

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MOTOR CLUB

2024 AUTOTEST REGULATIONS

All competitors, including passengers if carried, must obtain and produce a '*Motorsport UK (MSUK) Competition Licence*' (*minimum RS Clubman Licence* This is usually free and covers a wide range of motorsport disciplines). In addition, every entrant must also have a valid club membership card from any one of the invited or organising clubs. Although it may be possible to apply for an RS Clubman Licence on the day with the officials at the event, this should be avoided and obtained before the event via the *Motorsport UK website*. Please apply in good time before competing. See: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence>

**** Please pay special attention to 'Tyres' - item 12 ****

- 1) The Tunbridge Wells Motor Club will organise 4 Evening Grass Autotests at Gabriel's Farm, Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5PP on the following dates in 2024: Tuesday Evenings: 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 13 August. Separate Regulations will be produced for the Sunday 8 September event.
- 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 the events: **TBA**
- 4) Each event will be run under dual regulations issued by Motorsport UK as follows:-
Classes A to E – Autotest Specific Regulations . Classes J & P – Production Car Autotest Specific Regulations.
The events are open to members of the organising club and any club affiliated to The Weald Motor Clubb
- 5) Tunbridge Wells Motor Club has adopted an electronic **signing on, entry and timing application** by 'Sapphire Systems'. Go to: <https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=tunbridge> ('the app')
- 6) All drivers must produce a valid Club Membership Card and 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' ie saloon. 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. (only one passenger)** (section M12-2024 MSUK Yearbook).
- 7) Any entrant aged under 18 will be required to have the indemnification form countersigned by their parent/guardian. (who may also enter the event). Drivers competing in the Southern Autotest round will also have to be registered for this Championship to score points with the Championship Co-ordinator before the event begins.
- 8) **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 Yearbook 2024). 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 M17-2024 MSUK Yearbook). 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 - ie strictly driver and passenger only).**

9) 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 other than fading light.

10) 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 quickest time to count. Timing will be by hand-held electronic device using the software app. The front axle of the vehicle must be inside the 'start box' area before you start. Timing will start as the driver crosses the start line with the centre of the front wheels. Timing will stop as both front wheel centres cross the finish line inside the finish box area.

Penalties will be applied as follows: Striking a marker cone 10 seconds. Performing a wrong route (W/R) will result in a penalty of 200 seconds added to your time. Failure to stop in the finishing box – 10 seconds. Markers may be less than 1 metre in height.

11) All cars must comply with the MSUK vehicle and Technical Regulations. See Common Regulations Section 'J' and Specific Regulations 'M' for Autotests of the 2024 MSUK Yearbook.

12) **TYRES. All vehicles must be fitted with road legal and road pattern summer-type tyres only.** This means no All Season, Winter, M&S or specialist competition or rally patterns. Tyres in the 2024 MSUK Yearbook showing in lists 1B and 1C or any road legal semi-slick or tyres marked 'competition use only' or manufactured without a full tread pattern may not be used. (This is to avoid excessive damage to the venue and ensure fair competition across all classes). Tyres changed during the events must comply with all the above instructions. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in exclusion from the event. Clerk of the course decision is final.

13) **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 ie - 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 194 of the 2024 MSUK Yearbook.

14) 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 will result in exclusion. The organisers decision is final.

15) Classes will be as follows: (Classes will not be amalgamated)

Class A - Touring Cars. (Trailerred, Modified or not taxed/MOT'd not complying with any otherclass)

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.

(Section 'M' 16.4 and 16.5 MSUK 2024 Yearbook page 224)

Class E2 – Production Electric vehicles

Class E3 – Production Hybrid Vehicles

A Junior is defined as being up to the age of 16. An adult is defined as being 18 years of age with a full driving licence. Please note that different entry fees for these ages are outlined on the entry form and item 16 of these regulations.

Road Going Vehicles – Appendix 1:

Road Going cars in classes B, C and D, will be taxed, have a valid MOT and full interior trim. It is allowed 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. Clerk of the course decision is final.

- 16) 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.
- 17) Classification of any vehicle will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers. All vehicles must comply with section 'M' of the 2024 MSUK Yearbook Technical Regulations for Autotests. All vehicle lengths will be taken from the 'Parkers Car Price Guide' or if not quoted, the manufacturers' specification.
- 18) Entries will open 'online' via the Sapphire system App, at least 10 days prior to the event date and a link can be found on the TWMC website. <https://twmc.org.uk>
Entries will close 48 hours before the event.

Any entries submitted after the maximum number of entries has been reached will be placed on the reserve list.

The entry fee is £20.00 for adults for the evening events and £25.00 for the all-day final.

- * Juniors 14 years of age up to 16 = £0 (free of charge)
- * Drivers 17 years of age up to 20 = £15.00
- * Adults (21 years and over) = £20.00

The method of payment is via online banking to the Tunbridge Wells Motor Club account.

Sort Code: 30-95-01. Account Number: 03247774

Final instructions and maps will be sent out electronically by the evening prior to the event to all competitors and marshals. Please familiarise yourself with the test maps before arriving at the venue to help speed up your participation. Please print your own copies of the tests and everyone is advised to either walk or learn the courses before taking part. The tests will be designed for easy learning and uncomplicated. This is because of daylight constraints and easy tests will allow everyone (we hope) to have 2 goes at each test with your best time to count. Tests can be carried out in any order. (Usually 6 tests). You are advised to arrive early therefore.

- 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
Safeguarding Officer: Robbie Redhead.

20) Awards will be presented as follows:

Evening and All Day Event:

1st Overall (FTD)

1st in class.

2nd in class (subject to four entries)

3rd in class (subject to 6 entries)

Best Junior Male

Best Junior Female (a junior is defined as being up to 16 years of age)

Best Female (subject to at least two entries).

No competitor can win more than one award.

- 21) The maximum entry for each event is 30. The minimum is 10. 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.
- 22) Provisional results will be available via Sapphire as soon as possible following the end of the event. Email results will be sent to competitors within 7 days thereafter. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with MSUK 2024 yearbook UNDER Section 'C'.
- 23) **Drones:** Under no circumstances are 'drones' to be flown.
- 24) 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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