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**New Hope Rentals  
AEMC / ASEMC  
2026 STAGE RALLY  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

**Championship Regulations**

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## **Welcome to the New Hope Rentals AEMC / AEMC 2026 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.

Last year's championship was won by Jon Bray and Darren Styles in their MG ZR, only a handful of points ahead of Class F rivals Brian Marquis and Stuart Delf's Peugeot 106. Third places went to other end of the car spectrum, with Darrell Taylor and Steve McNulty in Class A.

For 2026, we are hoping that there will be **eleven** rounds in the championship, with **eight** to count, placing a premium on consistency throughout the year but giving more flexibility for crews based across the wider geography of the championship.

We welcome a new sponsor this year – New Hope Rentals Ltd, who specialise in the provision of social housing, working with local councils and investors to address the pressing need for affordable housing solutions.

Competitors are reminded of Motorsport UK's Race with Respect programme – see back cover for details – and the regional associations' Better Together initiative – which has produced the attached video: <https://fb.watch/8ZgzuuNXfY/>

Registration must be done online at the AEMC website – <https://aemc.org.uk/StageRally>

Good luck to all stage rally competitors in 2026!

Paul Barrett – Championship Coordinator  
Stanely Graham – Championship Secretary

## 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

The New Hope Rentals AEMC / ASEMC 2026 Stage Rally Championship is organised by the Associations of Eastern and South Eastern Motor Clubs in accordance with the National Competition Rules of the Motorsport UK 2026 Championship Regulations.

Motorsport UK Championship Registration No: **CH2026/RALLY065** has been issued - Championship Category 3 (Regional)

The championship will run from 1st January to 31st December 2026.

### 1.2.1 Championship Coordinator & Secretary:

Paul Barrett (Championship Coordinator) - [paulbarrett@chelmsfordmc.co.uk](mailto:paulbarrett@chelmsfordmc.co.uk)

Stanley Graham (Championship Secretary) – [stanley@pcs-support.com](mailto:stanley@pcs-support.com)

**1.2.2 Championship Stewards:** Brian Hemmings, Clive Grounds & Gary Nicholls

**1.2.3 Championship Safeguarding Officer** – Stuart Kingham – [sdk\\_wickfordac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdk_wickfordac@hotmail.co.uk)  
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### 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 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 registration form and paying the registration fee.

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 Competitors MUST nominate on their Registration Form one AEMC and / or ASEMC member club(s) of which they are a full member for each qualifying round that they compete on.

1.4.4 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.

1.4.5 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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1.4.6 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Race with Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

1.4.7. 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.

1.4.7. 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 must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available in the Policies and Guidelines section of [www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre](http://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre)

## 1.5 Championship Rounds

1.5.1 The 2026 New Hope Rentals AEMC / ASEMC Stage Rally Championship is expected to be contested over **eleven** rounds, with **eight** scores to count as follows:

17th January – MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) – Chelmsford Motor Club  
<https://brandshatchstages.co.uk>

7th February – Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglia Motor Sports Club  
<https://snettertonstagerally.co.uk>

28<sup>th</sup> Feb / 1<sup>st</sup> March – Bovington Stages (Dorset) – Bournemouth & District Car Club  
<http://www.bdcc.org.uk>

15<sup>th</sup> March – Zone Systems Dukeries Rally (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club  
<https://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk>

26<sup>th</sup> April - Spark Developments Alan Healy Memorial Cadwell Park Stages – Border Motor Club  
<https://www.bordermotorclub.co.uk/ahmr>

10th May – Lincoln Green Stages (Fulbeck, Lincolnshire) – Lindholm Motor Club  
<https://www.lincolngreenstages.co.uk/LGS>

7th June - Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club  
<http://www.abingdoncarnival.com>

6th September – Colin Ellmore Memorial Rally – Blyton (Lincolnshire) Lincoln MC & CC -  
<http://www.colinellmorememorialrally.co.uk>

14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> November - Challenger Stages (Dorset) – Bournemouth & District Car Club  
<http://www.bdcc.org.uk>

5th December - South Downs Stages (Sussex) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs  
[www.southdownsstages.co.uk](http://www.southdownsstages.co.uk)

30<sup>th</sup> December – Rixy Stages – (Norfolk) - Anglia Motor Sports Club <https://rixystages.co.uk>

Should fewer than four rounds run, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the championship and refund all fees.

## **1.6 Scoring**

1.6.1 Points will be awarded according to the AEMC & ASEMC 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 eight scores from any of the qualifying rounds will be used to determine their final championship position. Should fewer than eleven rounds run then three less than the total rounds actually 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.

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

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

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

1.6.7 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 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 2027. 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, or 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 Chapter 2- Judicial of the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules.

2.2 Championship: In accordance with Chapter 4, Appendix 4 of the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules.

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.

## **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 “New Hope Rentals AEMC / ASEMC 2026 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 2026 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 The following 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.

#### 4 Technical Regulations

4.1 All competing vehicles in any championship round must comply with the Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies of the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules.

4.2 The Championship class structure will be split into the following classes which are aligned to Motorsport UK NCRs, Chapter 13, Appendix 24:

<b>Champ. Class</b>	<b>2026 NCR Class(es)</b>	<b>Summary Description (see Motorsport UK Stage Rally Car classes, Chart 50 for details)</b>
A	1	Homologated (and formerly homologated) FIA Rally 2 and R5 cars and any variants*. FIA S2000 specification cars and any variants.(including all turbo conversions) All World Rally cars (must comply with their homologation)* *Variants of Rally2/R5 specification cars permitted only until 31st December 2025. Rally2/R5 cars whose FIA homologation is 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 the homologation (including weight) will remain valid beyond 1st January 2026.
B	2,4	All 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc not eligible for Class 1 & 4*. *Currently homologated, and formerly homologated cars eligible for Class 1 – and any variants or modified versions of these cars – are not permitted to enter Class 2 on any event run under a Motorsport UK permit. Homologated FIA Rally 3 cars and Group N4 that still comply with their homologation.
C	3	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc. Homologated (and formerly homologated) FIA RGT cars.
D	5,6,7	Homologated FIA Rally 4 and R2 cars with forced induction that still comply with their homologation. Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to and including 1500cc. Homologated FIA Rally 5 and Rally 5-Kit cars.
E	8	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc, including R2, or forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc
F	9, 10,11, 12 & 13	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc All Rally Start cars; Rally First cars and Road Rally cars over 1400cc All Rally Start cars; Rally First cars and Road Rally cars up to and including 1400cc and Formula 1000 cars.



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