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**2021 STAGE RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Promoted by the Associations
of Eastern and South Eastern
Motor Clubs**



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Welcome to the 2021 Marsh Commercial Stage Rally Championship.

Once again, 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 Marsh Commercial – a brand launched last year incorporating the Jelf Insurance Partnership, which offers club liability and equipment, road event cover and insurance for individuals' motorsports requirements. Championship entrants are entitled to a discount on Marsh Commercial's services, so the £10 registration fee could be a good investment. Here's a message from our sponsor:

'The Marsh Commercial Motorsport team is delighted to continue our support of the AEMC Stage Rally Championship and we wish all the participating drivers and teams taking part in the 2021 season the very best of luck. Motorsport is naturally a fast paced and dynamic environment so dealing with a specialist insurance adviser helps to ensure that your specific risks and exposures are covered. We have a team of highly experienced professionals available to discuss insurance or risk management advice you may require relating to your motorsport activities, within the UK or Internationally. With a wealth of knowledge and expertise in many disciplines of the sport, we pride ourselves on our excellent understanding of motorsport as well as our technical capabilities within the insurance market.'

2020 was a very difficult year, but we still managed to complete six of a planned eleven rounds. Congratulations to the 2020 winners – driver Tony Allery and co-driver John Matthews. Gary Mason and Simon Dockray were second driver and co-driver overall, whilst Chris Ruck and Steve Harris finished third. Class winners were:

A – Brett & Andy Murray B – Dale & Andrew Lawson C – Nigel Greensall & Paul Woodside
D – Dean Fewings & Dean Mevo E – Wayne Larbalestier & Peter Kettle

For 2021 events new to the championship (although included in last year's series) are Fulbeck in Lincolnshire and RAF Honington in Suffolk. This year the Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring and Clacton will also feature in the British Rally Championship but will run on an Interclub permit, thus allowing the championship crews to compare their times against the fastest cars in the country. Regrettably, just as we were about to launch the championship the proposed first round at Brands Hatch was cancelled, Goodwood has been delayed and there is no certainty that first few rounds will run.

We are hoping that there will be **ten** rounds in the championship, with **seven** 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 must this year be done online at the AEMC website – aemc.org.uk



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Good luck to all stage rally competitors in 2021!

1 SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

The 2021 Marsh Commercial 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 Limited (Motorsport UK) 2021 Yearbook Section W and these Championship Regulations.

Motorsport UK Championship Registration No: 25/2021 has been issued - Championship Category 3 (Regional)

The championship will run from 1st January to 31st December 2021.

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 2021 Motorsport UK Stage Rally Competition Licence. All necessary documentation must be presented at all championship rounds when signing on, in line with prevailing Motorsport UK requirements.

1.4 Registration

1.4.1 All drivers and co-drivers must register as competitors for the championship by completing an online or paper registration form along with the full registration fee to the championship coordinator.

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 2021.

1.4.4 Competitors MUST nominate on their Registration Form one AEMC or ASEMC member club to which they are subscribed.

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.

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 2021 Marsh Commercial Stage Rally Championship will be contested over **ten** rounds, with **seven** scores to count as follows:

20th February – Rix Engineering Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglia Motor Sports Club

<https://snettertonstagerally.co.uk>

24/25th April – Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring and Clacton (Essex) – Chelmsford Motor Club

<http://corbeauseatsrally.co.uk>

16th May – Honington Stages (Suffolk) – Anglia Motor Sports Club - <http://honingtonstages.co.uk>

5th June - Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club <http://www.abingdoncarnival.com>

13th June - Flying Fortress Stages (Northants) - Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk/>

TBC - Phil Collings Memorial South Downs Stages (Sussex) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs

www.southdownsstages.co.uk

1st August – Phoenix Stages, Fulbeck (Lincolnshire) – Eastwood & DMC <https://www.eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk>

12th September – Wethersfield Stages (Essex) – Anglia Motor Sports Club <http://wethersfieldstages.co.uk>

14th November – Challenger Stages (Dorset) – Bournemouth & District Car Club <http://www.bdcc.org.uk>

5th December (TBC) – Dukeries Rally (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club <https://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk>

Should fewer than four rounds run, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the championship.

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 seven scores from any of the qualifying rounds will be used to determine their final championship position. Should fewer than ten rounds run then three less than the total rounds run will count, down to seven rounds after which four 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.



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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.

1.7.4 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 are expected to be presented early in 2022. Details of the time and location of the end of season award presentation will be made to Championship contenders in a Competitors' Bulletin. Any competitor failing to attend the Championship Awards Presentation, fails to appoint a representative on his or her behalf or make other arrangements with the championship coordinator, may forfeit their award. Any such award may be re-allocated to the next placed championship contender.

2 Sporting Regulations – Judicial Procedures

2.1 Rounds: In accordance with Section C Judicial of the 2021 Motorsport UK Yearbook.

2.2 Championship: In accordance with Section W 1.1 & 1.4 of the 2021 Motorsport UK Yearbook.

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).



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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 “2021 Marsh Commercial Stage Rally Championship”

3.1.2 Each member club of the Associations shall be entitled to nominate any Interclub permit status stage rally promoted by themselves or in conjunction with another club(s) for championship status. The championship coordinator may accept nominated events provided the criteria specified in these regulations are adhered to.

3.1.3 Clubs seeking event nomination shall provide full details of the event to championship co-ordinator by the 1st November in the year preceding the event.

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 2021 and the event is nominated by the championship coordinator following discussions with the organisers.
- The event is not listed to run on the same day/night/weekend as another championship qualifying round, unless agreed in advance with the championship coordinator and both organising teams. Should a clash of event dates occur then the championship coordinator will refer to previous years, 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).
- Any date changes are communicated to the championship coordinator, with inclusion in the championship of the new date subject firstly to agreement with the championship coordinator and secondly there being no objections to the change from registered contenders.

3.1.5 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 is held on the notified day or night.
- The championship coordinator has been advised when a Motorsport UK permit has been issued.
- All entry lists must include the first name of EACH competitor, club, car, capacity, class & championship eligibility wherever possible

3.1.6 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(s) in the Championship calendar.



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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 2021 Motorsport UK 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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