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Welcome to the 2018 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship.

For the fourth year we are promoting a single pan-regional championship covering the Eastern and South-Eastern regions which is promoted by the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs and the Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs and supported by Jelf Motorsport.com.

Jelf Insurance Partnership is represented by a familiar face on the local motorsports scene, Jaz Bareham, who runs the motorsports insurance division which offers club liability and equipment, road event cover and insurance for individuals' motorsports requirements. Jelf has been running a 'stick to win' competition during the year and this will continue into 2018 – photos of cars on events displaying Jelf stickers will be put into a draw to win a year's free insurance. For 2017 a Jelf customer, Ashley Davies, won insurance to the value of £470 so make sure you display your decals and send the photos to Jaz.

For 2018 we have nine rounds in the championship, with six to count, placing a premium on consistency throughout the year but giving more flexibility for crews based across the wider geography of the championship.

Registration can be done online at the AEMC website – aemc.org.uk , or by the more traditional methods of posting or giving a form to the championship co-ordinators at the first few events of the year.

Congratulations to the 2017 winning crew Gary Mason & John Matthews, who had the championship sown up by the end of the summer. Roland Brown & Terry Luckings were second overall and William Moore and Suze Endean finish third driver and co-driver, competing in very different cars.

Class winners were:

- A – Matt Endean & John Parsons
- B – Charles Johnston & Kieran Hogben
- C – Vince Sillett & Samm Keeley
- D – Geoff Martin & Wayne Larbelestier
- E – Simon Wallis & Stuart Moore

Good luck to all stage rally competitors in 2018!

Paul Barrett (AEMC) & David Town (ASEMC) - Championship Co-ordinators

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1 SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

The 2018 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship is organised by the AEMC and the ASEMC in accordance with the general Championship prescriptions of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (MSA) (Blue Book Section W) and these Championship Regulations.

MSA Championship Registration No: National B 52/2018 has been issued. MSA Championship Category 3 (Regional)

The championship will run from 1st January to 31st December 2018.

1.2.1 Championship Co-ordinator:

Paul Barrett (Championship Secretary)
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1.2.2 Championship Stewards: Andy Elcomb, Clive Grounds & Gary Nicholls

1.2.3 Championship Eligibility Scrutineer: Lloyd Gerkin

1.3 Competitor Eligibility

1.3.1 The championship is open to Drivers & Co-drivers who must be fully paid up members of a member club of the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs or Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs and must hold a current membership card. They must be registered for the championship and also be in possession of a valid 2018 MSA Competition Licence. All necessary documentation must be presented at all championship rounds when signing on.

1.4 Registration

1.4.1 All drivers and co-drivers must register as competitors for the championship by returning a fully completed Registration Form along with the full Registration Fee to the Championship Co-ordinator.

1.4.2 The Registration Fee is £10.00. Registration entitles a competitor to enter as either a Driver or a Co-driver but not both. Should a competitor wish to register as both a driver and a co-driver he/she must register for EACH category separately on separate registration forms enclosing a registration fee of £10.00 with each form.

1.4.3 The closing date for registrations for the championship will be July 1st 2018.

1.4.4 Competitors MUST nominate on their Registration Form one AEMC or ASEMC member club to which they are subscribed and to which Club Championship points will be accredited. If the contender ceases to be a member of the club or is to nominate an alternative club, then no more points will be awarded to the competitor's first nominated club.

1.4.5 Contenders will be issued with championship decals which MUST be displayed on either side of the car. They must be displayed "as issued" and not be altered, cut, trimmed or modified in ANY WAY.

1.4.6 Any results scored in a qualifying round of the championship PRIOR to registration will not count towards competitors' final championship points scores.

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1.5 Championship Rounds

1.5.1 The 2018 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship will be contested over **nine** rounds (with **six** scores to count) as follows:

20th January – MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) - Chelmsford Motor Club <http://brandshatchstages.co.uk>

10th February - Sherrards Resourcing Southdowns Stages (Goodwood) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs
www.southdownstages.co.uk

18th February – Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglian Motorsports Club <http://www.snettertonstagerally.co.uk>

4th March – Donington Stages (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.doningtonrally.co.uk/>

8th April – Cadwell Rally (Lincolnshire) – Border Motor Club <http://www.bordermotorclub.co.uk/>

10th June - Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club <http://www.abingdoncarnival.com>

17th June - Flying Fortress Stages (Northants) - Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk/>

9th September – Wethersfield Stages (Essex) – Chelmsford Motor Club <http://wethersfieldstages.co.uk>

1st & 2nd December – Rockingham Stages (Northants) (two-day event) - Middlesex County AC
<http://www.rockinghamstages.co.uk/>

1.6 Scoring

1.6.1 Points will be awarded according to the AEMC & ASEMCA class structure (see 4.2) and will only be awarded to competitors listed as classified finishers in the Final Results for each round as follows:

1st in class = 20 points

2nd in class = 18 points

3rd in class = 16 points

4th in class = 14 points

5th in class = 12 points

6th in class = 10 points and then reducing by one point per place pro-rata down to 6 points

Three (3) points will be awarded for starting but then retiring from the event.

1.6.2 A competitor's best six scores from any of the qualifying rounds will be used to determine their final championship position. Should fewer than nine rounds run then three less than the total rounds run will count, down to four rounds when all shall count. The winner of the Championship shall be the contender who has gained the highest possible number of points from qualifying events applying at the conclusion of the championship year.

