MOTOR CLUB

2022 AUTOTEST REGULATIONS

All competitors, including passengers if carried, to obtain and produce a 'Motorsport UK Competition Licence' (minimum RS Clubman Licence - which is usually free and covers a wide range of motorsport disciplines) in addition to a valid club membership card. Please apply in good time before competing. See:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>. Without this licence you will not be allowed to compete at this event.

- 1) Tunbridge Wells Motor Club will organise a Clubman Permit Grass Autotest and Grass Production Car Autotest (PCA) at Gabriel's Farm, Marsh Green Rd, Marsh Green, Edenbridge TN8 5PP on the following dates. Tuesday Evenings: 24th May, 21st June, 19th July and 16th August,. All day Sunday 11th September.

This event will be running with current COVID 19 precautions by Tunbridge Wells Motor Club. As such, please expect that the event may not run exactly to the same format that you are used to. We are again using the timing and scoring system **Timing App Live**. As such, please understand that this is a new system for the timekeepers to get used to.

- 2) The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (MSUK), incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and these supplementary regulations together with any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
- 3) MSUK Permit numbers have been issued for these events: **126445/6, 126447/8, 126449/50, 126451/2 and 126453/4.**
- 4) The event will be run under dual permits issued by Motorsport UK as follows:-
Classes A to F – Clubman's Classes J & P – Clubman's - Production Car Autotest Permit

The events are open to members of the organising club and all member clubs of the the Weald MC.

COVID 19 Summary:

As from 7th March 2022, Motorsport UK have revised and lifted various Covid 19 restrictions in line with Government policy. However, the requirements made within Motorsport UK events are centred around the importance of keeping these events and the community safe from any transmission of the disease and allowing all persons involved to feel ultimately safe and comfortable. In particular:

- We do request that you monitor your own health and wellbeing, stay aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms and do not attend if you suspect an illness.
- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms at any time, please report it immediately to the club organisers via mobile phone and leave the premises with as little contact with other individuals as possible. You should leave the venue and self-isolate immediately.

As a condition of registration for these events, all competitors must confirm that they have read all relevant sections of the current Motorsport UK Guidance documents on COVID-19 at: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/restart/>

COVID-19 Testing

We strongly encourage you to be mindful of potential COVID-19 infections and suggest that you may wish to take a lateral Flow COVID-19 Test, to check your wellbeing before attending these events.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Results can be logged on <https://www.gov.uk/report-COVID19> - results.

Cleaning and Hand Hygiene

You should also sanitise hands before and after handling equipment and any shared item of any sort. You should continue to sanitise before eating, drinking or touching the face for at least 20 seconds. Social distancing should also be observed where possible.

- 5) **Sapphire systems timing application benefits**

TWMC has adopted an electronic signing on and timing application by Sapphire Systems.
<https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=tunbridge> ("the app")

- 6) All drivers must be in possession of a **Motorsport UK Competition Licence**. Entries may be accepted from drivers who are 14 years and over, who do not have a valid full driving licence subject to the following: A) The vehicle must be by definition a 'Touring Car', B) The vehicle engine capacity must not exceed 2000cc including forced induction, C) A passenger must be carried to accompany a junior who holds a valid full driving licence and a Motorsport UK Competition Licence. The passenger must also be experienced in autotests or autosolos. No passengers are allowed in Autotests except Production Autotests. (Section M12-2022 MSUK Year Book). Any entrant aged under 18 years will be required to have the indemnification form countersigned by their parent/guardian (Who may also enter the event).
- 7) **Production Car (Passenger Class) Autotest** –Passengers must occupy the passenger seat at all times and wear a seat belt. (See M16.1 & M16.2, M16.3 of MSUK Year Book 2022). Entries may be accepted from Drivers who are 14 and over. However, for drivers not holding a full RTA (Driving Licence), the passenger must hold a full RTA Licence and be experienced in Autotesting. The vehicle used must be by definition a 'touring car' and not exceed 2000cc forced induction (See M17-2022 MSUK Year Book). If the driver holds a valid non-provisional RTA Licence, the passenger must be 12 years or over and be at least 135cm in height. **The Production Class is designed to help young and/or novice drivers. (No 'other' passengers are allowed in the vehicle - i.e. strictly driver and passenger only).**
- 8) The programme of the meeting will be as follows:
- Signing on:** Is by means of the Sapphire System
- Scrutineering:** There will be no scrutineering for this event. Competitors will need to have checked their vehicle suitability prior to the event.
- Evenings, First test:** from 6.30pm. **Sunday, First test:** from 1.00pm
No practising before or after the event is allowed.
- Please note there is a no curfew at this venue and all the evening motorsport must be finished in reasonable light. Anyone who has not completed their tests by then, will forfeit their opportunity to do so.**
- 9) Public roads will not be used to link sections. It is the intention that each event will comprise of six tests on grass. Each entrant will have **Two** attempts at each test with the faster time to count towards their final score. Timing will be by hand held electronic device using the software app. The front axle of the vehicle must be inside the start box; timing will start as the driver crosses the start line with the centre of the front wheels. Timing will stop as the front wheel centre crosses the finish line, however if the vehicle fails to come to a stop within the box, the run will be classed as a wrong route (W/R). Penalties will be applied as follows: Striking a marker cone – 10 seconds. Performing a wrong route (W/R) will result in a time of 200 seconds. Markers may be less than 1 metre in height.
- 10) All cars must comply with the MSUK vehicle and Technical Regulations. See Common Regulations Section 'J' and Specific Regulations 'M' for Autotests of the 2022 MSUK Year Book.
- 11) All vehicles must be fitted with road legal and road pattern tyres only. This effectively means no specialist competition or rally knobbly tyres. Knobbly winter Tyres are also not allowed. (this is to avoid excessive damage to the venue). **List 1B and 1C tyres are also not allowed.**
- 12) Safety. A fire extinguisher is recommended to be carried in the vehicle. It is also recommended for all single venue competitions to carry within their vehicle a self-contained spill kit capable of effectively absorbing minor spillages of up to 1.25 litres of all vehicle fluids i.e. - oils, fuels, coolants, and battery acid. Used spill kits are to be disposed of in accordance with local or national guidelines. All open cars and specials are recommended to fit safety roll-over bars to at least section K - drawing number 1 page 178 of the 2022 MSUK Year Book.
- 13) Noise. As the event takes place on private land, vehicles need not have a current MOT or tax, but **MUST** be adequately silenced at all times. Failure to comply (any noisy car) will result in exclusion.

14) Classes will be as follows: **NB Modified Electric cars are not allowed.** (Classes will not be amalgamated)

Class A – Touring Cars **Trailerred & Modified.**

Class B – Road Going Touring Cars (saloons) up to 12ft 6in (3.8m) Road Legal (see Appendix 1)

Class C – Road Going Touring cars (saloons) over 12ft 6in (3.8m) Road Legal (see Appendix 1)

Class D – Road Going Series Production Sports Cars front and rear wheel drive (see Appendix 1)

Class E – Sports and Sports Kit Cars not eligible for class D

Class F - Four Wheel Drive Cars and Specials. (Not eligible for any award other than class)

Class J – Production Car Autotest, For Junior Drivers defined as not holding a full driving licence up to the age of 21.

Class P - Production Car Autotest, for anyone who wants to run with a passenger, including the passengers of Junior's in

Class J. Passengers must be aged 16 if running with the roof down or 12 with the roof up. (MSUK 2022 Year Book page 210, 16.4 & 16.5)

Class E2 – Production Electric vehicles

Class E3 – Production Hybrid Vehicles

Road Going Vehicles – Appendix 1:

Road Going cars in classes C, D, and E, will be taxed, have a valid MOT, have full interior trim, but are permitted to remove the rear parcel shelf, rubber mats, boot carpet and spare wheel. The classification is intended for cars normally used on the road and is not for fully lightweight/modified cars brought on trailers. However, if the vehicle is fully road legal and complies with these Appendix 1 regulations, it can be brought on a trailer. Tunbridge Wells Motor Club officials at each event retain the right not to accept vehicles in these classes.

15) Convertible Touring Cars will be allocated to the relevant Touring Car Class if running with the hood up, but if the hood is down, it will be allocated to the relevant sports car class.

16) Classification of any vehicle will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. All vehicles must comply with section 'M' of the 2022 MSUK Year Book Technical Regulations for Autotests. All vehicle lengths will be taken from the 'Parkers Car Price Guide' or if not quoted, the manufacturers' specification.

17) The entry list for each event will open online via the Sapphire timing app at midday ten days before the event via this link <https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=tunbridge>

Please remember to click on the event date you wish to enter.

The site closes to entries for Evening events on the Sunday at 8.00pm prior to the event. Sunday event at 8.00pm on the preceding Thursday (no entries will be allowed after this time). Any entries submitted after the maximum number of entries has been reached will be placed on a reserve list.

Entry Fees Evening Events:

* Juniors, 14 years of age up to and including 16 year olds = £10.00

* Drivers, 17 years to 20 years = £15.00

* Adults (21 years and over) = £20.00

Entry Fees Sunday

* Juniors, 14 years of age up to and including 16 year olds = £10.00

* Drivers, 17 years to 20 years = £20.00

* Adults (21 years and over) = £25.00

The only method of payment is via online banking only to the Tunbridge Wells motor club account:

Sort code: 30-95-01

Account number: 03247774

Please await confirmation of entry via e mail before making payment.

You must be a member of TWMC or a member Club of the Weald M. C. prior to entering this event. This will be checked against the current membership list.

Final Regs, instructions and maps will be sent out electronically on the evening after the closing date for each event to all competitors and marshals. Please familiarise yourself with the test maps prior to arriving at the venue to help speed up your participation in the event. Please print your own copy of the maps, your car number and bring with you to the event.

- 18)** Awards will be presented as follows: Each Event: 1st Overall (FTD) 1st in class. 2nd in class (subject to Five entries), 3rd in class (subject to Eight entries). Best Junior Male, Best Junior Female, (a junior is defined as being up to 16 years of age) and Ladies award subject to two entries.
- 19)** The Secretary of the meeting is:
Sue Redhead, 1 Dittons Wood Close, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6FZ
Email: normanredhead@hotmail.com, other officials are: Clerk of the Course: Norman Redhead,
Chief Marshal: Gary Goodwin. Club Steward: TBA,
- 20)** The maximum entry for this event is 30. The minimum is 15. There will be a reserve list if the entry should go over 30. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt. Entry fees may be refunded at the organisers' discretion.
- 21)** Provisional results are available on the App once the event has finished. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with GR Section 'C', within 30 minutes of the end of the event. After that time, the results will become final.
- 22) Drones:** Under no circumstances are 'drones' to be flown.
- 23)** Tunbridge Wells Motor Club would like to thank Gabriel's Farm for their help and assistance in making these events possible.

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