1.6.3 Ties shall be resolved initially in favour of the competitor who has entered the fewest rounds in the championship. If this fails to reach a conclusion then the greater number of 1st places, 2nd places, then 3rd places etc. will be used to finalise the championship positions.

1.6.4 Should a contender fail to comply with 1.4.4 to 1.4.6 then the scoring of Championship points will be withdrawn forthwith.

1.6.5 Competitors changing “crew places” (Driver to co-driver and vice-versa) may not “carry-over” points scored.

1.6.6 Entrants changing class will be permitted to “carry-over” any points scored in any class towards their final championship score.

1.6.7 If a competitor is excluded from an event or fails to start the rally then no points will be awarded for that round.

1.6.8 Bulletins will be published regularly throughout the year. Provisional final championship results will be published shortly after the final round of the year and will be final 7 days later.

1.7 Awards

1.7.1 Overall Awards

1st overall driver & co-driver

2nd overall driver & co-driver

3rd overall driver & co-driver

Any competitor winning one of the overall championship awards will not be eligible to win any of the class awards.

1.7.2 Class Awards

1st, 2nd & 3rd driver & co-driver in each class

2nd place class awards are subject to a minimum of four entries per class.

3rd place class awards are subject to a minimum of six entries per class.

1.7.3 An award will be presented to the best 1000cc crew.

1.7.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the championship co-ordinator, the championship sponsors, the ASEMC and the AEMC. These will be notified to championship contenders in Competitors' Bulletins.

1.7.5 The awards presentation will be held at the first round of 2019, or as otherwise notified. Any competitor failing to attend the Championship Awards Presentation or who fails to appoint a representative on his or her behalf may forfeit their award. Any such award may be re-allocated to the next placed championship contender. Details of the time and location of the end of season award presentation will be made to Championship contenders in a Competitors' Bulletin.

2 Sporting Regulations – Judicial Procedures

2.1 Rounds: In accordance with Section C Judicial of the 2018 MSA Year Book.

2.2 Championship: In accordance with Section W 1.1 & 1.4 of the 2018 MSA Year Book.

2.3 Competitors whose car on a qualifying event is declared ineligible in accordance with these championship regulations will score zero points for that round and the round will count towards their tally of scores for the year (C 3.5.3).

3 Sporting Regulations – Championship & Event Procedures

3.1 Regulations for Event Organisers

3.1.1 The Championship title MUST be entered in FULL on event regulations, final instructions, results and any other bulletins as the “2018 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship”

3.1.2 Each member club of the Associations shall be entitled to nominate any National B status stage rally promoted by themselves or in conjunction with another club(s) for championship status. The championship co-ordinator may accept nominated events provided the criteria specified in these regulations are adhered to and MSA approval is given should an originally nominated event fail to fulfil a date.

3.1.3 Clubs seeking event nomination shall complete an Event Application Form and forward it to the Championship co-ordinator. No event shall be accepted until this has been undertaken.

3.1.4 Final acceptance of a date in the Association Championships' calendar is conditional upon the following:

The Club has paid its subscription to the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs or Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs for 2018 and the event is nominated by the Jelf Motorsport.com Stage rally co-ordinator following discussions with the organisers.

The event is not listed to run on the same day/night/weekend as another Championship qualifying round. Should a clash of event dates occur then the Championship co-ordinator will refer to previous years in order to ascertain historical usage of that date.

That the event has not been refused Championship status due to non-compliance with Championship Regulations in the previous year(s).

Regulations must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may render the event liable to immediate deletion from the Championship:

The event is a qualifying round of the Championship.

That the Championship contenders and/or member clubs and/or their members are invited to the event.

The event must comply with all aspects with the Observer system where applicable. The event is held on the notified day or night.

The Stage Rally Co-ordinator has been advised when a MSA permit has been issued.

3.4.5 To have a new event recognised for Championship status a member club must have organised events of similar category and type and/or have had the event observed by competitors and/or other personnel appointed by the Association in the Championship calendar.

3.4.6 It is a condition of acceptance that should an event is cancelled for whatever reason, the Stage Rally Co-ordinator should be notified in writing.

3.5 Event Organisers' Responsibilities

3.5.1 It is a requirement that AEMC & ASEM member clubs requesting Championship status be required to & adhere to the following;

Post or email to the Championship co-ordinator;

A) Supplementary Regulation upon publication.

B) A set of final instruction and entry list AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the event.

C) Final results including a FULLY UPDATED ENTRY LIST within 7 days of the event.

(Note: All entry lists must include the first name of EACH competitor, club, car, capacity, class & championship eligibility where ever possible)

D) Send a set of Supplementary Regulations to EACH Championship registered contender. The championship co-ordinator will supply address details upon request.

3.5.2 Should any event fail to comply with MSA Regulations or Championship Regulations, then the Associations reserve the right to delete the event from the championship.

4 Technical Regulations

4.1 All competing vehicles in any championship round must comply with Section J(b) and Section R Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies of the 2018 MSA Yearbook.

4.2 The Championship class structure will be;

Class A – Up to 1400cc.

Class B – From 1401cc up to and including 1600cc.

Class C – From 1601cc up to and including 2000cc.

Class D – 2-wheel drive cars over 2000cc.

Class E – All 4-wheel drive cars.

All forced induction and Rotary engine vehicles are subject to an additional capacity ratio of 1:1.7

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